

*axei*(adult)); Large mouth Stomach Worms (*Habronema muscae* (adult)); Stomach Bots (*Gastrophilus* spp. (oral and gastric stages)); Lungworms (*Dictyocaulus arnfieldi* (adult and fourth-stage larvae)); intestinal threadworms (*Strongyloides westeri* (adult)); Summer Sores caused by *Habronema* and *Draschia* spp. cutaneous third-stage larvae; and Dermatitis caused by neck threadworm microfilariae (*Onchocerca* spp.).

(iii) *Limitations.* Do not use in horses intended for human consumption. Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

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Dated: September 14, 2004.

**Daniel G. McChesney,**

*Director, Office of Surveillance and Compliance, Center for Veterinary Medicine.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 100

[CGD05-04-175]

RIN 1625-AA08

#### Special Local Regulations for Marine Events; Virginia Beach, VA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of implementation of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is implementing the special local regulations at 33 CFR 100.522 during the Neptune Festival Fireworks to be held September 25, 2004, in the vicinity of the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier, Virginia Beach, VA. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. The effect will be to restrict general navigation in the regulated area for the safety of participants and vessels transiting the event area.

**DATES:** 33 CFR 100.522 will be enforced from 8:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 25, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Bowling, Project Manager, Coast Guard Group Hampton Roads, VA, at (757) 483-8567.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival will sponsor the fireworks display on September 25, 2004 over the coastal waters in the vicinity of the Virginia

Beach Fishing Pier, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The pyrotechnic display will be launched from the fishing pier located within the regulated area. A fleet of spectator vessels is expected to gather nearby to view the event. Therefore, to ensure the safety of spectators and transiting vessels, 33 CFR 100.522 will be enforced for the duration of the event. Under provisions of 33 CFR 100.522, a vessel may not enter the regulated area unless it receives permission from the Coast Guard Patrol Commander. Spectator vessels may anchor outside the regulated area but may not block a navigable channel.

In addition to this notice, the maritime community will be provided extensive advance notification via the Local Notice to Mariners, marine information broadcasts, and area newspapers, so mariners can adjust their plans accordingly.

Dated: September 14, 2004.

**Ben R. Thomason, III,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05-04-166]

RIN 1625-AA-09

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Delaware River, NJ

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Delair Railroad Bridge across the Delaware River mile 104.5, between Philadelphia, PA, and Delair, NJ. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on nine consecutive Mondays on September 27 through November 22, 2004, to facilitate replacement of bridge timbers.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on September 27, 2004, to 4 p.m. on November 22, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, at (757) 398-6422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** New Jersey Transit, who operates their trains and controls the signaling system at the Delair Railroad Bridge, has requested a temporary deviation from the operating regulation to facilitate needed replacement of bridge timbers.

To facilitate this replacement, the vertical lift-span will be locked in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on nine consecutive Mondays: on September 27; on October 4, 11, 18, and 25; and on November 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2004. During these stages, the work requires completely immobilizing the operation of the vertical-lift span in the closed-to-navigation position. At all other times, the bridge will operate in accordance with the current operating regulations outlined in 33 CFR 117.716.

The Coast Guard has informed the known users of the waterway of the closure periods for the bridge so that these vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

The District Commander has granted temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.35 for the purpose of repair completion of the drawbridge. The temporary deviation allows the Delair Railroad Bridge across the Delaware River mile 104.5, between Philadelphia, PA and Delair, NJ, to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on nine consecutive Mondays: on September 27; on October 4, 11, 18, and 25; and on November 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2004.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

**Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,**

*Chief, Bridge Administration Branch, Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 36 CFR Part 7

RIN 1024-AD14

#### Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Pennsylvania and New Jersey; U.S. Route 209 Commercial Vehicle Fees

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule revises the special regulations for Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. It changes the fee schedule for those commercial vehicles permitted to travel

U.S. Route 209 through Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. This paragraph sets a fee schedule by number of axles. It also lists the exceptions to commercial fee requirements. Congress authorized collection of the fees to make the program to manage commercial traffic self-sustaining. In recent years, the cost of fee collection has been greater than annual revenue. The intent of the final rule is to increase fees to a level that will return the program to one that is completely supported by commercial entities using the route.

**DATES:** This rule becomes effective October 25, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Ranger Philip Selleck, at 570-588-2414, or c/o Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, River Road, Bushkill, PA 18324.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Commercial Use Background**

On March 14, 1983, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania transferred ownership of approximately 21 miles of U.S. Route 209 within the boundaries of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the National Park Service. This portion of road was a heavily traveled commercial vehicle route between Interstates 80 and 84, primarily because it is shorter and flatter and more direct than the alternate routes, and therefore was preferred by the commercial vehicle operators. Since § 5.6 of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR 5.6), prohibits the use of roads within National park areas by commercial through traffic, the National Park Service announced that U.S. Route 209 would be closed to commercial vehicles on April 25, 1983. Due to negative comments from the trucking industry concerning the announced closure, the NPS Director, on April 23, 1983, announced a 180-day delay in the implementation of the closure.

On July 30, 1983, Congress enacted Public Law 98-63, closing U.S. Route 209 to commercial vehicle use, with certain exceptions, and directed the National Park Service to establish a commercial operation fee for certain commercial vehicles excepted from the closure. In order to implement the statute, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area began operation of two commercial vehicle check stations, one each near the North and South entrances to the recreation area on U.S. Route 209. The check stations were operated 24 hours a day.

Public Law 98-63, as amended by Public Law 98-151 and Public Law 99-

88, closed U.S. Route 209 to all commercial vehicles except:

(1) Those vehicles operated by businesses based within the recreation area;

(2) Those vehicles operated by businesses that as of July 30, 1983, operated a commercial vehicular facility in Monroe, Pike, or Northampton Counties, PA, if the vehicle operation originates or terminates at such facility;

(3) Those vehicles operated in order to provide services to businesses and persons located in or contiguous to the boundaries of the recreation area, that area determined to be composed of Lehman, Delaware, Milford, Dingman, Stroud, Westfall, Smithfield, Middle Smithfield and Upper Mount Bethel townships in Pennsylvania;

(4) Up to 125 northbound, and 125 southbound, commercial vehicles serving businesses and persons in Orange, Ulster, Rockland and Sullivan Counties, New York.

The exceptions to the closure of U.S. Route 209 were to remain in effect unless further action was taken by Congress.

Under the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, Public Law 104-333, enacted on November 12, 1996, U.S. Route 209 will be closed to commercial vehicle traffic on September 30, 2005. Commercial vehicles connected with the operation of the recreation area, or serving "businesses within or in the vicinity of the recreation area" will be permitted to use the highway. The Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to define the term "businesses within or in the vicinity of the recreation area".

**Commercial Vehicle Fee Background**

Public Law 98-63, as amended by Public Law 99-88, directed the Secretary of the Interior to establish a fee for the use of U.S. Route 209 by commercial vehicles. The law directed the National Park Service to set aside all fees in a special account, the funds to be available for the management, operation, construction, and maintenance of U.S. Route 209 within the boundary of the recreation area. The fee schedule was not to exceed \$7 per trip. Those commercial vehicles serving businesses within, or contiguous to the boundaries of, the recreation area were exempted from the fee.

In accordance with Public Law 98-63, the National Park Service published in the **Federal Register** (48 FR 46779, October 14, 1983), a fee schedule based on the number of axles of lightweight and heavy commercial vehicles. The fees ranged from \$0.50 for two axle cars, vans or pickups, to \$5.00 for a five or

more axle vehicle. The full 1983 fee schedule can be found in Table 1.

On August 23, 1985, the National Park Service revised the fee schedule, publishing a final rule in the **Federal Register** (50 FR 34128), revising the fee schedule. The rule was based on the revised estimates of costs for management, operation, construction and maintenance of U.S. Route 209. The raised fees ranged from \$1.00 for two axle cars, vans or pickups, to \$7.00 for a five or more axle vehicle. The full 1985 fee schedule can be found in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—1983 AND 1985 FEE SCHEDULES

	1983	1985
Two axle car, van or pickup .....	\$0.50	\$1.00
Two axle—four wheel vehicle with trailer	1.00	2.00
Two axle—six wheel vehicle .....	2.00	3.00
Three axle vehicle ....	3.00	4.00
Four axle vehicle .....	4.00	5.00
Five or more axle vehicle .....	5.00	7.00

**Public Law 98-63 Authority**

Authority to collect fees for those commercial vehicles permitted to use U.S. Route 209 terminated on July 30, 1993. The NPS stopped collecting fees on that date, but was required to continue to enforce the statutory closure and exceptions to the commercial use of the highway. The commercial vehicle check stations were operated as before July 30, 1993, but no fees were collected.

On November 12, 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104-333, which reinstated the National Park Service's authority to collect commercial vehicle fees on U.S. Route 209. Public Law 104-333 specified that fees could not exceed \$25 per trip. The NPS resumed the collection of fees, using the 1985 fee schedule, on November 26, 1996.

**Increase in Fees**

Congress specified that the fees collected from commercial vehicles excepted from the closure of U.S. Route 209 be made available, "without further appropriation, for the management, operation, construction, and maintenance of highway 209 within the boundaries of the recreation area". Congress intended the income from the commercial vehicle fee program to equal or exceed the cost of operating the program, and to fund the program without further appropriation or use of other operating funds.

Initially, fee collection revenues from U.S. Route 209 provided enough revenue to operate the commercial use program, purchase equipment related to the operation of U.S. Route 209, and do

some maintenance. The amount of revenue generated has decreased over time as several large commercial vehicle facilities closed their local terminals, and stopped traveling on U.S. Route

209. Fluctuations in the local economy have also had an effect. A comparison of revenue generated through the fee operation from fiscal years 1984 to 2002 is illustrated in Figure 1.

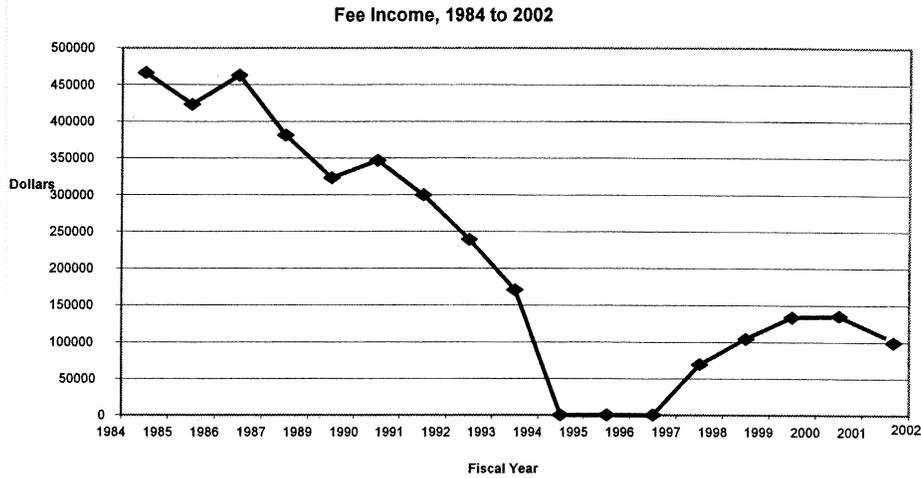
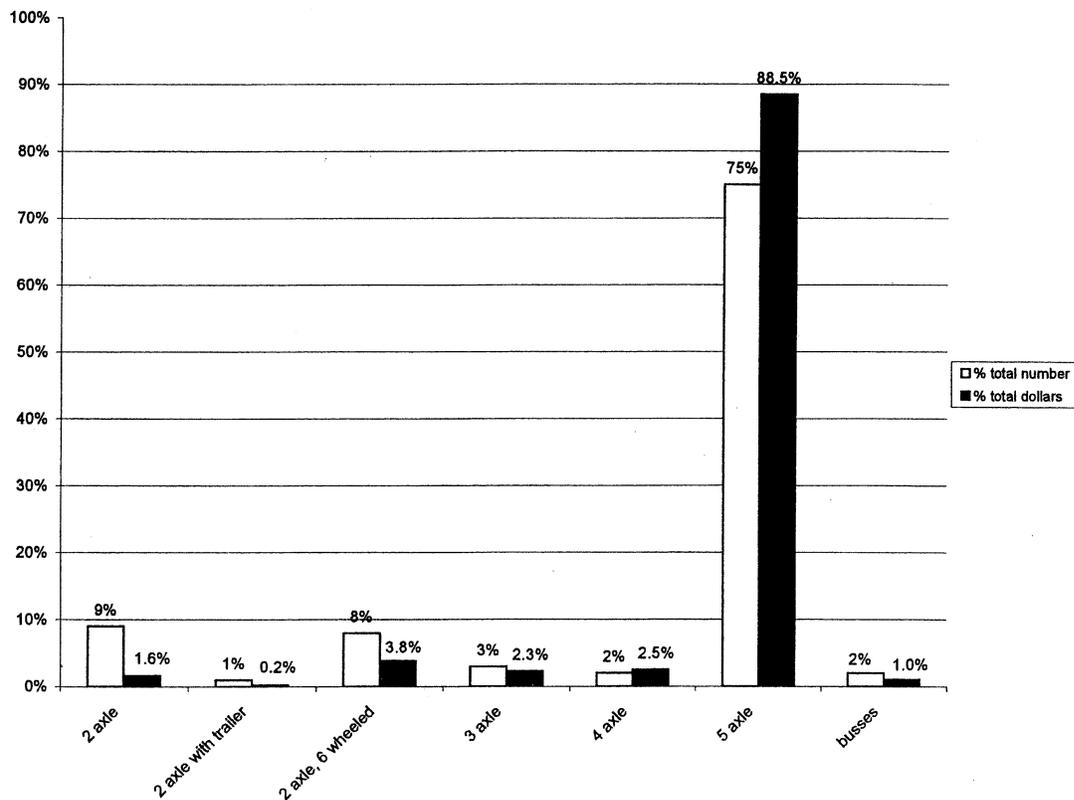


Fig. 1. Fee collection revenue, FY 1984 to FY 2001. (No fees collected, 7/30/93 to 11/26/96.)

Large 5-axle tractor-trailers have been the most important permitted commercial vehicles to use U.S. Route 209, both in total number of commercial vehicles, and in fees generated. Trucks

paying the maximum fee of \$7.00 for a five-axle vehicle account for approximately 75 percent of the total number of fee-paying vehicles, and nearly 90 percent of the total revenue

received. A comparison of the percent of total fee vehicles, by number of vehicles and revenue collected, for each class of vehicle may be found in Figure 2.

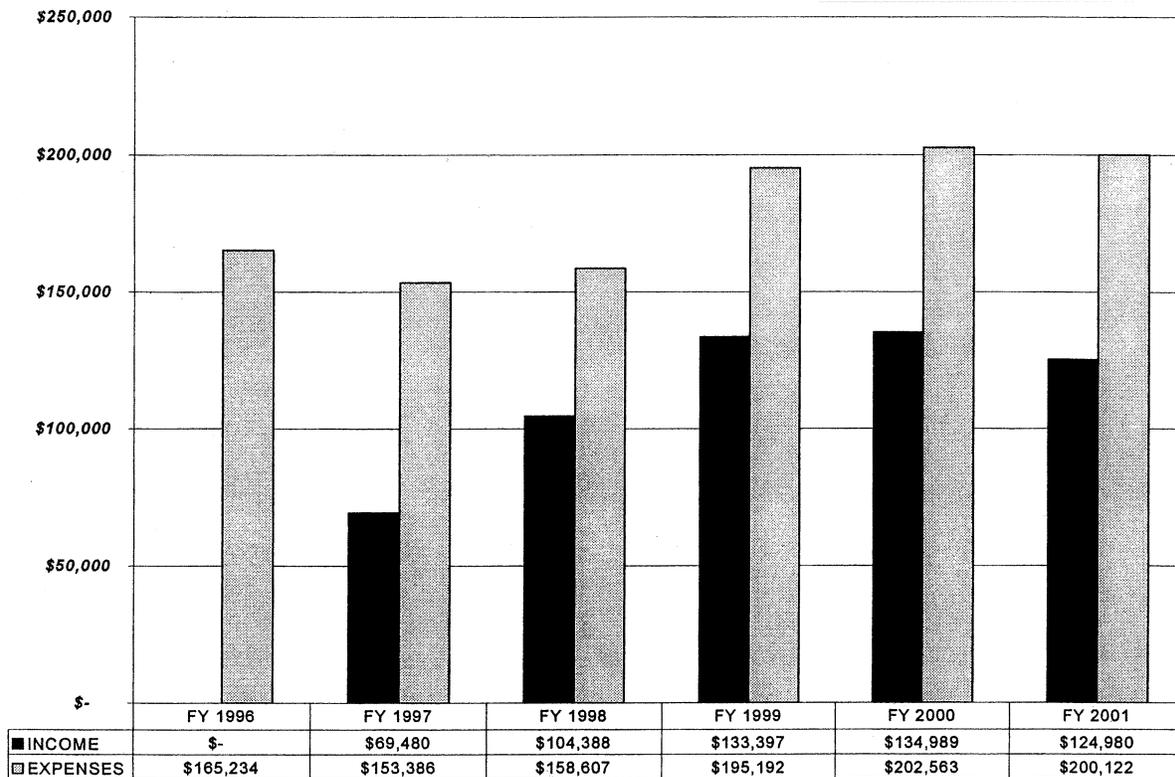


**Fig. 2. Percent of total fee vehicles by class of vehicle, FY 2000, number and dollars collected.**

In recent years the cost of operating the commercial operation program has largely exceeded the income generated by fees. The trends of fee revenue

remaining relatively steady and increasing expenses is expected to continue. The operating deficit is made up with funds appropriated for normal

park operations (ONPS funds). A year by year comparison of income and expenditures may be found in Figure 3.



**Fig. 3. Income vs. expenses, fiscal years 1996 through 2001.**

**Justification for the Fee Schedule**

When the current commercial vehicle policy on U.S. Route 209 was begun in 1983, closing the highway and charging a fee for permitted uses were very controversial issues. Under the circumstances, promulgating special regulations implementing the closure and fees was an appropriate action. The revenue generated was much greater than the cost of operating the fee program at that time, and there was a carry-over balance that was available for other uses related to the operation and maintenance of U.S. Route 209. As documented above, in recent years the cost of managing commercial operations has been more than the revenue collected. The collection of fees for commercial vehicle use of U.S. Route 209 is authorized by Federal statute, and Congress's intent is that the commercial vehicle fees collected fund the commercial traffic management program. The National Park Service has set the fees to attempt to provide an amount of revenue approximately equal to or slightly over the cost of collection, and to fund the commercial traffic

management program with the collected revenue. There is no plan to set fees at a level that would provide funds for maintenance of the highway, though any surplus could be used for repairs. The new fee schedule is provided in Table 2.

**TABLE 2.—NEW FEE SCHEDULE**

Vehicle description	Fee
2 axle cars, vans, trucks .....	\$3
2 axle vehicles with trailer .....	5
2 axle, 6 wheeled vehicles .....	8
3 axle vehicles .....	10
4 axle vehicles .....	13
5 axle vehicles .....	18

**Effect of a Fee Increase on the Trucking Industry**

Prior to the partial closure of U.S. Route 209 to commercial vehicles in 1983, more than 2,000 tractor-trailers per day traveled through the recreation area. That number has been reduced to fewer than 200 per day in 2001, including fee-paying and fee-exempt trucks. The 5-axle, fee-paying tractor-trailers using U.S. Route 209 use the

highway because it is the most convenient route between their points of origin and destination. A majority of these trucks are making trips between points within one hundred miles north or south of the recreation area. Generally, these trucks are either based in Monroe or Northampton Counties, PA, or are serving businesses in the four-county New York area. Relatively few trucks originating more than a hundred miles from Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area use the highway, even if they would be permitted to use the highway based on their destination. The trucks using U.S. Route 209 do so because it is the most convenient, and economically feasible, alternative.

There are two potential alternate routes available to the majority of trucks currently using U.S. Route 209. The first is to bypass the highway through the recreation area by traveling between Interstates 80 and 84 via Route 402. This route is not usable because there is a weight limit of 20,000 lbs.; an average weight for a loaded tractor trailer is 80,000 lbs. The second alternative is to

use Interstate 380 between Routes 80 and 84. This route adds approximately 46 miles to each one-way trip. Using a 2003 estimate of \$1.45 per mile for shipping freight via tractor trailers, travel via Interstate 380 adds an additional \$66. Other alternatives, such as using Route 94 or Interstate 287, are unlikely to be chosen because of traffic congestion, additional miles, and tolls. Therefore, NPS expects the large 5-axle,

fee-paying traffic to remain relatively constant.

NPS has identified the six most common companies using U.S. Route 209 on a fee basis. These six companies paid approximately 45 percent of all the 5-axle fees paid in fiscal year 2001. NPS received approximately \$46,277 from these companies in calendar year 2001, out of a total of \$103,838 paid by all 5-axle vehicles in fiscal year 2001. This compares a calendar year to a fiscal

year, so therefore these are estimates, but they should be approximately correct because the traffic from these six companies is relatively constant. These companies will be the most affected by a fee increase. Increasing the fees by 155% will proportionally increase the cost of using U.S. Route 209 to these companies. Table 3 summarizes the total number of paid trips by these companies and the revenue received from them in calendar year 2001.

TABLE 3.—TOTAL 5-AXLE FEE TRIPS AND REVENUE RECEIVED CALENDAR YEAR 2001

	Dicks Concrete Co.	East Penn Trucking Co.	Rollin Johnson Inc.	Moyer Packing Co. (MOPAC)	Roadway Express Inc.	F.T. Silfies, Inc.
Total number of 5-axle fees trips .....	1,941	274	1,607	678	859	1,252
Total fees paid (\$) .....	13,587	1,918	11,249	4,746	6,013	8,764

**Effect of Proposed Fee Increase on NPS**

NPS anticipates fee revenue will increase by about 155% the when the proposed rule becomes final and the fee schedule is increased. Revenue from commercial vehicles decreased over the years of the program, but NPS does not have enough years of data since the resumption of fee collection in 1996 to predict future collections. A small percentage of commercial vehicles may elect to use an alternate route, rather than using U.S. Route 209. However, the larger 5-axle trucks are still expected to

use the highway, as \$18 per trip will still be less expensive than driving the additional miles on alternate routes. If those assumptions are correct, the revenue collected will be affected mostly by economic conditions.

The NPS estimates the fee revenue will be \$270,300 in the first fiscal year following implementation of the revised fee schedule. NPS believes the fee increase will be implemented on or shortly before the beginning of fiscal year 2005 on October 1, 2004. NPS anticipates spending an average additional 3.3 percent per year to

operate the commercial vehicle fee program, based on increases in personnel costs. Figure 4 illustrates the expected revenue collected, expenses, and carryover until the end of fiscal year 2005. This projection is based on the current hours of operation, which target about 90 percent of the commercial traffic. If the fee collection operation were extended beyond the end of fiscal year 2005, and revenue remained constant, the operation would be operating at a deficit during fiscal year 2007.

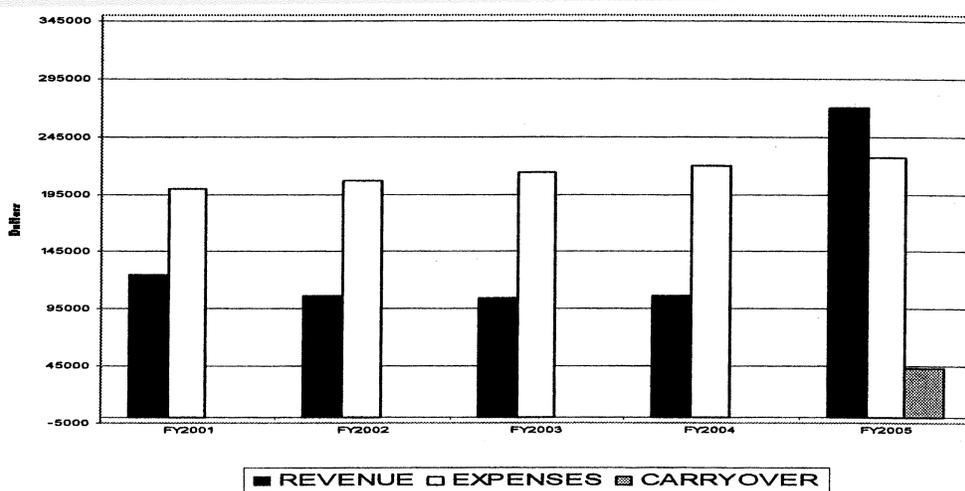


Figure 4. Revenue, expenses and carryover, FY01-05.

**Summary of Comments**

The National Park Service published a proposed rule on July 6, 2004, (69 FR 40562). Two comments were received on the rule during the 30-day comment period.

*Comment:* A private citizen from New Jersey commented that the increase in fees was not sufficient, and that the National Park Service should charge each commercial vehicle the maximum of \$25.00 as allowed by the 1995 law.

In addition, the comment included the statement that the fees should be \$25.00 per axle.

*Response:* The National Park Service fee structure was originally designed to be consistent to those used by

governmental entities that collect fees or tolls for roadway or bridge use; *i.e.*, the amount of the fee is based on the number of axles the vehicle has. For example smaller, lighter vehicles such as pickup trucks are charged a fee at the lower end of the schedule, while the largest, heaviest vehicles such as tractor-trailers pay the highest fees.

The National Park Service wishes to retain that accepted fee structure. It has adjusted fees to a level that, given no decrease in present use, will make the commercial vehicle regulation program self-sustaining as directed by Public Law 98-63; increasing fees to \$25.00 per vehicle would likely result in an excess of funds above the cost of managing the program. Though Congress has also authorized the use of funds to perform maintenance on the highway, no maintenance/construction on U.S. Route 209 is expected during fiscal year 2005. Thus collecting funds in excess of operating costs would therefore be inappropriate. In addition, the suggestion of charging \$25.00 per axle would exceed the maximum fee authorized by Congress.

*Comment:* The second comment received was from the management of a truck terminal in the local area. The terminal is a branch facility of a large multinational corporation. The comment received was to suggest a 6-year phase-in of the increase in fees.

*Response:* P.L. 104-333 ends the National Park Service authority to collect fees on September 30, 2005, so any collections beyond that time would not be authorized, and a phase-in therefore not possible. As mentioned before, the Service established the fee schedule to cover costs; any lesser amounts would prevent the program from becoming self-sufficient.

### Compliance With Other Laws

#### *Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Order 12866)*

This document is not a significant rule and has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

(1) This rule will not have an effect of \$100 million or more on the economy. It will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities. The NPS has prepared an Initial Cost-Benefit analysis to support this statement. That analysis can be viewed at <http://www.nps.gov/dewa>.

(2) This rule will not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by

another agency. Actions taken under this rule will not interfere with other agencies or local government plans, policies, or controls. This is an agency-specific rule.

(3) This rule does not alter the budgetary effects of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights or obligations of their recipients. This rule will have no effects on entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights or obligations of their recipients. No grants or other forms of monetary supplements are involved.

(4) This rule does not raise novel policy issues.

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Department of the Interior certifies that this document will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This certification is based on a Regulatory Flexibility threshold analysis performed by NPS economists in October 2003. That document can be viewed at <http://www.nps.gov/dewa>.

#### *Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA)*

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule:

- a. Does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more.
- b. Will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions.
- c. Does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises.

#### *Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local or tribal governments or the private sector.

This rule is an agency-specific rule and imposes no other requirements on other agencies, governments, or the private sector.

#### *Takings (Executive Order 12630)*

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, the rule does not have significant taking implications. A taking implication assessment is not required.

No takings of personal property will occur as a result of this rule.

#### *Federalism (Executive Order 13132)*

In accordance with Executive Order 13132, the rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

This proposed rule only affects use of NPS-administered lands and waters. It has no outside effects on other areas.

#### *Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)*

In accordance with Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this rule does not unduly burden the judicial system and meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This regulation does not require an information collection from 10 or more parties and a submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act is not required. An OMB form 83-I is not required.

#### *National Environmental Policy Act*

A Final Environmental Impact Statement for the management of U.S. Route 209 was issued in September 1983. The Department has determined that further compliance under this Act is not required for any of these proposed actions.

#### *Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes*

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government to Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951) and 512 DM 2:

We have evaluated potential effects on federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no potential effects.

#### *Clarity of Rule*

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are easy to understand. We invite your comments on how to make this rule easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following: (1) Are the requirements in the rule clearly stated? (2) Does the rule contain technical language or jargon that interferes with its clarity? (3) Does the format of the rule (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, *etc.*) aid or reduce its clarity? (4) Would the rule be easier to read if it were divided into more (but shorter) sections? (A "section" appears in bold type and is preceded by the

symbol “§” and a numbered heading; for example § 7.71 **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**. (5) Is the description of the rule in the “Supplementary Information” section of the preamble helpful in understanding the proposed rule? What else could we do to make the rule easier to understand?

Send a copy of any comments that concern how we could make this rule easier to understand to: Office of Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, Room 7229, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

#### *Drafting Information*

The principal contributors to this proposed rulemaking are Joel Schwartz, Fee Collection Program Manager, and Brian McDonnell, Park Ranger, and Philip A. Selleck, Chief Ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA.

#### **List of Subjects in 36 CFR Part 7**

District of Columbia, National parks, reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, the National Park Service amends 36 CFR Part 7 as follows:

#### **PART 7—SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM**

■ 1. The authority citation for Part 7 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1, 3, 9a, 460(q), 462(k); Sec. 7.96 also issued under DC Code 8–137 (1981) and DC Code 40–721 (1981).

■ 2. Section 7.71 is amended by revising paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (vi) to read as follows:

#### **§ 7.71 Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.**

(e) *Commercial Vehicle Fees.*

(1) \* \* \*

- (i) Two-axle car, van or truck—\$3
- (ii) Two-axle vehicle with trailer—\$5
- (iii) Two-axle 6-wheeled vehicle—\$8
- (iv) Three-axle vehicle—\$10
- (v) Four-axle vehicle—\$13
- (vi) Five or more-axle vehicle—\$18

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Dated: September 16, 2004.

**Paul Hoffman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Patent and Trademark Office**

#### **37 CFR Parts 2 and 7**

[Docket No. 2004–T–037]

RIN 0651–AB78

#### **New Mailing Addresses for Paper Submissions of Trademark-Related Correspondence and Madrid Protocol Rules Change**

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“Office”) is amending its rules to provide for new mailing addresses for trademark-related correspondence submitted on paper. The Office is also amending some of the rules that govern the submission of documents pursuant to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (“Madrid Protocol”) in the United States. Specifically, the Office is: Removing the requirement that international applications, subsequent designations, responses to notices of irregularity issued by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (“IB”), and requests for transformation be filed through the Trademark Electronic Application System (“TEAS”); limiting the requirement that fees payable to the IB for international applications, subsequent designations, and requests to record changes of ownership in the International Register be paid at the time of submission only if the document is filed through TEAS; and designating new mailing addresses for trademark-related correspondence and paper-filed international applications, subsequent designations, responses to notices of irregularity, requests to record changes in the International Register, requests for transformation, and petitions to the Director to review an action of the Office’s Madrid Processing Unit (“MPU”).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 4, 2004.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheryl L. Black, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, by telephone at (703) 308–8910, ext. 153, or by e-mail to [cheryl.black@uspto.gov](mailto:cheryl.black@uspto.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **Background**

### *New Mailing Addresses for Paper Submissions of Trademark-Related Documents*

The Office’s Trademark Operation, as well as its Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, are currently housed at 2900 Crystal Drive in Arlington, Virginia, and § 2.190 requires that all trademark-related correspondence filed on paper, except for requests to record documents in the Assignment Services Division and requests for copies of trademark documents, be sent to that location.

The Trademark Operation and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board are moving to a new facility in Alexandria, Virginia. It is expected that this move will commence on or about October 4, 2004, and will be completed on or about November 9, 2004. The Office is therefore amending § 2.190 to provide for new mailing addresses for all paper-filed trademark-related correspondence, except for requests to record documents in the Assignment Services Division and requests for copies of trademark documents.

The Office continues to encourage trademark applicants and registrants to file documents with the Trademark Operation via the Trademark Electronic Application System (“TEAS”), available at <http://www.uspto.gov>, and to file documents with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board via the Electronic System for Trademark Trials and Appeals (“ESTTA”), available at <http://estta.uspto.gov>.

### *Madrid Protocol Rules Changes*

The Madrid Protocol is an international treaty that allows a trademark owner to seek registration in any of the countries and organizations that have joined the Protocol (“Contracting Parties”), by submitting a single international application. The international application must be based on a trademark application filed in or registration issued by the trademark office of one of the Contracting Parties (“basic application” or “basic registration”), and must be submitted to the IB through the trademark office of the Contracting Party in which the basic application or registration is held (“Office of Origin”). Before forwarding the international application to the IB, the Office of Origin must certify that the information in the international application corresponds to the information in the basic application or registration.

The Madrid Protocol became effective in the United States on November 2, 2003. The Madrid Protocol Implementation Act of 2002, Public Law