

**DATES:** The docket for the petition for rulemaking PRM-50-71 is closed on November 6, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You can access publicly available documents related to this petition for rulemaking using the following methods:

*Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Further NRC action on the issues raised by this petition will be accessible at the federal rulemaking portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on rulemaking docket ID: NRC-2000-0004 and docket ID: NRC-2008-0332. The NRC also tracks all rulemaking actions in the "NRC Regulatory Agenda: Semiannual Report (NUREG-0936)."

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 31, 2000 (65 FR 34599), the NRC published for public comment a petition for rulemaking (PRM) filed by David J. Modeen, on behalf of the Nuclear Energy Institute. The comment period closed on August 14, 2000, and the NRC received 11 comment letters. In response to this petition, the NRC amended § 50.44 of its regulations (68 FR 54123, September 16, 2003) to eliminate the requirement to use Zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding. With respect to the cladding requirements specified in § 50.46, the NRC has determined that the petitioner's request in PRM-50-71 is appropriate for consideration and, in fact, is already being considered in the ongoing "Performance-Based Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS) Cladding

Acceptance Criteria" rulemaking. This rulemaking proposes revisions to the NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 50 that addresses licensing of production and utilization facilities in which the remaining open issues from PRM-50-71 will be resolved. The NRC will address the comments filed in PRM-50-71 as part of this rulemaking.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of October 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**R.W. Borchardt,**  
*Executive Director for Operations.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[REG-146895-05]

RIN 1545-BF05

#### Election To Expense Certain Refineries; Hearing Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations.

**SUMMARY:** This document cancels a public hearing on proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations under section 179C of the Internal Revenue Code relating to the election to expense qualified refinery property.

**DATES:** The public hearing, originally scheduled for November 20, 2008 at 10 a.m. is cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Funmi Taylor of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 622-3628 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 (73 FR 39270) announced that a public hearing was scheduled for November 20, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing is under the section 179C of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on September 8,

2008. The notice of proposed rulemaking by cross-reference to temporary regulations and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit an outline of the topics to be addressed by October 14, 2008. As of Monday, October 27, 2008, no one has requested to speak. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2008, is cancelled.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0049]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), Mile 49.8, Near Houma, Lafourche Parish, LA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is withdrawing its notice of proposed rulemaking concerning the operation of the SR 316 Blue Bayou Pontoon Bridge across the GIWW, mile 49.8, near Houma, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to allow the bridge to stay closed for school buses to pass when carrying children, but due to mechanical improvements of the bridge, the requester, Lafourche Parish Council, has withdrawn their request.

**DATES:** The notice of proposed rulemaking is withdrawn on November 6, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this withdrawn rulemaking is available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room 212-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also find this docket on the Internet at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on the proposed rule