Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

11. Indian Tribal Governments

This 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.

12. Energy Effects

This action is not a “significant energy action” under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use.

13. Technical Standards

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

14. Environment

We have analyzed this 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 determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a safety zone of limited size and duration. This rule is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, and Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 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 temporary §165.T11–502 to read as follows:

§165.T11–502 Safety zone; Sacramento River Closure for Aerial Cable Installation, Sacramento, CA.

(a) Location. This temporary safety zone is established for the navigable waters of the Sacramento River near Sherman Island, California as depicted in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chart 18661. The safety zone will extend 200 yards from a line connecting the following points: 38°04′15″ N, 121°47′20″ W; 38°03′38″ N, 121°46′58″ W (NAD 83).

(b) Enforcement Period. The zone described in paragraph (a) of this section will be enforced from 6 a.m. through 1 p.m. on July 11, 2012 through July 13, 2012. The Captain of the Port San Francisco (COTP) will notify the maritime community of periods during which this zone will be enforced via Broadcast Notice to Mariners in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7.

(c) Definitions. As used in this section, “designated representative” means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard Coxswain, petty officer, or other officer on a Coast Guard vessel or a Federal, State, or local officer designated by or assisting the COTP in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(d) Regulations. (1) Under the general regulations in 33 CFR Part 165, Subpart C, entry into, transiting or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP or a designated representative.

(2) The safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP or a designated representative.

(3) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the COTP or a designated representative to obtain permission to do so. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the COTP or a designated representative. Persons and vessels may request permission to enter the safety zone on VHF–63A or through the 24-hour Command Center at telephone (415) 399–3547.

Dated: June 27, 2012.

Jay W. Jewess,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port San Francisco, Acting.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
33 CFR Part 401

[Docket No. SLSDC–2012–0001]

RIN 2135–AA30

Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories

AGENCY: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish the Saint Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in the Seaways) in their respective jurisdictions. Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is amending the joint regulations by updating the Seaway Regulations and Rules in various categories. The changes will update the following sections of the Regulations and Rules: Condition of Vessels; Seaway Navigation; Dangerous Cargo; Information and Reports; General; and, Navigation Closing Procedures. These amendments are necessary to take account of updated procedures and will enhance the safety of transits through the Seaway. Several of the amendments are merely editorial or for clarification of existing requirements.

DATES: The final rule is effective July 11, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Mann Lavigne, Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 180 Andrews Street, Massena, New York 13662; 315/764–3200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in Canada) in their respective jurisdictions.
Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is amending the joint regulations by updating the Regulations and Rules in various categories. The changes would update the following sections of the Regulations and Rules: Condition of Vessels; Seaway Navigation; Dangerous Cargo; Information and Reports; General; and, Navigation Closing Procedures. These amendments are necessary to take account of updated procedures which will enhance the safety of transits through the Seaway. Many of these changes are to clarify existing requirements in the regulations. Where new requirements or regulations are being made, an explanation for such a change is provided below.

The joint regulations became effective in Canada on July 9, 2012. For consistency, because these are joint regulations under international agreement, and to avoid confusion among users of the Seaway, the SLSDC finds that there is good cause to make the U.S. version of the amendments effective upon the date of publication in the Federal Register.

Regulatory Notices

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all 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 DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–19478) or you may visit http://www.Regulations.gov. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on May 31, 2012 (76 FR 13088). No comments were received.

The SLSDC is amending three sections of the Condition of Vessels portion of the joint Seaway regulations. Under section 401.11, “Fairleads”, due to damage from fairleads on new vessels, the SLSDC is requiring that all sharp edges be rounded. In section 401.12, “Minimum requirements—mooring lines and fairleads”, the SLSDC is addressing the use of wire lines on vessels 100 m or less. In section 401.15, “Stern anchors”, the Seaway entities are requiring vessels of more than 125 m in overall length as well as every integrated tug and barge or articulated tug and barge unit greater than 125 m in overall length be equipped with a stern anchor.

Several changes to the Seaway Navigation section are being made. The Seaway Corporations are amending their joint rules in section 401.29, “Maximum draft”, to permit vessels using a “Draft Information System” (DIS) to transit the Seaway up to 7 cm (3 inches) above the maximum permissible draft allowed at the time. The use of a DIS is an optional, not a mandatory requirement, to transit the Seaway. The DIS will allow the vessel to transit the Seaway at a draft up to 3 inches (7 cm) more than the published maximum draft with prior approval from the two Seaway entities.

Benefits of Using the DIS

The primary purpose of this amendment is safety. The use of the DIS will ensure that vessels maintain a safe under keel clearance as they make maximum use of the available water column. DIS uses water level measurements, bathymetry of the channel bottom, and squat of the vessel as it moves at different speeds and in different channel types. The squat of a vessel varies depending on the vessel type, hull shape, and the type of channel in which it is operating, and the vessel’s speed. By including all the factors, the under keel clearance value is determined in real time. The information on the projected under keel clearance is integrated electronically with chart data, high-resolution bathymetry and other readings on a single bridge display.

The technology features an algorithm, which allows the Master to estimate under keel clearance ahead, offering time for a course change or other required reaction in transit. With Masters having more precise information regarding the available water column, the risk of a vessel touching bottom or grounding is reduced.

In addition to the safety benefits, increasing the maximum allowable draft will improve the Seaway’s productivity and competitiveness. Depending on the commodity carried, an additional three inches of draft might account for as much as 360 additional metric tons per voyage.

Development of DIS Specification

The use of a DIS tool began in 2003 in the St. Mary’s River. In 2006, the Seaway entities conducted 4 trials of the tool used in the St. Mary’s River as a proof of concept. Three tests were conducted in the Montreal to Lake Ontario (MLO) section of the Seaway during 2007 under low water conditions. During 2008, tests were conducted in the MLO and Welland Canal sections of the Seaway. In 2009, eight (8) trials were conducted in the Welland Canal section and ten (10) trials conducted in the MLO section of the Seaway. In 2010 a DIS pilot program was instituted in the MLO and Welland Canal. After successful completion of the test trials and pilot program and to ensure future consistency and reliability of the DIS, the two Seaway entities began the development of a standard DIS specification.

On January 19, 2011, the two Seaway Corporations jointly published an industrial implementation specification entitled, “Implementation Specification—a Draft Information System for the St. Lawrence Seaway” (Specification). Following a public comment period during which comments received were considered in the development of the Specification, a final Implementation Specification was published on the bi-national Web site at http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com on March 16, 2011. The Specification was developed under the guidance of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, the SLSDC, together with representatives from system manufacturers and the shipping industry. The development of the Specification followed accelerated procedures derived from the International Organization for Standards (ISO) standardization process that endeavored to develop a broad based consensus standard. The DIS Implementation Specification describes the functionality and interfaces for a system which utilizes water levels, channel type, bathymetry, and vessel speed and characteristics to determine current and predicted under keel clearance. On March 18, 2012, the first DIS Tool was verified by a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) to be compliant with the Specification.

In addition to these changes, the two Seaway Corporations, in section 401.32, “Cargo booms—deck cargo” are requiring notification of the height of deck cargo in order to determine appropriate wind restrictions.

In the Information and Reports section, a change to section 401.79, “Advance notice of arrival, vessels requiring inspection” is being made. The amendments provide requirements for reporting notice of arrival depending on the vessel’s voyage time. Further, vessels requiring inspection or re-inspection will be required to provide a 24-hour notice of inspection based on certain specified factors. The Advance Notice of Arrival procedures are currently in effect pursuant to Seaway Notices.

The other changes to the joint regulations are merely editorial or to clarify existing requirements.
Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation involves a foreign affairs function of the United States and therefore Executive Order 12866 does not apply and evaluation under the Department of Transportation’s Regulatory Policies and Procedures is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Determination

I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules primarily relate to commercial users of the Seaway, the vast majority of whom are foreign vessel operators. Therefore, any resulting costs will be borne mostly by foreign vessels.

Environmental Impact

This regulation does not require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321, et seq.) because it is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Federalism

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria in Executive Order 13132, dated August 4, 1999, and has determined that this proposal does not have significant federalism implications to warrant a Federalism Assessment.

Unfunded Mandates

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4, 109 Stat. 48) and determined that it does not impose unfunded mandates on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector requiring a written statement of economic and regulatory alternatives.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation has been analyzed under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Office of Management and Budget review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 401

Hazardous materials transportation, Navigation (water), Penalties, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels, Waterways.

Accordingly, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation amends 33 CFR part 401 as follows:

PART 401—SEAWAY REGULATIONS AND RULES

Subpart A—Regulations

1. The authority citation for subpart A of part 401 continues to read as follows:

   Authority: 33 U.S.C. 983(a) and 984(a) (4), as amended; 49 CFR 1.52, unless otherwise noted.

2. In §401.11, add paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

   §401.11 Fairleads.

   (a) * * * (4) When passing synthetic lines through a type of fairlead or closed chock acceptable to the Manager and the Corporation all sharp edges of the fairlead, closed chock and/or bulwark shall be rounded to protect the line from chafing or breakage.

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3. In §401.12 revise paragraph (a)(1)(ii) to read as follows:

   §401.12 Minimum requirements—mooring lines and fairleads.

   (a) * * *

   (1) * * *

   (ii) One synthetic hawser may be hand held or if wire line is used shall be powered. The line shall lead astern from the break of the bow through a closed chock to suitable bitts on deck for synthetic line or led from a capstan, winch drum or windlass to an approved fairlead for a wire line.

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4. Revise §401.15 to read as follows:

   §401.15 Stern anchors.

   (a) Every vessel of more than 125 m in overall length, the keel of which is laid after January 1, 1975, shall be equipped with a stern anchor.

   (b) Every integrated tug and barge or articulated tug and barge unit greater than 125 m in overall length which is constructed after January 1, 2003 shall be equipped with a stern anchor.

5. In §401.28 revise paragraph (d) to read as follows:

   §401.28 Speed limits.

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   (d) Notwithstanding the above speed limits, every vessel approaching a free standing lift bridge shall proceed at a speed that it will be able to stop prior to it reaching the Limit of Approach sign should the raising of the bridge be delayed.

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6. Revise §401.29 to read as follows:

   §401.29 Maximum draft.

   (a) Notwithstanding any provision herein, the loading of cargo, draft and speed of a vessel in transit shall be controlled by the master, who shall take into account the vessel’s individual characteristics and its tendency to list or squat, so as to avoid striking bottom.1

   (b) The draft of a vessel shall not, in any case, exceed 79.2 dm or the maximum permissible draft designated in a Seaway Notice by the Manager and the Corporation for the part of the Seaway in which a vessel is passing.

   (c) Any vessel equipped with an operational Draft Information System (DIS) Tool verified by a member of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) as compliant with the Implementation Specifications found at http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com and contained in the Seaway Handbook under “Ship Transit and Equipment Requirements” shall have onboard:

   (1) Up-to-date electronic navigational charts; and

   (2) Up-to-date charts containing high-resolution bathymetric data; and

   (3) A pilot plug, if using a portable DIS Tool, will be permitted, when using the DIS Tool, subject to paragraph (a) of this section, to increase their draft by no more than 7 cm above the maximum permissible draft prescribed under paragraph (b) of this section in effect at the time.

   (d) Any vessel intending to use DIS must notify the Manager or the Corporation in writing at least 24-hours prior to commencement of its initial transit in the System with the DIS Tool.

   (e) Verification document of the DIS Tool must be kept on board the vessel at all times and made available for inspection.

   (f) If for any reason the DIS becomes inoperable, malfunctions, or is not used, the vessel must notify the Manager or the Corporation immediately.

   (88 Stat. 93–96, 33 U.S.C. 981–990, as amended and secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13 of Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 95–474, 92 Stat. 1471)

7. In §401.32 add paragraph (c) to read as follows:

   §401.32 Cargo booms-deck cargo.

   * * * * *

   (c) Seaway Traffic Control Center shall be notified of the height of deck cargo prior to transiting the Seaway or when departing from a Port or Wharf within the Seaway.

8. In §401.44, revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

   §401.44 Mooring in locks.

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   (b) Once the mooring lines are on the mooring posts, lines shall be kept slack

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1 The main channels between the Port of Montreal and Lake Erie have a controlling depth of 8.23m.
until the “all clear” signal is given by
the lock personnel. When casting off
signal is received, mooring lines should
be kept slack until the “all clear” signal
is given by the lock personnel.

9. In §401.59, add paragraph (e) to
read as follows:

§ 401.59 Pollution.

(e) Except as authorized by the
Manager or the Corporation, no over the
side painting shall be allowed in the
Seaway.

10. In §401.72, revise paragraph (d) to
read as follows:

§ 401.72 Reporting—explosive and
hazardous cargo vessels.

(d) Every vessel carrying radioactive
substances shall, when reporting in,
give the number and date of issue of any
required certificate issued by the
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
(CNSC) and/or the U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission (USNRC)
authorizing such shipment.

11. Revise §401.79 to read as follows:

§ 401.79 Advance notice of arrival, vessels
requiring inspection.

(a) Advance notice of arrival. All
foreign flagged vessels intending to
transit the Seaway shall submit one
complete electronic Notice of Arrival
(NOA) prior to entering at call in point
2 (CIP 2) as follows:

1. If your voyage time to CIP 2 is 96
hours or more, you must submit an
electronic NOA 96 hours before entering
the Seaway at CIP 2.
2. If your voyage time to CIP 2 is less
than 96 hours, you must submit an
electronic NOA before departure, but at
least 24 hours before entering the
Seaway at CIP 2.
3. If there are changes to the
electronic NOA, submit them as soon as
practicable but at least 12 hours before
entering the Seaway at CIP 2.
4. The NOA must be provided
electronically following the USCG
National Vessel Movement Center’s
(NVMC) procedures (http://
www.nvmc.uscg.gov).
5. To complete the NOA correctly for
Seaway entry, select the following:
(i) “CIP 2” as the Arrival Port,
(ii) “Foreign to Saint Lawrence
Seaway” as the Voyage Type, and
(iii) “Saint Lawrence Seaway Transit”
as the Arrival State, City and Receiving
Facility.
(b) Vessels requiring inspection or
reinspection. All pre-cleared vessels
must provide a 24 hour notice of
inspection as follows:
1. Enhanced Seaway inspection. All
foreign flagged vessels and vessels of
unusual design are subject to a Seaway
inspection prior to initial transit of the
Seaway each navigation season.
2. Inland self-inspection. Inland
domestic vessels which are approved by
the Seaway and are ISM certified and
have a company quality management
system, must submit the “Self-
Inspection Report”, every 2 navigation
seasons and not later than 30 days after
“fit out”.
3. Inland domestic vessels not
participating in the “Self-Inspection
Facility.

§ 401.84 Reporting of impairment or other
hazard by vessels transiting within the
Seaway.

(a) Any malfunction of equipment on the
vessel

12. In §401.84, revise paragraph (c) to
read as follows:

§ 401.84 Reporting of impairment or other
hazard by vessels transiting within the
Seaway.

(a) Any malfunction of equipment on the
vessel

13. In §401.89, add paragraph (a)(4) to
read as follows:

§ 401.89 Transit refused.

(a) * * *

14. Revise §401.92 to read as follows:

§ 401.92 Wintering and laying-up.

No vessel shall winter within the
Seaway or lay-up within the Seaway
during the navigation season except
with the written permission of the
Manager or the Corporation subject
to the conditions and charges that may
be imposed.

15. In Schedule II to Subpart A of Part
401—Table of Speeds, revise section
number 2 and footnote 1 to read as
follows:

SCHEDULE II TO SUBPART A OF PART 401—TABLE OF SPEEDS ¹

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¹ Maximum speeds at which a vessel may travel in the identified area in both normal and high water conditions are set out in this schedule. The Manager and the Corporation will, from time to time, designate the set of speed limits that is in effect.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

34 CFR Part 690

[Docket ID ED–2012–OPE–0006]

RIN 1840–AD11

Federal Pell Grant Program; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary
Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Interim final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education is
correcting the Federal Pell Grant
Program interim final rule published in the
Federal Register on May 2, 2012 (77
FR 25893). We waived rulemaking and
the delayed effective date under the
Administrative Procedure Act in this
interim final rule, but we did not
expressly waive the 60-day time period
for a major rule to become effective