

necessary to facilitate maintenance work on the bridge that is essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge.

DATES: This temporary deviation is effective from 7 a.m., September 15, 2003, until 7 p.m., September 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this rule are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Commander (obr), Eighth Coast Guard District, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Commander (obr), Eighth Coast Guard District, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, (314) 539-3900, extension 2378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CSX Railway Company requested a temporary deviation on July 17, 2003 for the operation of the drawbridge to allow the bridge owner time for preventative maintenance. Presently, the draw opens on signal for passage of river traffic. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for six separate increments from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., September 15, 2003; from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m., September 17, 2003; from 7 a.m., until 7 p.m., September 19, 2003; from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., September 22, 2003, from 5 a.m., until 9 p.m., September 24, 2003; and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., September 26, 2003. Vessels not exceeding the vertical clearance of the drawbridge may pass under the drawbridge during repairs. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting through mile 287.6 on the Illinois Waterway. The drawbridge will be incapable of opening for emergencies during the six increment repair periods.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Drawbridge provides a vertical clearance of 9.5 feet above normal pool in the closed to navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. In order to replace the counterweight cables the bridge must be kept inoperative and in the closed to navigation position. This deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: August 4, 2003.

Roger K. Wiebusch,
Bridge Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Tampa-03-080]

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Security Zones; Tampa Bay, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has established security zones in Tampa Bay, Florida, immediately adjacent to power facilities at Big Bend, and Weedon Island. These zones are needed to ensure public safety and security in the greater Tampa Bay area. Entry into these zones is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, or their designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective September 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket [COTP Tampa-03-080] and are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Tampa, 155 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606-3598 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Heath Hartley, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Tampa, at (813) 228-2189 extension 123.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory History

On April 18, 2003, we published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Security Zones; Tampa Bay, Florida" in the *Federal Register* (68 FR 19166). We did not receive any letters commenting on the proposed rule. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, killed thousands of people and heightened the need for development of

various security measures throughout the seaports of the United States, particularly those vessels and facilities which are frequented by foreign nationals and are of interest to national security. Following these attacks by well-trained and clandestine terrorists, national security and intelligence officials have warned that future terrorists attacks are likely. The Captain of the Port of Tampa has determined that these security zones are necessary to protect the public, ports, and waterways of the United States from potential subversive acts.

These security zones are similar to the existing temporary security zones established for waters around power facilities in Tampa Bay that will soon expire. The following temporary final rule, temporary final rule correction, and notice of proposed rulemaking were published in the *Federal Register*:

Security Zones; Tampa Bay, Port of Tampa, Port of Saint Petersburg, Port Manatee, Rattlesnake, Old Port Tampa, Big Bend, Weedon Island, and Crystal River, FL. (68 FR 15328, March 25, 2003). This temporary final rule established 15 security zones including security zones at Weedon Island and Big Bend Power Facilities. These zones were extended through June 30, 2003.

Security Zones; Tampa Bay, Port of Tampa, Port of Saint Petersburg, Port Manatee, Rattlesnake, Old Port Tampa, Big Bend, Weedon Island, and Crystal River, FL; Correction. (68 FR 17291, April 9, 2003) This correction to the temporary final rule published in March 2003 in (68 FR 14328) changed the size of the security zone around the Big Bend Power facility and corrected erroneous descriptions of coordinates at both the Big Bend and Weedon Island Power facilities.

A notice proposing permanent security zones around Weedon Island and Big Bend Power facilities and soliciting comments on this proposal was published in the *Federal Register* (68 FR 19166, April 18, 2003). The comment period on the proposed rule concluded on June 17, 2003.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

No comments were received therefore no substantive changes have been made to the rule. We did, however, update the phone number for contacting the COTP.

Discussion of the Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing two permanent security zones in waters immediately adjacent to power facilities at Big Bend, and Weedon Island in Tampa Bay, Florida, to ensure public safety and security in the greater Tampa Bay area. Entry into or remaining within