

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e) of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. Under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e), of the Instruction, an “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a “Categorical Exclusion Determination” are not required for this rule.

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; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1; section 117.255 also issued under authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

■ 2. From 6:15 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. on February 1, 2004, in § 117.261, paragraph (nn) is suspended and a new paragraph (vv) is added to read as follows:

§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Marys River to Key Largo

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(vv) *West Span of the Venetian Causeway, mile 1088.6 at Miami.* The draw need not open from 6:15 a.m. until 9:20 a.m. on February 1, 2004. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed at anytime.

■ 3. From 6:05 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. on February 1, 2004, in § 117.269, temporarily designate the existing regulatory text as paragraph (a), suspend newly designated paragraph (a), and add a new paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 117.269 Biscayne Bay

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(b) The draw of the east span of the Venetian Causeway bridge across Miami Beach Channel need not open from 6:05 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. on February 1, 2004. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in distress shall be passed at anytime.

■ 4. From 6:25 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. on February 1, 2004, in § 117.305,

temporarily designate the existing regulatory text as paragraph (a), suspend newly designated paragraph (a), and add new paragraphs (b) and (c) to read as follows:

§ 117.305 Miami River.

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(b) The draw of each bridge from the mouth to and including the NW. 27th Avenue bridge, mile 3.7 at Miami, except the Miami Avenue and Brickell Avenue bridges, shall open on signal: except that, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draws need not be opened for the passage of vessels. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in an emergency involving danger to life or property shall be passed at any time.

(c) The Miami Avenue bridge, across the Miami River, need not open from 6:25 a.m. to 10 a.m. on February 1, 2004, and the Brickell Avenue bridge, across the Miami River, need not open from 7:10 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. on February 1, 2004. Public vessels of the United States and vessels in an emergency involving danger to life or property shall be passed at any time.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Fred M. Rosa, Jr.,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[CGD09–03–289]

RIN 2115–AA00

Security Zone; Renaissance Center, Cobo Hall, North American International Auto Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary security zone on the navigable waters of the Detroit River in the Captain of the Port Detroit Zone. This temporary security zone is necessary to protect the participants during the North American International Auto Show, as well as the public, facilities, and the surrounding area from possible sabotage or other subversive acts. This security zone is intended to restrict vessel traffic from a

portion of the Detroit River in the vicinity of the Renaissance Center and Cobo Hall.

DATES: This rule is effective from 12 a.m. (noon) January 9, 2004, until 8 p.m. January 19, 2004.

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 CGD09–03–289 and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Detroit, 110 Mt. Elliott Ave, Detroit, Michigan, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LTJG Brandon Sullivan, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Detroit, at (313) 568–9580.

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) and under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM and for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The Coast Guard was unaware of the need for this security zone in time to publish an NPRM followed by a temporary final rule before the effective date. Delaying this rule would be contrary to the public interest of ensuring the safety of individuals at the North American International Auto Show.

Background and Purpose

This security zone is necessary to protect the participants at the North American International Auto Show, as well as the public, facilities, and the surrounding area from possible sabotage or other subversive acts. All persons other than those approved by the Captain of the Port Detroit, or his authorized representative, are prohibited from entering or moving within this security zone. The Captain of the Port Detroit may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 for further instructions before transiting through the restricted area. The Captain of the Port Detroit's on-scene representative will be the Patrol Commander. In addition to this publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**, the public will be made aware of the existence of this security zone, exact location and the restrictions involved, via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

Discussion of Temporary Final Rule

This regulation establishes a temporary security zone commencing

on the shore-side of Cobo Hall, at 42°19'26.6"N, 83°03'06.6"W; then extending offshore at 160°T to the Third St. junction buoy at 42°19'24.2"N, 83°03'4.7"W; then northeast at 073°T to the Griswold St. junction buoy at 42°19'31"N, 83°02'34.1"W; then northeast at 071°T to 42°19'40"N, 83°02'00"W; then north at 000°T to a point on land at 42°19'46.3"N, 83°02'00"W (near Atwater Customs station); then southeast following the shoreline back to the point of origin. These coordinates are based upon North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83). This security zone will be enforced from 12 a.m. (noon) on January 9, 2004, until 8 p.m. on January 19, 2004.

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. The Office of Management and Budget has exempted it from review under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this temporary final 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.

This temporary security zone will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons. This rule will not obstruct the regular flow of commercial traffic and will allow vessel traffic to pass around the security zone. In the event that a commercial vessel desires to transit the area, they may request permission from the Captain of the Port Detroit to transit the area. Commercial vessels may only transit the area after receiving permission from the Captain of the Port Detroit.

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 rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the office listed in **ADDRESSES** in this preamble. 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 temporary final rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.).

Federalism

We have analyzed this temporary final rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

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

Environment

We have considered the environmental impact of this temporary final 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.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and record keeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

■ For the reasons discussed 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. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1

■ 2. Add § 165.T09–289 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–289 Security Zone; Renaissance Center and Cobo Hall, North American International Auto Show, Detroit River, Detroit, MI.

(a) *Location.* The following is a temporary security zone: All waters and adjacent shoreline encompassed by a line commencing on the shore-side near Cobo Hall, at 42°19'26.6" N, 083°03'06.6" W; then extending offshore at 160°T to the Third St. junction buoy at 42°19'24.2" N, 83°03'4.7" W; then northeast at 073°T to the Griswold St. junction buoy at 42°19'31" N, 83°02'34.1" W; then northeast at 071°T to 42°19'40" N, 083°02'00" W; then north at 000°T to a point on land at 42°19'46.3" N, 083°02'00" W (near Atwater Customs station); then southeast following the shoreline back to the point of origin. These coordinates are based upon North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83).

(b) *Enforcement period.* This security zone will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) January 9, 2004, until 8 p.m. on January 19, 2004.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with § 165.33, entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Detroit.

(2) Persons desiring to transit through security zone must contact the Captain of the Port at telephone number (313) 568–9580/313–568–9524, or on VHF channel 16 to seek permission prior to transiting the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

P.G. Gerrity,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Detroit.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

36 CFR Parts 215 and 218

RIN 0596–AC15

Predecisional Administrative Review Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized Under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule establishes the sole process by which the public may seek administrative review and file objections to proposed hazardous fuel reduction projects authorized by the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA), Public Law 108–148. Section 105 of the act directs the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate, within 30 days of HFRA's enactment, interim final regulations to establish a predecisional administrative review process for hazardous fuel reduction projects authorized under the act. The Forest Service invites written comments on this interim final rule. As provided by HFRA, this interim final rule is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** and will be in effect until the Secretary adopts a final rule.

DATES: This interim final rule is effective January 9, 2004. Comments on this interim final rule must be received in writing by April 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to USDA, Forest Service, Healthy Forests Restoration Act Objections, Content Analysis Team, PO Box 22777, Salt Lake City, UT 84122; by electronic mail to HFRAobjections@fs.fed.us; or by fax to (801) 517–1014; or by the electronic process available at Federal eRulemaking portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If comments are sent by electronic mail or by fax, the public is requested not to send duplicate written comments via regular mail. Please confine written comments to issues pertinent to the interim final rule; explain the reasons for any recommended changes; and, where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph being addressed.

All timely and properly submitted comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on this interim final rule at the Content Analysis Team Service Center offices in Salt Lake City, Utah between the hours

of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on business days. Those wishing to inspect comments should call ahead (801) 517–1020 to facilitate an appointment and entrance to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Segovia, Assistant Director, Appeals and Litigation at (202) 205–1066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On December 3, 2003, President Bush signed into law the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 (HFRA) to reduce the threat of destructive wildfires while upholding environmental standards and encouraging early public input during planning processes. The legislation helps further the President's Healthy Forests Initiative pledge to care for America's forests and rangelands, reduce the risk of catastrophic fire to communities, help save the lives of firefighters and citizens, and protect threatened and endangered species.

One of the provisions of the act, (sec. 105) requires that the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) issue an interim final rule within 30 days of enactment to establish a predecisional administrative review process for hazardous fuel reduction projects authorized by the HFRA. This interim final satisfies this requirement to establish a predecisional administrative review process. Another provision of the act required the Secretary to provide a reasonable time for public comment. The Secretary is providing a 90-day comment period on the interim final rule. This 90-day provision satisfies the reasonable time requirement in the act.

Prior to passage of the HFRA, public notice and comment for hazardous fuel reduction project proposals, and procedures for appeal of decisions implementing those projects, would have been conducted according to the procedures set out at 36 CFR part 215. This interim final rule amends part 215 to exempt hazardous fuel reduction projects authorized by the HFRA from the notice, comment, and appeal procedures set out at part 215 and establishes separate review and objection procedures specifically for hazardous fuel reduction projects, pursuant to HFRA at the new part 218, subpart A.