

NOTICE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
Air Traffic Organization Policy

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September 23, 2013

Cancellation Date:
September 22, 2014

SUBJ: Removal of 'Controlled by Houston ARTCC' from FAA Order JO 7110.65

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice amends FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 8-4-1, Application, to remove the phrase "controlled by Houston ARTCC."
- 2. Audience.** This notice applies to the following Air Traffic Organization (ATO) service units: En Route and Oceanic, Terminal, Mission Support, and System Operations; and all associated air traffic control facilities.
- 3. Where Can I Find This Notice?** This notice is available on the MyFAA employee Web site at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices/ and on the air traffic publications Web site at http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/.
- 4. Cancellation.** This notice will be incorporated into FAA Order JO 7110.65V, Basic Edition, effective February 6, 2014.
- 5. Explanation of Policy Change.** This notice removes the phrase "controlled by Houston ARTCC," from FAA Order JO 7110.65, Air Traffic Control, Paragraph 8-4-1, to facilitate future expansion of the current Offshore Grid System into the Jacksonville ARTCC Gulf of Mexico low airspace.
- 6. Procedures.** Amend Paragraph 8-4-1, Application, as follows:
 - 8-4-1. Application.**

Separate aircraft by assigning different flight paths whose widths or protected airspace do not overlap.

Within that portion of the Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore airspace, use 12 NM between aircraft whose flight paths are defined by published Grid System waypoints.

Note - 1 and 2, No change.

No further changes to paragraph.
- 7. Distribution.** This notice is distributed to the following ATO service units: Terminal, En Route and Oceanic, Mission Support, and System Operations; the Office of ATO Safety and Technical Training; the Air Traffic Safety Oversight Service; the William J. Hughes Technical Center; and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center.
- 8. Background.** The Operations Support Group (OSG) conducted an analysis of the proposed change and concluded that it will not have any effect on the intent or application of the current required separation standards. Further, the OSG envisions the change will enhance the FAA's ability to provide

additional IFR services to the offshore industry. Therefore, Houston ARTCC is proposing a change to FAA JO 7110.65, Paragraph 8-4-1; in particular, removing the phrase "controlled by Houston ARTCC" from the second paragraph in order to facilitate future expansion of the current Offshore Grid System into the Jacksonville ARTCC Gulf of Mexico Low airspace.



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