

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This proposed rule involves a safety zone lasting 32 total days that would prohibit entry within a portion of the Potomac River. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is proposing to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

- 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

- 2. Add § 165.T05–0577 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–0577 Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Francis Scott Key Bridge

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All navigable waters of the Patapsco River, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at 39°12.81' N, 076°32.08' W, thence northeast to 39°12.99' N, 076°31.90' W, thence southeast to 39°12.90' N, 076°31.77' W, thence southwest to 39°12.72' N, 076°31.95' W, and thence northwest along the shoreline back to the beginning point, located in the vicinity of Hawkins Point. These coordinates are based on datum NAD 83.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section—

Captain of the Port (COTP) means the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region.

Designated representative means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel and a Federal, State, and local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of the Port Maryland-National Capital Region (COTP) in the enforcement of the safety zone. The term also includes an employee of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) for the sole purposes of designating and establishing safe transit corridors, to permit passage into or through the safety zone, or to notify vessels and individuals that they have entered the safety zone and are required to leave.

Marine equipment means any vessel, barge or other equipment operated by MDTA, or its subcontractors.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, except for marine equipment, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP, MDTA, or the COTP's designated representative. If a vessel or person is notified by the COTP, MDTA, or the COTP's designated representative that they have entered the safety zone without permission, they are required to immediately leave in a safe manner following the directions given.

(2) Mariners requesting to transit any of these safety zone areas must first contact the MDTA designated representative, the on-site project manager, via Marine Band Radio VHF–FM channels 16. If permission is granted, mariners proceed at their own risk and must strictly observe any and all instructions provided by the COTP, MDTA, or designated representative to the mariner regarding the conditions of entry to and exit from any area of the safety zone. The COTP or the COTP's representative can be contacted by telephone number 410–576–2693 or on Marine Band Radio VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz).

(3) The Coast Guard will publish a notice in the Fifth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and issue marine information broadcasts on VHF–FM marine band radio announcing specific enforcement dates and times.

(d) *Enforcement officials.* The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the safety zone by Federal, State, and local agencies.

(e) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 12:01 a.m. on July 7, 2025, to 11:59 p.m. on August 30, 2025.

Dated: June 27, 2025.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket Number USCG–2025–0559]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Fireworks Displays Within the Fifth Coast Guard District

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Potomac River. The action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near Fairview Beach, Virginia during a fireworks display on July 12, 2025. This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 9 p.m. on July 12, 2025, to 11 p.m. on July 13. It will only be enforced, however, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 12 unless the fireworks display is cancelled due to inclement weather. If it is cancelled, it will only be enforced from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 13.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2025–0559 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rule, call or email LCDR Kate M. Newkirk, Sector Maryland-NCR, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard: telephone 410–576–2596, email MDNCRMarineEvents@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Table of Abbreviations**

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COTP Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under the authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable to provide notice, consider any comments received, and publish a final rule by July 12, 2025, when the rule must be in place to serve its intended purpose.

Also, 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**. To serve its intended purpose, the rule must be in effect in less than 30 days. It is therefore impracticable to delay the effective date.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with this fireworks display would be a safety concern for anyone within a 500-yard radius of the fireworks discharge site. Such hazards include premature detonations, dangerous projectiles, and falling or burning debris. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone while the display is occurring.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

Tim’s II Rivershore Restaurant, of King George, Virginia, will sponsor a fireworks display launched from a barge located in the Potomac River, near Fairview Beach, Virginia, on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at approximately 10 p.m. If necessary, due to inclement weather, the display will be held on July 13, 2025. This rule establishes a temporary safety zone which will be enforced from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 12, 2025, or from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on July 13, 2025 (if the event is postponed due to inclement weather on July 12). The

duration of the safety zone is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and these navigable waters before, during, and after the scheduled 10 p.m.–10:30 p.m. fireworks display. This temporary safety zone will cover all navigable waters within a 500 ft radius of a barge in the Potomac River, approximately 700 ft from the shoreline at Fairview Beach, Virginia. The approximate position of the barge is latitude 38°19′56.69″ N, longitude 077°14′40.46″ W, (NAD 1983). No person or vessel will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. Vessels will be allowed to transit the waters of the Potomac River outside the safety zone.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) and 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not designated this rule a “significant regulatory action,” under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, OMB has not reviewed it.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-day of the safety zone. Vessel traffic will be able to safely transit around this safety zone, which will impact a small, designated area of the Potomac River or less than 3 hours during the evening, when vessel traffic is normally low. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF–FM marine channel 16 to notify mariners about enforcement of the safety zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The regulatory flexibility analysis provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, do not apply to rules not subject to notice and comment. As the Coast Guard has, for good cause, waived the notice and comment requirement that would otherwise apply to this rulemaking, the

Regulatory Flexibility Act’s flexibility analysis provisions do not apply here.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule will affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires

Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a safety zone lasting only 3 hours that will prohibit entry within 500 yards of the fireworks discharge site. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

- 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.4.

- 2. Add § 165.T05–0559 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–0559 Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Potomac River, Charles County, MD.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters in the Potomac River, within a 500 foot radius of a fireworks discharge barge in approximate positions latitude

38°19'56.69" N, longitude 077°14'40.46" W, located approximately 700 feet from the shoreline at Fairview Beach, Virginia (NAD 1983).

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section—

Captain of the Port, Sector Maryland National Capital Region means the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Maryland National Capital Region or any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port to act on his behalf.

Designated representative means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Maryland National Capital Region to assist in enforcing the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(2) To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP Maryland-National Capital Region at telephone number 410–576–2693 or on Marine Band Radio, VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz), or the Event PATCOM on Marine Band Radio, VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Enforcement.* The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted by Federal, State and local agencies in the patrol and enforcement of the zone.

(e) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 9 p.m. through 11 p.m. on July 12, 2025, or, if necessary due to inclement weather, from 9 p.m. through 11 p.m. on July 13, 2025.

Dated: June 27, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

33 CFR Part 230

[Docket ID: COE–2025–0007]

RIN 0710–AB28

Procedures for Implementing NEPA; Removal

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This interim final rule rescinds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Army Civil Works program, except for the Categorical Exclusions contained therein, because the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA regulations, which the Corps' regulations were meant to supplement, have been removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and because the DoD is promulgating Department-wide NEPA procedures that will guide the Army Civil Works' NEPA process. In addition, this interim final rule requests comments on this action.

DATES: This interim final rule is effective July 3, 2025. Comments must be received on or before August 4, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number COE–2025–0007 and/or 0710–AB28, by any of the following methods:

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

Email: CEHQ-NEPA@usace.army.mil. Include the docket number, COE–2025–0007, in the subject line of the message.

Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314–1000.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

Instructions: If submitting comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, direct your comments to docket number COE–2025–0007. All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the commenter indicates that the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose