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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
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Poughkeepsie ATCT LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 12-01

**SUBJECT: Unintentional Poughkeepsie Class D airspace incursions**  
CANCELLATION: December 31, 2013

The purpose of this Letter to Airmen is to inform all participants of the necessity for proper notification to the ATCT of proposed entry and operation within the Class D airspace.

14 CFR part 91.129 states in part:

“(1) *Arrival or through flight.* Each person must establish two-way radio communications with the ATC facility (including foreign ATC in the case of foreign airspace designated in the United States) providing air traffic services prior to entering that airspace and thereafter maintain those communications while within that airspace.” (underline emphasis added)

**Increased Awareness must be maintained by all participants while flying in the Poughkeepsie Class D airspace due to a high volume of aircraft in and around the area from surface to 3500 feet.**

The concentrated traffic is due to the close proximity of Stewart International airport, the traffic patterns of several closeby uncontrolled airports, in addition to Northbound and Southbound aircraft transiting the Hudson River.

Allow adequate time and distance when making initial contact with Poughkeepsie ATCT. Do not enter the Class D airspace without proper authorization.

Mike Wold  
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