

vessels, as the study of vessels passing the bridge included such commercial vessels. These local commercial fishing vessels will only be inconvenienced for two hours and 45 minutes on a Saturday and three hours on a Sunday on a one-time basis. Also, there is a practical alternate route of approximately seven additional miles via the Harvey Canal and Mississippi River. Thus, the economic impact is expected to be minimal. There is no indication that other waterway users would suffer any type of economic hardship if they are precluded from transiting the waterway during the hours that the draw is scheduled to remain in the closed-to-navigation position. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this temporary rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This temporary rule does not provide for a collection-of-information requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this temporary rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this temporary rule does not have sufficient implications for federalism to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The authority to regulate the permits of bridges over the navigable waters of the U.S. belongs to the Coast Guard by Federal statutes.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this temporary rule and concluded that under Figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this temporary rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending Part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Effective October 30, 1999 through October 31, 1999 § 117.451 is amended by suspending paragraph (b) and adding a new paragraph (f).

§§ 117.451 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

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(f) The draw of the SR 23 bridge, Algiers Alternate Route, mile 3.8 at Belle Chasse, shall open on signal; except that from 4 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, 1999 and from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 1999, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

Paul J. Pluta,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP New Orleans, LA Reg. 99-026]

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Safety Zone Regulations; Mile 94.0 to Mile 96.0, Lower Mississippi River, Above Head of Passes

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary Rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone from mile 94.0 to mile 96.0, Lower Mississippi River, Above Head of Passes, extending the entire width of the river. The safety zone has been established to protect personnel involved in pollution response and underwater diving operations within the channel. Entry into this zone while divers are deployed is prohibited to all vessels, with the exception of towing vessels operating without tows, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port. Entry into this zone while divers are not deployed will be managed by the Coast Guard Traffic Light Operator at Governor Nicholls Traffic Light, VHF-FM Channel-67. The Governor Nicholls and Gretna Traffic Lights will be in operation until the safety zone expires. Authorization to enter the safety zone while divers are deployed will only be granted during emergency situations which affect the safety of vessels or the safety of the port.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This temporary rule is effective on October 1, 1999, commencing at 6 P.M. CDT until October 13, 1999, ending at 6 P.M. CDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COTP New Orleans representative, LT(jg) Kevin Lynn at (504) 589-4221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking was not published for this regulation and good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days after **Federal Register** publication. Publishing an NPRM and delaying its effective date would be contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to respond to the potential hazards to local marine traffic and personnel involved in pollution response and diving operations.

Background and Purpose

The hazardous condition requiring this regulation is a result of personnel involved in pollution response and diving operations on the Lower Mississippi River between 94.0 and mile 96.0 Above Head of Passes. A safety zone is needed to protect personnel involved in pollution response and underwater diving operations in the area. Entry into this zone is prohibited to all vessels, with the exception of towing vessels operating without tows, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port. This regulation is issued pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1231 as set out in the authority citation for all of Part 165.

Regulatory Evaluation

This temporary rule is not a significant regulatory evaluation under Executive Order 12866 and is not significant under the "Department of Transportation Regulatory Policies and Procedures" (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full regulatory evaluation is unnecessary. This regulation will only be in effect for a short period of time, and the impacts on routine navigation are expected to be minimal.

Collection of Information

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

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that it does not have sufficient federalism implications to

warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposal and concluded that under section 2-1, paragraph (34)(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this proposal is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

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). Since the impact of this regulation on non-participating small entities is expected 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. This regulation will only be in effect for several days and the impacts on small entities are expected to be minimal.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

Regulation: In consideration of the foregoing, Subpart F of Part 165 of Chapter 33, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1225 and 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; and 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 1605; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. A new § 165.T08-038 is added to read as follows:

§ 165T08-038 Safety Zone: Lower Mississippi River.

(a) *Location.* The following areas is a safety zone: Lower Mississippi river from mile 94.0 to mile 96.0 Above head of Passes, in the vicinity of Algiers Point extending the entire width of the river.

(b) *Effective date.* This section will become effective on October 1, 1999 at 6 P.M. CDT. It will be terminated on October 13, 1999, at 6 P.M. CDR. The Captain of the Port will notify the public of changes in the status of this zone by Marine Radio Safety Broadcasts on VH

Marine Band radio, Channel 22 (157.1 MHZ).

(c) *Regulations.* In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into this zone by any vessel, with the exception of towing vessels operating without tows, is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port New Orleans.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

S. W. Rochon,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[DE027-1027a; FRL-6453-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is converting its conditional approval of the Delaware's State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to achieve a 15 percent reduction in volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions to a full approval. This SIP revision is commonly referred to as the 15% Rate of Progress Plan (the 15% plan). Delaware fulfilled the condition listed in EPA's conditional approval published on May 19, 1997. The intent effect of this action is to convert the conditional approval of Delaware's 15% plan to a full approval.

DATES: This rule is effective on December 13, 1999 without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by November 12, 1999. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and

Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, 89 Kings Highway, Dover Delaware 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rose Quinto, (215) 814-2182, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at quinto.rose@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In accordance with the Clean Air Act, the State of Delaware submitted a 15% plan for its portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton ozone nonattainment area. EPA is now converting its conditional approval of the Delaware's 15% plan SIP revision to a full approval. In a rule published on May 19, 1997 (62 FR 27198), EPA granted a conditional approval to the Delaware's 15% plan because the State's enhanced inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, one of many control measures adopted by Delaware to achieve the 15% reduction in VOC emissions, had only been conditionally approved at the time.

On July 7, 1999 (64 FR 36635), EPA proposed full approval of Delaware's enhanced I/M SIP. No comments were received during the public comment period. EPA has recently published its final rule fully approving Delaware's enhanced I/M SIP. Because Delaware's enhanced I/M SIP is fully approved, EPA is now fully approving the 15% plan and associated contingency measures for Delaware. The effective date of EPA's final rule fully approving Delaware's enhanced I/M SIP will precede the effective date of this direct final rule to grant full approval of Delaware's 15% plan.

II. EPA Action

EPA is converting its conditional approval of the Delaware's 15% plan and associated contingency measures to a full approval. An extensive discussion of the Delaware 15% plan and EPA's rationale for its approval were provided in the previous final rule which conditionally approved the 15% plan (see 62 FR 27198) and shall not be restated here. This action to convert our conditional approval to a full approval is being published without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial amendment and because we anticipate no adverse comments. In a separate document in the "Proposed Rules" section of this **Federal Register** publication, we are proposing to fully approve the Delaware's 15% plan SIP revision if adverse comments are filed. This action will be effective without further notice unless we receive relevant adverse