

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket No. USCG–2011–0318]

RIN 1625–AA87

**Security Zone; Escorted Vessels in Captain of the Port Ohio Valley Zone**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard announces a public meeting to receive comments on a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled “Security Zone; Escorted Vessels in Captain of the Port Ohio Valley Zone” that was published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 2011. As stated in that document, the Coast Guard proposes to implement fixed and moving security zones around High Capacity Passenger Vessels (HCPVs) and vessels carrying Certain Dangerous Cargo (CDC) while they are being escorted in the navigable waters of the Captain of the Port (COTP), Sector Ohio Valley Zone. The proposed security zones would control the movement of vessels within 50-yards of a HCPV or vessel carrying a CDC. These security zones would mitigate potential terrorist acts and would enhance public and maritime safety and security.

**DATES:** A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to provide an opportunity for oral comments. Written comments and related material may also be submitted to Coast Guard personnel specified at that meeting. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on August 26, 2011. A second comment period will be open for 15 days following the public meeting. All comments and related material submitted after the meeting must be received by the Coast Guard on or before Thursday, March 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at The Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, telephone 502–583–1234.

You may submit written comments at the public meeting or during the comment period following the public meeting. Written comments submitted after the public meeting must be identified by docket number USCG–2011–0318 and may be submitted using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*  
<http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202–493–2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. Our online docket for this rulemaking is available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG–2011–0318.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions concerning the meeting or the proposed rule, please call or email LCDR Derek Schade, Sector Ohio Valley Response Department, Coast Guard; telephone 502–779–5413, email [derek.t.schade@uscg.mil](mailto:derek.t.schade@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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Purpose**

We published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 2011, (76 FR 44880), entitled “Security Zone; Escorted Vessels in Captain of the Port Ohio Valley Zone”. In it we stated that we did not plan to hold a public meeting, but that we welcomed requests explaining why one would be beneficial. 76 FR 44881. We received several requests from vessel owners and operators to have a more “substantive discussion” in order to address some of their specific concerns and have concluded that a public meeting would aid this rulemaking. Therefore, we are publishing this notice.

In the NPRM, we propose to establish a 50-yard security zone around High Capacity Passenger Vessels (HCPVs) and vessels carrying Certain Dangerous Cargo (CDC) while they are being escorted in the Captain of the Port Ohio Valley zone, as defined in 33 CFR 3.40–65. In the proposed rule, HCPVs are defined as any commercial vessel carrying 500 or more passengers and CDC means the same as its definition in 33 CFR part 160. This rule would establish security zones that control the movement of persons and other vessels from the surface to the bottom of the water in a 50-yard radius around escorted vessels. Vessels traveling within 50 yards of these escorted vessels would be required to slow to the minimum speed necessary to navigate

safely. All vessels or persons would be prohibited from entering within a 25-yard radius around these escorted vessels without the permission from the COTP Sector Ohio Valley or his or her designated representative.

For the purposes of this rule, a *designated representative of the COTP Ohio Valley* includes commissioned, warrant, or petty officers of the U.S. Coast Guard; or Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers designated by or assisting the COTP Ohio Valley. In the proposed rule, an *escorted vessel* is defined as a HCPV or vessel carrying CDC that is accompanied by one or more Coast Guard assets or other Federal, State, or local law enforcement assets clearly identified by lights, vessel markings, or with agency insignia. In all cases, the COTP would notify the maritime and general public by marine information broadcast of the periods during which individual security zones will be enforced.

You may view the NPRM in our online docket, in addition to supporting documents prepared by the Coast Guard, including a preliminary environmental checklist and Categorical Exclusion Determination (CED), and comments submitted thus far by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Once there, insert “USCG–2011–0318” in the “Keyword” box and click “Search.” 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.

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments either orally at the meeting or in writing following the meeting. If you bring written comments to the meeting, you may submit them to Coast Guard personnel specified at the meeting to receive written comments. These comments will be submitted to our online public docket. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided.

Comments submitted after the meeting must reach the Coast Guard on or before Thursday, March 15, 2012. 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 delivery, 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.

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).

#### Information on Service for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meeting, contact LCDR Derek Schade, Sector Ohio Valley Response Department, Coast Guard at the telephone number or email address indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

#### Public Meeting

The Coast Guard will hold a public meeting regarding its Security Zone; Escorted Vessels in Captain of the Port Ohio Valley Zone proposed rule on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at The Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, telephone (502) 583-1234. Government-issued, photo ID or other item will not be required to attend the meeting. Street parking is limited during business hours. Parking garages and surface lots are available near the meeting location but charge hourly rates. Public transportation to the building is available. For additional information regarding public transportation, contact the Transit Authority of River City at <http://www.ridetarc.org/>.

We plan to record this meeting using an audio-digital recorder and then make that audio recording available through a link in our online docket. We will also provide a written summary of the meeting and comments and will place that summary in the docket.

Dated: January 9, 2012.

**L.W. Hewett,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Ohio Valley.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 81

[EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0681; FRL-9625-3]

#### Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Maryland; Determination of Nonattainment and Reclassification of the Baltimore 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is making a determination that the Baltimore moderate 8-hour ozone nonattainment area (the Baltimore Area) did not attain the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) by its June 15, 2011 attainment date. The attainment date for moderate ozone nonattainment areas was June 15, 2010. However, the Baltimore Area qualified for a 1-year extension of its attainment date and EPA extended the area's attainment date to June 15, 2011. This determination is based on EPA's review of complete, quality assured, and certified ambient air quality monitoring data for the 2008-2010 monitoring period that are available in the EPA Air Quality System (AQS) database. As a result of this determination, the Baltimore Area is reclassified by operation of law as a serious 8-hour ozone nonattainment area for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. Consequently, the State of Maryland must submit State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions for the Baltimore Area to meet the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements for serious ozone nonattainment areas. In this action, EPA is setting the due date for the State of Maryland to submit the necessary SIP revisions to EPA as no later than September 30, 2012. The serious area attainment date for the Baltimore Area is as expeditiously as practicable, but not later than June 15, 2013. This action is being taken under the CAA.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective on March 2, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0681. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. Although listed in the electronic docket, some information is not publicly available, i.e., confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on

the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria A. Pino, (215) 814-2181, or by email at [pino.maria@epa.gov](mailto:pino.maria@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

On September 1, 2011 (76 FR 54412), EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) for the State of Maryland. The NPR proposed to determine that the Baltimore Area did not attain the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS by its June 15, 2011 attainment date. The Baltimore Area encompasses Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties, all in Maryland. The attainment date for moderate ozone nonattainment areas was June 15, 2010. However, the Baltimore Area qualified for a 1-year extension of its attainment date. Therefore, EPA extended the area's attainment date to June 15, 2011. This proposal was based on EPA's review of complete, quality assured, and certified ambient air quality monitoring data for the 2008-2010 monitoring period that are available in the EPA AQS database.

In 1997, EPA revised the health-based NAAQS for ozone, setting it at 0.08 parts per million (ppm) averaged over an 8-hour time frame. EPA set the 8-hour ozone standard based on scientific evidence demonstrating that ozone causes adverse health effects at lower ozone concentrations and over longer periods of time, than was understood when the pre-existing 1-hour ozone standard was set. At that time, EPA determined that the 8-hour standard would be more protective of human health, especially children and adults who are active outdoors, and individuals with a pre-existing respiratory disease, such as asthma. On March 27, 2008 (73 FR 16436), EPA promulgated a revised 8-hour ozone standard of 0.075 ppm. This rulemaking relates only to the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, and does not address the 2008 NAAQS.

##### II. Summary of Action

EPA is determining that the Baltimore Area did not attain the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS by its June 15, 2011 attainment date. As a result of this