

concluded that, under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16745.1D, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Safety measures, Vessels, Waterways.

For the reasons set forth 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, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. A new temporary § 165.T17-013 is added to read as follows:

§ 165.T17-013 Port Valdez and Valdez Narrows, Valdez, Alaska—security zones.

(a) The following areas are security zones —

(1) *Trans-Alaska Pipeline (TAPS) Valdez Terminal complex (Terminal), Valdez, Alaska and TAPS Tank Vessels.* All enclosed waters enclosed within a line beginning on the southern shoreline of Port Valdez at 61°04'57" N, 146°26'20" W; thence northerly to 61°06'30" N, 146°26'20" W; thence east to 61°06'30" N, 146°21'15" W; thence south to 61°0'07" N, 146°21'15" W; thence west along the shoreline and including the area 2000 yards inland along the shoreline to the beginning point. This security zone encompasses all waters approximately 1 mile north, east and west of the TAPS Terminal between Allison Creek (61°05'07" N, 146°21'15" W) and Sawmill Spit (61°04'57" N, 146°26'20" W).

(2) *Tank Vessel Moving Security Zone.* All waters within 200 yards of any TAPS tank vessel maneuvering to approach, moor, unmoor or depart the TAPS Terminal or is transiting, maneuvering, laying to or anchored within the boundaries of the Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound Zone described in 33 CFR 3.85(b).

(3) *Valdez Narrows, Port Valdez, Valdez, Alaska.* All waters within 200 yards of the Valdez Narrows Tanker Optimum Track line bounded by a line beginning at 61°05'16.0" N, 146°37'20.0" W; thence south west to 61°04'00.0" N, 146°39'52.0" W; thence southerly to 61°02'33.5" N, 146°41'28.0" W; thence

north west to 61°02'40.5" N, 146°41'47.5" W; thence north east to 61°04'06.0" N, 146°40'14.5" W; thence north east to 61°05'23.0" N, 146°37'40.0" W; thence south east back to the starting point at 61°05'16.0" N, 146°37'20.0".

(i) The Valdez Narrows Tanker Optimum Track line is a line commencing at 61°05'23.0" N, 146°37'22.5" W; thence south westerly to 61°04'03.2" N, 146°40'03.2" W; thence southerly to 61°03'00" N, 146°41'12" W.

(ii) This security zone encompasses all waters approximately 200 yards either side of the Valdez Narrows Optimum Track line.

(b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective from 8 a.m. July 30, 2002 until December 31, 2002.

(c) *Authority.* In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231 and 49 CFR 1.46, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

(d) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations governing security zones contained in 33 CFR 165.33 apply.

(2) Tank vessels transiting directly to the TAPS terminal complex, engaged in the movement of oil from the terminal or fuel to the terminal, and vessels used to provide assistance or support to the tank vessels directly transiting to the terminal, or to the terminal itself, and that have reported their movements to the Vessel Traffic Service may operate as necessary to ensure safe passage of tank vessels to and from the terminal.

(3) All persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port and the designated on-scene patrol personnel. These personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon being hailed by a vessel displaying a U.S. Coast Guard ensign by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of the vessel shall proceed as directed. Coast Guard Auxiliary and local or state agencies may be present to inform vessel operators of the requirements of this section and other applicable laws.

Dated: July 12, 2002.

M.A. Swanson,

Commander, Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Prince William Sound, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900-AL21

Duty Periods; Inactive Duty for Training

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its adjudication regulations regarding service connection for disabilities incurred or aggravated during inactive duty for training. This amendment is necessary to insure the regulations accurately reflect a statutory amendment.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy A. McKeivitt, Consultant, Regulations Staff, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273-7138.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: VA is amending its adjudication regulations regarding service connection for disabilities incurred or aggravated during inactive duty for training. The regulation amending 38 CFR 3.6 to implement Public Law 106-419, November 1, 2000, Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000, used wording slightly different from the wording of the Act. We are amending the regulation to accurately reflect the wording of the Act.

Administrative Procedure Act

We are publishing this as a final rule because the amendment only restates the statute and makes no substantive changes in the regulation. (5 U.S.C. 553).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains no provisions constituting a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this regulatory amendment will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612. Only VA beneficiaries could be directly affected. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this amendment is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program numbers are 64.109 and 64.110.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 3

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Disability benefits, Health care, Pensions, Veterans, Vietnam.

Approved: July 3, 2002.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 38 CFR part 3 is amended as follows:

PART 3—ADJUDICATION**Subpart A—Pension, Compensation, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**

1. The authority citation for part 3, subpart A continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 3.6 is amended by:

A. Removing paragraphs (a)(1) through (a)(3).

B. In paragraph (a), removing “a covered disease which occurred during such training. For purposes of this section, the term ‘covered disease’ is limited to-”, and adding, in its place, “an acute myocardial infarction, a cardiac arrest, or a cerebrovascular accident which occurred during such training.”

C. Adding paragraph (e)(3) preceding the authority citation at the end of the section.

The addition reads as follows:

§ 3.6 Duty periods.

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(3) For purposes of this section, the term *covered disease* means any of the following:

- (i) An acute myocardial infarction.
- (ii) A cardiac arrest.
- (iii) A cerebrovascular accident.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**38 CFR Part 3**

RIN 2900-AK67

Monetary Allowances for Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans; Identification of Covered Birth Defects

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adjudication regulations to provide for payment of a monetary allowance for an individual with disability from one or more covered birth defects who is a child of a woman Vietnam veteran and to provide for the identification of covered birth defects, to implement recent legislation. In addition, this document amends the VA adjudication regulations affecting benefits for Vietnam veterans' children with spina bifida to reflect that legislation, to make conforming changes, and to remove unnecessary or obsolete provisions.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 31, 2002.

Applicability Date: Benefits are payable in accordance with this rule retroactively to December 1, 2001, the effective date of the applicable statutory provisions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 2002 (67 FR 200), we proposed to amend the VA adjudication regulations to provide for payment of a monetary allowance for an individual with disability from one or more covered birth defects who is a child of a woman Vietnam veteran and to provide for the identification of covered birth defects, to implement provisions in recent legislation. In addition, we proposed to amend the VA adjudication regulations affecting benefits for Vietnam veterans' children with spina bifida to reflect that legislation, to make conforming changes, and to remove unnecessary or obsolete provisions. Companion proposed rule documents concerning the provision under that legislation of health care (RIN: 2900-AK88) (67 FR 209) and vocational training benefits (RIN: 2900-AK90) (67 FR 215) for eligible children of Vietnam veterans were also set forth in the January 2, 2002, issue of the **Federal Register**.

That legislation, section 401 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000, Public Law 106-419, amended chapter 18 of title 38, United States Code, effective December 1, 2001, to authorize VA to provide certain benefits, including a monthly monetary allowance, for children with covered birth defects who are the natural children of women

veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era. We provided a thirty-day period for public comments, which ended on February 1, 2002. We received one comment, from an individual.

The commenter felt that the U.S. government is displaying a bias in favor of women veterans in this regulation and that the hidden effect of Agent Orange may also have remained dormant in men's systems and produced chromosomal disorders in their children. No changes are made based on this comment. Public Law 106-419, which was based on a comprehensive health study conducted by VA of 8,280 women Vietnam-era veterans (as discussed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the proposed rule), provides benefits specifically for women Vietnam veterans' children with certain birth defects. We have no legal authority to award the new benefits to children of male Vietnam veterans.

VA appreciates the comment submitted in response to the proposed rule. Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule and in this document, we are adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule without change, except for nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity.

Administrative Procedure Act

Because this rule solely provides for new benefits and makes nonsubstantive changes, there is under 5 U.S.C. 553 no need for a 30-day delay of the effective date of this rule.

Applicability Date

Benefits are payable retroactively in accordance with this rule to December 1, 2001, the effective date of the new benefit programs enacted by section 401 of Public Law 106-419.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This rule removes the approved information collection provisions contained in 38 CFR 3.814 as unnecessary or obsolete. This rule contains no provisions constituting new collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Executive Order 12866

This document has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that these regulatory amendments will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. The