the length of the span of the bridge. The
PATH Bridge across the Hackensack
River, mile 3.0, has a vertical clearance
in the closed position of 40 feet at mean
high water and 45 feet at mean low
water. The existing bridge operating
regulations are found at 33 CFR
117.723(b).

Under this temporary deviation, the
PATH Bridge shall remain in the closed
position between 12:01 a.m. Saturday
and 11:59 p.m. Sunday as follows:
June 10–11, 24–25; July 1–2, 8–9, 15–
16, 29–30; August 26–27; September
16–17; October 7–8, 14–15, 28–29;
November 4–5, 11–12, 18–19; December
2–3, 2017. Additionally, the PATH
Bridge shall remain in the closed
position between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59
p.m. on the following Saturdays: June
17, August 5, 19; and October 21, 2017.

The waterway is transited by
commercial and recreational traffic. The
Coast Guard notified known companies
of the commercial vessels that transit
the area, including the Sandy Hook
Pilots and the local Tug/Tow
Committee; there were no objections to
this temporary deviation modification.
Vessels able to pass under the bridge in
the closed position may do so at anytime.
The bridge will not be able to open
for emergencies and there is no
immediate alternate route for vessels to
pass.

The Coast Guard will inform the users
of the waterways through our Local
Notice and Broadcast to Mariners of the
change in operating schedule for the
bridge so that vessel operations can
arrange their transits to minimize any
impact caused by the temporary
deviation.

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: June 5, 2017.

C.J. Bisignano,
Supervisory Bridge Management Specialist,
First Coast Guard District.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117
[Docket No. USCG–2017–0369]

Drawbridge Operation Regulation;
Jamaica Bay, Queens, NY

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 Marine
Parkway (Gil Hodges) Bridge across
Rockaway Inlet, mile 3.0, at Queens,
NY. This action is necessary to complete
bridge maintenance and repairs. This
deviation allows the bridge to remain in
the closed position.

DATES: This modified deviation is
effective without actual notice from
June 9, 2017 through 11:59 p.m. on June
30, 2017. For the purposes of
enforcement, actual notice will be used
from May 13, 2017 at 5 p.m. until June
9, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this
deviation, USCG–2017–0369 is available
at http://www.regulations.gov. Type the
docket number in the “SEARCH” box
and click “SEARCH”. Click on Open
Docket Folder on the line associated
with this deviation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If
you have questions on this temporary
deviation, call or email James M. Moore,
Bridge Management Specialist, First
District Bridge Branch, U.S. Coast
Guard; telephone 212–514–4334, email
james.m.moore2@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The
Metropolitan Transportation Authority,
owner of the bridge, requested a
temporary deviation in order to
facilitate replacement of lift span
machinery. The Marine Parkway (Gil
Hodges) Bridge across Rockaway Inlet,
mile 3.0 at Queens, New York has a
vertical clearance of 55 feet at mean
high water and 59 feet at mean low
water in the closed position. The
existing drawbridge operating
regulations are listed at 33 CFR
117.795(a).

The temporary deviation will allow
the Marine Parkway (Gil Hodges) Bridge
to remain in the closed position from
5:01 p.m. May 13, 2017 to 11:59 p.m.
June 30, 2017.
The waterway is transited by seasonal
recreational traffic as well as
commercial vessels, largely tug and
barge combinations. The 55 foot vertical
clearance while the bridge is in the
closed position offers the bulk of
commercial traffic sufficient room to
transit the navigation opening of the
structure even when in the closed
position. Vessels that can pass under the
bridge without an opening may do so at
all times. The bridge will not be able to
open for emergencies and there is no
immediate alternate route for vessels
unable to pass through the bridge when
in the closed position.

The Coast Guard will also inform the
users of the waterways through our
Local and Broadcast Notices to Mariners
of the change in operating schedule for
the bridge so that vessel operators can
arrange their transits to minimize any
impact caused by this temporary
deviation.

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.


C.J. Bisignano,
Supervisory Bridge Management Specialist,
First Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165
[Docket Number USCG–2017–0347]

Safety Zone; Chicago River, Chicago,
IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is
establishing a temporary safety zone on
the Chicago River, Chicago, IL. This
action is necessary and intended to
ensure safety of life on the navigable
waters of the United States immediately
prior to, during, and after the filming of
a motion picture from a low flying
helicopter. Entry of vessels or persons
into this zone is prohibited unless
specifically authorized by the Captain of
the Port Lake Michigan.

DATES: This rule will be effective from
7:45 a.m. on June 11, 2017 to 3:30 p.m.
on June 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To view documents
mentioned in this preamble as being
available in the docket, go to http://
The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to public interest." Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because doing so would be impracticable. The final details for this event were not known to the Coast Guard until there was insufficient time remaining before the event to publish a NPRM. Thus, delaying the effective date of this rule to wait for a comment period to run would be impracticable because it would inhibit the Coast Guard’s ability to protect the public and vessels from the hazards associated with the filming from a low flying helicopter on the Chicago River. This safety zone will be enforced intermittently from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on June 11, 2017, 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 17, 2017, and 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 18, 2017, or alternate weather contingency dates of June 24, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and June 25, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This zone will encompass all waters of the Chicago River between the Columbus Drive Bridge on the Main Branch of the Chicago River, the Kinzie Street Bridge on the North Branch of the Chicago River, and the Randolph Street Highway Bridge on the South Branch of the Chicago River in Chicago, IL. Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan, or a designated on-scene representative. The Captain of the Port or a designated on-scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. 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. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered the impact of this temporary rule on small entities. This rule will affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: the owners or operators of vessels intending to transit on a portion of the Chicago River from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on June 11, 2017, 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 17, 2017,
and 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 18, 2017, or alternate weather contingency dates of June 24, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and June 25, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This safety zone will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the reasons cited in the Regulatory Planning and Review section. Additionally, before the enforcement of the zone, we will issue local Broadcast Notice to Mariners and a notification in the Local Notice to Mariners Publication.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

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). The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive order 13132. Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive order 13132. Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes. If you believe this rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of $100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370h), and have determined that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. This rule involves the establishment of a safety zone for filming from a low flying helicopter on the Chicago River in Chicago, IL. It is categorically excluded from further review under section 2.B.2, Figure 2–1, paragraph 34(g) of the Instruction. A Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES section of this preamble. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protestors. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be delivered without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:


2. Add § 165.T09–0347 to read as follows:

§ 165.T09–0347 Safety zone; Chicago River, Chicago, IL.

(a) Location. All waters of the Chicago River between the Columbus Drive Bridge on the Main Branch of the Chicago River, the Kinzie Street Bridge on the North Branch of the Chicago River, and the Randolph Street Highway Bridge on the South Branch of the Chicago River in Chicago, IL.

(b) Effective and enforcement period. This rule will be effective from 7:45 a.m. on June 11, 2017 to 3:30 p.m. on June 25, 2017. This rule will be enforced intermittently from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on June 11, 2017, 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 17, 2017, and 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 18, 2017, or alternate weather contingency dates of June 24, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and June 25, 2017 from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(c) Regulations. (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan to act on his or her behalf.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone shall contact the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or an on-scene representative to obtain permission to do so. The Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or an on-scene representative may be
Pursuant to 33 CFR 165.23, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone during an enforcement period is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated representative. Those seeking permission to enter the safety zone may request permission from the Captain of Port Buffalo via channel 16, VHF–FM. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey the directions of the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated representative. While within a safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.939 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the Federal Register, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Buffalo determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice he or she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariner’s grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

Dated: June 5, 2017.

J.S. Dufresne,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone during the enforcement period. No person or vessel may enter the respective safety zone without the permission of the Captain of the Port Buffalo.

DATES: The regulation in 33 CFR 165.939(a)(30) will be enforced on August 5 and 6, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this enforcement, call or email LT Michael Collet, Chief of Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo, 1 Fuhrmann Blvd. Buffalo, NY 14203; telephone 716–843–9322, email SectorBuffaloMarineSafety@uscg.mil.

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because information about the fireworks display scheduled for July 1, 2017 was not received by the Coast Guard with sufficient time to allow for an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. It is contrary to the public interest to publish an NPRM because immediate action is needed to ensure the safety of the fireworks participants, patrol vessels, and other vessels transiting the fireworks display area.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. A restriction on vessel traffic during the fireworks display scheduled for July 1, 2017 is necessary to protect life, property, and the environment; therefore, a 30-day notice is both impracticable and contrary to public