SUMMARY: OSHA is rescheduling the informal public hearing on its proposed rule “Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds.” The public hearing will now begin on Monday March 21, 2016 at 2 p.m., local time.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of informal public hearing; Date change.
comment period ended on November 5, 2015. The December 30, 2015 Federal Register notice of informal public hearing describes the procedures that will govern this hearing. http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=OSHA-H005C-2006-0870-1706. All other information from this Federal Register notice remains the same.

DATES: Informal public hearing.

The hearing will begin on March 21, 2016 at 2 p.m., local time. If necessary, the hearing will continue from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time, on subsequent days, in Washington, DC. The original public hearing start date of February 29, 2016 is withdrawn.

ADDRESSES: Informal public hearing.

The Washington, DC hearing will be held in the Cesar Chavez Auditorium at the Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2015, OSHA published a proposed rule to amend its existing exposure limits for occupational exposure in general industry to beryllium and beryllium compounds (80 FR 47565). The proposed rule would promulgate a substance-specific standard for general industry, regulating occupational exposure to beryllium and beryllium compounds. OSHA accepted comments concerning the proposed rule during the comment period, which ended on November 5, 2015. Commenters shared information and suggestions on a variety of topics, and the Non-Ferrous Founders’ Society also requested that OSHA schedule an informal public hearing on the proposed rule.

On December 30, 2015, OSHA published a notice of informal hearing and invited interested persons in the rulemaking to participate by providing oral testimony and documentary evidence at the informal hearing. The Agency requested those interested persons submit a notice of intent to appear and all documentary evidence by January 29, 2016. The original hearing date of February 29, 2016 has been rescheduled to March 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. If necessary, the hearing will continue from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on subsequent days, in Washington, DC.

Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, pursuant to section 6(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655(b)), Secretary of Labor’s Order 1–2012 (77 FR 3992), and 29 CFR part 1911.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 5, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2016–0026]

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Safety Zone, Block Island Wind Farm; Rhode Island Sound, RI

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a 500-yard safety zone around each of five locations where the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF) wind turbine generator (WTG) towers, nacelles, blades and subsea cables will be installed in the navigable waters of the Rhode Island Sound, RI, from April 1 to October 31, 2016. These safety zones are intended to safeguard mariners from the hazards associated with construction of the BIWF. Vessels would be prohibited from entering into, transiting through, mooring, or anchoring within these safety zones while construction vessels and associated equipment are present at any of the BIWF WTG sites, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COTP), Southeastern New England or the COTP’s designated representative. We invited your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before March 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2016–0026 using the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, contact Mr. Edward G. LeBlanc, Chief of the Waterways Management Division at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England, telephone 401–435–2351, email Edward.G.LeBlanc@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Acronyms

BIWF  Block Island Wind Farm
CFR  Code of Federal Regulations
COTP  Captain of The Port
DHS  Department of Homeland Security
EO  Executive order
FR  Federal Register
NPRM  Notice of proposed rulemaking
NTM  Notice To Mariners
Pub. L.  Public Law
§  Section
WTG  Wind Turbine Generator

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On January 6, 2016, the Coast Guard was notified by Deepwater Wind Inc, developer of the Block Island Wind Farm, that the second phase of construction activities are planned from April 1 to October 31, 2016, to install turbines, nacelles, blades, and subsea cables at each of the five WTG sites. The Coast Guard published a safety zone regulation, similar to this proposed rule, which applied to the first phase (installation of foundations) of construction of the BIWF in 2015. The Coast Guard is now proposing a similar rule for the second phase of BIWF construction.

This rule is necessary to provide for the safety of life and navigation, for construction and support vessels, BIWF workers, mariners, and the boating public during construction activities in the vicinity of the BIWF in Rhode Island Sound, RI.

The legal basis for the proposed rule is 33 U.S.C., 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5 Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1, which collectively authorize the Coast Guard to establish safety zones.

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