DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2015–0999]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Upper Mississippi River, Dubuque, IA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from
drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a
temporary deviation from the operating
schedule that governs the Illinois
Central Railroad Drawbridge across the
Mississippi River, mile 579.9, at
Dubuque, Iowa. The deviation is
necessary to allow the bridge owner
time to perform preventive maintenance
that is essential to the safe operation of
the drawbridge. Maintenance is
scheduled in the winter when there is
less impact on navigation, instead of
scheduling work in the summer when
river traffic increases. This deviation
allows the bridge to open on signal if at
least 24-hours advance notice is given.
It further allows the bridge to remain
closed for up to 120 hours in duration
occasionally to replace larger
components as long as 72-hours notice
is given to the USCG District Eight
Western Rivers Bridge Branch.

DATES: This deviation is effective from
5 p.m., December 14, 2015 until 9 a.m.,
February 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this
declaration, (USCG–2015–0999) is
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“SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH”.
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associated with this deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If
you have questions on this temporary
deviation, call or email Eric A.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Chicago, Central & Pacific Railroad
requested a temporary deviation for the
Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge,
across the Upper Mississippi River, mile
579.9, at Dubuque, Iowa to open on
signal if at least 24-hours advance notice
is given for 77 days from 5 p.m.,
December 14, 2015 until 9 a.m.,
February 29, 2016 for scheduled
maintenance on the bridge. The
deviation further allows the bridge to
remain closed for up to 120 hours in
duration occasionally to replace larger
components as long as 72-hours notice
is given to the USCG District Eight
Western Rivers Bridge Branch.

The Illinois Central Railroad
Drawbridge currently operates in
accordance with 33 CFR 117.5, which
states the general requirement that the
drawbridge shall open on signal.

There are no alternate routes for
vessels transiting this section of the
Upper Mississippi River. The bridge
cannot open in case of emergency.

Winter conditions on the Upper
Mississippi River coupled with the
closure of Army Corps of Engineer’s
Lock No. 13 (Mile 522.5 UMR) and Lock
No. 21 (Mile 324.9 UMR) from 7 a.m.
January 4, 2016 until 12 p.m., March 4,
2016 will preclude any significant
navigation demands for the drawspan
opening. In addition, Army Corps Lock
No. 14 (Mile 493.3 UMR) and Lock No.
17 (Mile 437.1 UMR) will be closed
from 7 a.m. December 14, 2015 until 12
p.m. March 2, 2016.

The Illinois Central Railroad
Drawbridge provides a vertical
clearance of 19.9 feet above normal pool
in the closed-to-navigation position.
Navigation on the waterway consists
primarily of commercial tows and
recreational watercraft and will not be
significantly impacted. The drawbridge
will open if at least 24-hours advance
notice is given and will close for up to
120 hours provided 72-hours advance
notice is given to the USCG District
Eight Western Rivers Bridge Branch.
This temporary deviation has been
coordinated with waterway users. No
objections were received.

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

Dated: November 27, 2015.

Eric A. Washburn,
Bridge Administrator, Western Rivers.

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[Docket No. USCG–2015–0975]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Upper Mississippi River, Clinton, IA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from
drawbridge regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has issued a
temporary deviation from the operating
schedule that governs the Clinton
Railroad Drawbridge across the
Mississippi River, mile 518.0, at
Clinton, Iowa. The deviation is
necessary to allow the bridge owner
time to perform preventative
maintenance that is essential to the
continued safe operation of the
drawbridge. Maintenance is scheduled in
the winter when there is less impact
on navigation; instead of scheduling
work in the summer, when river traffic
increases. This deviation allows the
bridge to open on signal if at least 24-
hours advance notice is given. It further
allows the bridge to remain closed for
up to 120 hours in duration occasionally
between January 4, 2016 and February
19, 2016 to replace larger bridge
components as long as 72-hours notice
is given to the USCG District Eight
Western Rivers Bridge Branch.

DATES: This deviation is effective from
5 p.m., December 15, 2015 until 9 a.m.,
on March 1, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this
declaration, (USCG–2015–0975) is
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deviation, call or email Eric A.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Union
Pacific Railroad requested a temporary
deviation for the Clinton Railroad
Drawbridge, across the Upper
Mississippi River, mile 518.0, at
Clinton, Iowa to open on signal if at
least 24-hours advance notice is given
for 76 days from 5 p.m., December 15,
2015 to 9 a.m., March 1, 2016 for
scheduled maintenance on the bridge.
This deviation further allows the bridge
to remain closed for up to 120 hours in