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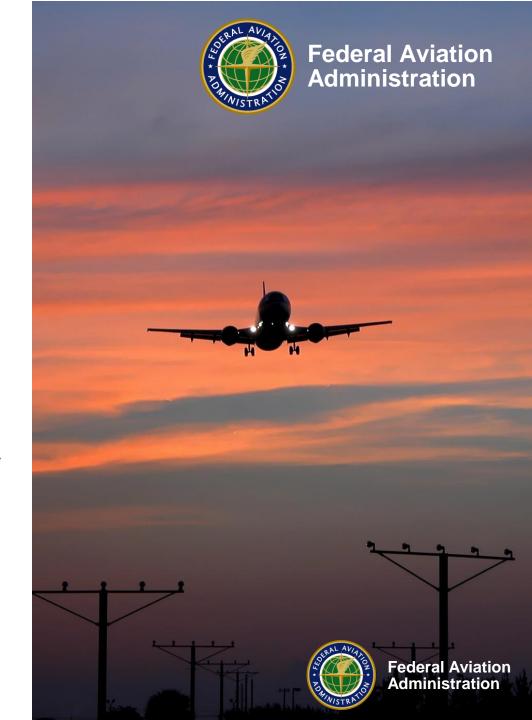
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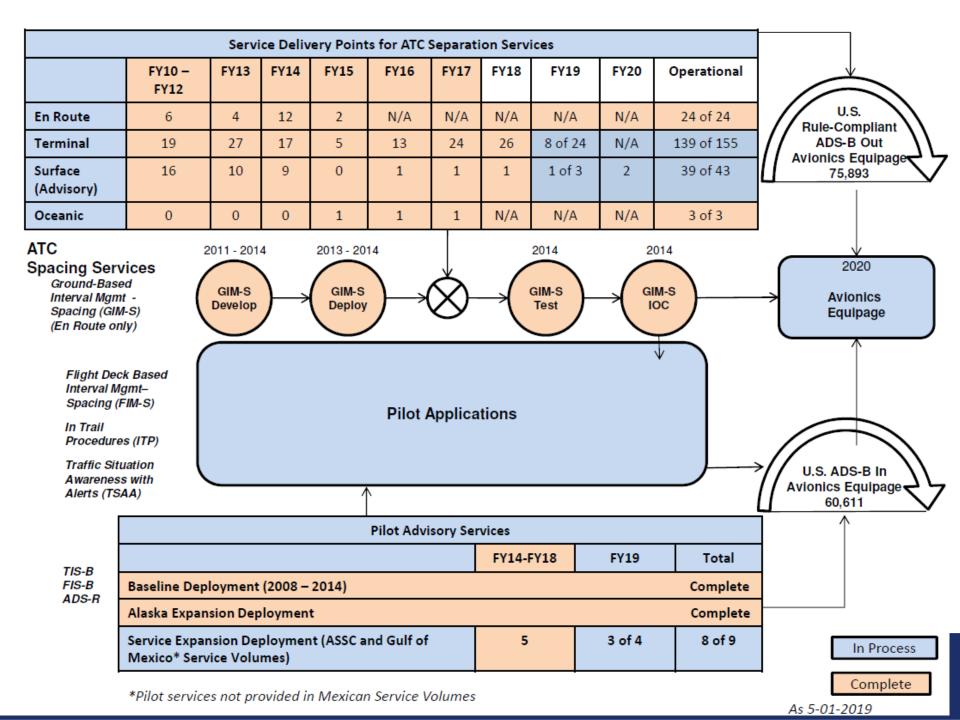
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Agenda

- National ADS-B Program Update
- ADS-B 'Out' Rulemaking
- Coverage in the Gulf of Mexico



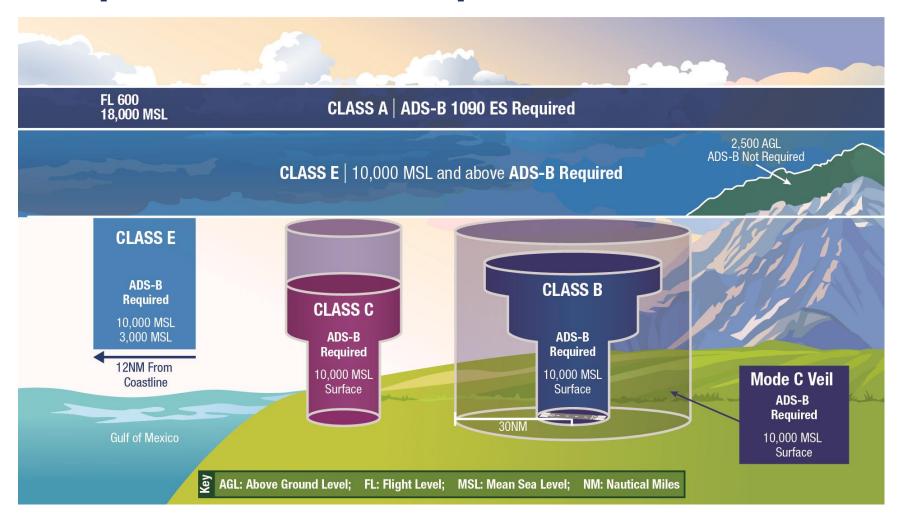


ADS-B 'Out' Rulemaking

January 1, 2020, the FAA Final Rule for ADS-B 'Out' equipage

- Published on May 27, 2010
- Applies to aircraft that desire to access certain airspace (14 CFR 91.225)
- Mandates performance requirements for ADS-B 'out' avionics that fly in certain airspace (14 CFR 91.227)
 - Does not mandate ADS-B 'In'
- Applies to all U.S. airspace that requires a transponder today

Required ADS-B Airspace



Visit https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/equipadsb/research/airspace/



Federal Register Notice April 1, 2019

Statement of Policy for Authorizations to Operators of Aircraft That are Not Equipped With Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS–B) Out

- This action explains the FAA's policy for issuing ATC authorizations to persons seeking to operate aircraft that are not equipped with ADS-B Out equipment in ADS-B airspace after January 1, 2020
- Summary:
 - After January 1, 2020, unless otherwise authorized by FAA, all aircraft operating in rule airspace must be equipped with ADS-B Out equipment
 - Non equipped may request authorization from FAA to operate in ADS-B airspace

Federal Register Notice April 1, 2019 (Cont'd)

- Non- ADS-B Out equipment must obtain a preflight authorization – request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- The FAA will be very unlikely to issue routine and regular authorizations
- Specific mechanisms for authorizations are in the development process
- https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/04/01/2019-06184/statement-of-policy-for-authorizations-to-operators-ofaircraft-that-are-not-equipped-with-automatic

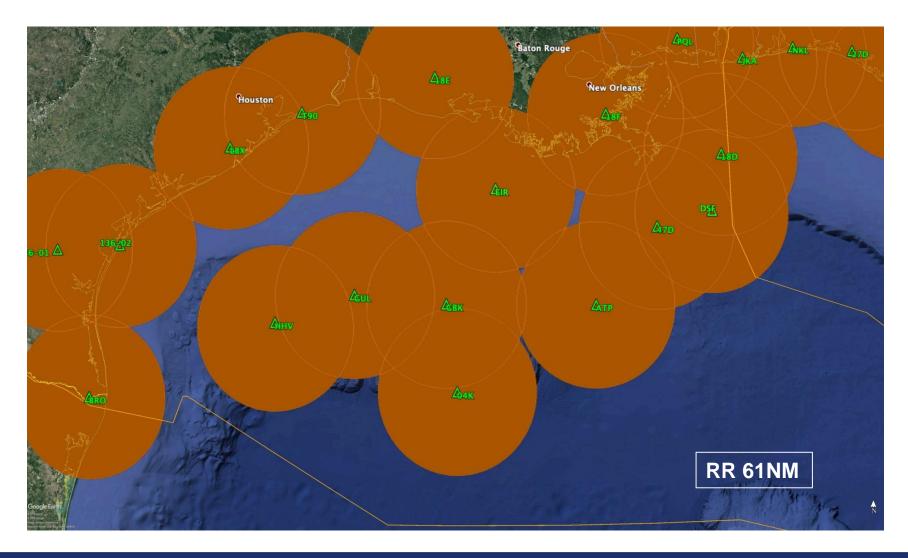
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ADS-B Coverage in the Gulf

- Link v1 ADS-B (DO-260A) equipped aircraft under FAA Letter of Authorization expires 31 Dec 2019
- Automation systems will be updated such that they will not process Link v1
 - Aircraft with Link v1 will not be seen by ATC on the automation platforms
- Link v2 ADS-B (DO-260B or DO-282) will be required within 12 nautical miles from the coastline 3,000'-10,000' MSL
- Beyond 12NM, even though not rule airspace, without ADS-B Link v2, Air Traffic Control will not see aircraft--radar services limited or not available either

ADS-B Coverage in the Gulf – 1,500' MSL

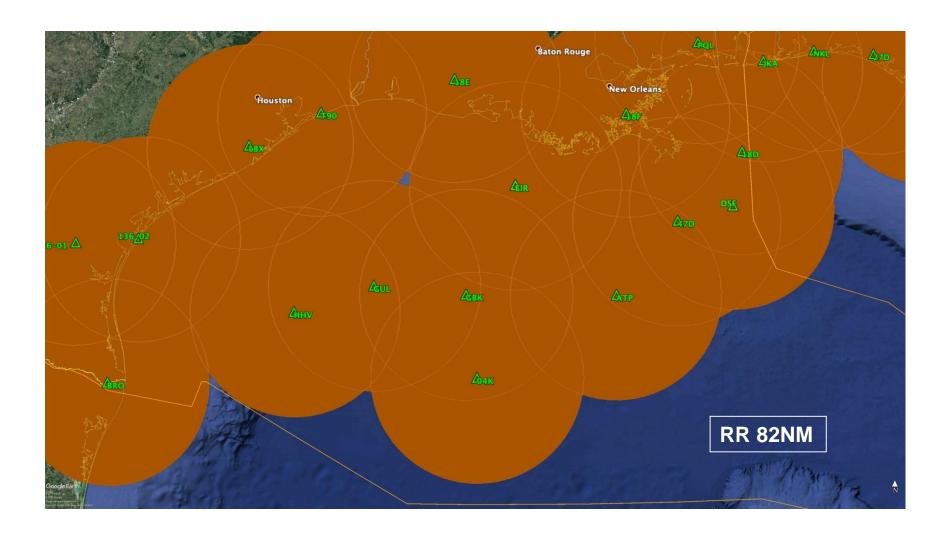


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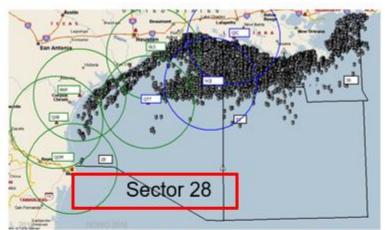


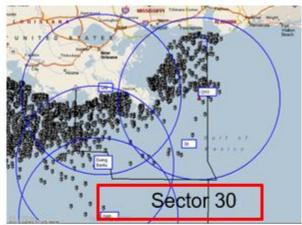
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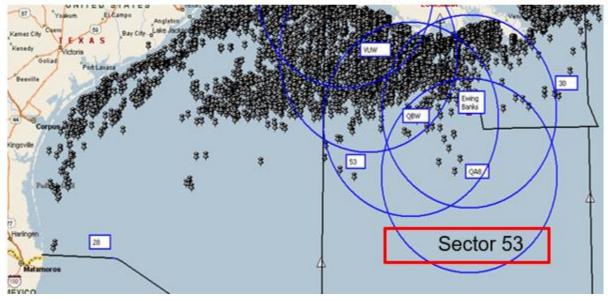
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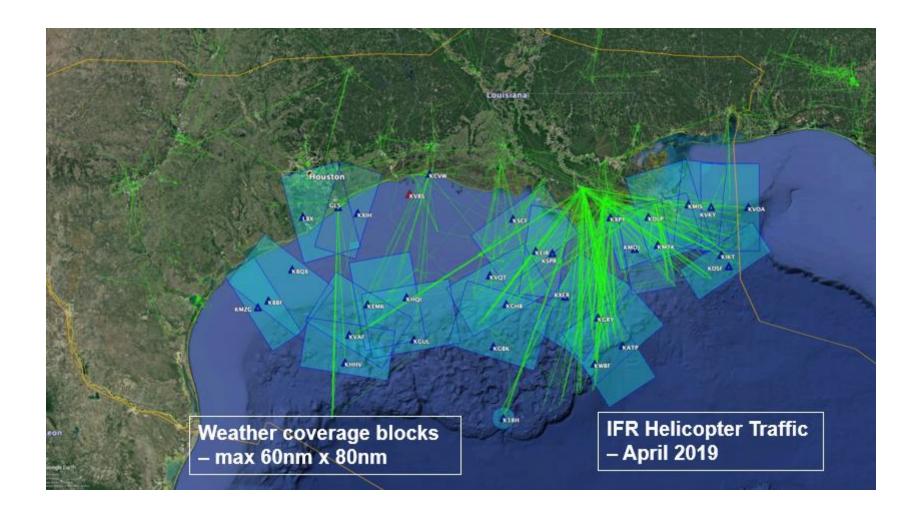
VHF Comm Coverage – 3,000' MSL







FAA AWOS Coverage with IFR Tracks



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Gulf AWOS Weather Blocks

- On 11/11/2018, the NWS granted permanent approval to use weather boxes for offshore IFR destination weather provided "no changes were made to the current set of boxes"
 - "Change proposals for additional boxes or adjustments to the current boxes will require a history of consistent performance"
 - The Gulf weather infrastructure is in a constant state of change due to AWOS decommissionings, long term platform shut-ins, and commissionings
- NWS, Baton Rouge FSDO, and ADS-B Program Office have worked together to develop guidance for new weather boxes
- On 5/1/2019, NWS issued formal guidance to FAA that allows provisional approval for new weather boxes

Gulf AWOS Weather Blocks

- Summary of latest NWS memo dated 5/1/2019
 - Provisional approval period is a minimum of 12 months after the date of AWOS commissioning
 - If there's no trend of inaccurate weather reports, the provisional period will transition to permanent approval
 - NWS, FAA, and the operators will schedule periodic reviews of any discrepancy reports and status of weather stations
- The FAA will furnish AWOS status reports, coverage maps, and kml / kmz coverage files to NWS and helicopter operators as changes occur in the infrastructure and at least semi-annually

AWOS Weather Block Changes Since 2018







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ADS-B Coverage in the Gulf – 1,500' MSL With EC 321 (NOV 2019)

