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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 430

[EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001]

RIN 1904-AE86

Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Clothes Washers and Clothes Dryers

AGENCY: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period; notification of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") is extending the public comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking ("NOPR") which DOE proposes to establish separate product classes for top-loading residential clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 30 minutes, and for front-loading residential clothes washers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 45 minutes. DOE published the NOPR in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 2020, establishing a public comment period that ends on September 14, 2020. In this document, DOE is extending the comment period to October 13, 2020 and announcing a public hearing on September 30, 2020.

DATES: *Comments:* The comment period for the NOPR published on August 13, 2020 (85 FR 49297), is extended. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the NOPR received no later than October 13, 2020.

Meeting: DOE will hold a webinar on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See "Public Participation," for webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants. If no participants register for the webinar, then it will be cancelled.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at

<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Alternatively, interested persons may submit comments, identified by docket number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001, by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* ConsumerWashersDryers2020STD0001@ee.doe.gov. Include the docket number EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001 in the subject line of the message.

3. *Postal Mail:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, Mailstop EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a compact disc (CD), in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

4. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Appliance and Equipment Standards Program, U.S. Department of Energy, Building Technologies Office, 950 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20024. Telephone: (202) 287-1445. If possible, please submit all items on a CD, in which case it is not necessary to include printed copies.

5. No telefacsimilies (faxes) will be accepted.

Docket: The docket for this activity, which includes **Federal Register** notices, comments, and other supporting documents/materials, is available for review at <http://www.regulations.gov>. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. However, some documents listed in the index, such as those containing information that is exempt from public disclosure, may not be publicly available.

The docket web page can be found at <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001>. The docket web page contains instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments in the docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bryan Berringer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Building Technologies Office, EE-5B, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121. Telephone: (202) 586-0371. Email:

ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

Ms. Elizabeth Kohl, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of the General Counsel, GC-33, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585-0121.

Telephone: (202) 586-7796. Email: Elizabeth.Kohl@hq.doe.gov.

For further information on how to submit a comment or review other public comments and the docket contact the Appliance and Equipment Standards Program staff at (202) 287-1445 or by email:

ApplianceStandardsQuestions@ee.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On August 13, 2020, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) published a document in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment on a NOPR regarding energy conservation standards for clothes washers and clothes dryers which DOE proposes to establish separate product classes for top-loading residential clothes washers and consumer clothes dryers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 30 minutes, and for front-loading residential clothes washers that offer cycle times for a normal cycle of less than 45 minutes. 85 FR 49297. Comments were originally due by September 14, 2020, though an incorrect reference to October 13, 2020 was also included in Section V. of the NOPR. On August 27, 2020, DOE received a joint comment from Sierra Club, Appliance Standards Awareness Project, Consumer Federation of America, and Earthjustice asking for clarification of the comment period deadline; requesting an extension of the comment period to November 12, 2020; and requesting a public hearing (see <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001-0003>). On September 1, 2020, DOE also received a request from the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers to extend the comment period by 30 days (see <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001-0005>). DOE has reviewed these requests and considered the benefit to stakeholders in providing additional time to review the NOPR, and gather information/data that DOE is seeking. Accordingly, DOE extends the comment period until October 13, 2020. In addition, DOE will be holding a webinar on September 30, 2020.

Public Participation

DOE invites public participation in this process through participation in the webinar and submission of written comments and information. After the webinar and the closing of the comment period, DOE will consider all timely-submitted comments and additional information obtained from interested parties, as well as information obtained through further analyses.

Participation in the Webinar

The time and date of the webinar are listed in the **DATES** section at the beginning of this document. If no participants register for the webinar, then it will be cancelled.

Webinar registration information, participant instructions, and information about the capabilities available to webinar participants will be published on DOE's website: <https://cms.doe.gov/eere/buildings/public-meetings-and-comment-deadlines>. Participants are responsible for ensuring their systems are compatible with the webinar software.

DOE encourages those who wish to participate in the webinar to obtain the NOPR from DOE's website and to be prepared to discuss its contents. Once again, a copy of the NOPR is available at: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EERE-2020-BT-STD-0001>.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on September 3, 2020, by Alexander N. Fitzsimmons, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 3, 2020.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2020-0511]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zones; Spa Creek, Annapolis, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish two temporary safety zones for certain waters of the Spa Creek from October 19, 2020, through October 23, 2020. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters at Annapolis, MD, during a film project. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zones unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region 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 September 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2020-0511 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://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 Mr. Ron Houck, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region; telephone 410-576-2674, email Ronald.L.Houck@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
PATCOM Coast Guard Patrol Commander
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

Hoonigan Industries, of Long beach, CA, notified the Coast Guard that it will be conducting a film project from 5 a.m. on October 19, 2020, to noon on October

22, 2020. In the event of inclement weather, the filming may continue on to October 23, 2020. The film project includes the use of barges and other marine equipment positioned at two locations in Spa Creek, at Annapolis, MD, within a portion of Market Slip (Ego Alley) and across the width of Annapolis Harbor. On site marine equipment and vessels will be operated by Smith Marine Towing, Inc. of Baltimore, MD, or its subcontractors. Such equipment and vessels will display the lights and shapes described in U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Vessels engaged in work for this project will utilize marine band radio VHF-FM channels 16 and 13. Hazards associated with the film project include barges and other marine equipment positioned within designated navigation channels and interfering with vessels intending to operate within those channels, and operating within approaches to local public boat moorings and mooring facilities, yacht clubs and private marinas, and other waterside businesses. The Captain of the Port (COTP) Maryland-National Capital Region has determined that potential hazards associated with the film project would be a safety concern for anyone within proximity of the barges and other marine equipment positioned at two locations in Spa Creek.

The Coast Guard is requesting that interested parties provide comments within a shortened comment period of 15 days instead of the typical 30 days for this notice of proposed rulemaking. The Coast Guard believes a shortened comment period is necessary and reasonable to ensure the Coast Guard has time to review and respond to any significant comments submitted by the public in response to this NPRM and has a final rule in effect in time for the scheduled event.

The Coast Guard is proposing this rulemaking under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231).

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP Maryland-National Capital Region is proposing to establish two temporary safety zones for certain waters of Spa Creek at Annapolis, MD. This rule would be effective from 5 a.m. on October 19, 2020, through noon on October 23, 2020, and would be enforced during the times described below for each zone.

The first safety zone would be enforced from 5 a.m. to noon on October 19, 2020, or if necessary due to inclement weather on October 19, 2020, from 5 a.m. to noon on October 20, 2020. This safety zone would cover all navigable waters of Spa Creek, within