

taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph (32)(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation because promulgation of changes to drawbridge regulations have been found to not have a significant effect on the environment. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.605(a) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.605 Merrimack River

(a) The draw of the Newburyport US1 Bridge, mile 3.4, shall operate as follows:

(1) From May 1 through November 15, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw shall open on signal; except that, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., the draw shall open on signal only on the hour and half hour.

(2) At all other times the draw shall open on signal after at least a one-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

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Dated: April 13, 2000.

Robert F. Duncan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-00-126]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Fort Point Channel, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District has issued a temporary 90 day deviation from the existing drawbridge operation regulations for the Northern Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, at Boston, Massachusetts. This deviation will require the bridge to open on signal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. after a two-hour advance notice is given. The bridge presently does not open for vessel traffic between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. This deviation is necessary in order to test an alternate drawbridge operation schedule.

DATES: This deviation is effective from June 7, 2000 through September 4, 2000. Comments must reach the Coast Guard on or before September 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to Commander (obr), First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch, at 408 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA. 02110-3350, or deliver them at the same address between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223-8364.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this notice by submitting comments or related material. If you do so, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (CGD01-00-126), indicate the specific section of this document to which each

comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit all comments and related material in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying. If you would like to know if they reached us, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

Background and Purpose

The Northern Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, across the Fort Point Channel has a vertical clearance of 7 feet at mean high water and 17 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing operating regulations in 33 CFR 117.599 require the bridge to open on signal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., the bridge need not open for the passage of vessels.

The Coast Guard received a request from a commercial vessel operator requesting a change to the operating regulations for the Northern Avenue Bridge. The commercial operator has a vessel that can not transit through the bridge without a bridge opening and would like the bridge to open for vessel traffic during the 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. time period when the bridge is normally closed.

Under the test deviation, the Northern Avenue Bridge, mile 0.1, across the Fort Point Channel at Boston, from June 7, 2000 through September 4, 2000, will continue to open on signal from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. From 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., the bridge will open on signal if at least a two-hour notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge.

It is expected that this deviation will meet the present needs of navigation.

This deviation from the normal operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.43.

Dated: April 18, 2000.

G.N. Naccara,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Mianus River, CT

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation and request for comments.