

conditions for the hearing, as described in this notice, conflict with any provisions set out in part 15, this notice acts as a waiver of those provisions as specified in § 15.30(h).

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Dated: July 31, 2018.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

22 CFR Chapter I

48 CFR Chapter 6

[Public Notice: 10489]

Reducing Regulation and Public Burden, and Controlling Cost

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing implementation of Executive Order 13771, "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs," issued by the President on January 30, 2017, the Department of State (the Department) is seeking comments and information from interested parties to assist the Department in identifying existing regulations, paperwork requirements and other regulatory obligations that can be modified or repealed, consistent with law, to achieve meaningful burden reduction while continuing to achieve the Department's statutory obligations. **DATES:** Written comments and related material must be received on or before September 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by email to the following address: RegsReform@state.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice Kottmyer, Attorney-Adviser, 202-647-2318; or Janet Freer, Director of the Office of Directives Management. Both can be reached at RegsReform@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 30, 2017, President Trump

issued Executive Order 13771, Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs. Under that Executive Order, for every one new regulation issued, at least two prior regulations must be identified for elimination, and the cost of planned regulations must be prudently managed and controlled through a budgeting process. On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda. That Executive Order directs agencies to take specific steps to identify and alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. We are seeking comments on Department regulations, guidance documents, and collections of information that you believe should be removed or modified to alleviate unnecessary burdens. The Department is also requesting economic data to support any proposed changes.

The Regulatory Reform Task Force

Executive Order 13777 directs agencies to designate a Regulatory Reform Officer (RRO) and to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF). The Deputy Secretary of State is the RRO. Other RRTF members include senior officials in the Department's primary regulatory bureaus (Bureaus of Consular Affairs, Educational and Cultural Affairs, Political-Military Affairs, and Administration), as well as other Department officials with expertise in legal requirements, planning and budget.

One of the duties of the RRTF is to evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification. Executive Order 13777 further directs that the RRTF attempt to identify regulations that:

- Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- Impose costs that exceed benefits;
- Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- Are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision, in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard of reproducibility; or
- Derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

Section 3(e) of the Executive Order calls on the RRTF to "seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, nongovernmental organizations, and trade associations" on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. The Department sought input in 2017 (see 82 FR 32493), and again solicits your comments.

Location of Department Regulations

Existing Department of State regulations can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in two places:

- 22 CFR Chapter I (parts 1 through 199), which contains rules governing Department operations; and
- 48 CFR Chapters VI (part 600), which contains the Department's Acquisition Rules.

In addition, guidance regarding Department grants can be found at 2 CFR chapter VI.

You may view the most up-to-date versions of these authorities in the electronic CFR, located at www.ecfr.gov.

Location of Department Guidance

Department guidance that relates to the missions of the rulemaking bureaus (identified above) can be found in a number of locations on the state.gov public website. The Department is interested in comments regarding any of the guidance located on its public site. For your convenience, the following sites cover specific missions:

- For Consular Affairs, including passports and visas, please visit <https://travel.state.gov>.
- For Educational and Cultural Affairs, including the Exchange Visitor Program, please visit <https://exchanges.state.gov/>.
- For Defense Trade issues, please visit: <https://www.pmddtc.state.gov/>.

You are invited to provide comment on any guidance published by the Department that you feel should be considered for modification or elimination, in accordance with E.O. 13777.

Location of the Department's Unified Agenda Submission

The Department's most current submission to the Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions is located at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>. Select "Department of State" from the dropdown menu. The Agenda consists of regulatory and de-regulatory actions either in progress or contemplated by the Department. The rules are identified

by Regulatory Information Numbers (RINs), which for the Department all begin with “1400–”. When commenting on a rule in the Agenda, please identify it by its RIN.

Location of Approved Collections of Information

You can find the Department’s approved collections of information at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please choose “Current Inventory” and pick “Department of State” from the dropdown menu. All approved collections of information have a Control Number issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Department Control Numbers all begin with “1405–”. When commenting on an information collection, please identify it by the OMB Control Number.

Public Comments

Please make your comments as specific as possible, and include any supporting data or other information, such as cost information, that you may have. Please note that all comments are publically available, so do not include any information in your comments that you would not want released to the public. We accept anonymous comments. The Department will not edit your comments to remove personal information; however, in our discretion, we might not post on regulations.gov any comments that contain personal information. If your submission cannot be made using www.regulations.gov, please submit using the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, or contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

The Executive Orders are at the following sites:

- Executive Order 13771 is located at: <http://bit.ly/2kx0TIY>
- Executive Order 13777 is located at: <http://bit.ly/2lTZPIQ>

Although the Department will not respond to individual comments, we value your comments and will give careful consideration to them.

Janet M. Freer,

*Director, Office of Directive Management,
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

[Docket Number USCG–2018–0608]

RIN 1625–AA08

Special Local Regulation; Battle of the Bridges, Intracoastal Waterway, Venice, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary special local regulation for certain waters of the Intracoastal Waterway. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters in Venice, FL, during the Battle of the Bridges on September 15, 2018. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the race area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port St. Petersburg (COTP) 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 August 22, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2018–0608 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or email Marine Science Technician First Class Michael Shackleford, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 813–228–2191, email Michael.D.Shackleford@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 November 7, 2017, the Sarasota Scullers Youth Rowing Program notified the Coast Guard that it will be conducting the Battle of the Bridges sculler race from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on

September 15, 2018. The race will take place in portions of the Intracoastal Waterway in Venice, FL. The Captain of the Port St. Petersburg (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the race to be a safety concern for anyone within area where the race is taking place.

The Coast Guard is requesting that interested parties provide comments within a shortened comment period of 15 days instead of a standard 30 days for this notice of proposed rulemaking. The Coast Guard believes a shortened comment period is necessary and reasonable because the special local regulation is necessary to ensure the safety of vessels and the navigable waters within, or near the race area during the scheduled event. Any delay in making this final rule effective by allowing comments for more than 15 days would not be in the best interest of public safety.

The Coast Guard proposes this rulemaking under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1233.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a temporary special local regulation from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on September 15, 2018. The regulation would cover a race which would take place on approximately 3.5 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway starting near the Shamrock Park & Nature Center and ending near the Tamiami Trail Bridge in Venice, FL. The duration of the regulation is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and these navigable waters during the scheduled 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. race. No vessel or person would be permitted to enter the regulated area without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. Persons or vessels receiving permission to enter the regulated area must comply with the instructions of 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