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679.4(b),(f),(h) and (i)	-0206
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679.5(b),(c),(d),(g),(h),(i),(j),(k) and (m)	-0213
679.5(e),(f), and (o)	-0401
679.5(l)(1),(l)(2),(l)(3),(l)(4) and (l)(5)	-0272
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 165****[CGD09-03-214]****RIN 1625-AA11****Regulated Navigation Area; Des Plaines River, Joliet, IL****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is revising the effective period for a regulated navigation area (RNA) on the Des Plaines River in Joliet, Illinois. This action is necessary to ensure vessel and public safety due to several serious allisions with this bridge structure. This rule is intended to restrict vessel traffic in a portion of the Des Plaines River near Joliet, Illinois.

DATES: Effective November 15, 2003. Section 165.T09-214 expires March 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket [CGD09-02-214] and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office (MSO) Chicago, 215 W. 83rd St., Suite D, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60521 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MST2 Kenneth Brockhouse, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Chicago, at (630) 986-2175.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Regulatory Information**

On May 21, 2003, we published a temporary final rule (TFR) entitled "Regulated Navigation Area; Des Plaines River, Joliet, Illinois" in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 27727). We received 25 letters commenting on that TFR which we have summarized in the *Discussion of Comments* section. We plan on addressing those comments in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). The only adjustment being made to the temporary § 165.T09-214 created by the May 21, 2003 TFR is the effective period. No public meeting was requested and none was held.

We are extending the effective period of the temporary final rule so that we can complete rulemaking CGD09-03-285 Regulated Navigation Area, Joliet, Illinois, to permanently establish restrictions on southbound tows

transiting the Des Plaines River through Joliet, Illinois. Past allisions with the Jefferson Street Bridge highlight safety concerns when certain tows transiting this area. Extending the effective period until March 1, 2004 should provide sufficient time to complete the rulemaking. Since the temporary rule was to expire November 15, 2003, we are reinstating and revising it effective November 15, 2003.

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this rule and it is being made effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. When we promulgated the May 21, 2003 TFR, we were still ascertaining what steps were required in response to an allision just prior to that date. We received numerous comments in response to our temporary final rule as to what future actions were desirable.

Since public response to this temporary final rule was anticipated, we are currently finalizing an NPRM to be published shortly. That rulemaking will follow normal notice and comment procedures, and a final rule should be published before March 1, 2004.

Continuing the temporary final rule in effect while permanent rulemaking is in progress will help ensure the safety of this bridge structure. On May 2, 2003, a tow allided with the pier of the Jefferson Street Bridge which resulted in substantial damage to the bridge structure. As a result, it is estimated that the bridge will be inoperable for 4 to 6 months while repairs are made. The Captain of the Port Chicago believes that immediate action is necessary to help prevent any future allisions with the pier. Further, additional allisions might result in total structural failure, closure of the river for a period of time as a result of an allision, and the possible loss of life as a result of another allision. Prior to this accident, another tow had allided with the bridge, which resulted in a closure of over 6 months. These allisions are not only dangerous to the safety of navigation, but also to persons who are on the bridge as tows transit underneath. Therefore, under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) and (d)(3) good cause exists for why an NPRM is not required and why this rule will be made effective fewer than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

On May 2, 2003, a southbound tow allided with the pier of the Jefferson Street bridge. This allision resulted in significant structural damage to the bridge pier. Southbound tows with a 3 by 5 configuration, transiting under the Cass Street Bridge and then the Jefferson Street Bridge, only have 100 feet of