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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone: Annual Burlington Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display, Burlington Bay, Vermont

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a permanent safety zone for the annual Burlington Independence Day Celebration fireworks display located in Burlington Bay, Burlington, Vermont. The safety zone is in effect annually on the third of July from 7:45 p.m. until 10:15 p.m. The safety zone temporarily closes all waters of Burlington Bay within a 250 yard radius of the fireworks platform anchored approximately 250 yards west of Burlington, Vermont, at or near 44°28'33"N latitude and 073°13'33"W longitude (NAD 1983).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective on July 3, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant (Junior Grade) K. Messenger, Maritime Planning Staff Chief, Coast Guard Group New York (212) 668-7934.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

The drafters of this notice are LTJG K. Messenger, Project Manager Coast Guard Group New York and LCDR J. Stieb, Project Attorney, First Coast Guard District, Legal Office.

Regulatory History

On March 22, 1995, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 15102). Interested persons were requested to submit comments on or before May 22, 1995. No comments were received. A public hearing was not requested and one was not held. The Coast Guard is promulgating this final rule as proposed with a minor correction. The NPRM contained incorrect coordinates due to a

publishing error. The coordinates were published as 44°29'33"N latitude, 073°13'33"W longitude. The coordinates should have been published as 44°28'33"N, 073°13'33"W longitude. This final rule states the coordinates correctly.

Due to the NPRM comment period deemed necessary to give adequate public notice, there was insufficient time to publish this final rule 30 days prior to the event. Good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication. Adequate measures are being taken to ensure mariners are made aware of this regulation. This rule will be locally published in the First Coast Guard District's Local Notice to Mariners, and announced via Safety Marine Information Broadcasts.

Background and Purpose

For the last several years, the Burlington Department of Parks and Recreation has submitted an application to hold a fireworks program on Burlington Bay. This regulation establishes a permanent safety zone on all waters of Burlington Bay within a 250 yard radius of the fireworks platform anchored approximately 250 yards west of Burlington, Vermont, at or near 44°28'33"N latitude and 073°13'33"W longitude (NAD 1983). The safety zone is in effect annually on the third of July from 7:45 p.m. until 10:15 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. The safety zone precludes all vessels from transiting this portion of Burlington Bay and is needed to protect mariners from the hazards associated with fireworks exploding in the area. The effective period of the safety zone will be announced annually via Safety Marine Information Broadcasts and by locally issued notices.

Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this regulation to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The safety zone closes a portion of

Burlington Bay to all vessel traffic annually on the third of July from 7:45 p.m. until 10:15 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. Although this regulation prevents traffic from transiting this area, the effect of this regulation is not significant for several reasons: the limited duration of the event; the late hour of the event; that traffic can safely transit to the west of the safety zone; the event has been held annually for the past several years without incident or complaint; and the extensive, advance advisories that will be made. Accordingly, the Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this regulation to be so minimal that a Regulatory Evaluation is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Coast Guard must consider whether this regulation will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under Section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

For reasons set forth in the Regulatory Evaluation, the Coast Guard expects the impact of this regulation to be minimal. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This regulation contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this action in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this regulation does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this regulation and concluded that under section 2.B.2.e. of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, revised 59 FR 38654, it is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination and Environmental Analysis Checklist are included in the docket. An appropriate environmental analysis of the fireworks program under the

National Environmental Policy Act will be conducted in conjunction with the marine event permitting process each year.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

Final Regulation

For reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Section 165.166, is added to read as follows:

§ 165.166 Safety Zone; Annual Burlington Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Display, Burlington Bay, Vermont.

(a) *Location.* All waters of Burlington Bay within a 250 yard radius of a fireworks platform anchored approximately 250 yards west of Burlington, Vermont, at or near 44°28'33"N latitude and 073°13'33"W longitude (NAD 1983).

(b) *Effective period.* The safety zone is in effect annually on the third of July from 7:45 p.m. until 10:15 p.m., unless extended or terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port New York. The effective period will be announced annually via Safety Marine Information Broadcasts and locally issued notices.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply.

(2) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on scene patrol personnel. U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel via siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

Dated: June 2, 1995.

T.H. Gilmour,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, New York.

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33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone; Meramec River, Mile 0.0 to 21.0

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone on the Meramec River between mile 0.0 and 21.0. This regulation is required for the prevention of damage to property and protection of flooded areas. This regulation will restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the protection of life and property along the shore.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This regulation is effective on May 20, 1995 and will remain in effect until June 19, 1995 unless terminated sooner by the Captain of the Port.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Robert Siddall, Operations Officer, Captain of the Port, St. Louis, Missouri at (314) 539-3823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

The drafters of this regulation are LTJG A.B. Cheney, Project Officer, Maine Safety Office, St. Louis, Missouri and LT S.M. Moody, Project Attorney, Second Coast Guard District Legal Office.

Regulatory History

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking has not been published for this rule and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days from the date of publication. Following normal rulemaking procedures would have been impracticable. Specifically, recent heavy rainfall on already saturated ground in portions of the Meramec River Basin has caused portions of the Meramec River to approach and exceed flood stages, leaving insufficient time to publish a proposed rulemaking. The Coast Guard deems it to be in the public's interest to issue a rule without waiting for comment period since high water conditions present an immediate hazard.

Background and Purpose

The Meramec River from the mouth, mile 0.0, to mile 21.0, has seen a rapid rise in the water level and is above flood stage. This rule is required to protect property along the Meramec River, therefore, all vessels are restricted from the regulated area.

Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation is not major under Executive Order 12291 and not significant under Department of Transportation Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979), it will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, and it contains no collection of information requirements.

The Coast Guard expects the impact of this regulation to be so minimal that a Regulatory Evaluation is unnecessary. The imposed restrictions are anticipated to be of short duration. Captain of the Port, St. Louis, Missouri will monitor river conditions and will authorize entry into the closed area as conditions permit. Changes will be announced by Marine Safety Information Radio Broadcast on VHF Marine Band Radio, Channel 22 (157.1 MHZ). Mariners may also call the Port Operations Officer, Captain of the Port, St. Louis, Missouri at (314) 539-3823 for current information.

Small Entities

The Coast Guard finds that the impact on small entities, if any, is not substantial. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under section 605(b) to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) that this temporary rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501).

Federalism Assessment

Under the principles and criteria of Executive Order 12612, this rule does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under section 2.B.2.g.[5] of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation as an action to protect public safety. A Categorical Exclusion Determination has been prepared and placed in the rulemaking docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (Water), Records and recordkeeping, Security measures, Vessels, Waterways.