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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Electronic Access and Filing Comments

**Public Participation:** This notice of proposed rulemaking is available through the **Federal Register** and the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site. You may also access this document via the Department's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/federalregister>. To comment electronically on federal rulemakings, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which will allow you to find, review, and submit comments on federal documents that are open for comment and published in the **Federal Register**. Please identify all comments submitted in electronic form by the RIN docket number (1235-AA05). Because of delays in receiving mail in the Washington, DC area, commenters should transmit their comments electronically via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or submit them by mail early to ensure timely receipt prior to the close of the comment period. Submit one copy of your comments by only one method.

#### II. Request for Comment

The Department is proposing to revise the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage, overtime and recordkeeping regulations pertaining to the exemptions for companionship services and live-in domestic services. The Department proposes to amend the regulations to revise the definitions of "domestic service employment" and "companionship services." The Department also proposes to more specifically describe the type of activities and duties that may be considered "incidental" to the provision of companionship services. In addition, the Department proposes to amend the recordkeeping requirements for live-in domestic workers. Finally, the Department proposes to amend the regulation pertaining to employment by a third party of companions and live-in domestic workers. This change would continue to allow the individual, family, or household employing the worker's services to apply the companionship and live-in exemptions and would deny

all third party employers the use of such exemptions.

On December 15, 2011, President Obama announced that the Department of Labor was proposing the rule changes. The Department posted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), complete with background information, economic impact analyses and proposed regulatory text, on its Web site that day. The Department published the NPRM in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2011 (76 FR 81190), requesting public comments on the proposed revisions to the regulations pertaining to the exemption for companionship services and live-in domestic services. Interested parties were requested to submit comments on or before February 27, 2012. On February 24, 2012, the Department published a document in the **Federal Register** extending the original comment period by 14 days to March 12, 2012 (77 FR 11021).

The Department has received requests to extend the period for filing public comments from members of Congress and various business organizations. Because of the interest that has been expressed in this matter, the Department has decided to provide an additional extension of the period for submitting public comment until March 21, 2012.

Dated: March 8, 2012.

**Nancy J. Leppink,**

*Deputy Administrator, Wage and Hour Division.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

#### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0126]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Berwick Bay (Atchafalaya River), Morgan City, LA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company vertical lift span bridge across Berwick Bay, mile 0.4, (Atchafalaya River, mile 17.5) at Morgan City, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The deviation is necessary to perform

scheduled maintenance to the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position on two dates occurring in March of 2012.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 through 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0126 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2012-0126 in the "Keyword" box 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 Kay Wade, Bridge Branch Office, Coast Guard; telephone 504-671-2128, email [Kay.B.Wade@uscg.mil](mailto:Kay.B.Wade@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BNSF Railway Company has requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule of the vertical lift span railroad bridge across Berwick Bay, mile 0.4 (Atchafalaya River, mile 17.5), at Morgan City, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The vertical lift span bridge has a vertical clearance of 6.4 feet above high water, elevation 8.2 feet Mean Sea Level in the closed-to-navigation position. Vessels able to pass underneath the bridge in the closed-to-navigation-position may do so.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, the bridge currently opens on signal for the passage of vessels. This deviation allows the vertical lift span of the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 7:30 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2012 and Thursday, March 22, 2012.

To avoid becoming a safety hazard, the closures are necessary in order to cut and weld worn rails and chipping Conley joints. This maintenance is essential for the continued safety and operation of the bridge. Notices will be published in the Eighth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and will be broadcast via the Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners System.

Navigation on the waterway consists of tugs with tows, fishing vessels and recreational craft, including sailboats

and powerboats. The bridge will be able to open for emergencies, if necessary. The Intracoastal Waterway—Morgan City to Port Allen Route and the Landside Route, including Bayou Boeuf, are alternate waterway routes for vessels not requiring greater than a 12 foot draft. Based on experience and coordination with waterway users, it has been determined that these closures will not have a significant effect on vessels that use the waterway.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge 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.

Dated: February 23, 2012.

**David M. Frank,**

*Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0124]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulation; New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (NJICW), Point Pleasant Canal, NJ

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Route 88/Veterans Memorial Bridge across Point Pleasant Canal, NJICW mile 3.0, at Point Pleasant, NJ. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed-to-navigation in order to facilitate barrier gate replacement and extensive electrical remedial work on the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on March 19, 2012 through 5 p.m. on March 23, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket USCG-2012-0124 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG-2012-0124 in the "Keyword" box and then clicking "Search". This material is 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 Mr. Jim Rousseau, Bridge Administration Branch, Fifth Coast Guard District; telephone 757-398-6557, email

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) owns and operates the vertical-lift span of the Route 88/Veterans Memorial Bridge across Point Pleasant Canal along the NJICW, in Point Pleasant, NJ. The bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels of 10 feet, above mean high water. The current operating regulations are outlined at 33 CFR 117.5, which require the bridge to open when a request or signal to open is given.

The contractor, Agate Construction on behalf of NJDOT, has requested a temporary deviation to the existing regulations for the Route 88/Veterans Memorial Bridge to facilitate necessary repairs. The repairs consist of the replacement of bridge traffic control devices (barrier gates) and extensive electrical remedial work. Under this deviation, the vertical-lift span of the drawbridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 a.m. on March 19, 2012, through 5 p.m. on March 23, 2012.

Bridge opening data, supplied by NJDOT and reviewed by the Coast Guard, revealed that the bridge opened for vessels 1 and 0 times during the months of March 2010 and 2011 respectively.

The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterway through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the closure period so that vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge without a bridge opening may continue to do so at anytime. The Atlantic Ocean is an alternate route for vessels with mast heights greater than 10 feet. In the event of an emergency, the drawbridge will not be able to open for vessels.

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

Dated: February 22, 2012.

**Waverly W. Gregory, Jr.,**

*Bridge Program Manager, Fifth Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0122]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Hutchinson River, Bronx, NY

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Amtrak Pelham Bay Railroad Bridge, mile 0.5, across the Hutchinson River at the Bronx, New York. The deviation is necessary to facilitate scheduled maintenance at the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for four days.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 10 p.m. on March 16, 2012 through 4 a.m. on March 26, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2012-0122 and are available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), inserting USCG-2012-0122 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-ye@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 Amtrak Pelham Bay Railroad Bridge, across the Hutchinson River, mile 0.5, at the Bronx, New York, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 8 feet at mean high water and 15 feet at mean