DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

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Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Patapsco River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters near the Francis Scott Key (I-695) Bridge, Baltimore, MD, while work crews install power transmission lines crossing over the Patapsco River from September 1, 2021 through November 17, 2021. This regulation prohibits persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Maryland—National Capital Region a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from September 1, 2021, through November 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to https://www.regulations.gov, type USCG-2021-0327 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 on this rule, call or email Mr. Ron Houck, Sector Maryland—National Capital Region Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 410–576–2674, email Ronald.L.Houck@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
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

On May 12, 2021, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) provided the Coast Guard with details concerning activities associated with the installation of two new overhead power transmission lines crossing over the

Patapsco River from the vicinity of the Hawkins Point terminal Station on the west side of the Patapsco River to a location just north of Sollers Point Terminal Station on the east side of the Patapsco River, to be conducted from September 1, 2021, through November 17, 2021. This installation process requires the temporary closure of the navigation channel near the Francis Scott Key (I-695) Bridge and the temporary closure of other portions of the Patapsco River nearby, including on multiple days during the stated installation period. In response, on May 16, 2021, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD," (86 FR 31999). There we stated why we issued the NPRM, and invited comments on our proposed regulatory action related to this installation of overhead power transmission lines. During the comment period that ended July 16, 2021, we received no comments.

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. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with the installation of power transmission lines over the Patapsco River adjacent to Francis Scott Key (I-695) Bridge conducted within the federal navigation channel and other portions of the river nearby. Such hazards include low-hanging or falling ropes and cables, helicopter rotor downwash and noise, dangerous projectiles, and or other debris.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The COTP Maryland—National Capital Region has determined that potential hazards associated with the overhead power transmission line installation work will be a safety concern for anyone transiting the Patapsco River. The purpose of this rule is to ensure safety of vessels and the navigable waters in the safety zone before, during, and after the scheduled work.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received no comments on our NPRM published May 16, 2021. There are no changes in the regulatory text of this rule from the proposed rule in the NPRM.

This rule establishes a safety zone from September 1, 2021, through November 17, 2021, to be enforced while BGE installs overhead power transmission lines over the river. On days the safety zone will be enforced, the affected area of the river will be closed during the dates and times scheduled. These dates and times may change due to weather, or for any reason that the primary dates and times could not be used. Alternative dates have been provided in the event the primary dates can not be used. Exact dates and times would be announced by broadcast notice to mariners, between one and five days in advance of the scheduled date, to alert mariners of the change. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters of the Patapsco River, encompassed by a line connecting the following points beginning at the shoreline at Thoms Cove at position latitude 39°12′36″ N, longitude 076°32′50" W, thence east and south along the shoreline to Hawkins Point at latitude 39°12′40" N, longitude 076°31′58" W, thence northeast across the Patapsco River to Coffin Point at latitude 39°13′55" N, longitude 076°30′18" W, thence west and north along the shoreline to Sollers Point at latitude 39°14′01" N, longitude 076°30′59" W, thence west across the Patapsco River to and terminating at the point of origin, located at Baltimore, MD.

This rule provides additional information about areas within the safety zone and their definitions. These areas include "Area 1," "Area 2," "Area 3," "Area 4," "Area 5," and "Area 6." A diagram of the tower locations is provided in the docket folder.

The duration of the rule and enforcement of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and these navigable waters while the activities associated with the installation of two new overhead power transmission lines crossing over the Patapsco River are being conducted. The COTP will notify the public that the safety zone will be enforced by all appropriate means to the affected segments of the public, as practicable, in accordance with 33 CFR 165.7(a). Such means of notification may also include, but are not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners. Vessels or persons violating this rule are subject to the penalties set forth in 46 U.S.C. 70036 (previously codified in 33 U.S.C. 1232) and 46 U.S.C. 70052 (previously codified in 50 U.S.C. 192).

Except for craft and equipment operated by BGE, or its subcontractors, no vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

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, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 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. This rule has not been designated a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, duration, day-ofweek, and time of year of the safety zone, which will impact a small designated area of the Patapsco River during certain weekdays (Mondays through Fridays, including holidays). Vessels or persons will not be allowed to enter or transit a portion of the Patapsco River for a total 97 enforcement-hours, over an 11-week period from September 1, 2021, through November 17, 2021, during active overhead power transmission line installation activities as described in the text above. The closures are scheduled to impose the least amount of impact on vessel operations in Baltimore Harbor. Due to the nature of the work and the hazards it presents to the workers and the public, the COTP has identified the need to close the Patapsco River in the vicinity of the overhead power line crossing while this work is ongoing. Moreover, the Coast Guard will issue Local Notices to Mariners and a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 about the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term "small entities" comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard received no comments from the Small Business Administration on this rulemaking. The Coast Guard

certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

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 would 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 97 total enforcement hours that will prohibit entry within portions of the Patapsco River. 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.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

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; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T05–0327 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–0327 Safety Zone; Patapsco River, Baltimore, MD.

- (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 the shoreline at Thoms Cove at position latitude 39°12′36″ N, longitude 076°32′50″ W, thence east and south along the shoreline to Hawkins Point at latitude 39°12′40" N, longitude 076°31′58" W, thence northeast across the Patapsco River to Coffin Point at latitude 39°13′55" N, longitude 076°30′18" W, thence west and north along the shoreline to Sollers Point at latitude 39°14′01" N, longitude 076°30′59" W, thence west across the Patapsco River to and terminating at the point of origin, located at Baltimore, MD. These coordinates are based on datum NAD 83. The following areas are within the safety zone:
- (1) Area 1. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 1 at latitude 39°12′35.73″ N, longitude 076°32′30.00″ W, and Tower 2 at latitude 39°12′46.87″ N, longitude 076°32′14.05″ W.
- (2) Area 2. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 2 at latitude 39°12′46.87″ N, longitude 076°32′14.05″ W, and Tower 3 at latitude 39°12′58.56″ N, longitude 076°31′58.74″ W.
- (3) Area 3. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 3 at latitude 39°12′58.56″ N, longitude 076°31′58.74″ W, and Tower 4 at latitude 39°13′13.79″ N, longitude 076°31′38.79″ W.
- (4) Area 4. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 4 at latitude 39°13′13.79″ N, longitude 076°31′38.79″ W, and Tower 5 at latitude 39°13′26.61″ N, longitude 076°31′21.98″ W.
- (5) Area 5. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 5 at latitude 39°13′26.61″ N, longitude 076°31′21.98″

W, and Tower 6 at latitude 39°13′39.43″ N, longitude 076°31′05.18″ W.

(6) Area 6. All navigable waters within the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section, located between Tower 6 at latitude 39°13′39.43″ N, longitude 076°31′05.18″ W, and Tower 7 at latitude 39°13′52.14″ N, longitude 076°30′48.69″ W.

(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 a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, 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.

Tower means a Baltimore Gas and Electric Company steel monopole structure used to support overhead high voltage transmission lines, located between the vicinity of the Hawkins Point Terminal Station on the west side of the Patapsco River and a location just north of Sollers Point Terminal Station on the east side of the Patapsco River.

(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 or the COTP's representative by telephone at 410–576–2693 or 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 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 periods. (1) Paragraphs (a)(1) through (6) of this section will be enforced:

(i) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 1, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 1, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 7, 2021;

(ii) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 2, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 2, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 8, 2021;

(iii) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 13, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 13, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 15, 2021;

(iv) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 20, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 20, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 22, 2021;

(v) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 24, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 24, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on September 28, 2021;

(vi) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on September 27, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on September 27, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on September 29, 2021;

(vii) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 12, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 12, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 14, 2021;

(viii) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 13, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 13, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 15, 2021;

(ix) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 18, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 18, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 20, 2021;

(x) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 25, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 25, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 27, 2021;

(xi) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 1, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 1, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 3, 2021; and

(xii) From 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on November 3, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 3, 2021, it will be enforced from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on November 5, 2021.

- (2) Paragraph (a)(1) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 5, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 5, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 7, 2021;
- (ii) From 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on October 8, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 8, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on October 12, 2021;
- (iii) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on November 9, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 9, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on November 11, 2021; and
- (iv) From 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 12, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 12, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 16, 2021.
- (3) Paragraph (a)(2) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 5, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 5, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 7, 2021;
- (ii) From 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 8, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 8, 2021, it will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 12, 2021;
- (iii) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 9, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 9, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 11, 2021; and
- (iv) From 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m.

- to 1:30 p.m. on November 12, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 12, 2021, it will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 16, 2021.
- (4) Paragraph (a)(3) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on October 6, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 6, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on October 8, 2021;
- (ii) From 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 8, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 8, 2021, it will be enforced from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 12, 2021;
- (iii) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on November 10, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 10, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on November 12, 2021; and
- (iv) From 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 12, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 12, 2021, it will be enforced from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 16, 2021.
- (5) Paragraph (a)(4) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 6, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 5, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 8, 2021;
- (ii) From 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on October 11, 2021. If necessary due to

- inclement weather or other reason on October 11, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on October 13, 2021:
- (iii) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 10, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 10, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 12, 2021; and
- (iv) From 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 15, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 15, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on November 17, 2021.
- (6) Paragraph (a)(5) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 7, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 7, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on October 11, 2021;
- (ii) From 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 11, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 11, 2021, it will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 13, 2021;
- (iii) From 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on November 11, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 11, 2021, it will be enforced from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on November 15, 2021; and
- (iv) From 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 15, 2021, it will be enforced from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 12 p.m. (noon) to 12:30 p.m., and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on November 17, 2021.
- (7) Paragraph (a)(6) of this section will be enforced:
- (i) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 7, 2021. If

necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 7, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 11, 2021;

(ii) From 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 11, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on October 11, 2021, it will be enforced from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 2021;

(iii) From 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 11, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 11, 2021, it will be enforced from 12 p.m. (noon) to 1 p.m., from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on November 15, 2021; and

(iv) From 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021. If necessary due to inclement weather or other reason on November 15, 2021, it will be enforced from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 17, 2021.

Dated: August 3, 2021.

David E. O'Connell,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Maryland—National Capital Region. [FR Doc. 2021–17229 Filed 8–12–21; 8:45 am]

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Emissions Statement Certification for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a state implementation plan (SIP) revision formally submitted by the District of Columbia Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE). The revision provides the District's certification that

its existing emissions statement program satisfies the emissions statement requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). EPA is approving the District's emissions statement program certification for the 2015 ozone NAAQS as a SIP revision in accordance with the requirements of the CAA.

DATES: This final rule is effective on September 13, 2021.

ADDRESSES: EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID Number EPA-R03-OAR-2020-0574. All documents in the docket are listed on the https://www.regulations.gov website. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form. Publicly available docket materials are available through https:// www.regulations.gov, or please contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** section for additional availability information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On March 11, 2021 (86 FR 13843), EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for the District of Columbia. In the NPRM, EPA proposed approval of the District's certification that the District's emissions statement regulation meets the emissions statement requirement of section 182(a)(3)(B) of the CAA for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The formal SIP revision was submitted by the District of Columbia, through the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE), on June 4, 2020.

II. Summary of SIP Revision and EPA Analysis

On June 4, 2020, the District, through DOEE, submitted as a formal SIP revision, a statement certifying that the District's existing SIP-approved emissions statement program covers the District's portion of the Washington,

DC-MD-VA nonattainment area for the 2015 ozone NAAQS and is at least as stringent as the requirements of CAA section 182(a)(3)(B). In its submittal, the District states that 20 District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) section 500.9 contains emissions reporting requirements consistent with CAA section 182(a)(3)(B)(i), and that 20 DCMR section 500.9 is approved into the District's SIP. See 40 CFR 52.2420(c). EPA first approved the District's emissions statements requirements, now found at 20 DCMR section 500.9, into the District's SIP on May 26, 1995 (60 FR 27944). See also 40 CFR 52.470.

EPA's review of the District's submittal finds that the District's existing, SIP-approved emissions statement program at 20 DCMR section 500.9 satisfies the emission statement requirements of CAA section 182(a)(3)(B) for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The District's regulation requires the owner of any stationary source located in the District that emits 25 tons per year (tpy) or more of volatile organic compounds (VOC) or nitrogen oxides (NO_X) to submit an emissions statement to the Mayor by April 15 of each year for the emissions discharged during the previous calendar year. Emissions statements are required to be prepared and submitted in accordance with 20 DCMR section 500.9.

These emissions statements are required to be submitted annually for the previous calendar year and, at a minimum, must contain the following: (1) Certification that the information in the statement is accurate to the best knowledge of the individual certifying the statement as well as the certifying individual's name and contact information; (2) source identification information including name, physical location, mailing address of the facility, latitude and longitude, and standard industrial classification code(s); (3) operating information including percentage annual throughput by season, days per week on the normal operating schedule, hours per day during the normal operating schedule, and hours per year during the normal operating schedule; (4) process rate data including annual process rate and peak ozone season daily process rate; (5) control equipment information; and (6) emissions information including, but not limited to, estimated actual emissions of NOx and VOC in tpy and

¹ 20 DCMR sections 500.4 through 500.6 were also approved into the District's SIP on January 26, 1995 (60 FR 5134) and October 27, 1999 (64 FR 57777), respectively. These provisions concern reporting requirements related to the transfer of gasoline products.