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All pilots-in-command of aircraft operating within and above the Anchorage Class C airspace are reminded of the regulatory requirement in 14 CFR 91.225. This regulation prohibits the operation of any aircraft within the lateral boundaries of a Class C airspace, and above the ceiling of a Class C airspace up to and including 10,000 feet MSL, without operating ADS-B out equipment. Aviators are encouraged to review the statute for any potential exception that may influence their route of flight.

Aircraft departing Lake Hood Seaplane Base (LHD) and Merrill Field Airport (MRI) that transition over the Knik Arm in the vicinity of V438-456, over a prescribed shelf in the Class C with a ceiling of 019 are reminded that, even though they may be operating **above** the Class C, the requirements for the operation of ADS-B Out while doing so remain applicable up to 10,000 feet MSL.

Pilots operating to and from MRI and LHD that request from ATC an authorization to deviate from the altitude restrictions of 14 CFR 93.61 and 93.63 while over the Knik are reminded these authorizations are for the altitude restrictions only, while in the relevant Segment, and do not constitute a deviation from the requirements of 91.225 upon reaching Point Mackenzie/Knik north shore and the edge of the Anchorage Class C shelf.

A pilot request to use, or ATC assignment of, any of the VFR arrival/departure procedures contained in the Alaska Chart Supplement (i.e. the Chickaloon Departure, the Gravel Pit Arrival, the City High departure, etc.) does not imply that a deviation from the requirements of 91.225 has been requested or issued. Specific requests for operating in contravention of the safety regulation are to be made in accordance with 14 CFR 91.225(g)(1) and (2).

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