

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 776

Conflict of interests, Lawyers, Legal services, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 776 as follows:

**PART 776—PROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT OF ATTORNEYS
PRACTICING UNDER THE
COGNIZANCE AND SUPERVISION OF
THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL**

1. Section 776.20 is revised to read as follows:

§ 776.20 Competence.

(a) *Competence.* A covered attorney shall provide competent, diligent, and prompt representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, access to evidence, thoroughness, and expeditious preparation reasonably necessary for representation. Initial determinations as to competence of a covered USG attorney for a particular assignment shall be made by a supervising attorney before case or issue assignments; however, assigned attorneys may consult with supervisors concerning competence in a particular case.

(b) [Reserved]

2. Section 776.53 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 776.53 Responsibilities of the Judge Advocate General and supervisory attorneys.

(a) * * *

(4) A supervisory attorney is responsible for ensuring that the subordinate covered attorney is properly trained, is competent to perform the duties and has all appropriate credentials, including security clearances, to perform the duties to which the subordinate covered attorney is assigned.

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Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 117**

[CGD07-02-112]

**Drawbridge Operation Regulations;
US17 Highway Bridges, Ashley River,
Charleston, SC**

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the US17 highway bridges across the Ashley River, miles 2.4 and 2.5, at Charleston, South Carolina. This deviation allows both bridges to provide single-leaf openings, upon proper signal, from 7 a.m. on November 8, 2002 until 7 p.m. on December 30, 2002. This temporary deviation is necessary to allow the bridge owner to safely complete repairs to the bridge structures.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on November 8, 2002 until 7 p.m. on December 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket [CGD07-02-112] will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at Commander (obr), Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 SE. 1st Avenue, Room 432, Miami, FL 33131 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Lieberum, Project Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch at (305) 415-6744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing regulations in 33 CFR 117.915(a) govern the operation of the US17 highway bridges across the Ashley River. Those regulations require the bridges to open on signal; except that from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily, the draws need only open if at least 12 hours notice is given. The draws of either bridge shall open as soon as possible for the passage of vessels in an emergency involving danger to life or property.

The US17 bridges across the Ashley River, miles 2.4 and 2.5, are both twin double-leaf bascule bridges with vertical clearances of 14 feet at mean high water and horizontal clearances of 100 feet between the fenders. On July 8, 2002,

the Industrial Company (TLC), representing the South Carolina Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the existing regulations governing the US17 bridges to facilitate repairs to the bridge structures. The Industrial Company requested permission to be able to keep one span of each bridge in the closed position for a period to facilitate repairs. This temporary deviation allows the US17 bridges to only open a single leaf of each bridge from 7 a.m. on November 8, 2002 until 7 p.m. on December 30, 2002. The single leaf openings will still provide a horizontal clearance of 50 feet. The Coast Guard is unaware of any vessel that will be unable to pass through this 50-foot horizontal clearance.

The Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District has granted a temporary deviation from the operating requirements listed in 33 CFR 117.915(a) to allow the US17 bridges to only open a single leaf of each bridge from 7 a.m. on November 8, 2002 until 7 p.m. on December 30, 2002.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

Greg Shapley,

Chief, Bridge Administration Branch, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****36 CFR Part 223**

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**Sale and Disposal of National Forest
System Timber; Extension of Timber
Sale Contracts To Facilitate Urgent
Timber Removal From Other Lands**

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service is proceeding with an interim rule to provide authority for Regional Foresters to authorize Contracting Officers to extend the contract performance time on certain National Forest System timber sale contracts to facilitate the harvest of damaged timber from private or other non-National Forest System lands. These contract extensions will allow the expeditious removal of timber in other ownerships damaged by catastrophic events beyond the landowner's control. Catastrophic events include, but are not limited to, severe wildfire, flood, insect and disease infestations, drought, and