

17°42'N., long. 68°00'W.; to the point of beginning; excluding that airspace within Warning Area W-371; and that airspace extending upward from 2,700 feet above the surface of the earth beginning at lat. 18°33'N., long. 64°22'W.; to lat. 18°25'23"N., long. 62°52'W.; to lat. 17°47'N., long. 62°23'W.; to lat. 17°22'N., long. 62°59'W.; to lat. 16°58'N., long. 63°00'W.; to lat. 17°20'N., long. 64°22'W.; to the point of beginning; and that airspace extending upward from 2,700 feet above the surface of the earth beginning at lat. 18°45'23"N., long. 66°54'58"W.; to lat. 19°00'N., long. 5°45'W.; to lat. 18°45'N., long. 64°22'W.; to lat. 18°33'N., long. 64°22'W.; to the point of beginning.

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Issued in College Park, Georgia, on January 6, 2000.

Nancy B. Shelton,

Acting Manager, Air Traffic Division Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 99-AEA-16.FR]

Amendment to Class E Airspace: Brownsville, PA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet Above Ground Level (AGL) at Brownsville Hospital Heliport, Brownsville, PA. Development of a Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP), 294 Helicopter Point in Space approach has made this action necessary. Controlled airspace extending upward from 700 Feet Above Ground Level (AGL) is needed to accommodate the SIAP at the heliport. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** 0901 UTC February 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Francis Jordan, Airspace Specialist, Airspace Branch, AEA-520, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Building #111, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York 11430, telephone: (718) 553-4521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

History

On November 23, 1999, a notice proposing to amend Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 71) by establishing Class E airspace

extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Brownsville Hospital Heliport, Brownsville, PA was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 65668). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking proceeding by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments to the proposal were received. The rule is adopted as proposed.

The coordinates for the airspace docket are based on North American Datum 83. Class E airspace areas designations for airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9G, dated September 10, 1999 and effective September 16, 1999, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document will be amended in the order.

The Rule

This amendment to Part 71 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 71) provides controlled Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet AGL for aircraft executing an SIAP at Brownsville Hospital Heliport.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routing amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) Is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) Does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation it is certified that this rule will not have significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, navigation (air).

Adoption of the Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; EO 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

§71.1 [Amended]

The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1999, and effective September 16, 1999, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6 mile radius of Brownsville Hospital Heliport.

Issued in Jamaica, New York on January 10, 2000.

Franklin D. Hatfield,

Manager, Air Traffic Division, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD13-99-008]

RIN 2115 AE47

Drawbridge Operations Regulations; Willamette River, OR

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating regulations for all the Multnomah County drawbridges and the Union Pacific drawbridge across the Willamette River at Portland, Oregon. The draws will open on signal except from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for certain holidays. This rule adds a requirement for one-hour or two-hour notices for lifts of the upper deck of the Steel Bridge at certain times each day, consistent with the notice requirements for the Burnside and Morrison Bridges immediately upstream. The hours for the one hour notice requirement are changed to accord with the new hours for the above closed periods.

DATES: This final rule is effective on February 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents as indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket CGD13-99-008 and are available for inspection or photocopying at the office of the Commander (oan),

Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98174-1067 between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Mikesell, Chief, Plans and Programs Section, Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management Branch, Telephone (206) 220-7272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

On May 25, 1999, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Willamette River, Oregon, in the *Federal Register* {64 FR 28125}. We received one letter commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested and none was held.

Background

The purpose of this rulemaking is to extend by one half-hour the daily Monday through Friday periods during which the draws need not open for the passage of vessels. By moderately changing the closed periods Monday through Friday by one hour per day, the Coast Guard intends to assist traffic flow in the city of Portland without unreasonably hindering navigation on the Willamette River. These closed periods for the drawspans will coincide better with the actual periods of peak road traffic.

The Willamette River bears commercial navigation including tour boats, tug and tows, derrick barges, as well as recreational craft. No one has objected to the proposed rule. The changes are not great enough to have a significant impact on waterway use.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

The Coast Guard received one letter in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), operator of the upper deck of the Steel Bridge, requested the Coast Guard to apply the advance notice for opening requirements that are in effect for the Morrison and Burnside Bridges to the upper deck of the Steel Bridge.

The notice requirement for the upper deck of the Steel Bridge was not published in the notice of proposed rulemaking. However, the notice requirement for the upper deck of the Steel Bridge would be consistent with the notice requirements for the Burnside and Morrison Bridges of Multnomah County, which are nearby, upstream of the Steel Bridge. In order to uphold consistency within 33 CFR 117.897, the notice requirement for the upper deck of the Steel Bridge is added in this final

rule. This minor aspect of the final rule will not unreasonably hinder navigation. Almost all vessels that would require the upper deck of the Steel Bridge to lift would also need the draws of the Morrison and Burnside to open for their passage as well. This notice requirement is not applied to the lower deck because it is usually in the raised position except for the passage of trains.

In addition, the hours for the one hour notice are changed to coincide in a reasonable way with the new times for the closed periods. This was not mentioned in the proposed rule but will have no significant effect on navigation. The hours for one hour notice were 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and are now 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Steel Bridge, owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, is an unusual vertical lift structure. The bridge, including the drawspan, has two decks, one over the other. The lower deck bears rail traffic while the upper deck supports light commuter rail and automotive traffic. The upper deck is operated by ODOT. Many vessels are able to pass the Steel Bridge when only the lower deck is lifted. This is done by telescoping its steel uprights into the vertical elements of the upper truss. Lifts of the upper deck with lower deck telescoped are needed far less often than those of the lower deck. The lower deck, when down, provides only about 26 feet of vertical clearance at ordinary low water level. At the same river level, 72 feet is provided with the lower deck lifted and 161 feet with both decks fully raised.

Regulatory Evaluation

This final rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under 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. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it 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 rule to be so minimal that a full regulatory evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The final rule should improve commuter traffic flow by minimally increasing the times when commercial navigation cannot pass through the open draw spans.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), we considered whether this final rule, would have a

significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations less than 50,000. This rule will effect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit through the portion of the Willamette over which the subject bridges pass. The changes to the regulations are minimal. The effects may be mitigated by planning passages of the Willamette according to the operating schedule of the drawbridges. Furthermore, many of the small entities would not require these bridges to open for their passage. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This final rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Federalism

We have analyzed this final rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132, and have determined that this final rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) governs the issuance of federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a State, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the federal government's having first provided the funds to pay those unfunded mandate costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under E.O. 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of E.O. 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Section 2.B.2., Figure 2-1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations have been found not to have a significant effect on the environment. A written "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is not required.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117, 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. Revise § 117.897(a)(1), introductory text, to read as follows:

§ 117.897 Willamette River.

(a) * * *

(1) The draws shall open on signal except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday the draws of the Broadway, Steel (upper deck only), Burnside, Morrison, and Hawthorne Bridges need not open for the passage of vessels. These closed periods are not effective on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. At least one hour's notice shall be given for openings of the Steel Bridge (upper deck only), Burnside Bridge and Morrison Bridge, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. At all other times at least two hours notice shall be given. Notice shall be given by marine radio, telephone, or other means to the drawtender at the Broadway Bridge for vessels bound upstream and to the drawtender at the Hawthorne Bridge for vessels bound downstream. During Rose Festival Week

or when the water elevation reaches and remains above +12 feet, the draws will open on signal without advance notice, except during the normal closed periods identified in this paragraph (a)(1).

Opening signals are as follows:

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Dated: December 21, 1999.

Paul M. Blayney,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-00-001]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Chelsea River, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts. This deviation from the regulations allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given. This action is necessary to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during emergency repairs to the electrical system at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective January 6, 2000, through March 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The P.J. McArdle Bridge, mile 0.3, across the Chelsea River between Chelsea and East Boston, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance of 21 feet at mean high water, and 30 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.593 require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, the City of Boston, requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during electrical repairs at the bridge. The submarine electrical cable for the bridge

was damaged during harbor dredging operations requiring emergency repairs to be implemented in order to restore bridge operation and facilitate marine traffic.

A temporary auxiliary operating system has been installed to open the bridge; however, it operates very slowly. Bridge openings may exceed an hour and a half which will create significant traffic delays until the bridge repairs are completed. This deviation is expected to help facilitate vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the week day rush hour periods.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the City of Boston to keep the bridge in the closed position from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; except that, if high tide occurs during the closed period, the bridge must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 7, 2000.

Robert F. Duncan,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

41 CFR Part 301-51

[FTR Interim Rule 8]

RIN 3090-AG92

Federal Travel Regulation; Mandatory Use of the Travel Charge Card; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Governmentwide Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Interim rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document makes corrections to FTR Interim Rule 8 appearing in the **Federal Register** of Friday, July 16, 1999 (64 FR 38528), which amends the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) provisions pertaining to payment by the Government of expenses connected with official Government travel.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Harte, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division, telephone (202) 501-1538.