supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under the \textbf{ADDRESSES} section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

\textit{G. Protest Activities}

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protestors are asked to contact the person listed in the \textbf{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.

\textbf{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:

\textbf{PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS}

\textbf{1.} The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

\textbf{Authority:} 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 1.06–1, 1.06–4, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

\textbf{2.} Add § 165.T09–0293 to read as follows:

\textbf{§ 165.T09–0293 Safety Zone; Village of Waterloo Memorial Day Fireworks Display; Seneca-Cayuga Canal, Waterloo, NY.}

(a) \textit{Location.} The safety zone will encompass all waters of the Seneca-Cayuga Canal; Waterloo, NY contained within a 280-foot radius of:

\begin{itemize}
\item 43°36.58′ N, 076°30′43.87″ W
\end{itemize}

(b) \textit{Enforcement period.} This section will be enforced from 4:30 p.m. through 10:45 p.m. on May 25, 2019, with a date of May 26, 2019.

(c) \textit{Regulations.} (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated on-scene representative.

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

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port Buffalo or his on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or alternatively they may contact the Captain of the Port Buffalo via landline at 716–843–9525. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all directions given to them by the Captain of the Port Buffalo, or his on-scene representative.


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\textbf{DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY}

\textbf{Coast Guard}

\textbf{33 CFR Part 165}

[Docket No. USCG–2019–0356]

\textbf{Safety Zones; Annual Fireworks Displays Within the Sector Columbia River Captain of the Port Zone}

\textbf{AGENCY:} Coast Guard, DHS.

\textbf{TABLE—DATES AND DURATIONS IN 2019 FOR EVENTS LISTED IN 33 CFR 165.1315 AND THE LOCATION OF THESE EVENTS WITHIN THE SECTOR COLUMBIA RIVER CAPTAIN OF THE PORT ZONE}

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Event name & Event location & Date and duration of event & Latitude & Longitude \\
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Splash Aberdeen Waterfront Festival ....... & Aberdeen, WA ............... & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 46°58′40″ N & 123°47′45″ W \\
Astoria Warrenton 4th of July Fireworks & Astoria, OR .................. & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 46°11′34″ N & 123°49′28″ W \\
Bandon 4th of July ............................. & Bandon, OR .................. & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 43°07′29″ N & 124°25′05″ W \\
Brookings, OR July 4th Fireworks .......... & Brookings, OR ............... & July 4, 2019 9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m .......... & 42°02′39″ N & 124°16′14″ W \\
Port of Cascade Locks 4th of July Fireworks, & Cascade Locks, OR .......... & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 45°40′15″ N & 121°53′43″ W \\
Bald Eagle Days ............................... & Cathlamet, WA ............... & July 20, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 46°12′14″ N & 123°23′17″ W \\
Clatskanie Heritage Days Fireworks ...... & Clatskanie, OR ............... & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 46°6′17″ N & 123°12′02″ W \\
City of Coos Bay July 4th Celebration/ & Coos Bay, OR .................. & July 4, 2019 10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m .......... & 43°22′06″ N & 124°12′24″ W \\
\end{tabular}
The special requirements listed in 33 CFR 165.1315(b) apply to the activation and enforcement of these safety zones, along with special requirements for fireworks barges. Before any vessel operator may enter the designated zone, they must obtain permission from the Captain of the Port or their Designated Representative. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and marine information broadcasts.


J.C. Smith,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Columbia River.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900–AP99

Streamlining Annual Rate Publication for VA Educational Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations regarding the monthly rates payable for the following educational assistance programs: Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty (MGIB–AD), Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve (MGIB–SR), and Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA) programs, to reflect cost-of-living increases. See 38 U.S.C. 3015(b); 10 U.S.C. 16311(b)(2); and 38 U.S.C. 3564. VA calculates the monthly rates based on the statutory provisions. Historically, VA annually revised its regulations with the updated calculated amounts.

Publication of the calculated amounts as regulatory amendments subject to the informal rulemaking process of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) is unnecessary because the rates are set by statute and VA has no discretion in determining those rates. Furthermore, it is inefficient to utilize the rulemaking process as a vehicle for notifying the public of revised rates, because delays in the rulemaking process result in a delay in notification of the new rates to beneficiaries. Finally, the published monthly rates of educational assistance are often out-of-date because of the delay in publishing the monthly rates in regulations.

To reduce the administrative burden and improve the provision of notice of the changes in monthly rates payable for basic educational assistance under the MGIB–AD, MGIB–SR, and DEA programs, we are amending 38 CFR...