

from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, the draw need open only on the hour, quarter-hour, half-hour, and three-quarter-hour, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour.

The City of Fort Lauderdale requested on January 3, 2002, that the Coast Guard review the existing regulation of the Commercial Boulevard bridge as they believe the existing regulations are not meeting the needs of vehicle and vessel traffic. This test deviation will allow the draw to open only on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour. We will utilize the data collected from this test deviation to determine if new operating regulations need to be created for this bridge to facilitate vehicle and vessel traffic movement.

The District Commander has granted a test deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.261(ee) to evaluate the effect of this new schedule on vehicle and vessel traffic. Under this deviation, the Commercial Boulevard Bridge need open only on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour from April 17, 2002, until July 16, 2002.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

**Greg Shapley,**

*Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-02-005]

#### **Drawbridge Operating Regulation; Pascagoula River, Mississippi**

**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 CSX Transportation railroad bascule span drawbridge across the Pascagoula River, mile 1.5 at Pascagoula, Mississippi. This deviation allows the draw of the railroad bascule span bridge to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on March 18, 2002. This temporary deviation will allow for rewiring the electrical components of the operating mechanism.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2002.

**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:** Phil Johnson, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CSX Transportation railroad bascule span drawbridge across the Pascagoula River, mile 1.5 at Pascagoula, Mississippi has a vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position of 0.8 feet above mean high water and 2.4 feet above mean low water. The bridge provides unlimited vertical clearance in the open-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists of small cargo ships, tugs with tows, fishing vessels and recreational craft including sailboats and power boats. Presently, the draw opens on signal.

CSX Transportation requested a temporary deviation for the operation of the drawbridge to accommodate maintenance work. The work involves replacement of the deficient wiring in the electrical system of the operating mechanism. This work is essential for continued operation of the draw span of the bridge and is expected to eliminate frequent breakdowns resulting in emergency bridge closures.

This deviation allows the draw of the CSX Transportation railroad bascule span drawbridge to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on March 18, 2002.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

**J.R. Whitehead,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, 8th Coast Guard Dist., Acting.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Corpus Christi 02-001]

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#### **Security Zone; Corpus Christi Inner Harbor, Corpus Christi, TX**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone to ensure the security within the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor, Corpus Christi, TX, from the Inner Harbor Bridge to the Viola Turning Basin and all waters in between. The security zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, waterfront facilities, and national security interests in this harbor from any and all subversive actions by any groups or individuals whose objective it is to destroy or disrupt maritime activities. Entry of recreational vessels, passenger vessels, or commercial fishing vessels into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Corpus Christi.

**DATES:** This rule is effective from 8 a.m. on February 20, 2002 through 8 a.m. on June 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [COTP Corpus Christi 02-001] and are available for inspection or copying at U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, 555 N. Carancahua Street, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78478 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTJG C. J. Bright, Chief, Waterways Section, Coast Guard Captain of the Port Corpus Christi, 555 N. Carancahua St. Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78478, (361) 888-3162.

#### **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, and under 5 U.S.C. 553 (d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Publishing a NPRM and delaying its effective date would be contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to respond to the security risks associated with recreational, passenger, or commercial fishing vessels entering the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor.

##### **Background and Purpose**

On September 11, 2001, both towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were attacked by terrorists. In response to these terrorist acts, heightened awareness and security of our ports and harbors is necessary therefore, the Captain of the Port, Corpus Christi is establishing a