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**AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, AIRFIELD,
AIRSPACE, AND RANGE
MANAGEMENT**

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This Air Force Policy Directive implements Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5030.19, *Department of Defense Responsibilities on Federal Aviation*, DoDD 3200.15, *Sustaining Access to the Live Training and Testing Domain*, DoDD 4715.12, *Environmental and Explosives Safety Management on Operational Ranges Outside the United States*, Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5030.36, *Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic*, and provides guidance for Airspace/Range Management and Airfield Operations, to include Air Traffic Control, Airfield Management, and Radar, Airfield & Weather Systems Maintenance. This policy directive applies to all Air Force and Air Force contractor activities, including the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve; all Air Force-operated primary training ranges and Major Range and Test Facility Base ranges that conduct range activities, as defined in Title 10 United States Code, Section (§) 101(e)(2). Send all recommendations for changes or comments to the Office of Primary Responsibility using the Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route Air Force Form 847s from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System Records Disposition Schedule.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. It clarifies policy applicability, and aligns Air Force policy, and roles and responsibilities pertaining to air

traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management with Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5030.19, *DoD Responsibilities on Federal Aviation*.

1. Overview. The Air Force and Department of Defense occupy a unique, three-part role associated with the National Airspace System, that of: (1) user; (2) service provider (air traffic control and navigational aids); and (3) regulatory authority (the authority to certify aircraft, airmen and airfields). As user, provider, and regulatory authority, the Air Force, along with the Department of Defense and all of its components, have a vested interest in ensuring and enhancing their ability to operate seamlessly with civil aviation in both national and international airspace.

2. Policy. The Air Force must sustain resources to provide a safe, operationally relevant flying environment that promotes combat readiness in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. It is Air Force policy to do the following:

2.1. Provide the airspace, aviation support facilities, equipment, and services needed to accomplish its flying mission, including those complementary services integrated into the national airspace system. The Air Force will not duplicate services provided by external agencies.

2.2. Staff, operate, and maintain airfield operations assets in peacetime for the purpose of directly supporting the expeditionary nature of Air Force contingency operations in terms of readiness, deployable capability.

2.3. Staff, operate, and maintain ranges that support required air, space and cyber testing and training. Ranges are available for inter-service, intra-service, and foreign services use. Under certain circumstances, commercial entities can use these ranges for compatible operations on a non-interference basis provided no cost or liability is incurred by the Air Force. Commercial use of the airspace associated with the ranges will be in accordance with DoDD 3200.11, *Major Range and Test Facility Base*.

3. Roles and Responsibilities.

3.1. Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AF/A3):

3.1.1. Is responsible for policy and instruction for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

3.1.2. Ensures operational policy and implementing direction are consistent with policies and instructions for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

3.1.3. Ensures responsibilities assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force within DoDD 5030.19, *DoD Responsibilities on Federal Aviation* are met, as outlined in Headquarters Air Force (HAF) Mission Directive 1-54, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations*.

3.2. Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection (AF/A4) ensures maintenance, logistics, installation engineering, and force protection policy and implementing direction are consistent with policies and instructions for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

3.3. Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Requirements (AF/A5) ensures that requirements policy and implementing direction are consistent with policies and instructions for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

3.4. Chief of Safety (AF/SE):

3.4.1. Ensures safety policy and implementing direction are consistent with policies and instructions for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

3.4.2. Collects flight safety information pertaining to air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management, and makes it available to organizations consistent with safety privilege guidelines.

3.5. Major Command Commanders, and Director, Air National Guard ensures Major Command and Air National Guard policy and implementing direction are consistent with policies and instructions for air traffic control, airfield, airspace, and range management.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5030.19, *Department of Defense Responsibilities on Federal Aviation*, Incorporating Change 1, 29 August 2017

DoDD 3200.15, *Sustaining Access to the Live Training and Testing Domain*, 18 December 2013

DoDD 4715.12, *Environmental and Explosives Safety Management on Operational Ranges Outside the United States*, 24 April 2007

Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5030.36, *Emergency Security Control of Air Traffic*, 7 November 2017

Title 10 United States Code § 101(e)(2), *Definitions*

Air Force Manual 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008, Incorporating Change 2, 9 June 2016

DoDD 5030.19, *Department of Defense Responsibilities on Federal Aviation*, 13 September 2013, Incorporating Change 1, 31 July 2017

DoDD 3200.11, *Major Range and Test Facility Base*, 27 December 2007, Incorporating Change 1, 29 August 2017

Headquarters Air Force (HAF) Mission Directive 1-54, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations*, 8 September 2015

Adopted Forms

Air Force Form 847, Recommendation for Change of Publication

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

DoD—Department of Defense

DoDD—Department of Defense Directive

HAF—Headquarters Air Force

USC—United States Code

Terms

Major Range and Test Facility Base—The designated core set of Department of Defense Test and Evaluation infrastructure and associated workforce that must be preserved as a national asset to provide Test and Evaluation capabilities to support the Department of Defense acquisition system. (DoDD 3200.11).

Range—As set forth at 10 USC § 101(e)(1), the term “range” when used in a geographic sense, means a designated land or water area that is set aside, managed, and used for range activities of the Department of Defense. Such terms include the following:

(A) Firing lines and positions, maneuver areas, firing lanes, test pads, detonation pads, impact areas, electronic scoring sites, buffer zones with restricted access, and exclusionary areas.

(B) Airspace areas designated for military use in accordance with regulations and procedures prescribed by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

As set forth at 10 United States Code § 101(e)(2), the term “range activities” means—

(A) Research, development, testing, and evaluation of military munitions, other ordnance, and weapons systems; and

(B) The training of members of the armed forces in the use and handling of military munitions, other ordnance, and weapons systems.

Primary Training Range—Primary training ranges are established to accommodate training. They are not designed or structured to accommodate test and evaluation activities.