

Alternatively, and in the event of inclement weather, enforcement will occur from 12:30 p.m. through 3 p.m. on June 07, 2026.

Dated: May 8, 2026.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2026-0530]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Laguna Madre, South Padre Island, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters within an 800-foot radius of a fireworks barge in the Laguna Madre. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by a fireworks display. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Corpus Christi, or their designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective on May 16, 2026, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

ADDRESSES: To view available documents go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for USCG-2026-0530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, contact LT Timothy Cardenas, Sector Corpus Christi Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 361-244-4784, or email Timothy.J.Cardenas@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

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

II. Background and Authority

The Coast Guard received notification that fireworks will be launched from a

barge on the Laguna Madre near South Padre Island, TX. Hazards from fireworks displays include accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. The Captain of the Port (COTP) Corpus Christi has determined that potential hazards associated with fireworks are a safety concern for anyone within 800 feet of the fireworks display. Therefore, the COTP is issuing this rule under the authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034, which is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone.

Because of these potential hazards, the Coast Guard is issuing this rule without prior notice and comment. As is authorized by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. Additionally, the Coast Guard was notified of this event on April 28, 2026, but we must establish this safety zone by May 16, 2026, to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment. Therefore, we do not have enough time to solicit and respond to comments.

For the same reasons, the Coast Guard finds that under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

III. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 8 p.m. until midnight on May 16, 2026. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters within 800 feet of the fireworks barge in the Laguna Madre at 26°06'02.1" N, 097°10'17.7" W. Vessels and persons will not be allowed to enter the zone during this time, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this 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.

A. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, do not apply to rules that are not subject to notice and comment. Because the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the Regulatory Flexibility Act's flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-121), if this rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards by calling 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.

B. 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).

C. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in that Order.

Also, 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.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

As required by The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531-1538), the Coast Guard certifies that this rule will not result in an annual expenditure of \$100,000,000 or more (adjusted for inflation) by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector.

E. Environment

We have analyzed this 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 *et seq.*), 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 is a safety zone. It is 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 Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket.

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:

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. 01.4.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08-0530 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08-0530 Safety Zone; Laguna Madre, South Padre Island, TX.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of Laguna Madre, from surface to bottom, encompassed by an 800-foot radius at the following point, 26°06'02.1" N, 097°10'17.7" W. These coordinates are based on the World Geodetic System (WGS 84).

(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 Corpus Christi (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative on VHF-FM channel 16 or by telephone (800) 874-2143. Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 8 p.m. to midnight on May 16, 2026.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Corpus Christi.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

39 CFR Part 3055

[Docket No. RM2026-1; Order No. 9566]

RIN 3211-AA40

Service Performance Reporting Requirements; Revisions

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission is adopting final rule revisions that update the existing annual service performance reporting requirements for the Postal Service's Market Dominant products.

DATES: *Effective* June 12, 2026.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, Order No. 9566 can be accessed electronically through the Commission's website at <https://www.prc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Background

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) enhanced the Commission's role in overseeing how the Postal Service reports information.¹ The PAEA requires the Commission to prescribe the content and form of the public reports that the Postal Service files with the Commission under section 3652. 39 U.S.C. 3652(e)(1). The Commission may initiate proceedings to improve the quality, accuracy, or completeness of Postal Service reporting whenever the Commission determines that service performance data have become significantly inadequate, could be significantly improved, or otherwise requires revision as necessitated by the public interest. 39 U.S.C. 3652(e)(2). The PAEA introduced new requirements that led to the Postal Service developing service standards (a

delivery day range and business rules), service performance goals (on-time percent targets), and service performance measurement systems. Following a multi-year evaluation process, on July 5, 2018, the Commission approved the use of the Internal Service Performance Measurement (SPM) System.² In doing so, the Commission found the applicable standard for use of an internal service performance measurement system to be whether the system is capable of reporting accurate, reliable, and representative service performance data. *Id.* at 15.

From a design perspective, SPM is significantly more complex than the measurement systems that preceded it. In recent months, the Postal Service has three times given the Commission notice of substantial planned changes to the SPM system.³

The recent enactment of the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022 (PSRA) codified a requirement for the Postal Service to set reasonable performance targets for each product and to provide those targets to the Commission for the Commission to evaluate compliance each year.⁴

II. Basis of Rule Revisions

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 503, 3652, 3653, 3691, and 3692, the Commission revises the service performance reporting rules at 39 CFR part 3055, subpart A.

First, the Commission revises existing §§ 3055.4 and 3055.5 to more specifically address changes to internal service performance measurement systems. These revisions establish a

² Docket No. PI2015-1, Order Approving Use of Internal Measurement Systems, July 5, 2018 (Order No. 4697).

³ In the first two of these instances, the Commission put in place interim reporting requirements to enable it to evaluate the effect of these changes on SPM's accuracy, reliability, and representativeness, and also to evaluate whether any revisions to the Commission's service performance reporting requirements with respect to measurement exclusions are necessary. See Docket Nos. RM2024-9 and PI2025-2, Interim Order Regarding Proposed Service Performance Measurement Changes, March 28, 2025, at 22-23, 37-39, 40-41 (Order No. 8761). These reporting requirements were partially modified by Order No. 8823. See Docket Nos. RM2024-9 and PI2025-2, Order Conditionally Granting Motion for Reconsideration of Order No. 8761, April 30, 2025 (Order No. 8823). See also Docket Nos. RM2024-9, PI2025-2, and PI2025-5, Interim Order Regarding Further Proceedings on Planned Service Performance Measurement Changes, June 27, 2025, at 23-24 (Order No. 8942). The third notice of planned changes was dismissed without prejudice. See Docket Nos. RM2024-9, PI2025-2, PI2025-5, and PI2025-6, Order Dismissing Without Prejudice Notice of Planned Service Performance Measurement Changes, October 8, 2025 (Order No. 9241).

⁴ Postal Service Reform Act of 2022, Public Law 117-108, 136 Stat. 1127 (2022).

¹ Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA), Public Law 109-435, 120 Stat. 3198 (2006). See 39 U.S.C. 3652(e).