

explanations of qualified joint and survivor annuities and qualified preretirement survivor annuities payable under certain retirement plans.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara P. Shepherd at (202) 622-4910 (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing that is the subject of these corrections is under section 417 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Need for Correction

As published, the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing contains errors that may prove to be misleading and are in need of clarification.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing (REG-124677-02), that was the subject of FR Doc. 00-25338, is corrected as follows:

1. On page 62421, column 2, in the preamble under the caption "Comments and Public Hearing", second full paragraph, line 2, the language "for January 14, 2002, at 10 a.m. in room" is corrected to read "for January 14, 2003, at 10 a.m. in room".

2. On page 62421, column 2, in the preamble under the caption "Comments and Public Hearing", third full paragraph, line 8, the language "January 2, 2002. A period of 10 minutes" is corrected to read "January 2, 2003. A period of 10 minutes".

Cynthia E. Grigsby,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

28 CFR Part 79

[CIV 101N; AG Order 2632-2002]

RIN 1105-AA75

Claims Under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000; Expansion of Coverage to Uranium Millers and Ore Transporters; Expansion of Coverage for Uranium Miners; Representation and Fees

AGENCY: Civil Division, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On August 7, 2002, the United States Department of Justice published a proposed rule to implement the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendment of 2000. The original 60-day comment period expired on October 7, 2002. The Department is reopening the comment period for an additional 60-day period.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Gerard W. Fischer, Assistant Director, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, P.O. Box 146, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044-0146.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerard W. Fischer (Assistant Director), (202) 616-4090, and Dianne S. Spellberg (Senior Counsel), (202) 616-4129.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2002, the Department of Justice (Department) published a rule that proposed amendments to the regulations governing radiation exposure compensation claims. The principal reason for the amendments was implement the provisions of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Act) Amendments of 2000 that expanded coverage under the Act to uranium mill workers and individuals employed in the transport of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore, and that expanded the population of eligible uranium mine workers by lowering the radiation exposure threshold for miners, by enlarging the number of uranium mining states with respect to which miners may be eligible for compensation, and by including "above ground" miners within the scope of the regulations. See 67 FR 51440.

The Navajo RECA Reform Working Group, a coalition of six organizations within the Navajo Nation, has requested an additional 60-day period in which to provide comment on the proposed rule. This additional period of time would allow the coalition to translate the proposed rule into the Navajo language, thereby allowing the Navajo elders to participate in the regulation review process. Granting this request ensures that this community, as well as other entities and individuals, have ample opportunity to fully review and comment on the proposed rule.

Accordingly, the Department is reopening the comment period and will accept public comments for an additional 60 days after publication of this notice.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

John Ashcroft,

Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD01-02-132]

RIN 2115-AA97

Safety and Security Zones; New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish permanent safety and security zones around the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station (IPNPS), all commercial waterfront facilities, Liquefied Hazardous Gas (LHG) Facilities on the Arthur Kill; moored or anchored U.S. Coast Guard vessels; Coast Guard Stations New York, Sandy Hook, and Kings Point and Aids to Navigation Team New York; Ellis and Liberty Islands; all bridge piers and abutments, and overhead power cable towers, piers and abutments; tunnel ventilators; the New York City Passenger Ship Terminal; a moving safety and security zone around "Designated Vessels" (DVs) deemed by the Captain of the Port to require special protection on account of their hazardous cargo or passenger carrying capacity; and revise the current regulations that establish moving safety zones around Liquefied Petroleum Gas vessels. This action is necessary to safeguard facilities, vessels, public, and the surrounding areas from sabotage, subversive acts, or other threats. The zones will prohibit entry into or movement within these areas without authorization from the Captain of the Port New York.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before December 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments and related material to Waterways Oversight Branch (CGD01-02-132), Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, Room 204, Staten Island, New York 10305. The Waterways Oversight Branch of Coast Guard Activities New York maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. 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 and will be available for inspection or copying at room 204, Coast Guard Activities New York, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander W. Morton, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York at (718) 354-4012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD01-02-132), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to Activities New York Waterways Oversight Branch at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

On September 11, 2001, three commercial aircraft were hijacked and flown into the World Trade Center in New York City, and the Pentagon, inflicting catastrophic human casualties and property damage. National security and intelligence officials warn that future terrorist attacks are likely. The President has continued the national emergencies he declared following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. See, *Continuation of the National Emergency with Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks*, 67 FR 58317 (September 13, 2002); *Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect To Persons Who Commit, Threaten To Commit, Or Support Terrorism*, 67 FR 59447 (September 20, 2002). The President also has found pursuant to law, including the Magnuson Act (50

U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*), that the security of the United States is endangered by disturbances in international relations of United States that have existed since the terrorist attacks on the United States and such disturbances continue to endanger such relations. *Executive Order 13,273 of August 21, 2002, Further Amending Executive Order 10173, as Amended, Prescribing Regulations Relating to the Safeguarding of Vessels, Harbors, Ports, and Waterfront Facilities of the United States*, 67 FR 56215 (September 3, 2002).

Immediately following the September 11th attacks, we published a temporary final rule (66 FR 51558) that established a temporary regulated navigation area, and safety and security zones in the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port New York Zones. These measures were taken to safeguard human life, vessels and waterfront facilities from sabotage or terrorist acts. That temporary final rule was subsequently revised (67 FR 16016; 67 FR 53310) to extend its effective period through December 31, 2002.

The Coast Guard proposes to establish permanent safety and security zones throughout the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones as part of a comprehensive, port security regime designed to safeguard human life, vessels and waterfront facilities from sabotage or terrorist acts. Due to continued heightened security concerns, the proposed permanent safety and security zones are necessary to provide for the safety of the port and ensure that vessels, facilities, bridges, overhead power cables, or tunnel ventilators, are not used as targets of, or platforms for terrorist attacks. These zones would restrict entry into or movement within portions of the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones. We anticipate that the final rule developed as a result of this rulemaking will be effective no later than January 1, 2003.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

This proposed rule would establish the following safety and security zones:

Indian Point Nuclear Power Station (IPNPS)

The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety and security zone in all waters of the Hudson River within a 300-yard radius of the IPNPS pier in approximate position 41°16'12.4" N, 073°57'16.2" W. The zone is necessary to protect the IPNPS, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the

facility that could potentially cause serious negative impact to vessels, the port, or the environment. Commercial vessels would still be able to transit through the 540 yards between the western boundary of the safety and security zone and Hudson River Lighted Buoy 27 (LLNR 37930), and recreational vessels would still be able to transit through the western 1,115 yards of the 1,415-yard wide Hudson River. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zone.

Liquefied Hazardous Gas Vessels (LHG), LHG Facilities, and Designated Vessel (DV) Transits

The Coast Guard proposes to revise the Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) vessel safety zone at 33 CFR 165.160. That regulation establishes a 100-yard moving safety zone around any LPG vessel while it transits between Scotland Lighted Horn Buoy S (LLNR 35085) and the Arthur Kill. The proposed revision would establish a safety and security zone to include all waters within the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones within a 200-yard radius of any Liquefied Hazardous Gas (LHG) vessel or LHG facility. We also propose to establish a moving safety and security zone to include all waters within a 100-yard radius of any "Designated Vessel" (DVs) transiting the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones. DVs include: Vessels certificated to carry 500 or more passengers; vessels carrying government officials or dignitaries requiring protection by the U.S. Secret Service, or other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency; and barges or ships carrying petroleum products, chemicals, or other hazardous cargo.

These proposed safety and security zones are necessary to protect the LHG vessels, LHG facilities, DVs, their crews and/or passengers, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against a vessel or a facility that could potentially cause serious negative impact to human life, the vessels, facilities, the port, or the environment. Safety and security zones are necessary to protect passenger vessels due to their potential as a target of subversive or terrorist attack, which could result in significant casualties. Vessels may transit through any portion of the proposed LHG facility safety and security zones that extend into the navigable channel for the sole purpose of transiting through the safety and

security zones so long as they remain within the navigable channel, maintain the maximum safe distance from the waterfront facility and do not stop or loiter within the safety and security zones.

The Captain of the Port will notify the maritime community of the periods during which the proposed safety and security zones will be enforced by the methods identified in 33 CFR 165.7 including electronic mail broadcasts identifying "Designated Vessel" transit.

U.S. Coast Guard Cutters and Shore Facilities

The Coast Guard proposes to establish permanent safety and security zones within 100 yards of each moored, or anchored, Coast Guard Cutter operating within the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones. We also propose to establish a safety and security zone within 100 yards of Coast Guard Station New York, Staten Island, NY, Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook, NJ, Coast Guard Station Kings Point, NY, and Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team New York, Bayonne, NJ.

The proposed safety and security zones would protect Coast Guard assets, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the Coast Guard that could cause serious damage to vessels, the port or the environment or adversely impact the Coast Guard's ability to conduct its assigned missions. The Captain of the Port does not expect this rule to interfere with the transit of any vessels through the waterways adjacent to any cutter or shoreside facility. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zones.

Commercial Waterfront Facilities

The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety and security zone within 25 yards of each commercial waterfront facility located within the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones that is capable of accepting barge, ship, or ferry vessels. A "commercial waterfront facility" means all piers, wharves, docks and similar structures to which commercial vessels may be secured; areas of land or water under and in immediate proximity to them; buildings on such structures or contiguous to them; and equipment and materials on such structures and in such buildings. During transfer operations at a commercial waterfront facility, the 25-yard zone would be measured from the outboard

side of the commercial vessel instead of the pierhead. These zones prohibit the entry of vessels that are not actively engaged in legitimate, scheduled transfer operations at the individual facilities. Vessels may transit through any portion of the proposed zone that extends into the navigable channel for the sole purpose of direct and expeditious transit through the zone so long as they remain within the navigable channel, maintain the maximum safe distance from the waterfront facility and do not stop or loiter within the zone.

The proposed safety and security zones are necessary to protect each facility, commercial vessels moored at the facility, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the facility that could potentially cause serious negative impact to commercial vessels, the port, or the environment. The Captain of the Port does not expect this rule to interfere with the transit of any vessels through the waterways adjacent to each facility. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zone.

Liberty and Ellis Islands

The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety and security zone encompassing all waters within 150 yards of Liberty Island, Ellis Island, and the bridge between Liberty State Park and Ellis Island.

The proposed safety and security zones are necessary to protect each Island, the bridge between Liberty State Park and Ellis Island, authorized sight-seeing vessels operating at each island, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the islands that could potentially cause serious negative impact to vessels, the port, or the environment. The Captain of the Port does not expect this rule to interfere with the transit of any vessels through the waterways adjacent to each Island. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zones.

Bridge Piers and Abutments, Overhead Power Cable Towers, Piers, and Tunnel Ventilators

The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety and security zone within 25 yards of each bridge pier and abutment, overhead power cable tower, pier, and tunnel ventilator, located

within the waters of the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port New York Zones, south of the Troy, NY Locks.

The proposed safety and security zones are necessary to protect each bridge, overhead power cable, pier, abutment, tunnel ventilator, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack against the protected structures that could potentially cause serious negative impact to commercial ground shipments by vehicle or railroad, private vehicle traffic, vessels, the port, or the environment. The Captain of the Port does not expect this rule to interfere with the transit of any vessels through the waterways adjacent to each bridge, overhead power cable, and tunnel ventilator. Vessels may transit through any portion of the proposed zone that extends into the navigable channel for the sole purpose of direct and expeditious transit through the zone so long as they remain within the navigable channel, maintain the maximum safe distance from the protected structure and do not stop or loiter within the zone. Additionally, vessels would not be precluded from mooring at or getting underway from commercial or recreational piers in the vicinity of the zones.

New York City Passenger Ship Terminal, Hudson River, NY

The Coast Guard proposes to establish a permanent safety and security zone that would be enforced whenever passenger vessels are pierside at Pier 88, 90, or 92, or whenever the passenger ship terminal or the adjacent Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Manhattan are being used as an Emergency Operations Center. The Coast Guard will provide notification and termination of a particular safety or security zone by way of methods identified in 33 CFR 165.7.

This proposed safety and security zone includes all waters of the Hudson River bound by the following points: from the northeast corner of Pier 96 where it intersects the seawall, thence west to approximate position 40°46'23.1" N, 073°59'59.0" W, thence south to approximate position 40°45'55.3" N, 074°00'20.2" W (NAD 1983), thence east to the southeast corner of Pier 84 where it intersects the seawall, thence north along the shoreline to the point of origin. Marine traffic will still be able to transit through the western 660 yards of the 900-yard wide Hudson River during the activation of the zone. Vessels moored at piers within the safety and security

zone, however, will not be allowed to transit from their moorings without permission from the Captain of the Port, New York, during the effective periods of the proposed safety and security zone. The only vessels that would be affected by the safety or security zones would be other passenger vessels at the Passenger Terminal or visiting vessels at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum. The Captain of the Port may authorize these vessels to transit through these zones. The Captain of the Port does not anticipate any negative impact on vessel traffic due to this safety and security zone.

The safety and security zones are necessary to protect the passenger vessels, their crews and passengers, others in the maritime community, and the surrounding communities from subversive or terrorist attack that could cause serious negative impact to vessels, the port, or the environment, and result in numerous casualties.

The Captain of the Port will notify the maritime community of periods during which this safety and security zone will be enforced in accordance with methods identified in 33 CFR 165.7.

Any violation of any safety or security zone proposed herein, is punishable by, among others, civil penalties (not to exceed \$27,500 per violation, where each day of a continuing violation is a separate violation), criminal penalties (imprisonment for not more than 10 years and a fine of not more than \$100,000), in rem liability against the offending vessel, and license sanctions. This regulation is proposed under the authority contained in 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 U.S.C. 1223, 1225 and 1226.

No person or vessel may enter or remain in a prescribed safety or security zone at any time without the permission of the Captain of the Port, New York. Each person or vessel in a safety or security zone shall obey any direction or order of the Captain of the Port. The Captain of the Port may take possession and control of any vessel in a security zone and/or remove any person, vessel, article or thing from a security zone.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed rule is not a "significant regulatory action" under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, 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 proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This finding is based on the fact that vessels will be able to transit around the safety and security zones at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station, the Coast Guard Stations and Cutters, Commercial Waterfront Facilities, Liberty Island, Ellis Island, Bridge Piers and Abutments, Overhead Power Cable Towers and Abutments, Tunnel Ventilators, the New York City Passenger Ship Terminal, and the DVs, vessels can still transit through the harbor before, during, or after these vessels' transits, the expected short duration of these zones' activation, the expected infrequency of the activation of the safety and security zones around LHG vessels and LHG facilities, and advance notifications will be made by methods in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this proposed 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 proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This proposed rule will affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the New York Marine Inspection and Captain of the Port Zones in which entry would be prohibited by safety or security zones.

These safety and security zones will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: vessels will be able to transit around the safety and security zones at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Station, the Coast Guard Stations and Cutters, Commercial Waterfront Facilities, Liberty Island, Ellis Island, Bridge Piers and Abutments, Overhead Power Cable Towers and Abutments, Tunnel Ventilators, the New York City Passenger Ship Terminal, and the DVs, vessels can still transit through the harbor before, during, or after these vessels' transits, the expected short

duration of these zones' activation, the expected infrequency of the activation of the safety and security zones around LHG vessels and LHG facilities, and the advance notifications that will be provided by the methods described above.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (*see ADDRESSES*) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the proposed rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact LCDR Morton, Waterways Oversight Branch, Activities New York, at 718–354–4012.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information 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 proposed 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 proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not affect 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 proposed 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 proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed 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. We invite your comments on how this proposed rule might impact tribal governments, even if that impact may not constitute a "tribal implication" under the Order.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed 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.

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that, under figure 2-

1, paragraph 34(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. This rule fits paragraph 34(g) as it establishes safety and security zones. 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, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 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. Revise § 165.160 to read as follows:

§ 165.160 Safety and Security Zones: Liquefied Hazardous Gas Vessel, Liquefied Hazardous Gas Facility and Designated Vessel Transits, New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone.

(a) *Location*. The following areas are safety and security zones:

(1) All waters of the New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone within a 200-yard radius of any Liquefied Hazardous Gas (LHG) vessel or LHG facility.

(2) All waters of the New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone within a 100-yard radius of any Designated Vessels.

(b) *Designated Vessels (DVs)*. For the purposes of this section, DVs are: Vessels certificated to carry 500 or more passengers; vessels carrying government officials or dignitaries requiring protection by the U.S. Secret Service, or other Federal, State or local law enforcement agency; and barges or ships carrying petroleum products, chemicals, or other hazardous cargo.

(c) *Regulations*. (1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 and 165.33 apply.

(2) All persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. These personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U. S.

Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(3) The Captain of the Port will notify the maritime community of periods during which these zones will be enforced by methods in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7 and will identify DV vessel transits by way of electronic mail broadcast.

3. Add § 165.169 to read as follows:

§ 165.169 Safety and Security Zones: New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone.

(a) *Safety and security zones*. The following waters within the New York Marine Inspection Zone and Captain of the Port Zone are safety and security zones:

(1) *Indian Point Nuclear Power Station (IPNPS)*. All waters of the Hudson River within a 300-yard radius of the IPNPS pier in approximate position 41°16'12.4" N, 073°57'16.2" W (NAD 83).

(2) *U.S. Coast Guard Cutters and Shore Facilities*. All waters within 100 yards of: Each moored, or anchored, Coast Guard Cutter; Coast Guard Station New York, Staten Island, NY; Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook, NJ; Coast Guard Station Kings Point, NY; and Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team New York, Bayonne, NJ.

(3) *Commercial Waterfront Facilities*. All waters within 25 yards of each commercial waterfront facility that is capable of accepting barge, ferry or other commercial vessels. For purposes of this section, "commercial waterfront facility" means all piers, wharves, docks and similar structures to which barge, ferry or other commercial vessels may be secured; areas of land or water under and in immediate proximity to them; buildings on such structures or contiguous to them; and equipment and materials on such structures and in such buildings.

(i) When a barge, ferry or other commercial vessel is conducting transfer operations at a commercial waterfront facility, the 25-yard zone is measured from the outboard side of the commercial vessel.

(ii) Vessels may transit through any portion of the zone that extends into the navigable channel for the sole purpose of direct and expeditious transit through the zone so long as they remain within the navigable channel, maintain the maximum safe distance from the commercial waterfront facility and do not stop or loiter within the zone.

(4) *Liberty and Ellis Islands*. All waters within 150 yards of Liberty Island, Ellis Island, and the bridge

between Liberty State Park and Ellis Island.

(5) *Bridge Piers and Abutments, Overhead Power Cable Towers, Piers and Tunnel Ventilators.* All waters within 25 yards of any bridge pier or abutment, overhead power cable tower, pier or tunnel ventilators south of the Troy, NY Locks. Vessels may transit through any portion of the zone that extends into the navigable channel for the sole purpose of direct and expeditious transit through the zone so long as they remain within the navigable channel, maintain the maximum safe distance from the waterfront facility and do not stop or loiter within the zone.

(6) *New York City Passenger Ship Terminal, Hudson River, NY—(i) Location.* All waters of the Hudson River bound by the following points: from the northeast corner of Pier 96 where it intersects the seawall, thence west to approximate position 40°46'23.1" N, 073°59'59.0" W, thence south to approximate position 40°45'55.3" N, 074°00'20.2" W (NAD 1983), thence east to the southeast corner of Pier 84 where it intersects the seawall, thence north along the shoreline to the point of origin.

(ii) *Enforcement period.* This zone will be enforced whenever passenger vessels are pierside at Pier 88, 90 or 92 or whenever the passenger ship terminal or the adjacent Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, Manhattan are being used as an Emergency Operations Center. The activation and termination of a particular zone will be announced in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7.

(b) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 and 165.33 apply.

(2) Vessels not actively engaged in legitimate transfer operations shall not stop or loiter within that part of a commercial waterfront facility safety and security zone extending into the navigable channel, described in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, without the express permission of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel.

(3) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene patrol personnel. These personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard onboard Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels. Upon being hailed by U. S. Coast Guard patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

Dated: November 1, 2002.

C.E. Bone,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, New York.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

33 CFR Part 401

[Docket No. SLSDC 2002-13698]

RIN 2135-AA15

Seaway Regulations and Rules: Automatic Identification System

AGENCY: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in Canada) in their respective jurisdictions. Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is proposing to amend the joint regulations to make use of Automatic Identification System (AIS) in Seaway waters from St. Lambert, Quebec to Long Point, mid-Lake Erie mandatory effective at the beginning of the 2003 navigation season, which is scheduled for March 25, 2003.

DATES: Any party wishing to present views on the proposed amendments may file comments with the Corporation on or before January 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Signed, written comments should refer to the docket number appearing at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Written comments may also be submitted electronically at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit/BlankDSS.asp>. All comments received will be available for examination between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in Canada) in their respective jurisdictions. Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is proposing to amend the joint regulations to make use of Automatic Identification System (AIS) in Seaway waters from St. Lambert, Quebec to Long Point, mid-Lake Erie mandatory effective at the beginning of the 2003 navigation season, which is scheduled for March 25, 2003.

Background and Purpose

Since the opening of the Saint Lawrence Seaway in 1959, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) system has been responsible for monitoring the progress of commercial traffic to ensure the safe and expeditious passage of vessels operating in Seaway sectors under their control. Procedures in use today include limits on vessel speed and requirements for all commercial traffic to report by voice on marine VHF radio to the Vessel Control (VTC) centers. These reports are made at designated "call-in-points" along the river. Traffic managers at VTC centers use the vessel reports to monitor traffic patterns, including one-way vessel traffic restricted areas and project the estimated times of arrival (ETA) of vessels at locks in the Seaway.

SLSDC and SLSMC sponsored successful prototype demonstrations and evaluations of a Global Positioning System based VTS system in the fall of 1994 and during the 1995 shipping season. The demonstrations established that a VTS using AIS technology was both feasible and cost effective and can improve the efficiency and safety of operations. In the 1999 shipping season, SLSDC and SLSMC deployed a modernized vessel Traffic Management System (TMS). Now, for the first time, all vessel control centers in the Saint Lawrence Seaway share a common vessel information database. Presently, vessel positions, derived from simulations based on transit histories of vessels, are entered manually into the TMS system by traffic controllers and then updated by voice reports from the vessels during actual transits.

AIS is a broadcast system, operating in the VHF maritime mobile band. It is capable of sending and receiving ship information such as identification,