

Latitude	Longitude
33°15'N	77°30'W
33°00'N	78°20'W
33°50'N	78°20'W
33°50'N	77°55'W

The study area encompasses the approaches to the Cape Fear River and Beaufort Inlet, as well as the area offshore of North Carolina used by commercial vessels transiting to and between these ports.

Issues

The Coast Guard is trying to determine the scope of any safety problems associated with vessel transit in the study area. It is expected that information will be gathered during the study that will identify the problems and appropriate solutions.

The study may recommend the following:

1. No vessel routing measures are needed.
2. Establish one or more of the following vessel routing measures:
 - (a) TSS in the Approach to Cape Fear River;
 - (b) TSS in the Approach to Beaufort Inlet;
 - (c) TSS Off North Carolina encompassing the routes typically used by merchant and naval vessels transiting the study area;
 - (d) Precautionary area(s) near either or both approaches;
 - (e) Inshore traffic zone(s) near either or both approaches; and,
 - (f) Establish an area to be avoided in shallow areas where the risk of grounding is present.
3. Create anchorage area(s).
4. Establish a regulated navigation area with specific vessel operating requirements to ensure safe navigation in areas near shallow water.

Procedural Requirements

In order to provide safe access routes for movement of vessel traffic proceeding to and from U.S. ports, the PWSA directs that the Secretary designate necessary fairways and TSS's in which the paramount right of navigation over all other uses shall be recognized. Before a designation can be made, the Coast Guard is required to undertake a study of potential traffic density and the need for safe access routes.

During the study, the Coast Guard is directed to consult with federal and state agencies and to consider the views of representatives of the maritime community, port and harbor authorities or associations, environmental groups, and other parties who may be affected by the proposed action.

In accordance with 33 U.S.C. 1223(c), the Coast Guard will, to the extent practicable, reconcile the need for safe access routes with the needs of all other reasonable uses of the area involved. The Coast Guard will also consider previous studies and experience in the areas of vessel traffic management, navigation, shiphandling, the effects of weather, and prior analysis of the traffic density in certain regions.

The results of this study will be published in the Federal Register. If the Coast Guard determines that new routing or other regulatory measures are needed, a notice of proposed rulemaking will be published. It is anticipated that the study will be concluded by 31 December 1996.

Dated: June 28, 1996.

J.C. Card,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR PART 425

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RIN 2040-AC48

Leather Tanning and Finishing Effluent Limitations Guidelines Pretreatment Standards New and Existing Sources

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed regulation.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to modify the pretreatment standards for existing and new sources applicable to certain facilities in the leather tanning and finishing point source category that conduct unhairing operations and that discharge process wastewater to publicly owned treatment works ("POTW"). In the final rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is promulgating these changes as a "direct" final rule because the Agency does not expect significant adverse or critical comments. EPA also wants to provide prompt implementation of the rule to minimize any potential hazards to worker safety and health that may occur in the absence of this rule.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rules must be received by September 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments in triplicate on this proposal to Mr. Ed Terry, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. EPA, 401 M St. S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ed Terry, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), U.S. EPA, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, DC 20460, or telephone 202-260-7128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action which is located in the rules section of this Federal Register.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 425

Leather, leather tanning and finishing, water pollution control, wastewater treatment and disposal, pretreatment standards for existing and new sources.

Dated: June 26, 1996.

Carol M. Browner,

Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 96-137; RM-8823]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Negaunee, MI

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Todd Stuart Noordyk requesting the allotment of Channel 270A to Negaunee, Michigan, with cut-off protection and modification of his application for Channel 258A to specify operation on Channel 270A at Negaunee. The coordinates for Channel 270A at Negaunee are 46-28-18 and 87-36-55. Since Negaunee is located within 320 kilometers (200 miles) of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence of the Canadian government will be requested for this allotment. This proposal would enable the settlement of a mutually exclusive proceeding between two applicants for Channel 258A at Negaunee, Michigan.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before August 12, 1996, and reply comments on or before August 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Cary S. Tepper, Booth, Freret & Imlay, P.C., 1233 - 20th Street, NW., Suite 204, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.