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This is a Comment on the **Federal Aviation Administration** (FAA) Proposed Rule: **Establishment of Restricted Areas: Chincoteague Inlet, VA**

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Comment

The online proposal does not have images, so it is very difficult to understand the limits of the proposed areas. However, I submit the following comments:

1. V139 and other airways in the area should remain usable when the proposed restricted areas are in use. The would require that the width of the airway(s) be accommodated on the east side of the centerline of the airway(s).

2. The FAA has not established the requirement for a restricted area rather than a warning area or other less restrictive special use airspace. The NPRM does not specify what type of training is to be conducted, so it is not clear if the type of training merits a restricted area or could be accomplished with a less restrictive type of special use airspace like a warning area. (The current restricted areas are used to protect traffic from space launches, which clearly require a restricted area. However, the propose areas are being established for other unspecified uses.)

The FAA has not justified why special use airspace must be established over land. In this case, areas for testing could be established over water adjacent to Wallops. This option should be considered before establishing special use airspace over land. (The current areas over land are reasonable since they protect during launches from Wallops.)

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