

PART 1—[AMENDED]

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

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 31 U.S.C. 321. Subpart A also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552 as amended. Subpart C also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a.

2. Section 1.36 paragraph (g)(1)(viii) is amended by adding the following text to the table in numerical order.

§ 1.36 Systems exempt in whole or in part from provisions of 5 U.S.C. 522a and this part.

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Dated: September 5, 2001.
W. Earl Wright, Jr.,
Chief Management and Administrative Programs Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-01-032]

Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Bayou Lafourche, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.
ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to close the bridge to navigation from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily from Thursday, November 8, 2001 through Wednesday, December 5, 2001. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the cleaning and painting of the counterweight towers of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2001 until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (obc), 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396. The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 40 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position and 73 feet above mean high water in the open-to-navigation position. The containment equipment for the project will reduce the vertical clearance by two feet. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of fishing vessels, recreation vessels and tugs with tows. LDOTD requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the drawbridge in order to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the bridge counterweight towers. This work is necessary for the continued safe operation of the bridge.

This deviation allows the draw of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span drawbridge across Bayou Lafourche, 13.3, to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily from Thursday, November 8, 2001 through Wednesday, December 5, 2001.

Dated: September 6, 2001.
Roy J. Casto,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-01-091]

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Maybank Highway Bridge, Stono River, Johns Island, SC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the regulations governing the operation of the Maybank Highway Bridge across the Stono River mile 11.0, Johns Island, Charleston County, SC. This rule alters the existing on-demand operating schedule by placing the bridge on a regular opening schedule Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. This rule also allows the bridge to remain closed during the morning and evening rush hours. This rule is necessary to facilitate traffic flow during the construction of a replacement bridge.

DATES: This rule is effective on October 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket [CGD07-01-091] and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1st Avenue, Miami, Florida, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Project Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at (305) 415-6743.

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 a NPRM. Publishing a NPRM was unnecessary and contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to alleviate traffic congestion due to the advanced progress of the bridge replacement project.

Background and Purpose

The Maybank Highway Bridge across the Stono River mile 11.0 at Johns Island, Charleston County, SC, has a vertical clearance of 8 feet in the closed position at mean high water and a horizontal clearance of 55 feet between fenders. On November 6, 2000, the South Carolina Department of Transportation requested a modification from the current operating regulation in 33 CFR 117.5 which requires the drawbridge to open on signal.

Under this rule, the Maybank Highway Bridge shall open on signal: except that the draw need not open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour. The

draw shall open as soon as possible for the passage of tugs with tows, public vessels of the United States and vessels in a situation where a delay would endanger life or property.

The John Limehouse Bridge, which is in close proximity to the Maybank Highway Bridge, is being replaced with a high-level fixed bridge. In addition, the Maybank Highway Bridge is also scheduled to be replaced. These two bridges are main access arteries onto and off of Johns Island, SC. This regulation will improve the transportation scheme for vehicular traffic during the construction of these bridge projects.

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 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).

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), the Coast Guard considered whether this rule would have a significant economic effect upon 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 of less than 50,000.

This rule may affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit under the Maybank Highway Bridge from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. 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 rule allows scheduled openings and all exempt vessels shall be passed at any time.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121), 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. Small entities may contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for assistance in

understanding and participating in this rulemaking. We also have a point of contact for commenting on actions by employees of the Coast Guard. Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247).

Collection of Information

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

Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

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 create an environmental risk to health or safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this action and has determined under Figure 2–1, paragraph 32(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, that this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a "significant energy action" under that order because it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed 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. Redesignate § 117.937 [Savannah River] as § 117.936.

3. Add § 117.937 to read as follows:

§ 117.937 Stono River, mile 11.0 at Johns Island, SC.

The draw of the Maybank Highway Bridge shall open on signal; except that the draw need not open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour. The draw shall open as soon as possible for the passage of tugs with tows, public vessels of the United States and vessels in a situation where a delay would endanger life or property.

Dated: September 10, 2001.

J.S. Carmichael,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-01-031]

Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Bayou Lafourche, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. This deviation allows the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) to close the bridge to navigation from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. daily from Monday, September 24, 2001 through Saturday, November 3, 2001. This temporary deviation is issued to allow for the cleaning and painting of the vertical lift span of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2001 until 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this notice are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (obc), 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396.

The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span bridge across Bayou Lafourche, mile 13.3, at Leeville, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, has a vertical clearance of 40 feet above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position and 73 feet above mean high water in the open-to-navigation position. The containment equipment for the project will reduce the vertical clearance by two feet. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of fishing vessels, recreation vessels and tugs with tows. LDOTD requested a temporary deviation from the normal operation of the drawbridge in order to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the vertical lift span on the bridge. This work is necessary for the continued safe operation of the bridge. A separate deviation will be required in the future to accommodate the cleaning and painting of the tower counterweight sections of the bridge.

This deviation allows the draw of the SR 1 (Leeville) vertical lift span drawbridge across Bayou Lafourche, 13.3, to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. from Monday, September 24, 2001 through Saturday, November 3, 2001.

Dated: September 6, 2001.

Roy J. Castro,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07-01-094]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Volusia County, Florida

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, mile

816, Volusia County, Florida. This deviation allows the bridge owner to provide single leaf openings from September 17, 2001 through September 30, 2001. This temporary deviation is required to allow the bridge owner to safely complete repairs to the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on September 17, 2001 until 5 p.m. on September 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket [CGD07-01-094] and will be available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. 1st Avenue, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Chief, Operations Section, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Section at (305) 415-6743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Highbridge Road Drawbridge, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Volusia County, Florida, is a double leaf bridge with a vertical clearance of 15 feet above mean high water (MHW) measured at the fenders in the closed position and a horizontal clearance of 91 feet. The current operating regulation in 33 CFR 117.5 requires the draw to fully open on signal.

On July 17, 2001, the drawbridge owner requested a deviation from the current operating regulations to allow the owner to complete repairs.

The District Commander has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.5 to complete these repairs. Under this deviation, the Highbridge Road Drawbridge, shall open on single leaf from 8 a.m. on September 17, 2001 until 5 p.m. on September 30, 2001.

Dated: September 12, 2001.

Greg E. Shapley,

Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Parts 3 and 13

RIN 2900-AK68

Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.