

Safford Municipal Airport, Safford, AZ, Class E airspace area designations are published in Paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9E dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designation listed in this document would be published subsequently in this Order.

The FAA has determined that this proposed regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this proposed regulation—(1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a Regulatory Evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

The Proposed Amendment

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration proposed to amend 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, CLASS D, AND CLASS E AIRSPACE AREA; ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR 1959–1963 Comp., p. 389.

§ 71.1 [Amended]

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9E, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated September 10, 1997, and effective September 16, 1997, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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AWP CA E5 Safford, AZ [New]
Safford Municipal Airport, AZ

(lat. 32°51'17" N, long. 109°38'07" W)
Williams Gateway Airport, AZ
(lat. 33°32'06" N, long. 111°22'59" W)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface with a 6.5-mile radius of the Safford Municipal Airport. That airspace extending upward from 1200 feet above the surface bounded on the south by a line beginning at lat. 32°25'00" N, long. 109°11'30" W; to lat. 32°25'00" N, long. 109°26'00" W; to lat. 32°23'00" N, long. 109°26'00" W; extending along the northern boundary of V-94 to the 100-mile radius of the Williams Gateway Airport; and on the west by the 100-mile radius of the Williams Gateway Airport to Lat. 33°00'00" N; and on the north by lat. 33°00'00" N; and on the east to lat. 33°00'00" N, long. 109°37'00" W; to lat. 32°40'00" N, long. 109°17'00" W, thence to the point of beginning.

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Sherry Avery,

Acting Assistant Manager, Air Traffic Division, Western-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 1

[REG–209373–81]

RIN 1545–AT71

Election To Amortize Start-Up Expenditures; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of cancellation of a public hearing on proposed regulations providing rules and procedures for electing to amortize start-up expenditures under section 195.

DATES: The public hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m. is cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaNita Van Dyke of the Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate), (202) 622–7190, (not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject of the public hearing is proposed regulations under section 195 of the Internal Revenue Code. A notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing appearing in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 (63 FR 1933), announced that the public hearing on proposed regulations under

section 195 of the Internal Revenue Code would be held on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in room 2615, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington D.C.

The public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 1998, is cancelled.

Cynthia E. Grigsby,

Chief, Regulations Unit, Assistant Chief Counsel (Corporate).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD05–98–029]

RIN 2115–AE47

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, South Branch of the Elizabeth River to the Albermarle and Chesapeake Canal

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: At the request of the City of Chesapeake, the Coast Guard is proposing to change the regulations that govern the operation of the Centerville Turnpike Drawbridge (SR 170) across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, Albermarle and Chesapeake Canal, mile 15.2, in Chesapeake, Virginia. The proposed rule would restrict bridge openings during the boating season's weekly morning and evening rush hours and reduce the frequency of bridge openings outside the rush-hour restrictions. This change is intended to reduce vehicular delays while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander (Aowb), Fifth Coast Guard District, Federal Building, 4th Floor, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704–5004, or may be hand-delivered to the same address between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398–6222. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Deaton, Bridge Administrator, Fifth Coast Guard District, (757) 398–6222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written views, comments, data, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses and identify this rulemaking (CGD05-98-029). Commenters should identify the specific section of this proposed rule to which each comment applies, and give reasons for each comment. The Coast Guard requests that all comments and attachments be submitted in an unbound format suitable for copying and electronic filing. If that is not practical, and second copy of any bound material is requested. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposed rule in view of the comments.

The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

33 CFR 117.997(h) currently requires the Centerville Turnpike Drawbridge, (SR 170), mile 15.2, across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AICW), Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal (A&C Canal), to open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the draw only opens on the hour and half hour seven days a week year-round for pleasure craft. Commercial vessels may pass through this bridge at any time.

The City of Chesapeake has requested that the Coast Guard change the operating schedule of the Centerville Turnpike Drawbridge by restricting bridge openings during the morning and evening rush hours, Monday through Friday, including Federal holidays during the boating season. The rush-hour restrictions would eliminate drawbridge openings for all types of vessels, except those involved in emergency situations. The City of Chesapeake also requested restricting bridge openings to all vessel traffic from April 1 to November 30, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, including Federal holidays. the remainder of the

time the bridge would open on signal every hour on the half hour for vessels waiting to pass. Federal, State, and local government vessels used for public safety, vessels in distress where a delay would endanger life or property, commercial vessels engaged in rescue or emergency salvage operations, and vessels seeking shelter from severe weather will be provided passage through the drawbridge on demand regardless of the operating schedule of the draw. This is required in accordance with Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, 117.31 (b)(1) through (b)(4).

The City of Chesapeake has based their request on traffic data that revealed highway traffic at this bridge has increased since 1992 from 13,700 vehicles per day to 16,000 vehicles per day. During peak hour traffic, vehicular traffic has increased to over 1,200 vehicles during the morning rush hours and to over 1,700 during the evening rush hours. Highway traffic has increased significantly since the current restrictions were placed on this bridge in 1992. The drawlogs for April 1 to November 30 of 1995 and 1996 were reviewed. In 1995, the drawbridge opened 531 times during the morning rush hours and 673 times during the evening rush hours. In 1996, it opened 532 times during the morning rush hours and 728 times during the evening rush hours. this review revealed that the morning and evening restrictions should apply only on the weekdays from April 1 through November 30 and not year-round.

Even though this drawbridge is located across the AICW, one of the busiest waterways on the Atlantic Coast, it is not uncommon to impose bridge lift restrictions on bridges crossing this waterway during rush hours to help alleviate highway traffic congestion. The majority of drawbridges across the AICW already have rush-hour restrictions in effect. The Coast Guard's goal is to provide practical and feasible scheduled openings of drawbridges during seasons of the year, and during times of the day, when scheduled openings would help reduce motor vehicle traffic delays and congestion on roads and highways linked by drawbridges. the Coast Guard believes that this proposed rule would reduce motor vehicle traffic delays and congestion related to rush hour traffic while still providing for the reasonable needs of navigation.

Regulatory Evaluation

This proposed 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 been exempted from review 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 has reached this conclusion based on the fact that the proposed changes will not prevent mariners from transiting the bridge, but merely require mariners to plant their transits in accordance with the scheduled bridge openings.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612), the U.S. Coast Guard must consider whether this proposed rule, if adopted, will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include small independently owned and operated small businesses that are not dominant in their field and that otherwise qualify as "small business concerns" under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632). Because it expects the impact of this proposal to be minimal, the Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this proposed rule, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Collection of Information

This proposal contains no collection of information requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this proposed rule in accordance with the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612, and has determined that this proposed rule does not raise sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposal and concluded that under section 2.B.2.b and item (32)(e) of Figure 2-1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C dated November 14, 1997, this proposed rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A Categorical Exclusion Determination statement has been prepared and placed in the rulemaking docket.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, 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 117.997(h) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.997 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, South Branch of the Elizabeth River to the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

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(h) The draw of the Centerville Turnpike (SR 170) bridge across the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, mile 15.2, at Chesapeake, shall open on signal every hour on the half hour except that, from April 1 to November 30, Monday through Friday, including Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need not open for the passage of vessels.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

J. Carmichael,

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[FRL-6105-3]

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: National Emission Standards for Primary Copper Smelters: Proposed Rule—Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is extending the public comment period on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for hazardous air pollutants emissions from primary copper smelters, which was published in the *Federal Register* on April 20, 1998 (63 FR 19582). The purpose of this document is to extend the end of the comment period from June 19, 1998 to July 20, 1998, in order

to provide commenters adequate time to review the NPRM and extensive supporting materials.

DATES: The EPA will accept comments on the NPRM until July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-96-22, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below (Mr. Eugene Crumpler). The docket may be inspected at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the NPRM, contact Mr. Eugene Crumpler, Metals Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone number (919) 541-0881; electronic mail address crumpler.gene@epa.gov.

Dated: May 28, 1998.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

45 CFR Part 670

RIN 3145-AA34

Conservation of Antarctic Animals and Plants

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NSF proposes to revise its existing regulations for the conservation and protection of Antarctic animals and plants. These revisions implement amendments to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 contained in the Antarctic Science Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Anita Eisenstadt, Assistant General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Eisenstadt, Office of the General Counsel, at 703-306-1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Antarctic Treaty of 1959 establishes a framework for promoting international cooperation in scientific research in Antarctica and ensuring that Antarctica will be used only for peaceful purposes. The Antarctic environment has been an important concern to the Treaty Parties and over the years the Parties have adopted a series of measures to protect Antarctic living resources.

At the Third Consultative Meeting in 1964, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted the Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora. The measures recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain Antarctic mammals and geographic areas as requiring special protection. These measures were implemented in the United States through the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (ACA) (16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*). Under the Antarctic Conservation Act and through its implementing regulations, NSF established a regulatory framework to conserve and protect the native mammals, birds, and plants of Antarctica. A permit system allows certain activities, otherwise prohibited, when performed within prescribed restrictions for scientific and other valid purposes. Activities requiring a permit include entry into specially protected areas, taking of fauna and flora, import into and export from the United States of fauna and flora, and introduction of non-indigenous species.

Recognizing the value of establishing a comprehensive regime for protecting the Antarctic environment and its associated ecosystems, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted in 1991 the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and five annexes (Protocol). The Protocol consolidates, updates, and strengthens the environmental provisions previously adopted by the parties. Annex II of the Protocol contains provisions of conservation of Antarctic plants and animals. Annex V contains provisions for the protection of specially designated areas. Annex II and Annex V incorporate and expand the Agreed Measures of 1964.

On October 2, 1996, the President implemented the Protocol by signing into law the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (ASTCA) (Pub. L. 104-227). Section 6 of the ACA, (16 U.S.C. 2405), as amended by the ASTCA, directs the Director of the National Science Foundation to issue such regulations as are necessary and