Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on April 7, 2011.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call or e-mail BMC Gregory Ford, Prevention Department, Coast Guard, Sector Sault Sainte Marie, MI, telephone (906) 635–3222, e-mail Gregory.C.Ford@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0188]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zones; Annual Events

Requiring Safety Zones in the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie Zone

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish regulations requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie zone. This proposed rule is intended to establish safety zones that will restrict vessels from certain portions of water areas within the Sector Sault Ste Marie Captain of the Port zone, as defined by our regulations. These proposed safety zones are necessary to protect spectators, participants, and vessels from the hazards associated with various maritime events.

DATES: Comments and related materials must be received by the Coast Guard on or before May 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2011–0188 using any one of the following methods:

(2) Fax: 202–493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for instructions on submitting comments.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to http://www.regulations.gov and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG–2011–0188), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online (via http://www.regulations.gov) or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. If you submit a
comment online via http://www.regulations.gov, it will be considered received by the Coast Guard when you successfully transmit the comment. If you fax, hand deliver, or mail your comment, it will be considered as having been received by the Coast Guard when it is received at the Docket Management Facility. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the “submit a comment” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Document Type” drop down menu select “Proposed Rule” and insert “USCG–2011–0188” in the “Keyword” box. Click “Search” then click on the balloon shape in the “Actions” column. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change the rule based on your comments.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the “Read Comments” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Keyword” box insert “USCG–2011–0188” and click “Search.” Click the “Open Docket Folder” in the “Actions” column. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting, but you may submit a request for one by using one of the four methods specified under ADDRESSES. Please explain why you believe a public meeting 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

This proposed rule will add 33 CFR 165.9xx, Annual Events requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie zone. Various private and public entities organize marine events within the Sault Sainte Marie Captain of the Port zone. Many of these events recur in the same location on or about the same date each year. Also, many of these events pose hazards to the public. Such hazards include obstruction to the navigable channels, explosive dangers associated with fireworks, debris falling into the water, and general congestion of waterways. To minimize these and other hazards, this proposed rule will establish twenty safety zones, each related to a specific recurring marine event.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

This proposed rule and its associated safety zones are necessary to ensure the safety of vessels and people during each of the annual marine events discussed below.

Although this rule will remain in effect year round, the proposed safety zones will be enforced only immediately before, during, and after each corresponding event.

The Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie will notify the public when the safety zones in this proposal will be enforced. In keeping with 33 CFR 165.7(a), the Captain and the Port Sainte Marie will use all appropriate means to notify the affected segments of the public. This will include, as practicable, publication in the Federal Register, Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and Local Notice to Mariners. The Captain of the Port will, as practicable, issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners notifying the public when any enforcement period is cancelled. Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within each of the below safety zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sainte Marie or his designated representative. All persons and vessels permitted to enter one of the safety zones established by this proposed rule shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated representative. The Captain of the Port or his or her designated representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on 13 of these statutes or executive orders.

Regulatory Planning and Review

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 Homeland Security (DHS). We conclude that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action because we anticipate that it will have minimal impact on the economy, will not interfere with other agencies, will not adversely alter the budget of any grant or loan recipients, and will not raise any novel legal or policy issues. The safety zones created by this proposed rule will be relatively small and enforced for a relatively short time. Also, each safety zone is designed to minimize its impact on navigable waters. Furthermore, each safety zone has been designed to allow vessels to transit unrestricted to portions of the waterways not affected by the safety zones. Thus, restrictions on vessel movement within that particular area are expected to be minimal. Under certain conditions, moreover, vessels may still transit through each safety zone when permitted by the Captain of the Port. On the whole, the Coast Guard expects insignificant adverse impact to mariners from the activation of these safety zones.

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 would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: The owners and operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in any one of the below established safety zones while the safety zone is being enforced. These safety zones will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: Each safety zone in this proposed rule will be in effect for only a few hours within any given 24 hour period. Each of the safety zones, with one exception, will be in effect only once per year. Furthermore, these safety zones have been designed to allow traffic to pass safely around each zone. Moreover, vessels will be allowed to pass through each zone at the discretion of the Captain of the Port.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed 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 (Pub. L. 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 rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact BMC Gregory Ford, Prevention Department, Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie, MI at (906) 635–3222. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

Collection of Information

This proposed rule calls 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 (adjusted for inflation) 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 will not affect the 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 proposed 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

The Coast Guard recognizes the treaty rights of Native American Tribes. Moreover, the Coast Guard is committed to working with Tribal Governments to implement local policies and to mitigate Tribal concerns. We have determined that this rule and fishing rights protection need not be incompatible. We have also determined that 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.

Nevertheless, Indian Tribes that have questions concerning the provisions of this proposed rule or options for compliance are encouraged to contact the point of contact listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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. 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.

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (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 proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed 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 made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. A preliminary environmental analysis checklist supporting this preliminary determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. This
proposed rule establishes a safety zone and therefore paragraph (341g) of figure 2–1 applies. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

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:


2. Add § 165.918 to read as follows:

§ 165.918 Safety Zones; Annual events requiring safety zones in the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie zone.

(a) Safety Zones. The following areas are designated safety zones:

(1) Marquette Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Marquette, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Marquette Harbor within a 1000-foot radius of the fireworks launch site, centered approximately 1250 feet south of the Mattson Park Bulkhead Dock and 450 feet east of Ripley Rock, at position 46°32′21.1″ N, 087°23′07.6″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(2) Munising Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Munising, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of South Bay within a 600-foot radius from the fireworks launch site at the end of the Munising City Dock, centered in position: 46°24′50.08″ N, 086°39′08.52″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. on July 5. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced on July 5 from 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. on July 6.

(3) Grand Marais Splash-In; Grand Marais, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters within the southern portion of West Bay bound to the north by a line beginning approximately 175 feet south-southeast of the Lake Street Boat Launch, extending 5280 feet to the east on a true bearing of 079 degrees. The eastern boundary will then be formed by a line drawn to the shoreline on a true bearing of 170 degrees. The western and southern boundaries of the zone will be bound by the shoreline of West Bay. The coordinates for this zone are as follows: 46°40′22.32″ N, 085°59′00.66″ W, 46°40′32.04″ N, 085°57′46.14″ W, and 46°40′19.68″ N, 085°57′43.08″ W [DATUM: NAD 83], with the West Bay shoreline forming the South and West boundaries of the zone.

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on the second to last Saturday in June from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

(4) Sault Sainte Marie Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Sault Sainte Marie, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of the St. Marys River within a 750-foot radius around the eastern portion of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Soo Locks North East Pier, centered in position: 46°30′19.66″ N, 084°20′31.61″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

(5) St. Ignace Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; St. Ignace, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of East Moran Bay within a 700-foot radius from the fireworks launch site at the end of the Arnold Transit Mill Slip, centered in position: 45°52′24.62″ N, 084°43′18.13″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

(6) Mackinac Island Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Mackinac Island, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Lake Huron within a 500-foot radius of the fireworks launch site, centered approximately 1000 yards west of Round Island Passage Light, at position 45°30′34.92″ N, 084°37′38.16″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

(7) Festivals of Fireworks Celebration Fireworks; St. Ignace, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of East Moran Bay within a 700-foot radius from the fireworks launch site at the end of the Arnold Transit Mill Slip, centered in position: 45°52′24.62″ N, 084°43′18.13″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on every Saturday following the 4th of July until the second Sunday in September from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. If the fireworks are cancelled on Saturday due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced on Sunday from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

(8) Canada Day Celebration Fireworks; Sault Sainte Marie, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of the St. Marys River within a 1200-foot radius from the fireworks launch site, centered approximately 160 yards north of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Soo Locks North East Pier, at position 46°30′20.40″ N, 084°20′17.64″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 1 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. If the July 1 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 2 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(9) Jordan Valley Freedom Festival Fireworks; East Jordan, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Lake Charlevoix, near the City of East Jordan, within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located on a barge in position 44°46′12″ N, 085°37′06″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on the second Saturday in June from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(10) National Cherry Festival Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Traverse City, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of the West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located on a barge in position 44°46′12″ N, 085°37′06″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(11) Harbor Springs Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks; Harbor Springs, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Lake Michigan and Harbor Springs Harbor within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks
launched on a barge in position 45°25′30″ N, 084°59′06″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the first complete weekend of July from noon until 4 p.m.

(16) National Cherry Festival Finale Fireworks; Traverse City, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters and adjacent shoreline of the West Arm of Grand Traverse Bay within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located on a barge in position 44°46′12″ N, 88°37′06″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on the second Saturday of July from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(17) Charlevoix Venetian Festival Friday Night Fireworks; Charlevoix, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Lake Charlevoix, in the vicinity of Depot Beach, within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located on a barge in position 45°19′08″ N, 88°14′18″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on Friday of the fourth weekend of July from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(18) Charlevoix Venetian Festival Saturday Night Fireworks; Charlevoix, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Round Lake within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located on a barge in position 45°19′03″ N, 88°15′18″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on the second Saturday of August from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(19) Elk Rapids Harbor Days Fireworks; Elk Rapids, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Grand Traverse Bay, in the vicinity of Edward G. Grace Memorial Park, within the arc of a circle with a 1000-foot radius from the fireworks launch site located in position 44°53′58″ N, 88°25′04″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. Each year on the first Saturday of August from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(20) Alpena Fourth of July Celebration Fireworks, Alpena, MI:

(i) Location. All U.S. navigable waters of Lake Huron within an 800-foot radius of the fireworks launch site located near the end of Mason Street, South of State Avenue, at position 45°02′42″ N, 83°26′48″ W [DATUM: NAD 83].

(ii) Enforcement Period. This safety zone will be enforced each year on July 4 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. If the July 4 fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, then this section will be enforced July 5 from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m.

(21) Definitions. The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) Designated representative means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer designated by the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie to monitor these safety zones, permit entry into these safety zones, give legally enforceable orders to persons or vessels within these safety zones, or take other actions authorized by the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie.

(2) Public vessel means a vessel owned, chartered, or operated by the United States or by a State or political subdivision thereof.

(c) Regulations. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in §165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within any of the safety zones listed in this section is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie, or a designated representative.

(2) All persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or a designated representative. Upon being hailed by the U.S. Coast Guard by siren, radio, flashing light or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(3) When a safety zone established by this section is being enforced, all vessels must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or a designated representative to enter, move within, or exit that safety zone. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey all lawful orders or directions of the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or a designated representative. While within a safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

(d) Suspension of Enforcement. If the event concludes earlier than scheduled, the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or a designated representative will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners notifying the public that enforcement of the respective safety zone is suspended.

(e) Exemption. Public vessels, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, are exempt from the requirements in this section.

(f) Waiver. For any vessel, the Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie or a designated representative may, at his or her discretion, waive any of the requirements of this section, upon finding that circumstances are such that application of this section is unnecessary or impractical for the purposes of safety or environmental safety.
Dated: April 6, 2011.

J.C. McGuinness,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sault Sainte Marie.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve submittals from the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) that address the infrastructure elements specified in the CAA section 110(a)(2), necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the 1997 8-hour ozone and 1997 fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS or standards). We are proposing to find that the current Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) meets the following infrastructure elements for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and the 1997 PM2.5 NAAQS: 110(a)(2)(A), (B), (C), (D)(ii), (E), (F), (G), (H), (J), (K), (L), and (M). EPA is also proposing to approve SIP revisions that modify Louisiana’s PSD SIP for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS to include nitrogen oxides (NOx) as an ozone precursor. This action is being taken under section 110 and part C of the Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 18, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket No. EPA–R06–OAR–2008–0635, by one of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.


• E-mail: Mr. Guy Donaldson at donaldson.guy@epa.gov. Please also send a copy by e-mail to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section below.

• Fax: Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), at fax number 214–665–7263.

• Mail: Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733.

• Hand or Courier Delivery: Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD–L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733. Such deliveries are accepted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays, and not on legal holidays. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–R06–OAR–2008–0635. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through http://www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The http://www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to Docket ID No. EPA–R06–OAR–2008–0635, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through http://www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

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The State submittal is also available for public inspection during official business hours by appointment: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Office of Environmental Quality Assessment, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

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