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The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period and may change this section in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing; however, a public hearing may be requested by an interested person by writing to the Project Manager at the address under **ADDRESSES**. If it is determined that the opportunity for oral presentations at a public meeting will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold such a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Background and Purpose

PEER Consultants, P.C. is conducting repairs and maintenance on the Long Island Bridge, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA. Contract work is being conducted to ensure bridge integrity by replacing/repairing selected structural members of the Long Island Bridge. In order to provide for the safe repair and maintenance of the Long Island Bridge, the Coast Guard deems an RNA necessary.

Discussion of the Rule

The RNA includes all waters of Boston Harbor within a 600 × 200 yard rectangle bound by the following coordinates: 42°18'26" N, 070°59'12" W; 42°18'35" N, 070°58'51" W; 42°18'31" N, 070°58'49" W; 42°18'23" N, 070°59'09" W. [Datum: NAD 1983]. A barge mooring area will be located on the northwestern side of the bridge within the RNA boundaries. Also, several work boats and barges will be operating in the RNA. Vessels in the regulated area will be required to operate at a no-wake speed to protect contract workers aboard the work boats and barges. The repair work is scheduled to take place from May 7, 1996, until October 31, 1996. Repair work will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Good cause exists for publishing a temporary final rule without notice and prior to opportunity for comment and without a delayed effective date because immediate action is needed to regulate traffic in the construction area. However, the Coast Guard is providing an opportunity for comment so that changes can be made to this final rule. It is in the public interest to have the Long Island Bridge repaired and to have a no-wake zone around the bridge during construction. Delaying this rule to provide for a notice and comment period would be impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to the public interest. Other than commuter boats,

this area receives minimal vessel traffic. Since repair work will commence at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, commuter boat schedules will not be significantly effected. All commuter boat operators have been notified of the regulation.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this section to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

The waters in the vicinity of the Long Island Bridge are used by commuter vessels, commercial fishing vessels, commercial lobster vessels and recreational vessels. Due to the minimal time delay caused by the requirement to proceed at a no-wake speed, this regulation is not expected to have a significant impact on these vessels.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider the economic impact on small entities of a rule for which a general notice of proposed rulemaking is required. "Small entities" may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000.

For reasons set forth in the above Regulatory Evaluation, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no information collection requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this proposal does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2(e)(34)(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, (as amended by 59 FR 38654, July 29, 1994), this rule is a Regulated Navigation Area and is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A written Categorical Exclusion Determination and checklist are included in the docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

Final Regulation

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR Part 165 as follows:

PART 165—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. A temporary Section, § 165.T01–033, is added to read as follows:

§ 165.T01–033 Regulated Navigation Area; Long Island Bridge, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA.

(a) *Location*. The following area is a Regulated Navigation Area: All waters surrounding the Long Island Bridge, Boston Harbor, Boston, MA bound by the following coordinates: 42°18'26" N, 070°59'12" W; 42°18'35" N, 070°58'51" W; 42°18'31" N, 070°58'49" W; 42°18'23" N, 070°59'09" W. [Datum: NAD 1983]

(b) *Effective date*. This section is effective Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., May 7, 1996, to October 31, 1996.

(c) *Regulations*. All vessels shall operate at no-wake speed while with the Regulated Navigation Area.

Dated: May 7, 1996.

J.L. Linnon,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Corps of Engineers****33 CFR Part 334**

Albemarle Sound, Pamlico Sound, and adjacent waters, North Carolina; danger zones/restricted areas for naval aircraft operations.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Correction to final rule.

SUMMARY: This document contains a correction to the final rule which was published Tuesday, February 27, 1996 (61 FR 7214). The effective date was February 27, 1996. This rule re-established a danger zone as a restricted area in the waters off of Harvey Point, Perquimans County, North Carolina. This is an editorial correction and will not affect the restrictions placed on entry into the area.

DATES: Effective May 24, 1996.

ADDRESS: HQUSACE, CECW-OR, Washington, D.C. 20314-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Angie Yelverton of the Corps Wilmington District at (910) 251-4480, or Mr. Ralph Eppard, Regulatory Branch, CECW-OR at (202) 761-1783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to its authorities in Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917 (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1) and Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriations Act of 1919 (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3), the Corps promulgated a regulation under 33 CFR 334.412 which re-established an area that was previously a danger zone, as a restricted area in the waters off of Harvey Point, Albemarle Sound, North Carolina.

Need for Correction

As published, the final rules in Sec. 334.412(a) contain an incorrect bearing listed as "southwesterly to latitude 36° 04'18", which should have read "northwesterly to latitude 36° 04'18""

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on February 27, 1996, of the final rule, which was the subject of 61 FR 7214-7215, is corrected as follows:

§ 334.412 [Corrected]

On page 7215, in § 334.412 in the second column, second line, remove "southwesterly" and replace it with "northwesterly".

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Approved;
Stanley G. Genega,
Major General, USA, Director of Civil Works.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**38 CFR Part 2****RIN 2900-A112****Delegations of Authority Concerning Discrimination or Reprisal**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document sets forth delegations of authority to the General Counsel and certain subordinates to make the final decision on a complaint of discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or reprisal brought by an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs or an applicant for employment. The effect of this action is to clarify and expand CFR material to specify all delegations of authority already made concerning this subject matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Neal C. Lawson, Assistant General Counsel (024), Office of General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-6384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule consists of delegations of authority and, therefore, is not subject to the notice and comment and effective date provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553.

The Secretary hereby certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This rule merely sets forth delegations of authority.

There is no Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number for this regulation.

List of Subjects in 38 CFR Part 2

Authority delegations (government agencies).

Approved: May 17, 1996.
Jesse Brown,
Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 38 CFR part 2 is amended as set forth below:

PART 2—DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

1. The authority citation for part 2 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 302; 38 U.S.C. 501,512; 44 U.S.C. 3702.

2. In § 2.6, paragraph (e)(6) is revised to read as follows:

§ 2.6 Secretary's delegations of authority to certain officials (38 U.S.C. 512).

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(e) * * *

(6) Authority is delegated to the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel and to the Assistant General Counsel and Deputy Assistant General Counsel of Professional Staff Group IV to make the final decision on a complaint of discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or reprisal brought by an employee of the Department of Veterans Affairs or an applicant for employment.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 512)

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38 CFR Part 21**RIN 2900-AH60****Veterans and Dependents Education: Miscellaneous**

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the educational assistance regulations. It removes "sunsetting" provisions that had been authorized by the Vietnam Era GI Bill. Under the Vietnam Era GI Bill, no benefits can be authorized for training that occurred after December 31, 1989, and no educational loans can be authorized for training that occurred after December 31, 1991. Consequently, the provisions concerning such educational assistance are removed because they are no longer of any effect. This document also amends the educational assistance regulations by placing virtually all of the provisions relating solely to benefits under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program in one subpart, 38 CFR Part 21, Subpart C. Further, this document removes regulations in 38 CFR Part 21, Subpart E concerning civil rights matters since they are duplicative of provisions in 38 CFR Parts 18, 18a, and 18b. In addition, this document removes 38 CFR Part 21, Subpart F-2 concerning special benefits for certain