

with the operators that use this waterway.

Regulatory Evaluation

This temporary final 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. 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; Feb. 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this temporary final rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This conclusion is based on the fact that the bridge will continue to open at all times for vessel traffic after a one-hour advance notice is given.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) we considered whether this temporary final rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" comprises 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.

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 for vessel traffic at all times after a one-hour advance notice is given.

Collection of Information

This temporary final 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 temporary final rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this temporary final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this temporary final rule and concluded that, under Section 2.B.2., Figure 2-1, paragraph

(32)(e), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this temporary final 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 for this temporary final rule.

Indian Tribal Governments

This final rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have 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.

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 November 15, 2001, through May 12, 2002, § 117.T793 is temporarily amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 117.T793 Hutchinson River (Eastchester Creek).

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(d) The Pelham Parkway Bridge, mile 0.4, shall open on signal; except that,

from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, the draw shall open on signal after at least a one-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

Dated: October 3, 2001.

G.N. Naccara,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-01-157]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Harlem River, 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 Macombs Dam Bridge, mile 3.2, across the Harlem River in New York City, New York. This deviation from the regulations will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position from November 1, 2001 through December 30, 2001. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate necessary repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 1, 2001 through December 30, 2001.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Macombs Dam Bridge, mile 3.2, across the Harlem River has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 27 feet at mean high water and 32 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operating regulations at 33 CFR 117.789 require the bridge to open on signal from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. if at least a four-hour notice is given.

The bridge owner, The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate scheduled maintenance, replacement of structural steel and the bridge roadway deck.

This deviation to the operating regulations will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position from November 1, 2001 through December 30, 2001.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: October 3, 2001.

G.N. Naccara,

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

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33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Terrebonne Bayou, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the operating schedule for the Howard Avenue bridge across Terrebonne Bayou, mile 35.0, at Houma, Terrebonne Parish, LA. The rule establishes the same operating schedule for this bridge as the Daigleville Bridge, mile 35.5, to facilitate the flow of vehicular traffic during rush hours while still meeting the reasonable needs of navigation. The new schedule will provide a safe, continuous vessel passage through the draws. This action is expected to relieve the bridge owner from the requirement to separately man each bridge by using roving drawtenders to operate the bridges when necessary.

DATES: This rule is effective November 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, will be available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, Room 1313, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (obc), Eighth Coast Guard District, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130-3396, telephone number 504-589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

The Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking on March 19, 2001 (66 FR 15373). The proposed rule would have permitted the draws of the S3087 bridge, the Howard Avenue bridge, and the Daigleville bridge to open on signal if at least four hours notice were given, except that, the draw need not open for the passage of vessels Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Two letters were received in response to the public notice. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture offered no comments. Mr. Richard Block of the Gulf Coast Mariners Association stated that the changes requested would adversely impact commercial businesses and commercial vessel traffic in the area. Comments received prompted the Coast Guard to reevaluate the proposal. The response letters were forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) for their reevaluation.

LDOTD responded to the Coast Guard with a new proposal. They determined that the special operating regulations for the S3087 bridge and the Daigleville bridge would remain unchanged and they would only request a change to the operation of the Howard Avenue Bridge. They requested that the Howard Avenue bridge be operated on the same schedule as the Daigleville bridge which is 0.5 miles upstream of the Howard Avenue bridge.

The Coast Guard published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2001 (66 FR 36525). The proposed rule would place this bridge on the same operating schedule as the Daigleville Bridge, mile 35.5, to facilitate the flow of vehicular traffic during rush hours while still meeting the reasonable needs of navigation.

Background and Purpose

The S3087 Bridge, mile 33.9, the newly constructed Howard Avenue Bridge, mile 35.0, and the Daigleville Bridge, mile 35.5 all lie within a 1.6 mile section on Terrebonne Bayou. These three bridges are currently on three different operating schedules, which requires the owner to man them at various times. Due to the close proximity of the bridges to one another and the low volume of waterway traffic, the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for the State of Louisiana has requested that the Coast Guard revise the regulations. 33 CFR 117.505 governs the S3087 and Daigleville Bridges. DOTD wanted to include the Howard Avenue Bridge in a

new regulation placing all three bridges under the same operating schedule. Currently, the Howard Avenue Bridge opens on signal at any time for the passage of vessels. Due to a comment in response to the NPRM, DOTD revised their request to have the Howard Avenue bridge placed on the same schedule as the Daigleville bridge. The SR 3087 bridge will remain on its existing schedule.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

Two responses were received for the NPRM. One response was received from the Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The National Marine Fisheries Service offered no comments. No public hearing was requested, none was held and no changes have been incorporated into the Final Rule.

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).

We expect 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.

This rule allows commercial fishing vessels ample opportunity to transit this waterway before and after the peak vehicular traffic period that occurs between 7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. according to the vehicle traffic surveys.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers whether this rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The term "small entities" comprises 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.

The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under the 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121,