

penalties for failure to timely provide certain notices or other material information. Under the rule, such assessments will be subject to reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of the regulation.

**DATES:** Effective May 16, 2012 and applicable to determinations made on or after that date.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) administers the pension plan termination insurance program under title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). PBGC's regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions (29 CFR Part 4003) provides rules governing the issuance of initial determinations by PBGC involving the matters set forth in the regulation and procedures for requesting and obtaining PBGC review of those determinations, either by appeal (a more formal proceeding) or by request for reconsideration (a less formal process), depending on the type of matter. A person that fails to exhaust administrative remedies under the regulation with respect to a determination may not be able to raise in court some legal defenses against enforcement of the determination that might otherwise have been available.

Section 4071 of ERISA authorizes PBGC to assess a penalty for failure to timely provide any notice or other material information required under ERISA sections 4001-4071 or 303(k)(4) or regulations thereunder. PBGC published policy guidance on its assessment and review of section 4071 penalties on March 3, 1992 (at 57 FR 7605), and July 18, 1995 (at 60 FR 36837).<sup>1</sup> On January 12, 2001 (at 66 FR 2857), PBGC published a proposed rule on Assessment of and Relief from Penalties under both ERISA section 4007 (dealing with payment of premiums) and ERISA section 4071.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The 1995 policy statement generally replaced the 1992 statement.

<sup>2</sup> Although it was published as a proposal with an invitation for public comment, the 2001 penalty policy proposed rule was (as its preamble stated)

Among the proposed actions was amendment of the administrative review regulation to make determinations with respect to penalties under section 4071 subject to that regulation, in the class of matters reviewable by reconsideration.<sup>3</sup> No comments were received on the proposal.<sup>4</sup>

This final rule amends the administrative review regulation consistent with the 2001 proposal. This change will promote uniformity in PBGC's procedures for making and reviewing determinations. The provisions of the administrative review regulation will supersede any inconsistent provisions of the 1992 and 1995 penalty policy statements; in other respects, those policy statements will be unaffected.

**Applicability**

The amendment made by this rule applies to determinations under section 4071 made on or after May 16, 2012.

**Compliance With Rulemaking Guidelines**

PBGC has determined that this action is not a "significant regulatory action" under the criteria set forth in Executive Order 12866.

This rule is not subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act because it deals only with PBGC procedural rules. Because no general notice of proposed rulemaking is required, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2), 603, 604.

This action is associated with retrospective review and analysis in PBGC's Plan for Regulatory Review<sup>5</sup> issued in accordance with Executive Order 13563 on "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review."

not subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act because it dealt only with general statements of PBGC policy and with PBGC procedural rules. On November 17, 2006 (at 71 FR 66867), PBGC published a final rule adding a penalty policy appendix, drawn from the 2001 proposed rule, to its regulation on Payment of Premiums.

<sup>3</sup> Premium penalties under ERISA section 4007 are already covered by the administrative review regulation. Premium penalty determinations are in the class of matters for which reconsideration is provided.

<sup>4</sup> On May 7, 2004 (at 69 FR 25797), PBGC proposed a new penalty policy for failures to issue Participant Notices as required under ERISA section 4011 and PBGC's regulation on Disclosure to Participants (29 CFR part 4011), the provisions of which are inapplicable to plan years starting after 2006. Comments received on that proposal were relevant to some aspects of the 2001 proposal, but not to the administrative review provisions.

<sup>5</sup> See [www.pbgc.gov/documents/plan-for-regulatory-review.pdf](http://www.pbgc.gov/documents/plan-for-regulatory-review.pdf).

**List of Subjects in 29 CFR Part 4003**

Administrative practice and procedure, Organization and functions (Government agencies), Pension insurance, Pensions.

For the reasons given above, PBGC is amending 29 CFR part 4003 as follows.

**PART 4003—RULES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF AGENCY DECISIONS**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 4003 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 1302(b)(3).

■ 2. In § 4003.1, paragraph (a) is amended by removing the words "(b)(1) through (b)(4)" and adding in their place the words "(b)(1) through (b)(5)" and by removing the words "(b)(5) through (b)(10)" and adding in their place the words "(b)(6) through (b)(11)"; paragraphs (b)(5) through (b)(10) are redesignated as paragraphs (b)(6) through (b)(11); and a new paragraph (b)(5) is added to read as follows:

**§ 4003.1 Purpose and scope.**

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(b) *Scope.* \* \* \*

(5) Determinations with respect to penalties under section 4071 of ERISA;

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Issued in Washington, DC, this 6th day of April 2012.

**Joshua Gotbaum,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Part 110**

[Docket No. USCG-2010-0929]

**RIN 1625-AA01**

**Special Anchorage Regulations, Newport Bay Harbor, CA**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is expanding the boundaries of the special anchorage areas in Newport Bay Harbor, California, to encompass and replace temporary anchorage grounds C-1 and C-2, and anchorage ground C-3. This rule realigns anchorage boundaries to reflect the way the harbor currently is used.

**DATES:** This rule is effective May 16, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket USCG–2010–0929 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2010–0929 in the “Keyword” box, and then clicking “Search.” This material is also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 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 rule, call or email Lieutenant Lucas Mancini, Coast Guard District Eleven, telephone 510–437–3801, email

[Lucas.W.Mancini@uscg.mil](mailto:Lucas.W.Mancini@uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Regulatory Information**

On December 16, 2011 we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled “Anchorage Regulations: Subpart A—Special Anchorage Regulations, Newport Bay Harbor, CA” in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 78185). We received no comments on the proposed rule. No request for public meeting was made.

##### **Basis and Purpose**

The legal basis for this rule is: 33 U.S.C. 471, 1221 through 1236, 2030, 2035, 2071; 33 CFR 1.05–1; and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1, which collectively authorize the Coast Guard to define anchorage grounds.

This rule expands the designated special anchorage areas in Newport Bay Harbor, and removes other anchorage grounds, to align with the actual placement of existing mooring areas and reflect the way the harbor is currently used.

##### **Background**

Due to enhanced anchorage population over the years, the mooring areas being used in Newport Bay Harbor are nominally larger than the special anchorage areas originally charted in 33 CFR 110.95. As moorings were added or overhauled, the new moorings would fall outside the existing boundaries, resulting in moorings lying outside the charted areas. Similarly, the anchorage grounds designated in 33 CFR 110.212 were originally used as temporary

overflow anchorages, but are now used regularly. Harbor users have been accustomed to this placement for the last 10 years.

The Mooring Master Plan Subcommittee of the City of Newport Harbor Commission led an outreach campaign involving a series of public meetings about aligning the anchorage regulations with actual harbor use patterns, and we understand that it did not receive any opposition from the waterway users. After these public meetings, the City of Newport asked the Coast Guard to amend its anchorage regulations. The Coast Guard therefore solicited public comment on proposed changes in the NPRM mentioned above. We received no comment on the proposal.

##### **Discussion of Changes**

The Coast Guard is finalizing the proposal without changes and realigning the anchorage boundaries in order to reflect the way the harbor currently is used. This rule removes § 110.212 and the three anchorage grounds found therein (anchorages C–1, C–2, C–3). The area covered by those anchorages is incorporated into the special anchorage area regulations at § 110.95. Anchorage C–1 is incorporated into area B–1 under revised § 110.95(m), and anchorages C–2 and C–3 is incorporated into area A–11 under revised § 110.95(k). An image of the anchorage areas is available in the docket.

The enlargement of the special anchorage areas does not pose any waterway or navigational hazard, or restrict harbor use in any way. The Army Corps of Engineers has been consulted and did not have any opposition. We anticipate that this rule would have no impact on fishing or boating because the amendment adjusts the lines to fit the current layout of moorings in Newport Harbor. Small craft are not restricted in the harbor. Berthing and anchoring in Newport Harbor also is regulated by Orange County ordinance and the City of Newport’s municipal code. The enlargement of the special anchorages does not impact these laws; for the convenience of the reader we have included references pertaining to local municipal codes in the rule.

##### **Regulatory Analyses**

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on 13 of these statutes or executive orders.

##### **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, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. The Coast Guard is realigning anchorage boundaries in order to reflect the way the harbor currently is used. The enlargement of the anchorages does not restrict harbor use in any way.

##### **Small Entities**

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 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 rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

(1) This rule may affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: The owners or operators of commercial and recreational vessels intending to transit or anchor in the affected area.

(2) The impact to these entities will not, however, be significant since this area will encompass only a small portion of the waterway and vessels can safely navigate around the anchored vessels.

##### **Assistance for Small Entities**

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), in the NPRM we offered to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process.

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.

### Collection of Information

This rule calls for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

### Federalism

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132. Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

### 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 would not result in such expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

### Taking of Private Property

This rule does 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.

### 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.

### 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 would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

### Indian Tribal Governments

This rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it will 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.

### Energy Effects

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

### Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

### Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. An “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a categorical exclusion determination supporting this determination are available in the docket where indicated under

**ADDRESSES.** This rule involves changing the size of special anchorage areas.

### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 110

Anchorage grounds.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 110 as follows:

### 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(g); Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Revise § 110.95 to read as follows:

#### § 110.95 Newport Bay Harbor, Calif.

(a) *Area A–1.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36′09.3″ N., longitude 117°53′52.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′11.4″ N., longitude 117°53′51.2″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′04.0″ N., longitude 117°53′33.4″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′03.9″ N., longitude 117°53′20.4″ W.; thence to 33°36′01.1″ N., longitude 117°53′09.9″ W.; thence to 33°36′01.1″ N., longitude 117°53′32.7″ W.; thence to 33°36′03.9″ N., longitude 117°53′41.9″ W.; returning to latitude 33°36′09.3″ N., longitude 117°53′52.6″ W.

(b) *Area A–2.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36′12.9″ N., longitude 117°53′44.2″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′14.2″ N., longitude 117°53′44.3″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′14.2″ N., longitude 117°53′20.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′10.8″ N., longitude 117°53′20.5″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′12.7″ N., longitude 117°53′29.9″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′12.7″ N., longitude 117°53′35.4″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′12.9″ N., longitude 117°53′37.0″ W.; returning to latitude 33°36′12.9″ N., longitude 117°53′44.2″ W.

(c) *Area A–3.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36′22.7″ N., longitude 117°54′12.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′24.9″ N., longitude 117°54′12.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′26.2″ N., longitude 117°54′11.3″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′18.7″ N., longitude 117°54′00.5″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′16.2″ N., longitude 117°54′02.9″ W.; returning to latitude 33°36′22.7″ N., longitude 117°54′12.6″ W.

(d) *Area A–4.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36′32.7″ N., longitude 117°53′56.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′33.6″ N., longitude 117°53′56.6″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′33.5″ N., longitude 117°53′26.2″ W.; thence to latitude 33°36′32.9″ N.,

longitude 117°53'26.2" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'32.6" N., longitude 117°53'33.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'32.4" N., longitude 117°53'36.7" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'31.7" N., longitude 117°53'40.9" W.; thence to 33°36'31.7" N., longitude 117°53'46.3" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'32.6" N., longitude 117°53'50.9" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'32.7" N., longitude 117°53'56.6" W.

(e) *Area A-5.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'29.1" N., longitude 117°54'55.3" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'27.8" N., longitude 117°54'55.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'24.1" N., longitude 117°54'41.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'26.7" N., longitude 117°54'40.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'26.7" N., longitude 117°54'46.3" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'29.1" N., longitude 117°54'55.3" W.

(f) *Area A-6.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'43.3" N., longitude 117°54'26.4" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'51.7" N., longitude 117°54'22.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'51.4" N., longitude 117°54'21.5" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'42.9" N., longitude 117°54'25.2" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'43.3" N., longitude 117°54'26.4" W.

(g) *Area A-7.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'32.1" N., longitude 117°55'12.5" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'37.7" N., longitude 117°55'11.0" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'35.1" N., longitude 117°55'01.3" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'30.4" N., longitude 117°55'02.6" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'31.2" N., longitude 117°55'06.7" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'32.1" N., longitude 117°55'12.5" W.

(h) *Area A-8.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'34.2" N., longitude 117°55'27.3" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'36.2" N., longitude 117°55'26.7" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'39.5" N., longitude 117°55'20.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'38.9" N., longitude 117°55'15.4" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'37.9" N., longitude 117°55'11.7" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'32.1" N., longitude 117°55'13.3" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'34.2" N., longitude 117°55'27.3" W.

(i) *Area A-9.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'53.5" N., longitude 117°55'28.2" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'54.0" N., longitude 117°55'27.0" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'43.4" N., longitude 117°55'20.4" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'42.9" N., longitude 117°55'21.6" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'53.5" N., longitude 117°55'28.2" W.

(j) *Area A-10.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'07.4" N., longitude 117°53'19.2" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'14.2" N., longitude 117°53'19.4" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'14.2" N., longitude 117°53'06.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'08.1" N., longitude 117°53'04.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'06.5" N., longitude 117°53'08.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'06.5" N., longitude 117°53'16.3" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'07.4" N., longitude 117°53'19.2" W.

(k) *Area A-11.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'04.7" N., longitude 117°53'01.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'06.1" N., longitude 117°53'00.5" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'06.2" N., longitude 117°52'59.0" W.; thence to latitude 33°35'59.4" N., longitude 117°52'51.1" W.; thence to latitude 33°35'57.5" N., longitude 117°52'50.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'01.9" N., longitude 117°52'57.3" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'03.0" N., longitude 117°53'00.4" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'04.7" N., longitude 117°53'01.9" W.

(l) *Area A-12.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'27.9" N., longitude 117°54'40.4" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'23.9" N., longitude 117°54'41.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'20.8" N., longitude 117°54'29.9" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'28.5" N., longitude 117°54'20.2" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'27.9" N., longitude 117°54'40.4" W.

(m) *Area B-1.* The entire water area within beginning at latitude 33°36'35.1" N., longitude 117°54'28.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'32.1" N., longitude 117°54'22.1" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'30.6" N., longitude 117°54'22.8" W.; thence to latitude 33°36'30.5" N., longitude 117°54'30.9" W.; returning to latitude 33°36'35.1" N., longitude 117°54'28.8" W.

Note to § 110.95: These anchorage areas are reserved for recreational and other small craft. Local law, including the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code 17.25.020, may provide for fore and aft moorings for recreational and small craft of such size and alignment as permitted by the harbor master.

#### ■ 3. Remove § 110.212.

Dated: April 1, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2012-0144]

RIN 1625-AA09

### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Long Island, New York Inland Waterway from East Rockaway Inlet to Shinnecock Canal, NY

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is temporarily changing the drawbridge operating regulations governing the operation of the Atlantic Beach Bridge, mile 0.4, across Reynolds Channel at Lawrence, New York. The owner of the bridge has requested a temporary change to the regulations to facilitate major rehabilitation at the bridge. It is expected that this temporary change to the regulations will help facilitate the bridge rehabilitation. This interim rule is intended to better meet the present needs of navigation by allowing the bridge rehabilitation repairs to continue on schedule while providing the public the opportunity to submit comments.

**DATES:** This interim rule is effective from April 23, 2012 through May 15, 2013. Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before May 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2012-0144 using any one of the following methods:

(1) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

(3) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(4) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this interim rule,