The special requirements listed in 33 CFR 165.1332(b), which can also be found in the Federal Register (75 FR 33700) published on June 15, 2010, apply to the activation and enforcement of these safety zones.

All vessel operators who desire to enter any of the safety zones must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port or his Designated Representative by contacting either the Captain of the Port, Puget Sound or his Designated Representative. Autopsies at VA Expense

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Autopsies at VA Expense

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulation that governs the performance of autopsies on veterans. This final rule updates outdated cross-references to a statute that previously authorized certain outpatient and ambulatory care, which included post-hospitalization autopsies, and its implementing regulation. This final rule clarifies that consent for an autopsy is implied if a known surviving spouse or next of kin has either not responded to a VA request for permission or has not inquired as to the decedent for 6 months before the decedent’s death. This final rule modifies the current regulation to make the laws of the jurisdiction in which the autopsy will be performed controlling laws for purposes of determining who has authority to grant permission for the autopsy. This final rule also clarifies the authorized purposes of a VA autopsy. Lastly, this final rule clarifies that the authority to order an autopsy includes transporting the body at VA’s expense to the place where the autopsy will be performed.

DATES: This final rule is effective July 27, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristin J. Cunningham, Director, Business Policy, Chief Business Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20420; (202) 461–1599. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior to this final rulemaking, 38 CFR 17.170 stated that under certain specified circumstances, “the Director of a [VA] facility is authorized to cause an autopsy to be performed on a veteran who dies outside of a [VA] facility while undergoing post-hospital care under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. 1712 and 38 CFR 17.93.” These cross-references are outdated and incomplete.