PART 110—ANCHORAGE REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 471; 1221 through 1236, 2030, 2035, 2071; 33 CFR 1.05–1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Amend §110.60 by adding paragraphs (c)(12) and (13) and (d)(8)(i) and (ii) to read as follows:

§110.60 Captain of the Port, New York.

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(12) 79th Street Boat Basin South. All waters of the Hudson River enclosed by a line beginning at the northwest corner of the 70th Street pier at approximate position 40°46’10” N, 073°59’29.13” W; thence to 40°47’02.60” N, 073°59’17.88” W; thence to 40°46’59.73” N, 073°59’13.01” W; thence along the shoreline and pier to the point of beginning.

(13) 79th Street Boat Basin North. All waters of the Hudson River enclosed by a line beginning on the shoreline near West 110th Street at approximate position 40°48’21.06” N, 073°58’15.72” W; thence to 40°48’21.06” N, 073°58’24.00” W; thence to 40°47’14.70” N, 073°59’09.00” W; thence to 40°47’11.84” N, 073°59’08.90” W; thence along the breakwater and shoreline to the point of beginning.

(i) The anchoring of vessels and use of the moorings in anchorage areas described in paragraphs (c)(12) and (13) of this section will be under the supervision of the local Harbor Master appointed by the City of New York. Mariners may contact the boat basin on VHF CH 9 or at (212) 496–2105 for mooring and anchoring availability. All moorings or anchors shall be placed well within the anchorage areas so that no portion of the hull or rigging will at any time extend outside of the anchorage.

(ii) [Reserved.]

(d) * * *

(8) * * *

(i) The anchoring of vessels and use of the moorings in anchorage areas described in paragraphs (d)(6) through (8) of this section will be under the supervision of the local Harbor Master appointed by the City of New York. Mariners may contact the Harbor Master at (718) 478–0480. All moorings or anchors shall be placed well within the anchorage areas so that no portion of the hull or rigging will at any time extend outside of the anchorage. For guest moorings, access to and from the anchorage areas described in paragraphs (d)(6) through (8) mariners may contact the following boating clubs: Miramar Yacht Club (718) 769–3548; Port Sheepshead (917) 731–8607; or Sheepshead Yacht Club (718) 891–0991.

(ii) [Reserved.]

3. Amend §110.155 by revising paragraph (l)(8) to read as follows:

§110.155 Port of New York.

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(8) Operations near commercial mooring buoys permitted by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

(i) No vessel shall continuously occupy a mooring when a vessel in regular traffic requires the berth or when navigation would be menaced or inconvenienced thereby.

(ii) No vessel shall moor or anchor in any anchorage in such a manner as to interfere with the use of a duly authorized mooring buoy. Nor shall any vessel moored to a buoy authorized by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be moored such that any portion of that vessel comes within 50 feet of a marked or dredged channel.

(iii) No vessel shall be operated within the limits of an anchorage at speed exceeding 6 knots when in the vicinity of a moored vessel.

(iv) In an emergency the Captain of the Port may shift the position of any unattended vessel moored in or near any anchorage.

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Dated: May 2, 2013.

D.B. Abel,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2013–0676]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Motion Picture Production; Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing five temporary safety zones on waterways near Chicago, IL. These safety zones are intended to restrict vessels from portions of Chicago waterways due to the filming of a motion picture. These temporary safety zones are necessary to protect the surrounding public and vessels from the hazards associated with the stunt work, low-flying helicopter, and other hazards involved in the filming of a motion picture.

DATES: This rule is effective from 6 a.m. on August 20, 2013, until 9 p.m. on September 30, 2013. This rule will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on intermittent dates from August 20 through September 30, 2013. The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to provide the public with advanced notice of those days that these safety zones will be enforced. The Coast Guard on-scene Captain of the Port Representative will provide actual notice on-scene.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble are part of docket USCG–2013–0676. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, type the docket number in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rulemaking. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 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 temporary rule, contact or email MST1 Joseph McCollum, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, at 414–747–7148 or Joseph.P.McCollum@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Barbara Hairston, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Table of Acronyms

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
TFR Temporary Final Rule

A. Regulatory History and Information

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C.
553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The final details for this event were not known to the Coast Guard until there was insufficient time remaining before the event to publish an NPRM. Thus, delaying the effective date of this rule to wait for a comment period to run would be both impracticable and contrary to the public interest because it would inhibit the Coast Guard’s ability to protect spectators and vessels from the hazards associated with the filming of a motion picture, which are discussed further below.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this temporary rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register for the same reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, waiting for a 30 day notice period to run would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest.

B. Basis and Purpose


From August 20 through September 30, 2013 the Coast Guard anticipates that a motion picture corporation will film scenes for a motion picture on the Chicago River, Calumet Harbor, and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. In late September, stunt work involving a crane is expected to be filmed at the North Slip, a waterway within Calumet Harbor north of the mouth of the Calumet River. During the last week of August and early September, the motion picture corporation is expected to film the length of the main Branch of the Chicago River using a low-flying helicopter and/or multiple boats. During that time, filming is also expected along the south branch of the Chicago River from the confluence of the branches then south to the vicinity of the West Van Buren Street Bridge. In mid-September, a low-flying helicopter is expected to film in the vicinity of West Roosevelt Road on the south branch of the river. In mid-September the Coast Guard also anticipates filming and stunt work on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in the vicinity of the South Damen Avenue bridge.

The Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, has determined that this filming event—with associated stunt work and low-flying helicopters—will pose a significant risk to public safety and property. Such hazards include the collision of stunt, film, and spectator vessels in a congested area. Other hazards include falling wreckage, as well as injuries associated with debris propelled by helicopter rotor-wash.

The Coast Guard anticipates that the safety zones created by this temporary rule will not be enforced every day between August 20 and September 30, 2013. Because of the possibility of bad weather on one or more of the filming days listed above, and considering the unpredictability involved in filming a motion picture, this rule was written with a wider range of dates and times to give the Coast Guard flexibility to accommodate changes in the film schedule between August 20 and September 30, 2013.

C. Discussion of the Final Rule

With the aforementioned hazards in mind, the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, has determined that five temporary safety zones are necessary to ensure the safety of persons and vessels during the filming of a motion picture on the Chicago River, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and Calumet Harbor. This rule is effective from 6 a.m. on August 20 until 9 p.m. on September 30, 2013. This rule will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on intermittent dates from August 20 through September 30, 2013.

During this date range, these safety zones will be enforced during the time of filming and associated stunt work, between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. The Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to provide the public with advanced notice of those days that these safety zones will be enforced. The Coast Guard on-scene Captain of the Port Representative will provide actual notice on-scene.

Five safety zones will be established as follows:

(1) All waters of Lake Michigan, Calumet Harbor west of an imaginary line connecting 41°44’29.4″N, 87°31’33.9″W and 41°44’21.1″N, 87°31’47.12″W (NAD 83).

(2) All waters of the South Branch of the Chicago River from position 41°52’19.03″N, 87°38’08.7″W, then approximately 1380 yards south to position 41°51’36.5″N, 87°38’04.7″W (NAD 83).

(3) All waters of the Chicago River from an imaginary line connecting positions 41°53’11.6″N, 87°38’20.5″W and 41°53’14.6″N, 87°38’17.2″W, then east to the South Chicago Street Bridge in position 41°53’15.84″N, 87°38’09.16″W, then south along the south branch of the river to the vicinity of the West Van Buren Street Bridge in position 41°52’36.4″N, 87°38’15.8″W (NAD 83).

(4) All waters of the Chicago River from the West Lake Street Bridge in position 41°53’8.6″N, 87°38’15.9″W, then north to an imaginary line connecting positions 41°53’11.6″N, 87°38’20.5″W and 41°53’14.6″N, 87°38’17.2″W, then east along the main branch of the river to a position of 41°53’19″N, 87°36’33″W (NAD 83) in the vicinity of the North Lake Shore Drive Bridge.

(5) All waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal within a 1000 foot radius of a position at 41°50’28.5″N, 87°40’22.7″W (NAD 83) in the vicinity of the South Damen Avenue bridge.

Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, or his designated on-scene representative. The Captain of the Port or his designated on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

D. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on these statutes and executive orders.

1. Regulatory Planning and Review

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, as supplemented by Executive Order 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of Executive Order 12866 or under section 1 of Executive Order 13563. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under those Orders. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We conclude that this rule is not a significant regulatory action because we anticipate that it will have minimal impact on the economy, will not interfere with other agencies, will not adversely alter the budget of any grant or loan recipients, and will not raise any novel legal or policy issues. The safety zones created by this rule will be small and enforced during for a limited time on a limited number of days in August and September of 2013. Under certain conditions, moreover, vessels may still transit through the safety zones when permitted by the Captain of the Port.
2. Impact on Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered the impact of this temporary rule on small entities. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This rule will affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the Chicago River, Chicago Harbor, or Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal during the times in which the safety zones are enforced in August and September, 2013.

These safety zones will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the reasons cited in the Regulatory Planning and Review section. Additionally, before the enforcement of these zones, we would issue local Broadcast Notice to Mariners so vessel owners and operators can plan accordingly.

3. Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

4. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

5. Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism.

6. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the “For Further Information Contact” section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

7. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

8. Taking of Private Property

This rule will not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

9. Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

10. Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health 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 the establishment of safety zones and, therefore it 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, 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:

§ 165.T09–0676 Safety Zone; Paramount Pictures Corporation; Chicago, IL.

(a) Safety Zones. The following are designated as safety zones:

(1) All waters of Lake Michigan, Calumet Harbor, west of an imaginary line connecting 41°44′29.4″ N, 087°31′33.9″ W and 41°44′21″ N, 087°31′47.12″ W (NAD 83).

(2) All waters of the South Branch of the Chicago River from position 41°52′19.03″ N, 087°38′08.7″ W, then approximately 1380 yards south to position 41°51′36.5″ N, 087°38′04.7″ W (NAD 83).

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(4) All waters of the Chicago River from the West Lake Street Bridge in position 41°53′8.6″ N, 087°38′15.9″ W, then north to an imaginary line connecting positions 41°53′11.6″ N, 087°38′20.5″ W and 41°53′14.0″ N, 087°38′17.2″ W, then east along the main branch of the river to a position of 41°53′19″ N, 087°36′33″ W (NAD 83) in the vicinity of the North Lake Shore Drive Bridge.

(5) All waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal within a 1000 foot radius of a position at 41°50′28.5″ N, 087°40′22.7″ W (NAD 83) in the vicinity of the South Damen Avenue bridge.

(b) Effective and enforcement periods. This section is effective from 6 a.m. on August 20, 2013, until 9 p.m. on September 30, 2013. The zones described in paragraph (a) of this section will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on intermittent dates between August 20 and September 30, 2013.

(c) Regulations. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within these safety zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) These safety zones are closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his designated on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan to act on his behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zones shall contact the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zones must comply with all directions given to them by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, or his on-scene representative.

Dated: August 8, 2013.

M.W. Sibley, Captain, U. S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AO34

VA Health Professional Scholarship and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Programs

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its VA Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) regulations. VA is also establishing regulations for a new program, the Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program (VIOMPSP). These regulations comply with and implement sections 302 and 603 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (the 2010 Act), Section 302 of the 2010 Act established the VIOMPSP, which authorizes VA to provide financial assistance to certain students seeking a degree in visual impairment or orientation or mobility, in order to increase the supply of qualified blind rehabilitation specialists for VA and the United States. Section 603 of the 2010 Act reauthorized and modified HPSP, a program that provides scholarships for education or training in certain health care occupations.

DATES: Effective Date: This final rule is effective September 19, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Nedd, Healthcare Talent Management Office, Department of Veterans Affairs, 1250 Poydras Street, Suite 1000, New Orleans, LA 70113; (504) 565–4900. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 7601 through 7619, 7633, 7634, and 7636, VA has promulgated regulations implementing the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP), codified at 38 CFR 17.600 through 17.612. This rulemaking is amending the HPSP regulations in response to section 603 of the 2010 Act, Public Law 111–163, which amended the statutory authority for this program, particularly the eligibility requirements for the program and VA’s obligations regarding employment of the program participants.

This rulemaking is also establishing new regulations to implement section 302 of the 2010 Act. Section 302 of the 2010 Act established chapter 75 of 38 U.S.C., which requires VA to create a scholarship program similar to the HPSP called the Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Program (VIOMPSP). The purpose of the new program “is to increase the supply of qualified blind rehabilitation specialists for [VA] and the Nation.” 38 U.S.C. 7501(b). The statutory authority is substantively similar (and in many ways identical) to the existing authority governing the HPSP. To the maximum extent possible, we are utilizing and amending as necessary, the existing HPSP regulations to govern the commonalities between both programs, and then adding additional regulations necessary to implement the new VIOMPSP. This will eliminate redundancies between the two programs, facilitate the administration of the program by VA, and make it easier for the public to understand the details of both programs. The HPSP is governed by current §§ 17.600 through 17.612, and the VIOMPSP is established as new §§ 17.625 through 17.636.

In a document published in the Federal Register on December 26, 2012 (77 FR 75918), VA proposed to amend part 17 of 38 CFR by amending the regulations that govern the HPSP and establishing regulations for the VIOMPSP. We provided a 60-day comment period, which ended on February 25, 2013. We received one comment from an official from the National Federation of the Blind.

The commenter was concerned that the rulemaking did not provide “clear provisions regarding the eligibility of blind or low vision applicants to VIOMPSP.” The commenter noted that the rulemaking was explicit regarding the availability of the program to institutions with high numbers of Hispanic students and to historically