

associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination 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 proposed rule involves a special local regulation lasting approximately 12 hours on three separate days that will prohibit entry of persons or vessels during the Red River Rumble F1 Powerboat Showdown high-speed powerboat races. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L61 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

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Submitting comments. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal Decision-Making Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0177 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If you cannot submit your material by using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT section of this proposed rule for alternate instructions.

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List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is proposing to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70041; 33 CFR 1.05–1.

■ 2. Add § 100.T08–0177 to read as follows:

§ 100.T08–0177 Red River Rumble F1 Powerboat Showdown, Shreveport, LA.

(a) **Regulated area.** The regulations in this section apply to the following area: A special local regulation is established to encompass all waters of the Red River from mile marker 228.1 to mile marker 228.8.

(b) **Definitions.** As used in this section—

Designated representative means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting

the Captain of the Port Lower Mississippi River (COTP) in the enforcement of the regulations in this section.

Participant means all persons and vessels registered with the event sponsor as a participant in the race.

Spectator means all persons and vessels not registered with the event sponsor as participants or official patrol vessels.

(c) **Regulations.** (1) All non-participants are prohibited from entering, transiting through, anchoring in, or remaining within the regulated area described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or their designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP’s representative by 314–269–2332. Those in the regulated area must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the designated representative.

(3) The COTP will provide notice of the regulated area through advanced notice via Broadcast Notice to Mariners and by on-scene designated representatives.

(d) **Enforcement period[s].** “This section will be enforced each day from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day from May 24, 2024, through May 26, 2024.

Dated: March 20, 2024.

Kristi L. Bernstein,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Lower Mississippi River.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2023–0971]

RIN 1625–AA11

Regulated Navigation Area; NW Natural Gasco Sediment Site Field Pilot Study, Willamette River, Portland, Oregon

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish a Regulated Navigation Area for certain waters of the Willamette River. This action is necessary to preserve the integrity of sampling ports at the NW Natural Gasco Sediments Site Project Area on these navigable waters near Portland, Oregon. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and

vessels in the designated area from activities that could disturb or damage the sampling ports unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before April 24, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2023–0971 using the Federal Decision-Making Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments. This notice of proposed rulemaking with its plain-language, 100-word-or-less proposed rule summary will be available in this same docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email LT Carlie Gilligan, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 503–240–9310, email SCRWWM@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
FR	Federal Register
NPRM	Notice of proposed rulemaking
§	Section
U.S.C.	United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On September 26, 2023, an organization notified the Coast Guard that it will be requesting a Regulated Navigation Area (RNA) at the NW Natural Gasco Sediments Site Project Area located in the Willamette River in Portland, Oregon. This will preserve the integrity of the In Situ Stabilization and Solidification (ISS) Field Pilot Study (FPS) post-construction sampling ports placed over the site as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund cleanup action. The Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River (COTP) has determined that a regulated navigation area would mitigate potential hazards at this site.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure activities do not disturb the sampling ports. The Coast Guard is proposing this rulemaking under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP is proposing to establish a regulated navigation area at river mile

6.5 on the Willamette River, Portland, OR. The FPS consists of a 1,750 square foot area that will undergo ISS treatment. The duration of the zone is intended last in perpetuity or until the EPA and NW Natural agree to modify the footprint as part of a future final site remedy. No vessel or person would be permitted to disturb (e.g., anchor, drag lines, trawling, motoring) the regulated navigation area without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. The regulatory text we are proposing appears at the end of this document.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This NPRM has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 14094 (Modernizing Regulatory Review). Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the RNA being limited in size and is outside the navigable channel.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the RNA may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section IV.A above, this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this proposed rule. If the proposed rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

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

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

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 proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175 (Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments) because it would 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. If you believe this proposed rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. 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 proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the potential effects of this proposed rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination 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 proposed rule involves a regulated navigation area that prohibits certain maritime activities to protect the sampling ports. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

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applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

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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 is proposing to amend 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:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

- 2. Add § 165.0971 to read as follows:

§ 165.0971 Regulated navigation area; NW Natural Gasco Sediments Site Field Pilot Study, Willamette River, Portland, OR.

(a) **Location.** The following area is a regulated navigation area (RNA): All navigable waters of the Willamette River, from surface to bottom, adjacent to the NW Natural Portland Gas Manufacturing (PGM) site, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 45°34′45.65″ N, 122°45′21.73″ W; thence to 45°34′45.32″ N, 122°45′22.00″ W; thence to 45°34′45.39″ N, 122°45′21.09″ W; thence to 45°34′45.06″ N, 122°45′21.36″ W; and back to the beginning point. These coordinates are based on North American Datum 83 (NAD 83). Geographically this location starts on the west bank of the Willamette River at approximately river mile 6.5.

(b) **Definitions.** As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) **Regulations.** In addition to the general RNA regulations in § 165.13, the following regulations apply to the RNA described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(1) Sediment disturbance activities including anchoring, drag lines, trawling and motoring are prohibited to ensure the treated sediment surface and sampling ports are not disturbed. The sampling ports must remain intact and undisturbed to avoid impacting the EPA-approved sampling. All vessels and persons are prohibited from anchoring, dredging, laying cable, dragging, seining, bottom fishing, conducting salvage operations, or any other activity which could potentially disturb the riverbed in the designated area. Vessels may otherwise transit or navigate within this area.

(2) The prohibition described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section does not apply to vessels or persons engaged in activities associated with remediation efforts in the NW Natural Gasco Sediment Site, provided that the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Sector Columbia River (COTP) is given advance notice of those activities by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(d) **Contact information.** If you observe violations of the regulations in this section, you may notify the COTP by email, at SCRWWM@USCG.MIL, or by phone, 503–240–9319.

Dated: March 19, 2024.

Charles E. Fosse,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander,
Thirteenth Coast Guard District.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR 166 and 167

[Docket No. USCG-2019-0279]

RIN 1625-AC57

Shipping Safety Fairways Along the Atlantic Coast Public Meeting

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of public meeting and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has decided to host a public meeting regarding the proposed establishment of shipping safety fairways along the Atlantic coast. In addition, the Coast Guard is extending the comment period on the proposed rule in order to allow participants in the public meeting sufficient time to prepare their comment submissions.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published January 19, 2024, at 89 FR 3587, is extended.

Comments should be received on or before May 17, 2024. The meeting will be held on April 17, 2024 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205 in the L-Wing Building, Classroom 112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document call or email Brian Mottel, Coast Guard; telephone 206-815-4657, email David.b.mottel2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on January 19, 2024, proposing the establishment of shipping safety fairways along the Atlantic coast. 89 FR 3587. The proposed rule is intended to protect traditional shipping routes as well as to help facilitate development on the outer continental shelf (OCS). Since publication, we've received multiple requests from commenters requesting further public engagement from the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is committed to the meaningful participation of stakeholders in the rulemaking process and to receiving the highest quality input and expertise that the private sector has to offer. In that

spirit, we have decided to host a public meeting to gather further information on the potential impacts of the proposed fairways.

The meeting will be hosted at Stockton University at 6 p.m. on April 17, 2024. The meeting will be held at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205 in the L-Wing Building, Classroom 112. The meeting will consist of a brief presentation by the Coast Guard followed by the submissions of public comments. This is not a question-and-answer session, but an opportunity for the public to hear from the Coast Guard and to provide feedback on the proposed fairways.

This document also extends the comment period for the Shipping Safety Fairways along the Atlantic Coast NPRM for 30 days in order to allow the public to gather their thoughts following the public meeting. The extended comment period will close on May 17, 2024. This document is issued under authority found in 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

Dated: March 18, 2024.

K.J. Boda,

Deputy Director, Marine Transportation System.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[MD Docket Nos. 24-85, 24-86; FCC 24-31; FR ID 209752]

Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024; Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that seeks comments on revising the regulatory fees for space and earth station payors for fiscal year (FY) 2024.

DATES: Submit comments on or before April 12, 2024; and reply comments on or before April 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by MD Docket No. 24-85 and MD Docket No. 24-86, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filers.* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by

accessing the ECFS, <https://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

- *Paper Filers.* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

- Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice) or 202-418-0432 (TTY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Duall, Space Bureau, at (202) 418-1103 or Stephen.Duall@fcc.gov; Roland Helvajian, Office of the Managing Director, at (202) 418-0444 or Roland.Helvajian@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), in MD Docket Nos. 24-85 and 24-86; FCC 24-31, adopted and released on March 13, 2024. The full text of this document is available at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-24-31A1.pdf>.

Comment Filing Requirements. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated in the **DATES** section above. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act. The Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act, Public Law 118-9, requires each