

(2) Vessels requiring the use of this anchorage shall notify the Captain of the Port at least 24 hours in advance of their intentions including the estimated times of arrival, departure, net explosive weight, and whether the vessel will be loading or unloading. Vessels may not use this anchorage without first obtaining a permit issued by the Captain of the Port.

(3) No vessel containing more than 680 metric tons (approximately 749 tons) of net explosive weight (NEW) may anchor in this anchorage;

(4) Bunkering and lightering operations are permitted in the explosives anchorage, except that vessels engaged in the loading or unloading of explosives shall not simultaneously conduct bunkering or lightering operations.

(5) Each anchored vessel loading, unloading or laden with explosives, must display a red flag of at least 1.2 square meters (approximately 16 square feet) in size by day, and at night the flag must be illuminated by spotlight;

(6) When a vessel displaying the red flag occupies the explosives anchorage, no other vessel may anchor within the Explosives Anchorage.

**Note:** When the explosives anchorage is activated, portions of Anchorages "C", "D", "F" and "Q" are encompassed by the explosives anchorage.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

**Thomas H. Collins,**  
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,  
Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-00-008]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Jamaica Bay and Connecting Waterways, NY

**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 Beach Channel Bridge, mile 6.7, across the Jamaica Bay in New York. This deviation from the regulations allows the bridge owner to keep the bridge in the closed position from March 25, 2000, through April 2, 2000. This action is necessary to facilitate electrical repairs at the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective March 25, 2000, through April 2, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Arca, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Beach Channel Bridge, mile 6.7, across the Jamaica Bay has a vertical clearance of 26 feet at mean high water, and 31 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The bridge owner, New York City Transit Authority, requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulations to facilitate electrical repairs at the bridge. The existing operating regulations require the bridge to open on signal at all times.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the owner of the Beach Channel Bridge to keep the bridge in the closed position from March 25, 2000, through April 2, 2000. Vessels that can pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at all times.

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: February 14, 2000.

**R.M. Larrabee,**  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,  
First Coast Guard District.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA 181-0224; FRL-6541-9]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is finalizing disapproval of Rule 1623 of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) which has been submitted as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). EPA proposed disapproval of this revision in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2000. Rule 1623, Credits for Lawn and Garden Equipment, provides a mechanism for issuing mobile source emission reduction credits (MSERCs) to entities who sell or replace old engine-powdered lawn and garden equipment

with new low- or zero-emission lawn and garden equipment. EPA is finalizing disapproval under CAA provisions regarding EPA action on SIP submittals and general rulemaking authority because this revision is not consistent with applicable CAA requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This action is effective on March 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the submitted rule and EPA's evaluation report on the rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules are also available for inspection at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765-4182

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roxanne Johnson, Air Planning Office, AIR-2, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1225.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Applicability**

EPA is disapproving SCAQMD Rule 1623—Credits for Clean Lawn and Garden Equipment. SCAQMD adopted Rule 1623 on May 10, 1996, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) submitted the rule to EPA on August 28, 1996.

##### **II. Background**

Rule 1623 claims to provide opportunities for stationary sources to generate oxides of nitrogen (NOx), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), carbon monoxide (CO), and particulate (PM) mobile source emission reduction credits (MSERCs). Any entity interested in participating in Rule 1623 could implement one of three strategies to generate credits: (1) before January 1, 1999, permanently scrap and replace existing lawn and garden equipment with equipment which meets the 1995 California Emission Standards for Utility and Lawn and Garden Engines; (2) permanently scrap and replace existing gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment with new low- or zero-emission equipment; or (3) after May 10, 1996 and prior to January 1, 1999, direct sale to an end user of new low-emission lawn and garden equipment, or on or after January 1, 1991, direct sale to an end user of new zero-emission equipment.

The Act broadly encourages, and under certain circumstances Title I of the Act mandates, States to develop and