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Summary: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Old Saybrook-Old Lyme RR Bridge, mile 3.4, across the Connecticut River at Old Lyme, Connecticut. The deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge maintenance. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for three days.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 5, 2012 through 11 p.m. on March 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0013 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0013 in the “Keyword” and then clicking “Search”. They are also available for inspection or copying at the 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, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Ms. Judy Leung-Yee, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, judy.k.leung-yee@uscg.mil, or telephone (212) 668–7165. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Old Saybrook-Old Lyme RR Bridge at mile 3.4, across the Connecticut River at Old Lyme, Connecticut, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 19 feet at mean high water and 22 feet at mean low water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.205(b).

The owner of the bridge, National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak), requested a temporary deviation from the regulations to facilitate bridge maintenance by replacing the secondary reducer bearing. Under this temporary deviation the Old Saybrook-Old Lyme RR Bridge may remain in the closed position from 7 a.m. on March 5, 2012 through 11 p.m. on March 7, 2012.

All known waterway users were notified and no objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 4

RIN 2900–AN75

Schedule for Rating Disabilities; AL Amyloidosis (Primary Amyloidosis)

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its Schedule for Rating Disabilities by updating the schedule of ratings for the hemic and lymphatic systems to include AL amyloidosis. This regulatory action is necessary to add AL amyloidosis as one of the disease conditions and establish criteria for disability evaluation to fully implement the decision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to grant presumptive service connection based on herbicide exposure for this disease. The intended effects are to provide consistency in disability ratings and to ease tracking of AL amyloidosis for statistical analysis.

DATES: Effective Date: This final rule is effective March 9, 2012.

Applicability Date: This final rule applies to an application for benefits that:

• Is received by VA on or after March 9, 2012;

• Was received by VA before March 9, 2012 but has not been decided by a VA regional office as of that date;

• Is appealed to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals on or after March 9, 2012;

• Was appealed to the Board before March 9, 2012 but has not been decided by the Board as of that date; or

• Is pending before VA on or after March 9, 2012 because the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims vacated a Board decision on the application and remanded it for readjudication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas J. Kniffen, Chief, Regulations Staff (211D), Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461–9700. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 2010, VA published in the Federal Register (75 FR 65279) a proposed rule that would add AL amyloidosis to VA’s Schedule for Rating Disabilities to update the schedule of ratings for the hemic and lymphatic systems, 38 CFR 4.117, by creating diagnostic code 7717. The schedule previously did not contain a diagnostic code for AL amyloidosis. As an unlisted condition, it has been rated by analogy to non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma using the “built-up” diagnostic code 7799–7715. However, AL amyloidosis requires a set of evaluation criteria with a unique diagnostic code, to serve as a basis for disability rating, because the condition is not part of the group of diseases under the non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma classification, but, rather, a disorder of the bone marrow characterized by the accumulation and deposition of abnormal, insoluble proteins called light chain amyloid proteins in any organ of the body, interfering with the structure and function of the organ. Additionally, adding the diagnostic code would establish criteria for disability evaluation to fully implement the decision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to grant presumptive service connection based on herbicide exposure for this disease. A final rule regarding that decision was published in the Federal Register at 74 FR 21258, which amended 38 CFR 3.309(e) by adding AL amyloidosis to the list of diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents. For these reasons, VA proposed a regulation that would amend VA’s Schedule of Rating Disabilities by adding rating guidance and a diagnostic code specifically for AL amyloidosis. VA proposed diagnostic code 7717 for AL amyloidosis because it was the first available diagnostic code in the Hemic and Lymphatic Systems listed in § 4.117. VA proposed to assign a 100 percent rating because the disease is incurable and progressive, generally causing death in a few years. Providing a 100–percent evaluation in all cases would obviate the need to repeatedly reassess and reevaluate veterans with AL amyloidosis over a short period of time. Because of the poor prognosis, no follow-up examination will be required for re-evaluation of this disability rating. VA also proposed to refer to AL amyloidosis in diagnostic code 7717 as “primary amyloidosis,” which is another common name for the same disease. VA also proposed to amend 38 CFR Part 4, Appendices A, B, and C to reflect the proposed addition of diagnostic code 7717 for AL amyloidosis to the rating schedule.

Comment in Response to Proposed Rule

A 60–day comment period ended December 21, 2010, and we received one comment from a member of the general public. The comment expressed support for the rule. We are not making any changes in the final rule based on this supportive comment.

As no further comments were received, we thus are making no changes to the proposed rule. Therefore, based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule and this document, we are adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule with no changes.

Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of $100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any given year. This rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) defines a “significant regulatory action,” which requires review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as “any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities; (2) Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency; (3) Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or (4) Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President’s priorities, or the principles set forth in this Executive Order.”