

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. This conclusion is based on the fact that the bridge will continue to open on signal at all times provided the advance notice is given.

Collection of Information

This 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 rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this 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 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 to not have a significant effect on the environment. A written "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is not required for this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

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. From March 13, 2001 through May 7, 2001, in § 117.723 a new temporary paragraph (i) is added to read as follows:

§ 117.723 Hackensack River

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(i) The Lincoln Highway Bridge, mile 1.8, shall open on signal; except that, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at least a one-hour advance notice for bridge openings is required and from 9 p.m. on Friday through 5 a.m. on Monday, at least a four-hour advance notice for bridge openings is required.

Dated: February 27, 2001.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Tampa 00–054]

RIN 2115–AA97

Safety Zone Regulations: Tampa Bay, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is amending the regulations for floating safety zones around Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) vessels transiting the waters of Tampa Bay. This action is necessary due to the opening of a new LPG facility in Port Sutton. This rule will enhance public and maritime safety by minimizing

meeting and overtaking situations between other vessels and LPG vessels.

DATES: This rule is effective April 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket COTP Tampa 00–054 and are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Tampa, 155 Columbia Drive, Tampa between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office Tampa, 155 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606, Attention: Lieutenant Warren Weedon, or phone (813) 228–2189 ext. 101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

On December 6, 2000, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Safety Zone Regulations: Tampa Bay, Florida" in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 76195). No public hearing was requested, and none was held. No comments were received during the comment period.

Background and Purpose

In June 2000, SEA–3, a new LPG facility, started operations and expects to receive approximately six (6) LPG vessels per year. Prior to the opening of the SEA–3 facility, all LPG vessels calling on Tampa Bay received a safety zone in accordance with 33 CFR 165.704. To enhance public and marine safety and to minimize meeting and overtaking situations, the Coast Guard is amending the safety zone transit requirements for LPG vessels by adding a new section that mirrors the established safety zone requirements for Anhydrous Ammonia (NH₃) vessels that call on Port Sutton. The current LPG regulations which start at Tampa Bay Cut "J" provide safety zone requirements for LPG vessels calling at the LPG facility located at Rattlesnake and will remain as is, except for standardizing the moving safety zone size which will minimize confusion and provided consistency throughout all of the port's safety zones. The revisions include standardizing the safety zone surrounding LPG vessels from 500 yards to 1000 yards and replacing the safety zone extending 50 feet waterside while the vessel is moored, with a requirement calling for passing vessels to provide a 30 minute notification allowing the LPG vessel time to take appropriate safety precautions.

In the late 1980's and early 1990's, many safety changes were made to the port, including the widening and

deepening of the shipping channels, installation of centerline range marks, inbound and outbound, an increased brightness in range lights, and a new Vessel Traffic Advisory System (VTAS). These changes have enhanced the level of safety on the navigable waters of Tampa Bay. Incorporating these amendments will further enhance safety on the waters of Tampa Bay.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

No comments were received during the comment period and no changes have been made to the rule as published in the NPRM.

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 costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of the order. It has been exempted from review 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 rule to be so minimal that a full regulatory evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This regulation is needed to ensure public safety in a limited area of Tampa Bay.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612 *et seq.*), we considered whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses and not for profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their field and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

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 as the regulations will only be in effect approximately six (6) times per year in a limited area of Tampa Bay. Meeting or overtaking of the vessel is permitted between Gadsden Cut buoys #3 and #7; therefore, the impact on other waterway users is expected to be minimum.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–221), we offered to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they

could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.).

Federalism

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this 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 Executive Order 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 Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 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 safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this rule and concludes that, under figure 2–1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, that 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 recordkeeping requirements, Safety measures, Waterways.

In consideration of the foregoing, 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; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5.

2. Revise § 165.704 to read as follows:

§ 165.704 Safety Zone; Tampa Bay, Florida.

(a) A floating safety zone is established consisting of an area 1000 yards fore and aft of a loaded Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) vessel and the width of the channel in the following areas. Any vessels desiring to enter the safety zone must obtain authorization from the Captain of the Port Tampa.

(1) For vessels loaded with LPG and bound for the LPG receiving terminal in Port Sutton the safety zone starts at Tampa Bay Cut "F" Channel from Lighted Buoys "3F" and "4F" and proceeds north ending at Gadsden Point Cut Lighted Buoys "3" and "4". The safety zone starts again at Gadsden Point Cut Lighted Buoys "7" and "8" and proceeds north through Hillsborough Cut "C", Port Sutton Entrance Channel, and ends at the Port Sutton LPG facility.

(2) For vessels loaded with LPG and bound for the LPG receiving terminal in Rattlesnake the safety zone starts at Tampa Bay Cut "J" Channel from lighted buoy "10J" and proceeds north through Tampa Bay Cut "K" Channel to buoy "11K." When a loaded LPG vessel departs the marked channel at Tampa Bay Cut "K" buoy "11K" enroute to Rattlesnake, Tampa, FL, the floating safety zone extends 500 yards in all directions surrounding the loaded LPG vessel, until it arrives at the entrance to Rattlesnake. While the loaded LPG vessel is maneuvering in the Rattlesnake slip and until it is safely moored at the LPG facility, the floating safety zone extends 150 feet fore and aft of the loaded LPG vessel and the width of the slip. Moored vessels are allowed within the parameters of the 150-foot safety zone.

(b) The floating safety zone is disestablished when the LPG carrier is safely moored at the LPG receiving facility.

(c) For outbound tank vessels loaded with LPG, the safety zone is established

when the vessel departs the terminal and continues through the area described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) All vessels over 5000 gross tons intending to pass LPG vessels moored in Port Sutton, and all vessels intending to pass LPG vessels moored in Rattlesnake, must give 30 minutes notice to the LPG vessel so it may take appropriate safety precautions.

(e) The general regulations governing safety zones contained in § 165.23 apply.

(f) The Coast Guard Captain of the Port Tampa will notify the maritime community of periods during which these safety zones will be in effect by providing advance notice of scheduled arrivals and departures of loaded LPG vessels via a marine broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(g) Should the actual time of entry of the LPG vessel into the safety zone vary more than one half (½) hour from the scheduled time stated in the broadcast Notice to Mariners, the person directing the movement of the LPG vessel shall obtain permission from Captain of the Port Tampa before commencing the transit.

(h) Prior to commencing the movement, the person directing the movement of the LPG vessel shall make a security broadcast to advise mariners of the intended transit. All additional security broadcasts as recommended by the U.S. Coast Pilot 5, ATLANTIC COAST, shall be made throughout the transit.

(i) Vessels carrying LPG are permitted to enter and transit Tampa Bay and Hillsborough Bay and approaches only with a minimum of three miles visibility.

(j) The Captain of the Port Tampa may waive any of the requirements of this subpart for any vessel upon finding that the vessel or class of vessel, operational conditions, or other circumstances are such that application of this subpart is unnecessary or impractical for purposes of port safety or environmental safety.

(k) The owner, master, agent or person in charge of a vessel or barge, loaded with LPG shall report, at a minimum, the following information to the Captain of the Port Tampa at least twenty-four (24) hours before entering Tampa Bay, its approaches, or departing Tampa Bay:

- (1) The name and country of registry of the vessel or barge;
- (2) The name of the port or place of departure;
- (3) The name of the port or place of destination;
- (4) The estimated time that the vessel is expected to begin its transit of Tampa Bay and the time it is expected to

commence its transit of the safety zone(s); and

- (5) The cargo carried and amount.

Dated: February 6, 2001.

A.L. Thompson, Jr.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD01-01-026]

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Safety Zone: Fireworks Display, East River, New York, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for a fireworks display located on the East River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in a portion of the East River.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9 p.m. (e.s.t.) until 10:30 p.m. (e.s.t.) on March 10, 2001. There is no rain date for this event.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket (CGD01-01-026) and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, room 204, Staten Island, New York 10305, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant M. Day, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York (718) 354-4012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(8), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM due to the date the Application for Approval of Marine Event was received, there was insufficient time to draft and publish an NPRM. Further, it is a local event with minimal impact on the waterway, vessels may still transit through the eastern 75 yards and the western 480 yards of the 915-yard wide

East River during the event, the zone is only in effect for 1½ hours and vessels can be given permission to transit the zone except for about 20 minutes during this time. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zone. Any delay encountered in this regulation's effective date would be unnecessary and contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to close a portion of the waterway and protect the maritime public from the hazards associated with this fireworks display.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. This is due to the following reasons: it is a local event with minimal impact on the waterway, vessels may still transit through the eastern 75 yards and the western 480 yards of the 915-yard wide East River during the event, the zone is only in effect for 1½ hours and vessels can be given permission to transit the zone except for about 20 minutes during this time. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zone.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard has received an application to hold a fireworks program on the waters of the East River. This regulation establishes a safety zone in all waters of the East River within a 180-yard radius of the fireworks barge in approximate position 40°44'26.5"N 073°57'53.9"W (NAD 1983), about 305 yards southeast of Roosevelt Island Reef Lighted Buoy B (LLNR 27305). The safety zone is in effect from 9 p.m. (e.s.t.) until 10:30 p.m. (e.s.t.) on Saturday, March 10, 2001. There is no rain date for this event. The safety zone prevents vessels from transiting a portion of the East River and is needed to protect boaters from the hazards associated with fireworks launched from a barge in the area. Marine traffic will still be able to transit through the eastern 75 yards and the western 480 yards of the 915-yard wide East River during this event. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zone. Public notifications will be made prior to the event via the Local Notice to Mariners and Marine Information Broadcasts.