

does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under the regulatory policies and procedures of DHS is unnecessary. There will be no cost to the general public. This proposal is to provide a more user-friendly part 117 that will remove redundancies and regulations that are no longer functional, make corrections and amendments, and provide clearer language for the user.

The addition of a new provision that changes approximately 30 drawbridges from open-on-demand to advance notice during the winter season, throughout the Eighth and Ninth Coast Guard Districts, will not have a significant effect on the economy. Commercial and recreational vessel traffic is at its least during this time of the year.

The development of a new deviation for short-term events will not have a significant impact on the economy. This deviation allows the district commander to provide notice to the public in a timely manner without a possible 120 day long rule making process for an event that could last as short as 15 minutes and as long as six hours.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we considered whether this proposed rulemaking would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 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. If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see ADDRESSES) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what

degree this proposed rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities

In accordance with section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), the Coast Guard would assist small entities in understanding the proposed rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. 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).

Collection of Information

This proposed rule would call for a collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). As defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(c), “collection of information” comprises reporting, recordkeeping, monitoring, posting, labeling, and other, similar actions. The title and description of the information collections, a description of those who must collect the information, and an estimate of the total annual burden follow. The estimate covers the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing sources of data, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection.

Title: Supporting Statement For Request For OMB Approval Under The Paperwork Reduction Act and 5 CFR 1320 SF–83–I: Changes To Drawbridge Operations

Summary of the Collection of Information: Under the provisions of 33 U.S.C. 499, the Secretary of Homeland Security is mandated to prescribe rules and regulations for governing the closures of drawbridges to navigation. This authorization was delegated to the Commandant of the Coast Guard under Department of Homeland Security

Delegation number 0170 and the drawbridge operating regulations are set out in 33 CFR part 117. To change any regulation, 5 U.S.C. 553 requires rule making to be published in the **Federal Register** and that the notice shall include a statement of time, place, and nature of public rule making proceedings. The information collected for the rule can only be obtained from the bridge owners. The information collection requirements are contained in 33 CFR 117.35(a), 117.37(b), and 117.39.

Need for Information: To change any regulation, 5 U.S.C. 553 requires rule making to be published in the **Federal Register**. The information collected for the rule can only be obtained from the bridge owners. The information collection requirements are contained in 33 CFR 117.35(a), 117.37(b), and 117.39.

Proposed Use of Information:

- Determine if the request to close the drawbridge is necessary.
- Coordinate the bridge closure period(s) between the bridge owner and navigational traffic.
- Notify the public and navigational community of the date, time, length of closure periods, and reason for closure.

Description of the Respondents: State governments, Local municipalities, railroads.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Frequency of Response: 150.

Burden of Response: Nationwide, approximately 20,000 bridges are primarily owned by States, local municipalities and railroads. The Bridge Administration receives approximately 150 requests from approximately 150 bridge owners per year to authorize changes to general or specific drawbridge regulations. The estimated “annual hour burden”, nationwide is therefore approximately 150 hours (1 hour per request). This burden estimate is based on the length of time it takes to generate a letter containing the required information for the requested change, to the District Bridge Administrator. The letter is prepared by someone at the clerical level, equivalent to a (GS–7). Therefore, we estimate that the average annual cost to prepare 150 letters with a change of request would be \$4,350, as described below:

Estimate of Total Annual Burden:

Personnel	Per request			Total (per year)		
	Hourly rate *	Hours	Total	No. of requests	Hours	Cost
Clerical Level equivalent to (GS–7)	\$29	1	\$29	150	150	\$4,350
Totals		1	29	150	150	4,350

*Based on hourly rates for government personnel in Enclosure (2) to COMDTINST 73101.1F.