

**33 CFR Part 165****[CGD07-93-011]****RIN 2115-AE84****Regulated Navigation Area;  
Hillsborough Channel Cut D,  
Hillsborough Bay, FL****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Withdrawal of proposed rule;  
notice of termination.

**SUMMARY:** This rulemaking project was initiated to protect vessels with drafts greater than 39 feet from safety hazards associated with shoaling on the outside quarters of Hillsborough Channel Cut D. It has been determined that very few vessels with the specified draft actually transit the affected Channel. When a vessel does transit the Channel, the preexisting safety precautions have been determined to be adequate for safe navigation. Therefore, this proposed

rule is no longer necessary and the Coast Guard is withdrawing it and terminating further rulemaking under docket number CGD07-93-011.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulated navigation area for Hillsborough Channel Cut D was first published in the Federal Register on November 12, 1993 [58 FR 59974]. This proposed regulation was established to protect vessels with drafts greater than 39 feet from safety hazards associated with shoaling on the outside quarters of Hillsborough Channel Cut D. Under this proposed regulation, all vessels with drafts greater than 39 feet which transit the Channel would be limited to a one way traffic zone. Comments received from the port community disagreed with

the proposed regulation based on the infrequency of use and the minimal amount of time that vessels with the specified draft transit the Channel. When vessels of the specified draft do transit the Channel, they are always in a docking mode with tugs alongside and proceeding to the dock at minimum safe speed. These safety precautions have been determined to be sufficient for safe navigation through Hillsborough Channel Cut D and have eliminated the need for this regulation. Therefore, this rulemaking is no longer necessary, and the Coast Guard is withdrawing it and terminating further rulemaking under docket number CGD07-93-011.

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