DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2013–0394]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Elizabeth River, Eastern Branch,
Norfolk, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notice of deviation from
drawbridge regulations.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a
temporary deviation from the operating schedule that governs the
draw of the Norfolk Southern #5 Railroad Bridge, across the
Elizabeth River Eastern Branch, mile 1.1, Norfolk, VA. This
deviation is necessary to facilitate
thermone welding on rail joints on the
Norfolk Southern #5 Railroad
drawbridge. This temporary deviation
allows the drawbridge to remain in the
closed to navigation position.

DATES: This deviation is effective from
11 a.m. on July 8, 2013 to 1 p.m. July
16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this
deviation, [USCG–2013–0394] is
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“SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.”
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary
deviation, call or email Mr. Jim
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Norfolk Southern Corporation, who
owns and operates this drawbridge, has
requested a temporary deviation from
the current operating regulations set out
in 33 CFR 117.5 to facilitate thermone
welding on the rails.

Under the regular operating schedule,
the Norfolk Southern #5 Railroad
Bridge, at mile 1.1, across the Elizabeth
River (Eastern Branch) in Norfolk, VA,
has a vertical clearance in the closed
position to vessels of 6 feet above mean
high water.

Under this temporary deviation, the
drawbridge will be maintained in the
closed to navigation position from 11
a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 8, 9, 10, 15 and
16, 2013 the bridge will operate under
normal operating schedule at all other
times. The bridge normally operates in
the open position with several vessels
transiting a week and only closes when
trains transit. Emergency openings
cannot be provided. There are no
alternate routes for vessels transiting
this section of the Elizabeth River
Eastern Branch but vessels may pass
before 11 a.m. and after 1 p.m.

The Elizabeth River Eastern Branch is
used by a variety of vessels including
military, tugs, commercial, and
recreational vessels. The Coast Guard
has carefully coordinated the
restrictions with these waterway users.
The Coast Guard will also inform
additional waterway users through our
Local and Broadcast Notice to Mariners
of the closure periods for the bridge so
that vessels can arrange their transits to
minimize any impacts caused by the
temporary deviation. Mariners able to
pass under the bridge in the closed
position may do so at any time and are
advised to proceed with caution.

This deviation from the operating
regulations is authorized under 33 CFR
117.35.

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33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2013–0411]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Middle River, Near Stockton, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.
ACTION: Notice of deviation from
drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a
temporary deviation from the operating
regulation that governs the Bacon Island
Drawbridge across Middle River, mile
8.6, near Stockton, CA. The deviation is
to allow San Joaquin County Public
Works Department to perform structural
maintenance work to the bridge. This
deviation allows the bridge to remain in
the closed-to-navigation position during
the repairs.

DATES: This deviation is effective from
12:01 a.m. on September 30, 2013 to
11:59 p.m. on October 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this
deviation, [USCG–2013–0411], is
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