

until 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, room 1313, 501 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3396 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 504-589-2965. The Bridge Administration Branch, Eighth District, maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans has requested a temporary deviation in order to replace the bronze babbitt bearing on the riverside main motor gear drive of the bridge. This repair is necessary for the continued operation of the bridge. This deviation allows the draw of the Norfolk Southern Railroad bascule bridge to remain closed to navigation from 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19 through 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2003.

The bascule bridge has a vertical clearance of one foot above mean high water in the closed-to-navigation position and unlimited clearance in the open-to-navigation position. The bridge is maintained in the open-to-navigation position and is closed to allow for trains to cross the bridge. In accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, the draw is required to open on signal for the passage of vessels. The bridge will not be able to open for emergencies during the closure period. Navigation on the waterway consists mainly of recreational and fishing vessels and some tugs with tows. Alternate routes are available to any vessel by transiting through the Chef Menteur Pass or the Rigolets Pass.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

**Marcus Redford,**

*Bridge Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-03-006]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Annisquam River and Blynman Canal, MA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the SR 127 Bridge, mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River, Blynman Canal, in Gloucester, Massachusetts. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from 6 a.m. on March 9, 2003 through 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2003. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate structural repairs at the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from March 9, 2003 through March 15, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SR 127 Bridge, at mile 0.0, across the Annisquam River, Blynman Canal, has a vertical clearance of 7 feet at mean high water, and 16 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.586.

The bridge owner, Massachusetts Highway Department, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary structural repairs, the replacement of the tread plates and segmental castings, at the bridge.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the SR 127 Bridge to remain in the closed position from 6 a.m. on March 9, 2003 through 11:59 p.m. on March 15, 2003.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35 and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: February 10, 2003.

**J.L. Grenier,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Commander, First Coast Guard District.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-03-006]

#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Three Mile Creek, Mobile, Baldwin County, AL

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**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 CSX Transportation Railroad Swing Span Bridge across Three Mile Creek, mile 0.3, at Mobile, Baldwin County, AL. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation on March 20, 2003. The deviation is necessary to conduct maintenance to the drawbridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. on March 20, 2003.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kay Wade, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CSX Transportation has requested a temporary deviation in order to lift the girder off the pivot pedestal in order to replace a worn disc that affects the opening and closing of the swing span bridge across Three Mile Creek at mile 0.3 at Mobile, Baldwin County, Alabama. This maintenance is essential for the continued operation of the bridge and is expected to eliminate frequent breakdowns resulting in emergency bridge closures. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2003.

The swing span bridge has a vertical clearance of 10 feet above mean high water and 12 feet above mean low water in the closed-to-navigation position. Navigation on the waterway is primarily commercial, consisting of tugs with