Maps are available for inspection at 233 North Pecos-La Trinidad Street, Suite 420, San Antonio, TX 78207.

City of San Antonio
Maps are available for inspection at 114 West Commerce Street, 7th Floor, San Antonio, TX 78205.

City of Schertz
Maps are available for inspection at 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, TX 78154.

City of Selma
Maps are available for inspection at 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, TX 78154.

City of St. Hedwig
Maps are available for inspection at 13065 FM 1346, St. Hedwig, TX 78152.

City of Shavano Park
Maps are available for inspection at 99 Saddletree Court, Shavano Park, TX 78231.

City of Terrell Hills
Maps are available for inspection at 5100 North New Braunfels Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78209.

City of Windcrest
Maps are available for inspection at 8601 Midcrown Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239.

Town of Hollywood Park
Maps are available for inspection at 407 Rhapsody Lane, Hollywood Park, TX 78216.

Unincorporated Areas of Bexar County
Maps are available for inspection at 233 North Pecos-La Trinidad Street, Suite 420, San Antonio, TX 78207.
2010, makes technical and editorial corrections throughout Title 46. This rule does not create any substantive requirements.

III. Discussion of Rule

This rule revises 46 Part 1 by deleting all references to “Assessment, Integration and Risk Management Directorate (CG–51),” as this directorate no longer exists.

This rule revises 46 Part 1 by deleting all references to “Office of Waterways Management (CG–541),” as this office no longer exists.

This rule revises 46 Part 1 by adding a reference to the “Office of International and Domestic Port Security (CG–541).” This new office was created under the existing Prevention Policy Directorate (CG–54).

This rule revises 46 Part 1 by adding a reference to “Marine Transportation Systems Management Directorate (CG–55).” This new directorate was created to manage the Coast Guard’s portfolio of waterways management programs and assets and will coordinate Coast Guard activities to promote development of national and international consensus on waterways, management policies, goals, objectives, and strategies.

In addition, this rule revises 46 Part 1 by adding references to “Office of Bridge Programs (CG–551),” “Office of Marine Transportation Systems (CG–552),” and “Office of Navigation Systems (CG–553).” These new offices were created under the Marine Transportation Systems Management Directorate (CG–55).

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 by eliminating the requirement that an inspector must complete and submit “Form CG–858, Certificate of Inspections Amendment,” to amend a vessel’s Certificate of Inspection. The paragraph will clarify that the original Certificate of Inspection may be amended and re-issued with the original renewal date pending approval of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 by removing references to a Letter of Compliance and to a Tank Vessel Examination Letter and replacing them with a reference to a Certificate of Compliance. Letters of Compliance and Tank Vessel Examination Letters are no longer issued, and were combined to form Certificates of Compliance in the mid-1990s. It also clarifies the office and the appropriate chain of command for actions regarding vessel fees.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 by clarifying the chain-of-command procedure in various instances without making changes to the chain of command.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 to add that a credit card or wire transfer is an acceptable form of payment for all fees required by subpart 2.10.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 to update the address for mailing a payment made by check for vessel inspection and to add a new address for mailing a payment using a credit card.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 2 to remove “midperiod” and add, in its place, “annual and periodic” to more accurately describe the period between inspections.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 7 by correcting grammatical errors.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 9 to remove “steamship,” as this is an outdated term which is no longer used to describe vessels.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 10 to correct a table titled “Table 10.215(a)—Medical and Physical Requirements for Mariner Endorsement,” in which four pieces of data are located in the wrong columns.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 28 to update the delegation of authority from the Secretary of Transportation to the Secretary of Homeland Security in an instance where it had not already been changed.

This rule revises 46 CFR Parts 31 and 70 to capitalize the word “office” in “Office of the Commandant.”

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 54 to remove a redundant paragraph and replace it with the paragraph originally intended. The 2009 CFR included similar paragraphs describing the pressure measurement restrictions for condensers and heat exchangers eligible for exemption from shop inspection. This rule removes the less specific, earlier version of the paragraph at § 54.01–15(a)(5) and leaves the more recently updated version of the paragraph, redesignating it as § 54.01–15(a)(5) from § 54.01–15(a)(4). This rule returns the original paragraph at § 54.01–15(a)(4) regarding Class I, II, and III pressure vessels, to its intended place. The original paragraph was present in the 2008 CFR but erroneously omitted from the 2009 publication.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 129 to replace the word “part” with the word “subchapter” where “subchapter” is intended.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 150 to correct a table with mislabeled footnotes.

This rule revises 46 CFR Part 154 to remove a redundant section at § 154.30.

This rule corrects 46 CFR Part 177 to make the metric value of 15 feet accurate and non-substantive. Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this final rule
will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

C. Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. 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 rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

E. 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 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Taking of Private Property

This rule will not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutorally Protected Property Rights.

G. Civil Justice Reform

This 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.

H. Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

I. Indian Tribal Governments

This 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.

J. Energy Effects

We have analyzed this 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. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

K. Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NNTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

L. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule is categorically excluded under section 2.B.2, figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(a) of the Instruction. This rule involves regulations that are editorial and procedural, such as those updating addresses or establishing application procedures. An environmental analysis checklist and a categorical exclusion determination are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects

46 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Organization and functions [Government agencies], Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

46 CFR Part 2

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46 CFR Part 7

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46 CFR Part 9

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46 CFR Part 10

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46 CFR Part 11

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46 CFR Part 27

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Cargo vessels, Marine safety, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

46 CFR Part 54

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels.

46 CFR Part 76

Fire prevention, Marine safety, Passenger vessels.

46 CFR Part 112

Vessels.
1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:


PART 2—VESSEL INSPECTIONS

3. The authority citation for part 2 continues to read as follows:


4. Revise § 2.01–5(c) to read as follows:

(c) Amending certificates. When, because of a change in the character of the vessel or vessel’s route, equipment, etc., the vessel does not comply with the requirements of the Certificate of Inspection previously issued, an amended certificate may be issued at the discretion of the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, to whom a request is made.

5. Revise § 2.01–6 to read as follows:

§ 2.01–6 Certificates issued to foreign vessels.

(a) Issuance of a Certificate of Compliance (COC). Foreign vessels of countries which are signatory to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, are issued a Certificate of Compliance (CG–3585) upon satisfactory completion of a compliance examination by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection:

(1) A foreign passenger vessel that is registered in a country which is signatory to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, visits U.S. ports with U.S. citizens as passengers or embarks passengers in U.S. ports, and holds a valid Passenger Ship Safety Certificate;

(2) A foreign vessel that is suitable for carriage of hazardous cargoes in bulk as defined in 46 CFR subchapter 0 and is in compliance with Tankship Cargo Vventing and Handling Systems and Minimum Pollution Prevention Regulations and Transfer Procedures (33
CFR parts 155, 156, 157, and 159), and Navigation Safety Inspection Regulations (33 CFR part 164);

(3) A foreign Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit that complies with standards listed in 33 CFR 143.207 and is engaged in U.S. Outer Continental Shelf activities;

(4) A foreign vessel that is suitable for carriage of cargoes as defined in 46 CFR subchapter D and is in compliance with Tankship Cargo Venting and Handling Systems and Minimum Safety Standards (SOLAS 74–46 CFR part 35), Pollution Prevention Regulations and Transfer Procedures (33 CFR parts 155, 156, 157, and 159), and Navigation Safety Regulations (33 CFR part 164).

(b) Foreign vessels of countries which are non-signatory to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, are issued a Temporary Certificate of Inspection (CG–854) and a Certificate of Inspection (CG–841), respectively, as described in §2.01–5. Any amendments to these certificates shall be accomplished in accordance with §2.01–5(c).

(c) Description of COC. CG–3585 describes the vessel’s particulars, type of vessel examined, type of certificate(s) required by the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, the period of validity, subsequent exams required to maintain the certificates validity, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection zone where the exam was completed in and if there are any deficiencies as to applicable regulations at the time the vessel was examined. If there are deficiencies issued, they are listed in the examination record section of the COC.

§2.10–1 [Amended]

6. In §2.10–1(a), after the words “foreign vessels required to have”, remove the words “either a Letter of Compliance or a Tank Vessel Examination Letter” and add, in their place, the words “a Certificate of Compliance”.

7. In §2.10–5, add a third sentence to paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§2.10–5 Exemptions.

(d) * * * * * The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection will endorse and forward the request to Commandant (CG–DCO–83) for decision.

§2.10–10 [Amended]

8. Amend §2.10–10 as follows:

a. Remove the text “CG–DCO–R–3” and add, in its place, the text “CG–DCO–83”;

b. Remove the text “CG–MRP” and add, in its place, the text “CG–DCO–R–3”;

c. In paragraph (e), remove the text “CG–DCO–R–3” and add, in its place, the text “CG–DCO–83”;

d. In paragraph (e), remove the text “CG–MRP” and add, in its place, the text “CG–DCO–83”;

e. In paragraph (f), remove the words “Marine Safety or Marine Inspection Office” and add, in their place, the words “Coast Guard Sector, Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, or Marine Safety Detachment”.

The addition and revision read as follows:

§2.10–20 General Requirements.

* * * * *(b) * * * * Payment may also be made by credit card or wire transfer.

* * * * *(d) Unless otherwise specified, fees required by this subpart must be mailed to the following addresses: For payment by credit card, U.S. Coast Guard Finance Center (OGR), 1430A Kristina Way, Chesapeake, VA 23326; For payment by check, make payable to U.S. Treasury, with delivery by postal service, USCG Inspection Fees, P.O. Box 70952, Charlotte, NC 28272–0952; or by overnight courier, Wachovia QLP Lockbox–D1113–022, Lockbox 70952, 1525 West WT Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28262.

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§2.10–105 Prepayment of annual vessel inspection fees.

* * * * *(e) * * * * The Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection will endorse and forward the request to Commandant (CG–DCO–83) for decision.

§2.10–115 [Amended]

12. Amend §2.10–115(b) by removing the text “CG–DCO–R–3” and adding, in its place, the text “CG–DCO–83”.

§2.10–125 [Amended]

13. Amend §2.10–125 as follows:

a. In paragraph (a), remove the word “Letter” wherever it appears and add, in its place, the word “Certificate”;

b. In paragraph (b), remove the words “Tank Vessel Examination Letter” and add, in its place, the words “Certificate of Compliance”.

§2.10–130 [Amended]

14. Amend §2.10–130 as follows:

a. In paragraph (a), remove the word “Certificate”;

b. In paragraph (b), remove the words “Letter” and add, in its place, the word “Certificate”.

§2.75–1 [Amended]

15. Amend §2.75–1(c) by removing the words “Environmental Protection” wherever they appear and adding, in their place, the word “Stewardship”.

PART 7—BOUNDARY LINES

16. The authority citation for part 7 continues to read as follows:


17. Revise §7.65 to read as follows:

§7.65 Charleston Harbor, SC.

A line drawn from Charleston Light on Sullivan’s Island to latitude 32°40.7′ N. longitude 79°42.9′ W. (Charleson Lighted Whistle Buoy “2C”), thence to a point on Folly Island at latitude 32°41.0′ N. longitude 79°53.2′ W.

PART 9—EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME SERVICES

18. The authority citation for part 9 continues to read as follows:


§9.14 [Amended]

19. In §9.14, after the words “fees against”, remove the word “steamship”.

PART 10—MERCHANT MARINER CREDENTIAL

20. The authority citation for part 10 continues to read as follows:


21. Amend §10.215(a) by revising Table 10.215(a) to read as follows:
TABLE 10.215(a)—MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MARINER ENDORSEMENTS

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Credential</th>
<th>Vision test</th>
<th>Hearing test</th>
<th>General medical exam</th>
<th>Demonstration of physical ability</th>
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<td>(i) Deck officer, including pilot</td>
<td>§ 10.215(b)(1)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(c)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(d)(1)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(e)(1)</td>
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<td>(ii) Engineering officer</td>
<td>§ 10.215(b)(2)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(c)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(d)(1)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(e)(1)</td>
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<td>(iii) Offshore installation manager, barge supervisor, or ballast control operator.</td>
<td>§ 10.215(b)(2)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(c)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(d)(1)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(e)(1)</td>
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<td>(v) Able seaman</td>
<td>§ 10.215(b)(1)</td>
<td>§ 10.215(c)</td>
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<td>(x) Tankerman</td>
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<td>§ 10.215(c)</td>
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<td>(xi) Food handler serving on vessels to which STCW does not apply.</td>
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<td>(xiii) Ratings, including entry level, serving on vessels to which STCW applies, other than those listed above.</td>
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PART 11—REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICER ENDORSEMENTS

22. The authority citation for part 11 continues to read as follows:


§ 11.302 [Amended]

23. Amend § 11.302(g) by removing the text “§ 1.03–45” and adding, in its place, the text “§ 1.03–40”.

PART 25—REQUIREMENTS

24. The authority citation for part 25 continues to read as follows:


§ 25.01–3 [Amended]

25–26. Amend § 25.01–3(a), third sentence, by removing the words “Office of Compliance” and adding, in their place, the words “Office of Vessel Activities”, and in paragraph (b) by removing the words “3069 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037” and adding, in their place, the words “613 Third Street, Suite 10, Annapolis, MD 21403”.

PART 27—TOWING VESSELS

27. The authority citation for part 27 continues to read as follows:


§ 27.102 [Amended]

28. Amend § 27.102(b), in the table heading, by removing the words “3069 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037” and adding, in their place, the words “613 Third Street, Suite 10, Annapolis, MD 21403”.

§ 28.265 [Amended]

33. Amend § 28.265(d)(4)(vii) by removing the words “LORAN coordinate.”.

§ 28.820 [Amended]

34. In § 28.820(a)(2), second sentence, after the words “bilge system requirements of”, remove the text “§ 28.760(c)” and add, in its place, the text “§ 28.255(d)”.

PART 31—INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

35. The authority citation for part 31 continues to read as follows:


§ 31.10–1 [Amended]

36. In § 31.10–1(b), third sentence, after the words “examined at the”, remove the words “office of the Commandant” and add, in their place, the words “Office of the Commandant”.

PART 54—PRESSURE VESSELS

37. The authority citation for part 54 continues to read as follows:


38. In § 54.01–15, revise paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5) to read as follows:
PART 70—GENERAL PROVISIONS

41. The authority citation for part 70 continues to read as follows:


§ 70.35–5 [Amended]

40. In § 70.35–5(a), second sentence, after the words “examined at the”, remove the words “office of the Commandant” and add, in their place, the words “Office of the Commandant”.

PART 76—FIRE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

41. The authority citation for part 76 continues to read as follows:


§ 76.15–5 [Amended]

42. Amend § 76.15–5(e)(3) by removing the words “paragraph (e)” and adding, in their place, the words “paragraph (d)”.

PART 112—EMERGENCY LIGHTING AND POWER SYSTEMS

43. The authority citation for part 112 continues to read as follows:


§ 112.15–5 [Amended]

44. Amend § 112.15–5(j) by removing the word “loran.”.

PART 114—GENERAL PROVISIONS

45. The authority citation for part 114 continues to read as follows:


§ 114.600 [Amended]

46. Amend § 114.600(b) by removing the words “3069 Solomons Island Road, Edgewater, MD 21037” and adding, in their place, the words “613 Third Street, Suite 10, Annapolis, MD 21403”.

PART 121—VESSEL CONTROL AND MISCELLANEOUS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT

47. The authority citation for part 121 continues to read as follows:


§ 121.510 [Amended]

48. Amend § 121.510(a)(7) by removing the words “LORAN coordinates.”.

PART 129—ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

49. The authority citation for part 129 continues to read as follows:


§ 129.110 [Amended]

50. Amend § 129.110 by removing the word “part” and adding, in its place, the word “subchapter”.

PART 131—OPERATIONS

51. The authority citation for part 131 continues to read as follows:


§ 131.890 [Amended]

52. Amend § 131.890 by removing the word “Transponder” and adding, in its place, the word “Transmitter”.

PART 150—COMPATIBILITY OF CARGOES

53. The authority citation for part 150 continues to read as follows:


Table 1 to Part 150 [Amended]

54. In Table 1 to Part 150, in the “Footnote” column, remove the numeral “2” for each row that includes the following in the “Chemical name” column:

- a. Alkyl acrylate-Vinyl pyridine copolymer in Toluene
- b. Alkyl(C3-C4)benzenes
- c. Alkyl(C5-C8)benzenes
- d. Alkyl(C9+)benzenes
- e. Alkylbenzene, Alkyllindane, Alkyllindene mixture (each C12-C17)
- f. Benzene hydrocarbon mixtures (having 10% Benzene or more)
- g. Butylbenzene, see Alkyl(C3-C4)benzenes
- h. Butyl phenol, Formaldehyde resin in Xylene
- i. Butyl tolouene
- j. Cymene
- k. Decylbenzene, see Alkyl(C9+) benzenes
- l. Dialkyl(C10-C14) benzenes, see Alkyl(C9+) benzenes
- m. Dichloromethane
- n. Diethylbenzene
- o. Diisopropylbenzene
- p. Diisopropyl naphthalene
- q. Diphenyl
- r. Dodecanol
- s. Dodecylamine, Tetradecylamine mixture
- t. Dodecyl hydroxypropyl sulfide
- u. Ethylbenzene
- v. Ethyl tolouene
- w. 1-Hexadecynaphthalene, 1,4-bis(Hexadecyl)naphthalene mixture
- x. Methyl naphthalene
- y. Naphthalene
- z. 1-Phenyl-1-xyl ethane
- aa. Poly(2+)-cyclic aromatics
- bb. Polyolefinamine in alkyl(C2-C4)benzenes
- cc. Sulfuric acid, spent
- dd. Tetradecylbenzene, see Alkyl(C9+) benzenes
- ee. Tetrahydroxynaphthalene
- ff. Tetramethylbenzene
- gg. Titanium tetrachloride
- hh. Toluene
- ii. Xylene
- jj. Xylenes, Ethylbenzene mixture

PART 154—SAFETY STANDARDS FOR SELF-PROPELLED VESSELS CARRYING BULK LIQUEFIED GASES

55. The authority citation for part 154 continues to read as follows:


§ 154.30 [Removed and Reserved]

56. Remove and reserve § 154.30.

PART 160—LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

57. The authority citation for part 160 continues to read as follows:
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

49 CFR Part 71

[OST Docket No. OST–2010–0046]  

Relocation of Standard Time Zone Boundary in the State of North Dakota:  
Mercer County

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DOT is moving all of Mercer County, North Dakota to the central time zone. Prior to this action, all of Mercer County was located in the mountain time zone. This action is taken in response to a petition filed by the Board of County Commissioners for Mercer County and is based on comments made at a public hearing and filed in the docket.

DATES: Effective Date: This final rule will be effective November 7, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Ashby, Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulation and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room W94–302, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590. (202) 366–9310, bob.ashby@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

For more than a century, time zone boundaries in North Dakota have had an interesting and varied history. Beginning in 1883, mountain time was observed in the southwest portion of the State and a few locations in the northwest, with central time being used elsewhere. In 1929, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), which then had jurisdiction over time zone boundaries, extended central time to cover all but a cluster of counties in the southwest corner of the State. Congress transferred the ICC’s time zone boundary powers to the Department of Transportation (DOT) in 1967. DOT exercises these powers under the provisions of the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (15 U.S.C. 260–64). The Department has exercised its authority under this statute in several proceedings affecting North Dakota. In 1968, in response to a petition from the Governor of North Dakota, the Department placed 14 counties lying south and west of the Missouri River into mountain time. The change was made to pass the boundary line of the mountain time zone, which historically has been a preferred time for travel to and from the South Dakota and Minnesota boundaries.

In 1992, in response to a petition from the Governor of North Dakota, the Department moved that county into the central time zone. The Department exercised its authority under this statute in several proceedings affecting North Dakota. In 1968, in response to a petition from the Governor of North Dakota, the Department placed 14 counties lying south and west of the Missouri River into mountain time. The change was made to pass the boundary line of the mountain time zone, which historically has been a preferred time for travel to and from the South Dakota and Minnesota boundaries.

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Efforts to move the county into central time were also made in 2001. In that case, the Board of County Commissioners for Mercer County asked the Department to consider makingthe county’s time zone change. DOT, in its decision, noted that the Board of Commissioners of Oliver County (which is adjacent to Mercer County), the Department moved that county into the central time zone. The Department took similar action with respect to Morton County and a portion of Sioux County in 2003.

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