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RE: Relocation of FEDIT Waypoint

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), representing more than 415,000 members and general aviation (GA) pilots nationwide, requests that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) take immediate action to relocate the FEDIT waypoint on the missed approach procedure for Frederick Municipal Airport (KFDK) Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Z Runway 23 approach, outside of the Washington, D.C. Air Defense Identification Zone (DCADIZ).

Prior to the August 2007 modification of the D.C. ADIZ, the FEDIT waypoint was located outside of the D.C. ADIZ boundary. However, FEDIT waypoint now resides approximately one nautical mile inside the D.C. ADIZ boundary, and has already served as the catalyst for several pilot deviations since the ADIZ boundary is not depicted on the current Instrument Approach Procedures (IAP). AOPA has been working with the FAA to ensure the next charting cycle includes the D.C. ADIZ boundary to ensure pilots do not continue to fall into this trap.

AOPA appreciates the swift action of the National Flight Procedures Office (NFPO) and the National Aeronautical Charting Office (NACO) to add the D.C. ADIZ boundary to the affected IAP's.

However, AOPA contends that to fully resolve the problem, the FAA should take immediate action to relocate FEDIT outside of the D.C. ADIZ. Relocating FEDIT would significantly reduce the risk of non-participating aircraft inadvertently straying into the D.C. ADIZ when they are practicing instrument approach procedures using the RNAV (GPS) Z RWY 23 approach at Frederick.

AOPA appreciates the actions already taken by the FAA and looks forward to the more permanent solution of relocating FEDIT outside the Washington, D.C. ADIZ. If you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact Pete Lehmann at 301-695-2207.

Sincerely,

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