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**DATES:** December 8, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington DC 20426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Zerby, Office of Pipeline Rates, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-1181.

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## Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services

Take notice that on December 8, 1998, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will hold a conference to discuss pipeline capacity auctions as contemplated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR), issued on July 29, 1998.<sup>1</sup> The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room. All interested persons are invited to attend and participate. The purpose of this conference is to enable the industry to discuss with staff, as well as with each other, issues relating to auctions as proposed in the NOPR.

The scope of the conference includes all issues raised by the auction proposed in the NOPR. These would include: how an auction might affect pipeline cost recovery, including issues of rate design, reserve prices, and access charges; how pre-arranged capacity release transactions could be accommodated within an auction; how a capacity auction could coordinate with gas purchasing and risk management practices as well as with the acquisition and scheduling of capacity on interconnecting pipelines and local distribution companies; how auctions affect transaction costs; and how to determine the extent of available capacity as well as the types of capacity that should be included in the auction. The conference is intended to stimulate comment and discussion between staff and the industry on all aspects of the auction proposal in the NOPR, but any staff comments will not necessarily reflect the views of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any Commissioner.

The conference will consist of roundtable discussions and presentations. Parties interested in making presentations and/or participating in the discussions should indicate their interest by November 20, 1998, by a letter addressed to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, and should refer to Docket No. RM98-10-000. Upon receipt of these requests, a later notice will be issued providing further details about how the conference is to be organized.

An overhead projector will be made available at the conference. If

<sup>1</sup> Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 63 FR 42982 (Aug. 11, 1998), IV FERC Stats. & Regs. Proposed Regulations ¶ 32,533 (July 29, 1998).

participants require additional audiovisual services, the need to provide notice of their request in their letter to the Secretary to ensure that it can be accommodated.

The Capitol Connection may broadcast this conference in the Washington, D.C. area if there is sufficient interest. For those outside the Washington, D.C. area, the Capitol Connection may broadcast the conference live via satellite for a fee if there is sufficient interest to justify the cost. To indicate interest in either the local or national broadcast, please call Shirley Aljarani or Julia Morelli at the Capitol Connection (703-993-3100) as soon as possible, or e-mail to [capcon@gmu.edu](mailto:capcon@gmu.edu).

In addition, National Narrowcast Network's Hearing-On-The-line service covers all FERC meetings live by telephone so that interested persons can listen at their desks, from their homes, or from any phone, without special equipment. Billing is based on time on-line. Call 202-966-2211 for further details.

Questions about the conference should be directed to: Elizabeth Zerby, Office of Pipeline Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NW., Washington, DC 20426, 202-208-1181.

**David P. Boergers,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

### 33 CFR Part 100

[CGD01-98-125]

RIN 2115-AE46

### Special Local Regulations: Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard proposes to establish permanent special local regulations for the annual Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event. This action is intended to restrict vessel traffic in the southern end of Greenwood Lake, New Jersey.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to the Waterways Oversight Branch

(CGD01-98-125), Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, Staten Island, New York 10305, or deliver them to room 205 at the same address between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The Waterways Oversight Branch of Coast Guard Activities New York maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this preamble, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room 205, Coast Guard Activities New York, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Junior Grade A. Kenneally, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York (718) 354-4195.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and addresses, identify this rulemaking (CGD01-98-125) and the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose stamped, self-addressed postcards or envelopes.

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 Waterways Oversight Branch at the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the 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**

The Greenwood Lake Powerboat Association and the West Milford, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce sponsor this annual high-speed powerboat race with approximately 60 race boats, up to 20 feet in length, participating in the event. An average of 125 spectator craft

view this event each year. The race will take place on the southern end of Greenwood Lake, New Jersey. The regulated area encompasses all waters of Greenwood Lake north of 41°08'N, south of 41°09'N, with the shoreline comprising the eastern and western boundaries. The northern boundary will be marked by 6 temporary buoys. The more narrow southern boundary will be marked by 4 temporary buoys. The proposed regulation is effective annually from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, the first weekend before Memorial Day weekend. The race boats will be competing at high speeds with numerous spectator crafts in the area, creating an extra or unusual hazard in the navigable waterway. The proposed regulation prohibits all vessels not participating in the event, swimmers, and personal watercraft from transiting this portion of Greenwood Lake during the races. It is needed to protect the waterway users from the hazards associated with high-speed powerboats racing in confined waters. Marine traffic will be able to transit through the area at various times between races at the direction of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

##### **Discussion of Proposed Rule**

The proposed special local regulation is for the annual Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic held on the southern end of Greenwood Lake, New Jersey. This event is held annually on the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. This rule is being proposed to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the event, to give the marine community the opportunity to comment on this event, and to decrease the amount of annual paperwork required for this event.

##### **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 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 proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. Although this regulation prevents traffic from transiting a portion of the southern end of Greenwood Lake during the races, the effect of this regulation will not be

significant for several reasons: the limited duration that the regulated area will be in effect, marine traffic will be able to transit through the regulated area at various times between races at the direction of the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, the event is taking place on an inland lake that has no commercial traffic, it is an annual event with local support, and advance notifications will be made to the local maritime community via facsimile. Vessels, swimmers, and personal watercraft of any nature not participating in this event will be unable to transit through or around the regulated area during this event unless authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander.

##### **Small Entities**

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard considers whether this proposed rule, if adopted, will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. "Small entities" include 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.

For the reasons stated in the Regulatory Evaluation section above, 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. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed rule will have a significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way and to what degree this proposed rule will economically affect it.

##### **Collection of Information**

This proposed rule does not provide for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

##### **Federalism**

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

##### **Unfunded Mandates**

Under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4), the

Coast Guard must consider whether this rule will result in an annual expenditure by state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate of \$100 million (adjusted annually for inflation). If so, the Act requires that a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives be considered, and that from those alternatives, the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objective of the rule be selected. No state, local, or tribal government entities will be affected by this rule, so this rule will not result in annual or aggregate costs of \$100 million or more. Therefore, the Coast Guard is exempt from any further regulatory requirements under the Unfunded Mandates Act.

### Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this proposed rule and concluded that under figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g), of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this proposed rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

### Proposed Regulation

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR Part 100 as follows:

### PART 100—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 100 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1233 through 1236; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 100.35.

2. Add § 100.120 to read as follows:

#### § 100.120 Special Local Regulations: Greenwood Lake Powerboat Classic, Greenwood Lake, New Jersey.

(a) *Regulated Area.* All waters of Greenwood Lake, New Jersey north of 41°08'N and south of 41°09'N (NAD 1983). The shoreline comprises the eastern and western boundaries.

(b) *Special local regulations.*

(1) Vessels not participating in this event, swimmers, and personal watercraft of any nature are prohibited from entering or moving with the regulated area unless authorized by the Patrol Commander.

(2) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the

designated on scene patrol personnel. U.S. Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel via siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(c) *Effective period.* This regulation is in effect annually on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on the first weekend before Memorial Day weekend.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

**R.M. Larrabee,**

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

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA 198-0099b; FRL-6184-5]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California Implementation Plan Revision, Kern County Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from motor vehicle and mobile equipment refinishing, graphic arts, paper or fabric coating, and screen printing.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of VOCs in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will not take effect and all public comments

received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this rule should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by December 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Kern County Air Pollution Control District, 2700 M Street, Suite 302, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Placer County Air Pollution Control District, 11464 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, 1999 Tuolumne Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, 8411 Jackson Road, Sacramento, CA 95826

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, 26 Castilian Drive B-23, Goleta, CA 93117

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Section (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns Kern County Air Pollution Control District Rule 410.4A—Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Refinishing Operations and Rule 410.7—Graphic Arts, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule 4602—Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations and Rule 4607—Graphic Arts, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District Rule 450—Graphic Arts and Rule 459—Automotive and Trucks and Heavy Equipment Refinishing Operations, and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Rule 339—Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Coating Operations, submitted to EPA on May 10, 1996 (410.4A, 410.7), August 1, 1997 (239), March 10, 1998 (4602, 4607, 339), and May 18, 1998 (450, 459) by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the