

**Effective date:** This deviation is effective from midnight on May 1, 2020 to midnight on October 15, 2020.

**Comment date:** Comments and relate material must reach the Coast Guard on or before October 16, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2020–0033 using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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 rule, call or email Mr. Lee D. Soule, Bridge Management Specialist, Ninth Coast Guard District; telephone 216–902–6085, email [Lee.D.Soule@uscg.mil](mailto:Lee.D.Soule@uscg.mil).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Background, Purpose and Legal Basis**

Rainy River and Rainy Lake serve as the border between the United States of America and Canada. The Canadian National bridge is a single leaf bascule type railroad bridge that provides a horizontal clearance of 125 feet. The water level on Rainey Lake and under the bridge is controlled by a hydro-electric dam facility at International Falls, Minnesota. Charted datum is based on the water level surface of Rainy Lake. When the gauge at Fort Frances, Canada reads 1107.0 feet, it results in a variable vertical clearance of 6 to 10 feet in the closed position. The railroad bridge carries significant train traffic across the international border and is the customs port of entry. The drawbridge currently operates under title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), § 117.664.

Prior to March 2011, the Canadian National Bridge was remotely operated without authorization from the District Commander and the railroad failed to operate the bridge in a manner that supported good stewardship of the waterway. After review of the complaints, meetings with the town mayor, and after inquiries from the office of the Honorable Senator James Oberstar, the District Commander ordered the bridge owner to reinstate drawtenders at the bridge by March 2011.

The bridge owner has requested to resume remote operations at the bridge after operating the bridge without complaint for seven boating seasons.

Several trains cross the bridge daily traveling from a Canadian train control district to a United States train control district and must stop at the United States port of entry to debark Canadian

train crews and embark United States train crews and vice versa, depending on direction of travel. The train is also inspected prior to entering the United States.

Most of the vessels in the area are Customs and Border Protection patrol boats, houseboats, and other runabouts. Unpowered sail and paddle craft will pass through the bridge if the current is slow. Eight vessels on average request bridge openings each year.

The test schedule will run from midnight on May 1, 2020 to midnight on October 15, 2020. During this test schedule, the bridge will operate remotely with tenders at the bridge to monitor the effectiveness of the remote equipment. The length of the test deviation is necessary to allow all seasonal residents the opportunity to comment on the operations of the bridge. The bridge operates several cameras, a 2-way public address system, and a VHF–FM Marine Radio that monitors channel 16. The bridge owner will continue to maintain a drawtender’s log and provide those logs at the end of the test deviation. Vessels able to safely pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at any time.

The Coast Guard will also inform the users of the waterways through our Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners of the change in operating schedule for the bridge so that vessel operators can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

### **II. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

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**CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS’s Correspondence System of Records notice (84 FR 48645, September 26, 2018). All public comments will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website’s instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Coast Guard**

#### **33 CFR Part 117**

[Docket No. USCG–2020–0034]

#### **Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Chicago River, Chicago, IL**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard authorizes the Amtrak Railroad Bridge, mile 3.77, across the South Branch of the Chicago River, to be operated remotely and establish an intermediate opening position. The request was made by the bridge owner. This test deviation will test if the intermediate position improves vessel flow through the river. The bridge will continue to open on signal for commercial and recreational vessels.

#### **DATES:**

**Effective date:** This deviation is effective from midnight on June 1, 2020 to midnight on September 1, 2020.

**Comment date:** Comments and relate material must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 2, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2020–0034 using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis**

The Amtrak Railroad Bridge, mile 3.77, over the South Branch of the Chicago River provides a vertical clearance of 10 feet in the closed position and 65 feet in the open position based on International Great Lakes Datum of 1985 (IGLD85). The bridge opens an average of twelve times a day for vessels. An average of 150,000 rail commuters cross the bridge daily along with freight and other passenger trains. The South Branch of the Chicago River is part of a network of waterways that allows vessels to travel from Chicago, IL to New Orleans, LA. Cook County, IL, described the Chicago River as the fifth largest port in the United States, hosting commercial vessels over 300 tons, recreational power and sailing vessels, several passenger vessels, water taxis, paddle boats, and various paddle craft. With the exception of the Amtrak Bridge, vessels can pass under all the bridges in the Chicago metropolitan area without an opening.

In accordance with general bridge regulations found in 33 CFR 117.5, a drawbridge must open promptly and fully when signaled to open. Not every vessel needs the Amtrak Bridge to open to the full 65 feet and we believe the test deviation will show the Amtrak Bridge can open half way and allow most vessels to pass. Vessels that need a full opening can request it without advance notice. We believe that opening to an intermediary position will increase the bridge availability by 50% to both rail and vessels. It was recently discovered the remote operations of the Amtrak Bridge has not been included in the current regulation; but has been operating without concerns from the maritime community. The drawbridge currently operates under title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), § 117.391.

The test deviation is necessary to allow the public to observe the bridge in operation and allow the permanent and seasonal residents of the area the opportunity to comment on the operation of the bridge in the intermediate position. The test schedule will run from midnight on June 1, 2020 to midnight on September 1, 2020.

The bridge owner will continue to maintain a drawtender's log and provide those logs at the end of the test deviation. Vessels able to safely pass under the bridge without an opening may do so at any time and vessels may request a full opening without advance notice.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the effective period of this temporary deviation. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

**II. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

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All public comments will be in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

**36 CFR Part 251**

**RIN 0596-AD38**

**Land Uses; Special Uses; Streamlining Processing of Communications Use Applications**

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture is issuing this final rule to implement the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, providing for streamlining the Agency's procedures for evaluating applications to locate or modify communications facilities on National Forest System (NFS) lands.

**DATES:** This rule is effective April 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on this final rule may be obtained via written request addressed to the Director, Lands and Realty Management, USDA Forest Service, 201 14th Street, Washington, DC 20250-1124 or by email to [SM.FS.WO\\_LandStaff@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.WO_LandStaff@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joey Perry, Lands Staff, 707-441-3569 or [joey.perry@usda.gov](mailto:joey.perry@usda.gov). Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 20, 2018, the President signed the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the Farm Bill). Title VIII, Subtitle G, section 8705, of the Farm Bill requires the Forest Service to issue regulations that streamline the Agency's procedures for evaluating applications to locate or modify communications facilities on NFS lands.

The Forest Service is responsible for managing NFS lands that are adjacent to rural and urban areas. The Forest Service authorizes the occupancy and use of NFS lands for communications facilities (buildings, towers and ancillary improvements) and fiber optic lines, which provide critical communications services, including television, radio, cellular services, emergency services and broadband, to these areas. The Forest Service administers over 3,700 special use authorizations for communications uses at 1,530 communications sites and more than 400 communications use