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Catherine D. Dixon,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 110

[CGD07-99-058]

RIN 2115-AA98

Special Anchorage Area; St. Lucie River, Stuart, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a special anchorage area on the St. Lucie River in Stuart, FL. This area is currently used as a temporary and long-term area for vessels to anchor. The establishment of this anchorage will improve the safety of vessels anchoring within and transiting the highly trafficked area, while also lessening the detrimental impact on the ecosystem by providing a designated safer area for vessels to anchor.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Commander, Aids to Navigation Branch, Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 S.E. First Avenue, Miami, FL 33131-3050, or may be delivered to above address between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Kerstin Rhinehart, Seventh Coast Guard District, Aids to Navigation Branch, at (305) 536-4566.

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 [CGD07-99-058] and the specific section of this proposal to which each comment applies and give the reason for each comment.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing. Persons may request a public hearing by writing to the address under **ADDRESSES**. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If the Coast Guard determines that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, it will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

This proposed rule is in response to a request made by the City of Stuart to establish a city managed mooring field on the St. Lucie River. The intended effect of the regulations is to reduce the risk of vessel collisions by providing notice to mariners of the establishment of a special anchorage area, in which vessels not more than 65 feet in length shall not be required to carry or exhibit anchor lights as required by the Navigation Rules. The establishment of the special anchorage has been in coordination with and endorsed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP determined that properly managed mooring and anchorage fields located in appropriate areas, will encourage vessels to utilize them for safety purposes, and as a side benefit the ecosystem will incur lessened or negligible detrimental impacts.

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 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 expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph

10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Coast Guard must consider whether this proposed rule, if adopted, will have a significant economic effect upon 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.

Therefore, the Coast Guard certifies under section 605(b) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. *et seq.*) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as use of the anchorage area is voluntary. 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 rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

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

Environmental Assessment

The Coast Guard, in association with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, is considering the environmental impact of this proposed rule, and has determined that this rule may be categorically excluded from further environmental documentation under Figure 2-1, paragraph 34(f) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C. An Environmental Analysis Checklist and Categorical Exclusion Determination will be completed during the comment period.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 110

Special anchorage areas.

Proposed Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend part 110 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 110—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 471, 2030, 2035, and 2071; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05–1(g). Section 110.1a and each section listed in 110.1a is also issued under 33 U.S.C. 1223 and 1231.

2. Section 110.73c is added to read as follows:

§ 110.73c Okeechobee Waterway, St. Lucie River, Stuart, FL.

The following is a special anchorage area: Beginning on the Okeechobee Intracoastal Waterway between mile marker 7 and 8 on the St. Lucie River, bounded by a line beginning at 27°12'06.583"N, 80°15'33.447"W; thence to 27°12'07.811"N, 80°15'38.861"W; thence to 27°12'04.584"N, 80°15'41.437"W; thence to 27°11'49.005"N, 80°15'44.796"W; thence to 27°11'47.881"N, 80°15'38.271"W; thence to the point of beginning. All coordinates reference Datum NAD:83.

Note: This area is principally used by recreational vessels. The mooring of vessels in this area is administered by the local Harbormaster, City of Stuart, Florida.

Dated: August 11, 1999.

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

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**47 CFR Part 73**

[DA 99–1604; MM Docket No. 99–86; RM–9505]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Fruitland, NM

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed Rule; dismissal of.

SUMMARY: The Commission denies the request of Mountain West Broadcasting to allot Channel 300A to Fruitland, NM, as it is not a community for allotment purposes. See 64 FR 14421, March 25, 1999. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie K. Shapiro, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418–2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Report and Order, MM Docket No. 99–86, adopted August 11, 1999, and released August 13, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., (202) 857–3800, 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Parts 192 and 195**

[RSPA–97–2094]

RIN 2137–AC54

Pipeline Safety: Underwater Abandoned Pipeline Facilities

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This proposal would require the last operator of an abandoned pipeline, offshore and, or, crossing under, over or through navigable waterways to submit a report of the abandonment to the Secretary of Transportation. This notice responds to a Congressional mandate. The results of this proposal would be a central depository of information about underwater abandoned pipelines.

DATES: Comments on the subject of this NPRM must be received on or before October 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this NPRM, RSPA–97–2094, and be mailed to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590–0001. You should submit the original and one copy. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your comments, you must include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. The Dockets facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on

Federal holidays. In addition, the public may also submit or review comments by accessing the Docket Management System's home page at <http://dms.dot.gov>. An electronic copy of any document may be downloaded from the Government Printing Office Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512–1661.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L.E. Herrick by telephone at 202–366–5523, by fax at 202–366–4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, RSPA, DPS–10, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20590, or via e-mail to le.herrick@rspa.dot.gov regarding this notice of proposed rulemaking. You may contact the Dockets Unit, 202–366–5046, for copies of this notice or material that is referenced herein.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

Underwater pipelines are being abandoned at an increasing rate as older facilities reach the end of their use. This trend is expected to continue. Presently, there is no one location where these records of abandonment are maintained. In 1992, Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to require the last operator of an offshore pipeline facility or a pipeline facility crossing under, over, or through navigable waters to report the abandonment of that facility to the Secretary (49 U.S.C. 60108(c)(6)(B)). This report must contain reasonably available information about the facility and specify whether the facility has been abandoned properly according to applicable Federal and State requirements. Once these reports are filed by the operators they will be accessible to appropriate Federal and State agencies.

We propose to fulfil this Congressional mandate by requiring operators who have abandoned underwater pipeline facilities to report information to the Secretary through the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety. The report would include all reasonably available information related to the facility, including information in the possession of a third party. The report would provide a consolidated information source for Federal agencies and State governments to assist in determining if current abandonment requirements are meeting public safety goals. The report would be due upon abandonment of the facility or, for those facilities abandoned prior to the