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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[USCG-2007-0148]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; York River, at Yorktown, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, has approved a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Coleman Memorial Bridge, at mile 7.0, across York River at Yorktown, VA. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain closed-to-navigation beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2007, until and including 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2007 and from 7 a.m. on Monday, on December 24, 2007 until and including 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007, to facilitate mechanical repairs to the operating machinery of the swing span.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 7 a.m. on December 15, 2007 to 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District, Federal Building, 1st Floor, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704-5004 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (757) 398-6222. Commander (dpb), Fifth Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill H. Brazier, Bridge Management Specialist, Fifth Coast Guard District, at (757) 398-6422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coleman Memorial Bridge, a swing-type drawbridge, has a vertical clearance in the closed position to vessels of 60 feet, above mean high water.

The contractor, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)—the bridge owner, has requested a temporary deviation from the current operating

regulations set out in 33 CFR Part 117.1025 to close the swing bridge to navigation to perform necessary mechanical repairs to the swing span assembly. The repairs will consist of removing and replacing the balance wheels and bronze bushings on the north and south swing spans.

To facilitate the repairs, the Coleman Memorial Bridge will be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2007, until and including 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, December 22, 2007 and from 7 a.m. on Monday, December 24, 2007, until and including 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 31, 2007.

The Coast Guard has informed the known users of the waterway of the closure periods for the bridge so that these vessels can arrange their transits to minimize any impact caused by the temporary deviation.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. CGD 13-07-049]

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Safety Zone: Lower Cowlitz River Dredging Operation; Longview, WA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone on the Cowlitz River, in the vicinity of Cottonwood Island at the entrance of the Cowlitz River extending up the Cowlitz River 1.5 river miles. The Captain of the Port, Portland, Oregon is taking this action to safeguard individuals and vessels from safety hazards associated with dredging operations. Entry into this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by Captain of the Port, Portland or the Master of the on-scene dredge vessel.

DATES: This rule is effective from Monday, November 12, 2007 8 a.m. through Friday, February 29, 2008 at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket [CGD13-07-049] and are available for inspection or copying at U. S. Coast Guard Sector Portland, 6767 North Basin Ave., Portland, Oregon 97217 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Petty Officer Josh Lehner, c/o Captain of the Port Portland, 6767 N. Basin Ave., Portland, Oregon 97217 at 503-240-9301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing an NPRM and for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The Coast Guard did not receive notice of this operation until 12 days prior to the beginning of the operation. The dredging operation will involve multiple dredges, floating and submerged pipelines and other potential navigation hazards from the west bank of the Old Cowlitz River to the northwest tip of Cottonwood Island and 1.5 river miles up the Cowlitz River including the mouth of Carrols Channel and the Old Mouth Cowlitz. The pipeline and associated dredge gear will pose a hazard to navigation due to its location blocking the channel.

If normal notice and comment procedures were followed, this rule would not become effective until after the dates of the event. For this reason, following normal rulemaking procedures in this case would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest.

Background and Purpose

The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone regulation to allow for safe dredging operations. This operation is necessary for flood control on the Cowlitz River. Silt has built up at the lower end of the Cowlitz River causing an increased risk of flooding in the vicinity of Kelso, Longview, and Castle Rock, WA. This safety zone will be in effect during the time of Monday, November 12, 2007 to Friday, February 29, 2008 while there is dredge gear in the water. This safety zone will be enforced by the Captain the Port,