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LETTER OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL AIR STATION PATUXENT RIVER  
AND  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Subj: LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR COORDINATING USE OF RESTRICTED  
AIRSPACE

Ref: (a) FAAO JO 7400.10E SPECIAL USE AIRSPACE

1. Purpose. This Letter of Agreement (LOA) prescribes procedure to be used to grant St. Mary's County Regional Airport authorization to operate aircraft in Restricted Airspace (R-4007) in accordance with the following provisions. This LOA provides limited additional privilege for access to R-4007 beyond the standard provisions specified in 14 CFR 91.133 and AIM 3-4-3.

2. Cancellation. This LOA between Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River Air Traffic Control Facility and Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland replaces the LOA between NAS Patuxent River Air Traffic Control Facility and Commissioners of St. Mary's County, Maryland dated 10 April 2018.

3. Scope. This LOA applies to NAS Patuxent River Air Traffic Control Facility and St. Mary's County Regional Airport.

4. Responsibilities

a. The Commanding Officer, NAS Patuxent River and Airport Manager, St. Mary's County Regional Airport, shall ensure that personnel under their jurisdiction are familiar with and operate in accordance with the contents of this LOA.

b. The St. Mary's County Regional Airport Manager is responsible for ensuring all pilots operating from St. Mary's County Regional Airport are aware of restrictions and privileges imposed by this agreement. The Airport Manager is also responsible for stressing the importance of checking NOTAMS prior to entering or exiting R-4007.

c. The Pilot in Command is responsible for checking NOTAMS prior to entering or exiting R-4007. No flight operations will be authorized in R-4007 during periods of exclusive use (i.e. when

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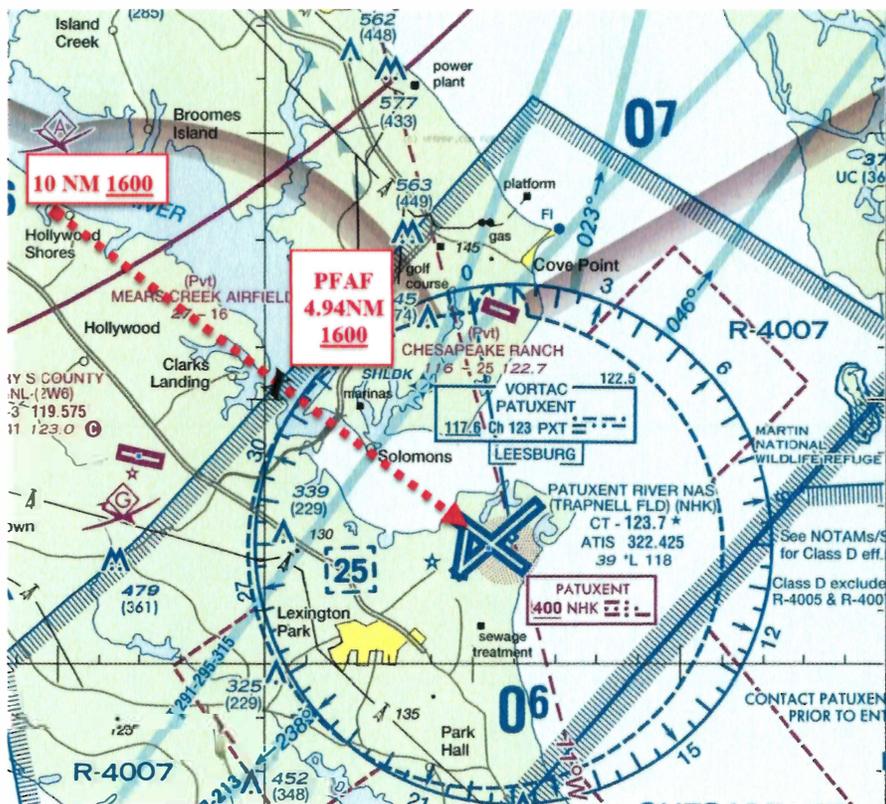
airspace is active or “hot” exclusively for certain manned or unmanned aircraft). Per the Special Use Airspace listing on the Washington Sectional chart, R-4007 is typically exclusive for manned aircraft daily from 0700-2300L with other times by NOTAM. R-4007 is exclusive for unmanned aircraft by NOTAM.

5. Procedures

a. The following procedures shall apply when R-4007 is not exclusive (i.e. inactive/“cold” or active/“hot” but not exclusive) during the hours that NAS Patuxent Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) is operating.

b. Unless indicated exclusive via NOTAM, whenever arrival/departure aircraft cannot remain outside the boundary of R-4007 flight operations may temporarily enter R-4007 (spill-in) at or below 1,000 feet mean sea level (MSL) without need to communicate with Patuxent ATC. Minimum safe altitudes per 14 CFR 91.119 are still applicable. Exercise caution and monitor NAS Patuxent Tower on 123.7. IFR and VFR approaches within R-4007 will be coordinated with Patuxent Approach on 121.0 or by phone 301-342-3740.

c. All flights shall remain clear of NAS Patuxent’s Class D airspace or shall be coordinated prior with NAS Patuxent Tower on 123.7. Extreme caution should be exercised while transitioning through NAS Patuxent’s runway 14 arrival corridor when it is the active runway. Arriving NAS Patuxent instrument approach traffic will maintain 1600 feet until the FAF.



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d. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County, their designated Airport Manager or the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at St. Mary's County Regional Airport shall give full cooperation to NAS Patuxent River in obtaining compliance with the provisions of this letter and in identifying and locating any violator(s) of this agreement. The Commissioners of St. Mary's County or their designee shall ensure that telephone communication between St. Mary's County Regional Airport Manager, FBO, and NAS Patuxent River are routine to allow for immediate coordination when necessary.

e. The high volume of manned and unmanned fixed wing and helicopter aircraft operating at NAS Patuxent River and within the confines of R-4007 mandates strict adherence to the above procedures.

6. Other Provisions

a. Any disputes must be mutually resolved between the parties.

b. All parties must conduct an annual review of this agreement to evaluate its effectiveness and determine the need for continuation or modification c. The Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River reserves the authority to terminate this agreement for military necessity.

No Third-Party Beneficiaries. It is specifically agreed between the parties executing this LOA that it is not intended by any of the provision of this LOA to create in the public or any member thereof, third party beneficiary status in connection with performance of the obligations in this Agreement.

No Individual Liability. No elected official, appointed official, employee, servant, agent, or officer shall be held personally liable under this LOA nor under any extensions or renewals to it, because of its enforcement or attempted enforcement provided they are acting within the course and scope of their employment or governmental duties and responsibilities.

7. Points of Contact:

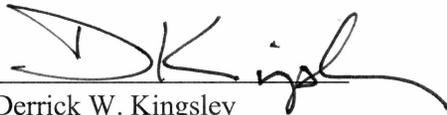
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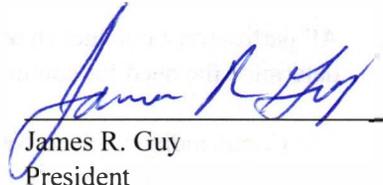
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