

PART 270—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 270, is removed.

Dated: January 28, 2019.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****32 CFR Part 706**

[Docket ID: USN-2018-HQ-0011]

RIN 0703-AB03

Certifications and Exemptions Under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes Department of the Navy regulations governing Certification and Exemptions under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The certification and exemption of certain naval vessels which cannot comply fully with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, is governed by statute and executive order which direct that notice of certification of alternate compliance be published in the **Federal Register**. The content of this part imposes no burden on the public, and the rule is not required. Notice will continue to be provided the public through the publication of notice documents in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, this rule can be removed from the CFR.

DATES: This rule is effective on January 31, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Bradley Davis at 202-685-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 33 U.S.C. 1605 and Executive Order 11964 of January 19, 1977, direct the Department of the Navy to provide public notice in the **Federal Register** of U.S. Navy vessels which cannot comply fully with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. It has been determined that publication of this CFR part removal for public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since statutorily required notice will be accomplished through publication of notice documents in the **Federal Register**.

Removal of this part does not add or reduce the burden or cost on the public in any way. The cost of certifying alternate compliance of U.S. Navy vessels and notifying the public of such certification will remain the same with removal of the part.

This rule is not significant under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” therefore, E.O. 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs” does not apply.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 706

Marine Safety; Navigation (water).

PART 706—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 706 is removed.

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M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****32 CFR Part 707**

[Docket ID: USN-2018-HQ-0010]

RIN 0703-AB04

Special Rules With Respect to Additional Station and Signal Lights

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes Department of the Navy regulations concerning Special Rules with Respect to Additional Station and Signal Lights. Public notification of U.S. Navy vessels which display additional station and signal lights is governed by statute and executive order which direct that such notice be published in the **Federal Register**. The content of this part imposes no burden on the public, and the rule is not required. Notice will continue to be provided the public through the publication of notice documents in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, this rule can be removed from the CFR.

DATES: This rule is effective on January 31, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Bradley Davis at 202-685-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 33 U.S.C. 1605 and Executive Order 11964 of January 19, 1977, direct the Department

of the Navy to provide public notice in the **Federal Register** of U.S. Navy vessels which display additional station and signal lights. It has been determined that publication of this CFR part removal for public comment is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since statutorily required notice will continue to be accomplished through publication of notice documents in the **Federal Register**.

Removal of this part does not add or reduce the burden or cost on the public in any way. The cost of notifying the public regarding additional station and signal lights displayed by U.S. Navy vessels will remain the same with removal of the part.

This rule is not significant under Executive Order (E.O.) 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” therefore, E.O. 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs” does not apply.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 707

Marine safety; Navigation (water).

PART 707—[REMOVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, 32 CFR part 707 is removed.

Dated: January 29, 2019.

M.S. Werner,

Commander, Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165**

[Docket Number USCG-2018-0376]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Neches River, Beaumont, TX

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the duration of a temporary safety zone on the navigable waters of the Neches River extending 500-feet on either side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Bridge that crosses the Neches River in Beaumont, TX. The safety zone is necessary to protect the bridge as well as persons and property on or near the bridge from potential damage from passing vessels until missing and/or damaged fendering systems are repaired

or replaced. Entry of certain vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 1 a.m. on February 1, 2019 through midnight on September 30, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2018–0376 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Scott Whalen, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 409–719–5086, email Scott.K.Whalen@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 COTP Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 FR Federal Register
 KCS Kansas City Southern Railroad Company
 NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code
 VTS Vessel Traffic Service

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On April 19, 2018, the Coast Guard was notified that the wood fendering systems designed to protect bridge support columns of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Company’s bridge (KSC) from strikes by vessels transiting under the bridge had been damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. The south bank column protection fenders are missing and the north bank column protection fenders are severely damaged. KCS indicated that strikes to the support columns could compromise the bridge structure. In response, on May 7, 2018 the Coast Guard published a temporary final rule; request for comment titled *Safety Zone; Neches River, Beaumont, TX* (83 FR 19965). During the comment period that ended on May 29, 2018, we received no comments. The safety zone was established on May 7, 2018, and extended on September 5, 2018 via a temporary final rule titled *Safety Zone; Neches River, Beaumont, TX* (83 FR 45047). The zone is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2019.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for

making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest because immediate action is needed to continue to respond to potential safety hazards posed by and to passing vessel traffic and to the unprotected bridge columns supporting the KCS Bridge.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur (COTP) has determined that potential hazards posed by the unprotected bridge columns are a safety concern to the KCS Bridge and to persons and property on or near the bridge. The purpose of this rule is to provide for the safety of the KCS Bridge and persons and property on or near the bridge.

IV. Discussion of Comments, Changes, and the Rule

As noted above, we received no comments on our temporary final rule; request for comments published on May 7, 2018. The only changes in the regulatory text of this rule are minor formatting edits and the extension of the effective period until September 30, 2019, or until the missing and/or damaged fenders are repaired or replaced, whichever occurs first.

This rule extends the temporary safety zone from February 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 or until missing and/or damaged fendering systems are repaired or replaced, whichever occurs first. The safety zone extends 500-feet on either side of the KCS Bridge that crosses the Neches River in Beaumont, TX in approximate location 30°04’54.8” N 094°05’29.4” W. The duration of the zone is intended to protect the bridge support columns as well as persons and property on or near the bridge until the bridge fendering is repaired or replaced. Only vessels less than 65 feet in length and not engaged in towing are authorized to enter the zone, unless otherwise permitted by the COTP or a designated representative to enter the safety zone.

Persons and vessels desiring to enter the safety zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted through Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) on channels 65A or 13 VHF–FM, or by telephone at (409) 719–5070.

Permission to transit through the bridge will be based on weather, tide and current conditions, vessel size, horsepower, and availability of assist vessels. All persons and vessels

permitted to enter this temporary safety zone shall comply with the lawful orders or directions given to them by COTP or a designated representative. Intentional or unintentional contact with any part of the bridge or associated structure, including fendering systems, support columns, spans or any other portion of the bridge, is strictly prohibited. Report any contact with the bridge or associated structures immediately to VTS Port Arthur on channels 65A, 13 or 16 VHF–FM or by telephone at (409) 719–5070.

The Coast Guard will inform the public through public of the effective period of this safety zone through VTS Advisories, Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, and duration of the safety zone. This rule will only affect certain vessels transiting the upper reaches of the Neches River in Beaumont, TX. The Coast Guard will issue a VTS Advisory concerning the zone, and the rule allows vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises 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. The Coast Guard received no comments from the Small Business Administration on this rulemaking. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves a safety zone that will prohibit entry within 500-feet of either side of the KCS Bridge that crosses the Neches River in Beaumont, TX. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(d) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 01. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 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, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08–0376 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08–0376 Safety Zone; Neches River, Beaumont, TX.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: all navigable waters extending 500-feet on either side of the Kansas City Southern Railroad Bridge that crosses the Neches River in Beaumont, TX in approximate location 30°04'54.8" N 094°05'29.4" W.

(b) *Effective and enforcement periods.* This section is effective from 1 p.m. on February 1, 2019 through midnight on September 30, 2019. This section will be enforced from 1 p.m. on February 1, 2019 through midnight on September 30, 2019, or until missing and/or damaged fendering systems are repaired or replaced, whichever occurs first.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) No vessel may enter or remain in the safety zone except:

- (i) A vessel less than 65 feet in length and not engaged in towing; or
- (ii) A vessel authorized by the Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur (COTP) or a designated representative.

(2) Persons and vessels desiring to enter the safety zone must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted through Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) on channels 65A or 13 VHF–FM, or by telephone at (409) 719–5070.

(3) Permission to transit through the bridge will be based on weather, tide and current conditions, vessel size, horsepower, and availability of assist vessels. All persons and vessels permitted to enter this temporary safety zone shall comply with the lawful orders or directions given to them by COTP or a designated representative.

(4) Intentional or unintentional contact with any part of the bridge or associated structure, including fendering systems, support columns,

spans or any other portion of the bridge, is strictly prohibited. Report any contact with the bridge or associated structures immediately to VTS Port Arthur on channels 65A, 13 or 16 VHF-FM or by telephone at (409) 719-5070.

(d) *Informational broadcasts.* The Coast Guard will inform the public through public of the effective period of this safety zone through VTS Advisories, Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate.

Dated: December 26, 2018.

K.J. Pierre,

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2018-1063]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zones, Delaware River; Maintenance Dredging

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing temporary safety zones in portions of New Castle Range, Marcus Hook Range, Deepwater Point Range, and Anchorage 7 off Marcus Hook Range on the Delaware River. The safety zones will temporarily restrict vessel traffic from transiting or anchoring in a portion of the Delaware River while dredging operations are being conducted to facilitate the Delaware River annual maintenance project for the main navigational channel of the Delaware River. This regulation is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters of the Delaware River, in the vicinity of dredging activity and is intended to protect mariners from the hazards associated with pipe-laying and dredging operations.

DATES: This rule is effective without actual notice from January 31, 2019, through May 31, 2019. For the purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be used from January 15, 2019, through January 31, 2019.

Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before March 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2018-1063 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule. You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2018-1063 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion for further instructions on submitting comments. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on this rule, call or email Petty Officer Edmund Ofalt, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay, Waterways Management Division, telephone (215) 271-4889, email Edmund.j.ofalt@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impractical and contrary to the public interest. Final details for the dredging operation were not received by the Coast Guard until January 9, 2019. Vessels transiting through New Castle Range, Marcus Hook Range, Deepwater Point Range, or entering the waters of Anchorage 7 off Marcus Hook Range during dredging operations may be at risk. We are taking immediate action to help protect the safety of the project personnel, vessels, and the marine environment on the navigable waters within the safety zones while dredging is being conducted. It is important to

have these regulations in effect during dredging operations and it is impracticable to delay the regulations.

We are issuing this rule and, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making it effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** because doing so would be contrary to the public interest. Allowing this dredging operation to go forward without safety zones in place would expose mariners and the public to unnecessary dangers.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The Captain of the Port (COTP), Delaware Bay, has determined that potential hazards associated with dredging operations beginning on or after January 15, 2019, will be a safety concern for vessels attempting to transit the Delaware River, along New Castle Range, Marcus Hook Range, Deepwater Point Range, and Anchorage 7 off Marcus Hook Range. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment on the navigable waters within the safety zones while dredging operations are being conducted.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes safety zones on portions of the Delaware River from January 15, 2019 until May 31, 2019, unless cancelled earlier by the COTP. The safety zones are necessary to facilitate the main channel annual maintenance of New Castle Range, Marcus Hook Range, Deepwater Point Range, and Anchorage 7 off Marcus Hook Range (as described in 33 CFR 110.157(a)(8)). Maintenance dredging in the channel will most likely be conducted with the dredge ESSEX, though other dredges may be used, along with associated dredge pipeline and boosters. The pipeline consists of a combination of floating hoses immediately behind the dredge and submerged pipeline leading to upland disposal areas. Due to the hazards related to dredging operations, the associated pipeline, and the location of the submerged pipeline, safety zones are being established in the following areas:

(1) Safety zone one includes all navigable waters within 250 yards of the dredge displaying lights and shapes for vessels restricted in ability to maneuver as described in 33 CFR 83.27 and all related dredge equipment when the dredge is operating in New Castle Range, Marcus Hook Range, Deepwater Point Range, and Anchorage 7. This safety zone is being established for the