

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2011–0311]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Neches River, Beaumont, TX****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 KCS vertical lift span bridge across the Neches River, mile 19.5, at Beaumont, Texas. The deviation is necessary to replace four haul cables on the bridge. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for 72 consecutive hours.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011 to 7 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2011–0311 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2011–0252 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Kansas City Southern Railroad has requested a temporary deviation from the operating schedule of the vertical lift span bridge across the Neches River at mile 19.5 in Beaumont, Texas. The vertical clearance of the bridge in the closed-to-navigation position is 13 feet above Mean High Water and 140 feet above Mean High Water in the open-to-navigation position.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.971, the vertical lift span of the bridge is automated and normally not manned

but will open on signal for the passage of vessels. This deviation allows the vertical lift span of the bridge to remain closed to navigation from 7 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2011 through 7 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

The closure is necessary in order to replace four haul cables on the bridge that allow the bridge to be raised. This maintenance is essential for the continued operation of the bridge. Notices will be published in the Eighth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and will be broadcast via the Coast Guard Broadcast Notice to Mariners System.

Navigation on the waterway consists of commercial and recreational fishing vessels, small to medium crew boats, and small tugs with and without tows. No alternate routes are available for the passage of vessels; however, the closure was coordinated with waterway interests who have indicated that they will be able to adjust their operations around the proposed work schedule. Small vessels may pass under the bridge while in the closed-to-navigation position provided caution is exercised.

Due to prior experience and coordination with waterway users, it has been determined that this closure will not have a significant effect on vessels that use the waterway.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117****[Docket No. USCG–2011–0308]****Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Illinois Waterway, Near Morris, IL****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 Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad Drawbridge across the Illinois Waterway, mile 270.6,

near Morris, Illinois. The deviation is necessary to allow removal of the existing lift span and installation of the replacement lift span. This deviation allows the bridge to be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position for eighty-four hours.

DATES: This deviation is effective starting 7 a.m. on or about June 2, 2011, for an eighty-four hour period.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2011–0308 and are available online by going to <http://www.regulations.gov>, inserting USCG–2011–0308 in the “Keyword” box and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Canadian National Railroad requested a temporary deviation for Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad Drawbridge, across the Illinois Waterway, mile 270.6, near Morris, Illinois to remain in the closed-to-navigation position for eighty-four hours while the existing lift span is removed and the replacement lift span is installed. The Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad 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.

There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting this section of the Illinois Waterway.

The Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad Drawbridge, in the closed-to-navigation position, provides a vertical clearance of 26.3 feet above flat 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