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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 final rule and concluded that under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this 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 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Add temporary § 165.T00-123 to read as follows:

§ 165.T00-123 Safety Zone: Chelsea Street Bridge, Chelsea River, Chelsea, MA

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Chelsea River 100 yards upstream and 100 yards downstream from the centerline of the Chelsea Street Bridge.

(b) *Effective Dates.* This rule is effective from Tuesday, May 30, 2000 through Saturday, June 3, 2000 between 9 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. and Monday, June 5, 2000 through Saturday, June 10, 2000 between 6 p.m. and 5 a.m.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Entry into or movement within this zone is

prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, (COTP) Boston.

(2) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP or the designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel. U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard.

(3) The general regulations covering safety zones in § 165.23 apply.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

J.R. Whitehead,

Captain, Coast Guard. Captain of the Port, Boston, Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Western Alaska 00-002]

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Safety Zone; Port Graham, Cook Inlet, AK

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT,

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 600-yard radius safety zone Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska. The Heavy-lift vessel SWAN will anchor in this position and off-load equipment for the Exploratory Drilling Structure 'OSPREY'. This safety zone is implemented to ensure the safe and timely anchoring, loading, and departure of vessels and a barge operating in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2000, until 11:59 p.m. on June 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander Rick Rodriguez, Chief of Port Operations, USCG Marine Safety Office, Anchorage, at (907) 271-6724.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553 (b) (B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Publishing an NPRM and delaying the effective date would be contrary to national safety interests since immediate action is needed to minimize potential danger to the public. The OSPREY platform is a large structure

that is difficult to maneuver, and will be towed in the strong currents of Cook Inlet, Alaska. Publishing an NPRM and delaying the effective date of the regulation would be contrary to the public interest, because immediate action is necessary to protect participants and other vessel traffic from the potential hazards associated with the operation.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary 600-yard radius safety zone on the navigable waters of the United States around latitude 59°21'36" N, longitude 151°50'40" W (NAD 1983). The Heavy-lift vessel SWAN will anchor in this position and off-load the tower, tower legs, and associated equipment for the Exploratory Drilling Structure 'OSPREY' in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska. The safety zone is designed to permit the safe and timely anchoring, off-loading, and departure of this vessel in the narrow timeframe in which this can be safely done. The safety zone's 600-yard standoff also aids the safety of these evolutions by minimizing conflicts and hazards that might otherwise occur with other transiting vessels. The limited size of the zone is designed to minimize impact on other mariners transiting through the area.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget 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 proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers whether this rule will have significant economic impacts 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. Because this safety zone is very small, will only be in effect for five days, and does not impede access to other

maritime facilities in the area, the Coast Guard believes there will be no impact to small entities. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. § 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

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

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 13132 and has determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because it establishes a safety zone.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538) and E.O. 12875, Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership, (58 FR 58093; October 28, 1993) govern 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 costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

Temporary Final Regulation

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. From 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2000, until 11:59 p.m. on June 16, 2000, § 165.T17-002 is temporarily added to read as follows:

§ 165.T17-002 Safety Zone; Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska.

(a) *Description.* The following area is a Safety Zone: All navigable waters within a 600-yard radius of the Heavy-lift vessel SWAN, located in Port Graham, Cook Inlet, Alaska.

(b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective from 12:01 a.m. on June 12, 2000, until 11:59 p.m. on June 16, 2000.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) The Captain of the Port means the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska. The Captain of the Port may authorize or designate any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer to act on his behalf as his representative.

(2) The general regulations governing safety zones contained in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations § 165.23 apply. No person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor or remain in this safety zone, with the exception of attending vessels, without first obtaining permission from the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska, or his representative. The Captain of the Port or his representative may be contacted in the vicinity of the SWAN via marine VHF channel 16. The Captain of the Port's representative can also be contacted by telephone at (907) 271-6700.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

W.J. Hutmacher,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 22, 117, 122, 123, 124, 125, 144, 270, and 271

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Amendments to Streamline the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program Regulations: Round Two

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today revising the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. This revision is part of an Agency-wide effort to respond to a directive issued by the President on February 21, 1995, which directed Federal agencies to review their regulatory programs to eliminate any obsolete, ineffective, or unduly

burdensome regulations. In response to that directive, EPA initiated a detailed review of its regulations to determine which provisions were obsolete, duplicative, or unduly burdensome. On June 29, 1995, EPA issued a rule (60 FR 33926) which removed some regulatory provisions in the Office of Water program regulations (including certain NPDES provisions) that were clearly obsolete. Today's revision is intended to further streamline NPDES, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), and Underground Injection Control (UIC) permitting procedures, and CWA 301(h) variance request procedures, by revising requirements to eliminate redundant regulatory language, provide clarification, and remove or streamline unnecessary procedures which do not provide any environmental benefits. Conforming changes to other requirements are also made in today's rule. These revisions are identified and discussed in the Supplementary Information section below.

DATES: This rule becomes effective June 14, 2000. For judicial review purposes, this final rule is promulgated as of 1:00 P.M. (eastern standard time) on May 30, 2000 as provided in.

ADDRESSES: The complete administrative record for the final rule have been established and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. Copies of information in the record are available upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The record is available for inspection and copying from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the Water Docket, EPA, East Tower Basement, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC. For access to docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Rubin, Water Permits Division(4203), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460 (202) 260-2051 or Thomas Charlton, Water Permits Division(4203), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-6960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulated Entities

Entities potentially regulated by this action are facilities that discharge pollutants to waters of the United States that are required to have National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.