

meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969

This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. A detailed statement under the NEPA is not required.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

There are no information collection requirements associated with this rule.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) of 1995

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, and tribal governments or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. A

statement containing the information required by the UMRA (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is not required.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 250

Continental shelf, Environmental impact statements, Environmental protection, Government contracts, Incorporation by reference, Investigations, Mineral royalties, Oil and gas development and production, Oil and gas exploration, Oil and gas reserves, Penalties, Pipelines, Public lands—mineral resources, Public lands—rights-of-way, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulphur development and production, Sulphur exploration, Surety bonds.

Dated: November 14, 2000.

Sylvia Baca,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.,

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Minerals Management Service amends 30 CFR part 250 as follows:

PART 250—OIL AND GAS AND SULPHUR OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

1. The authority citation for 30 CFR part 250 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*

2. In § 250.198, in the table in paragraph (e), the entry for “API Spec 14A” is revised to read as follows:

§ 250.198 Documents incorporated by reference.

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Title of documents					Incorporated by reference at
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API Spec 14A, Tenth Edition, November 2000, ISO10432:1999, Petroleum and Natural Gas Industries—Downhole Equipment—Subsurface Safety Valve Equipment, API Stock No. G14A09.					§ 250.806(a)(3).
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3. In § 250.806, the last sentence in paragraph (a)(3) is revised and new paragraph (a)(4) is added to read as follows:

§ 250.806 Safety and pollution prevention equipment quality assurance requirements.

(a) * * *

(3) * * * All SSSVs must meet the technical specifications of API Specification 14A.

(4) For information on all standards mentioned in this section, see § 250.198.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD07–00–106]

RIN 2115–AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Mile 1084.6, Miami, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District is temporarily changing the regulations governing the West 79th Street Causeway Bridge, mile 1084.6 across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway at Miami, Florida. This temporary rule establishes scheduled openings on the hour and half hour, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and allows the bridge to remain closed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The drawbridge will open on demand during all other periods including federal holidays and Sundays. This action is necessary to facilitate drawbridge rehabilitation to resolve related vehicle traffic flow problems during rush hour.

DATES: This rule is effective from November 21, 2000, to February 28, 2001. Comments must be received by December 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [CGD07–00–106] and are available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard

District, 909 S. E. 1st Avenue, Room 406, Miami, FL 33131, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Barry Dragon, Project Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District, at (305) 415–6730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM. Publishing an NPRM is impracticable and contrary to the public interest because rehabilitation is underway.

Further, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Rehabilitation is underway and a delayed effective date is impracticable.

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this rulemaking (CGD07–00–106),

indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this temporary rule in view of them.

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for a meeting by writing to the address under **ADDRESSES**, explaining why one would be beneficial. If the Coast Guard determines that a public meeting would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

The West 79th Street Causeway Drawbridge, mile 1084.6, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, has a vertical clearance of 19.5 feet at mean high water and a horizontal clearance of 90 feet between fenders. This bridge normally operates under 33 CFR 117.5, which requires the bridge to open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given. However, on May 9, 2000, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requested that drawbridge operations be temporarily changed to allow for rehabilitation of the drawbridge. On June 6, 2000, the Coast Guard issued temporary regulations with request for comment to allow a 30-minute opening schedule on Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (65 FR 35826).

Discussion of Comments and Changes

We received one comment during the comment period. FDOT requested additional restrictions due to vehicle congestion caused by the rehabilitation of the drawbridge. In addition to the existing temporary regulations that allow the drawbridge to open on the hour and half hour, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., FDOT asked to be able to allow the bridge to remain closed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. This is necessary to resolve vehicular traffic congestion that is a result of the bridge rehabilitation. The drawbridge will open on demand during all other periods including federal holidays and Sundays. All of the above provisions are included in this revised temporary rule.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 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. It is not “significant” under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT)(44 FR 11040, February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be minimal because the bridge will only be closed two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening on weekdays the bridge will still open 30 minute intervals and on demand during other periods.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we considered whether this rule would 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.

This rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities; owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the Intracoastal waterway at mile 1084.6. Although this temporary rule will be in effect for four months, vessel traffic can still pass through the drawbridge every 30 minutes during weekdays and Saturday, except during the weekday morning and afternoon vehicle traffic rush hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The drawbridge will open on demand during all other periods including federal holidays and Sundays.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121), we offer to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or government jurisdiction and you have questions concerning is provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for assistance in

understanding and participating in this rulemaking.

We also have a point of contact for commenting on actions by employees of the Coast Guard. 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).

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

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13132 and have determined that this rule does not have implications for federalism under that Order.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) governs the issuance of Federal regulations that require unfunded mandates. An unfunded mandate is a regulation that requires a state, local, or tribal government or the private sector to incur direct costs without the Federal Government’s having first provided the funds to pay those unfunded mandate costs. This rule will not impose an unfunded mandate.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not effect 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 does not concern an environmental risk

to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph (32)(e), of Commandant Instruction M16475.IC, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Temporary Regulations for the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Suspend existing temporary § 117.261(rr) from November 21, 2000, through February 28, 2001.

3. From November 21, 2000, through February 28, 2001, in § 117.261, a new paragraph (vv) is temporarily added to read as follows:

§ 117.261 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from St. Marys River to Key Largo.

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(vv) *West 79th Street Causeway Drawbridge, mile 1084.6, Miami, Florida.* The draw need open only on the hour and half-hour, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., beginning November 21, 2000, through February 28, 2001, except the draw may remain closed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The draw will open on demand during all other periods including federal holidays and Sundays.

Dated: November 21, 2000.

T.W. Allen,

U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 1

RIN 2900-AJ49

Outer Burial Receptacles

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: By statute the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized to provide a monetary allowance for each new burial in a VA national cemetery where a privately-purchased outer burial receptacle is used in lieu of a government-furnished graveliner. This document establishes a mechanism for implementing these provisions.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective December 8, 2000.

Applicability Date: The provisions of Public Law 104-275 were enacted on October 9, 1996, and the provisions of this regulation shall be retroactive to this date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deanna Wilson, Program Analyst, Communications Management Service (402B1), National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: 202-273-5154 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 2000 (65 FR 20787), we proposed to establish a mechanism for providing a monetary allowance for each new burial in a VA national cemetery where a privately-purchased outer burial receptacle is used in lieu of a government-furnished graveliner.

We provided a 60-day comment period that ended June 19, 2000. We received 20 comments. All were in favor of the proposed rule.

Based on the rationale set forth in the proposed rule and this document, we are adopting the provisions of the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. The rule will not affect the sale of outer burial receptacles. Further, the basic provisions of the rule reflect statutory requirements. Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses requirements of sections 603 and 604.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for programs affected by this regulation is 64.201.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 1

Administrative practice and procedure, Archives and records, Cemeteries, Claims, Courts, Flags, Freedom of information, Government

contracts, Government employees, Government property, Infants and children, Inventions and patents, Investigations, Parking, Penalties, Postal Service, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Seals and insignia, Security measures, wages.

Approved: October 31, 2000.

Hershel W. Gober,

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 1 is amended as follows:

PART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 1.629 is added to read as follows:

§ 1.629 Monetary allowance in lieu of a Government-furnished outer burial receptacle.

(a) *Definitions—Outer burial receptacle.* For purposes of this section, an outer burial receptacle means a graveliner, burial vault, or other similar type of container for a casket.

(b) *Purpose.* This section provides for payment of a monetary allowance for an outer burial receptacle for any interment in a VA national cemetery where a privately-purchased outer burial receptacle has been used in lieu of a Government-furnished graveliner.

(c) *Second interments.* In burials where a casket already exists in a grave with or without a graveliner, placement of a second casket in an outer burial receptacle will not be permitted in the same grave unless the national cemetery director determines that the already interred casket will not be damaged.

(d) *Payment of monetary allowance.* VA will pay a monetary allowance for each burial in a VA national cemetery where a privately-purchased outer burial receptacle was used on and after October 9, 1996. For burials on and after January 1, 2000, the person identified in records contained in the National Cemetery Administration Burial Operations Support System as the person who privately purchased the outer burial receptacle will be paid the monetary allowance. For burials during the period October 9, 1996 through December 31, 1999, the allowance will be paid to the person identified as the next of kin in records contained in the National Cemetery Administration Burial Operations Support System based on the presumption that such person privately purchased the outer burial receptacle (however, if a person who is