

This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

Dated: January 7, 2009.

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Bridge Administrator, Eighth Coast Guard District (dwb).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2008-1256]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation: Upper Mississippi River, Keokuk, IA, Activity Identifier; Repair and Maintenance

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Keokuk Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 364.0, at Keokuk, Iowa. The deviation is necessary to allow time for performing needed maintenance and repairs to the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to open on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given from 12:01 a.m., January 12, 2009 until 9 a.m., February 8, 2009.

DATES: This temporary deviation is effective from 12:01 a.m., January 12, 2009 until 9 a.m., February 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2008-1256 and are available online at www.regulations.gov. They are also available for inspection or copying at two locations: 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, and the Robert A. Young Federal Building, Room 2.107F, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, (314) 269-2378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Keokuk, Iowa requested a temporary

deviation for the Keokuk Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi, mile 364.0, at Keokuk, Iowa to open on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given in order to facilitate needed bridge maintenance and repairs. The Keokuk Drawbridge currently operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, which states the general requirement that drawbridges shall open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with the subpart. In order to facilitate the needed bridge work, the drawbridge must be kept in the closed-to-navigation position. This deviation allows the bridge to open on signal if at least 24 hours advance notice is given from 12:01 a.m., January 12, 2009 until 9 a.m., February 8, 2009.

There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Upper Mississippi River.

The Keokuk Drawbridge, in the closed-to-navigation position, provides a vertical clearance of 25.2 feet above normal pool. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. This temporary deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

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

Dated: January 7, 2009.

Roger K. Wiebusch,
Bridge Administrator.

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Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0721]

RIN 1625-AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR, Schedule Change

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is changing the drawbridge operation regulation for the Broadway and Burnside Bridges across the Willamette River, mile 11.7, in Portland, Oregon so that one-hour notice is required from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and two-hour

notice at all other times. Also, the Broadway Bridge is deleted as a point of contact for upstream vessels, leaving the Hawthorne Bridge as the point of contact for both upstream and downstream travel directions. These changes are necessary to reduce the staffing requirements for the bridges, which has been made possible by the infrequent number of requests for openings received.

DATES: This rule is effective March 6, 2009.

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-2008-0721 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, selecting the Advanced Docket Search option on the right side of the screen, inserting USCG-2008-0721 in the Docket ID box, pressing Enter, and then clicking on the item in the Docket ID column. This material is also available for inspection or copying at two locations: 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 and Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 Second Avenue, room 3510, Seattle, WA 98174-1067, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call Austin Pratt, Chief, Bridge Section, Waterways Management Branch, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, telephone 206-220-7282. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

On September 12, 2008, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Willamette River, Portland, OR, Schedule Change in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 178). We received no public submissions on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

The rule enables Multnomah County, the owner of the Broadway Bridge, to operate the draw if at least one hour of notice is provided from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours