

I would like to provide some comments as to why I oppose the permanent ADIZ airspace proposal around Washington, D.C. ADIZ and also suggest a different solution.

I am a private pilot operating in both Indianapolis and Chicago with about 170 hours of single-engine land experience. Currently I rent aircraft for personal flying but have also purchased an aircraft for use with my business (expecting delivery spring 2006). I'm a member of AOPA and heard about the permanent ADIZ when reading their newsletters.

After reading about the ADIZ and considering its benefits and trade-offs, I'm surprised a permanent ADIZ is being considered: any terrorist would be able to use the system and perform an attack. A terrorist could follow the requirements of getting a flight plan (you do that over the phone and no credentials are needed), make contact with air traffic control before entering the ADIZ, get the okay to enter and fly near by the existing 15 mile restricted airspace surrounding the capital, and there you have it, they're 15 miles away even though the ADIZ is in place. Basically all the ADIZ does is burdens air traffic control and pilots with an extra hour of effort to fly in the ADIZ area.

The only way to really protect the area is with restricted areas where aircraft simply cannot fly. There is already a 15 mile restricted area around the capital so if anything, enlarge that area to zone which makes everyone comfortable. That is the only way I as a pilot see to add a significant amount of protection, plus there is no additional cost. In fact the extra workload air traffic control and pilots make currently to manage ADIZ operations would be gone, there by reducing costs. It's a win-win situation and really the only situation I see that adds protection.

In any event, there should definitely be public hearings to better consider both sides of this issue. As it stands now a permanent ADIZ really burdens air traffic control and the pilots of non-commercial planes, yet doesn't provide any real protection.

Thanks for your time,

- Dave Parson