

Proposed Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend part 110 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 110—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 471, 2030, 2035, and 2071; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05-1(g). Section 110.1a and each section listed in 110.1a is also issued under 33 U.S.C. 1223 and 1231.

2. Section 110.73c is added to read as follows:

§ 110.73c Okeechobee Waterway, St. Lucie River, Stuart, FL.

The following is a special anchorage area: Beginning on the Okeechobee Intracoastal Waterway between mile marker 7 and 8 on the St. Lucie River, bounded by a line beginning at 27°12'06.583"N, 80°15'33.447"W; thence to 27°12'07.811"N, 80°15'38.861"W; thence to 27°12'04.584"N, 80°15'41.437"W; thence to 27°11'49.005"N, 80°15'44.796"W; thence to 27°11'47.881"N, 80°15'38.271"W; thence to the point of beginning. All coordinates reference Datum NAD:83.

Note: This area is principally used by recreational vessels. The mooring of vessels in this area is administered by the local Harbormaster, City of Stuart, Florida.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 99-1604; MM Docket No. 99-86; RM-9505]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Fruitland, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Rule; dismissal of.

SUMMARY: The Commission denies the request of Mountain West Broadcasting to allot Channel 300A to Fruitland, NM, as it is not a community for allotment purposes. See 64 FR 14421, March 25, 1999. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99-86, adopted August 11, 1999, and released August 13, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Parts 192 and 195**

[RSPA-97-2094]

RIN 2137-AC54

Pipeline Safety: Underwater Abandoned Pipeline Facilities

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposal would require the last operator of an abandoned pipeline, offshore and, or, crossing under, over or through navigable waterways to submit a report of the abandonment to the Secretary of Transportation. This notice responds to a Congressional mandate. The results of this proposal would be a central depository of information about underwater abandoned pipelines.

DATES: Comments on the subject of this NPRM must be received on or before October 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this NPRM, RSPA-97-2094, and be mailed to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on

Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>. An electronic copy of any document may be downloaded from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L.E. Herrick by telephone at 202-366-5523, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, DPS-10, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20590, or via e-mail to le.herrick@rspa.dot.gov regarding this notice of proposed rulemaking. You may contact the Dockets Unit, 202-366-5046, for copies of this notice or material that is referenced herein.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Underwater pipelines are being abandoned at an increasing rate as older facilities reach the end of their use. This trend is expected to continue. Presently, there is no one location where these records of abandonment are maintained. In 1992, Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to require the last operator of an offshore pipeline facility or a pipeline facility crossing under, over, or through navigable waters to report the abandonment of that facility to the Secretary (49 U.S.C. 60108(c)(6)(B)). This report must contain reasonably available information about the facility and specify whether the facility has been abandoned properly according to applicable Federal and State requirements. Once these reports are filed by the operators they will be accessible to appropriate Federal and State agencies.

We propose to fulfil this Congressional mandate by requiring operators who have abandoned underwater pipeline facilities to report information to the Secretary through the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety. The report would include all reasonably available information related to the facility, including information in the possession of a third party. The report would provide a consolidated information source for Federal agencies and State governments to assist in determining if current abandonment requirements are meeting public safety goals. The report would be due upon abandonment of the facility or, for those facilities abandoned prior to the