

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Concerning the proposed regulations, Jeffrey P. Cowan, Office of Associate Chief Counsel (International) at (202) 317-4924 (not a toll-free number); concerning information on the hearing Regina Johnson at (202) 317-6901 (not toll-free numbers) and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, email *Regina.L.Johnson@IRSCOUNSEL.TREAS.GOV*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of proposed rulemaking appeared in the **Federal Register** on Friday, December 7, 2018 (83 FR 63200). The subject of the public hearing concerns proposed regulations that provide guidance related to the Foreign Tax Credit, including guidance implementing changes made by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The public comment period for these regulations ended on February 5, 2019.

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing. Persons who wish to present oral comments at the hearing that submitted written comments by February 5, 2019, must submit an outline of the topics to be addressed and the amount of time to be devoted to each topic by Friday, March 8, 2019.

A period of 10 minutes is allotted to each person for presenting oral comments. After the deadline for receiving outlines has passed, the IRS will prepare an agenda containing the schedule of speakers. Copies of the agenda will be made available, free of charge, at the hearing or by contacting the Publications and Regulations Branch at (202) 317-6901 (not a toll-free number) or emailing *Regina.L.Johnson@IRSCOUNSEL.TREAS.GOV*.

Because of access restrictions, the IRS will not admit visitors beyond the immediate entrance area more than 30 minutes before the hearing starts. For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

Martin V. Franks,

Branch Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration).

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD**29 CFR Part 1206**

[Docket No. C-7198]

RIN 3140-AA01

Representation Procedures and Rulemaking Authority

AGENCY: National Mediation Board.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The National Mediation Board (NMB or Board) extends an invitation to interested parties to attend an open public hearing with the Board and its staff on March 28, 2019. The hearing will be held in Training Rooms 2 & 3 located on the 1st Floor of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. During the hearing, the NMB invites interested persons to share their views on the proposed rules changes related to the decertification of representatives.

DATES: The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to time and seating considerations, individuals desiring to attend the hearing, or to make a presentation before the Board, must notify the NMB staff, no later than 4 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 22, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in the Training Rooms 2 & 3 located on the 1st Floor of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. Requests to attend the hearing must be addressed to Mary Johnson, General Counsel, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street NW, Suite 250-East, Washington, DC 20005. Written requests may also be made electronically to *legal@nmb.gov*. All communications must include Docket No. C-7198.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Johnson, General Counsel, National Mediation Board, 202-692-5050, *legal@nmb.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Mediation Board will hold an open public hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2019, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to solicit views of interested persons concerning proposed rule changes. On Thursday, January 31, 2019, the NMB issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (84 FR 612), proposing to amend its rules in relation to decertifying representatives. These rule changes are proposed to be codified at 29 CFR part 1206. In addition to the comment procedure outlined in the

NPRM, the NMB is providing another opportunity for interested persons to provide their views to the Board on this important matter.

Individuals desiring to attend the hearing must notify the NMB staff, in writing, at the above listed physical or email address no later than 4p.m. EDT on March 22, 2019. If the individual desires to make a presentation to the Board at the hearing, he or she is required to submit a brief outline of the presentation when making the request. In addition, a full written statement must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019. In lieu of making an oral presentation, individuals may submit a written statement for the record.

To attend the hearing, all potential attendees must include in their request: (1) Their full name and (2) organizational affiliation (if any). Attendees are reminded to bring a photo identification card with them to the public hearing in order to gain admittance to the building. Due to the time and potential space limitations in the hearing room, the NMB will notify individuals of their attendance and/or speaking status (*i.e.*, preliminary time for their presentation) prior to the hearing. Individuals should be prepared to summarize their written statements at the hearing.

Agenda: The hearing will be limited to issues related to the NMB's proposed rule changes appearing in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2019 at 84 FR 612.

Dated: February 26, 2019.

Mary Johnson,

General Counsel, National Mediation Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****33 CFR Part 100**

[Docket Number USCG-2019-0058]

RIN 1625-AA08

Special Local Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, LA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposed to establish a temporary special local regulation for certain navigable waters of Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans, LA. This action is necessary to protect

persons and vessels from potential hazards created by the Kenner Super Boat Grand Prix Race. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone would be prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans or a designated representative. We invite your comments on this proposed rulemaking.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before April 1, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2019–0058 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://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, call or email Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Morgan, Sector New Orleans, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 504–365–2281, email Benjamin.P.Morgan@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
COTP Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On January 19, 2019, Super Boat International Productions (SBIP) notified the Coast Guard that it would be conducting the Kenner Super Boat Grand Prix boat race from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23, 2019. The race will take place on Lake Pontchartrain within the following coordinates: 30°03.056' N/090°15.489' W to 30°02.500' N/090°13.547' W to 30°02.717' N/090°13.460' W to 30°03.252' N/090°15.374' W. The Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the race would be a safety concern for anyone within the aforementioned coordinates. The Coast Guard proposes this rulemaking under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70041(a).

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The COTP proposes to establish a temporary special regulation in the specified area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23, 2019. The race zone would

cover all navigable waters within the following coordinates on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans, LA: 30°03.056' N/090°15.489' W to 30°02.500' N/090°13.547' W to 30°02.717' N/090°13.460' W to 30°03.252' N/090°15.374' W. The duration of the area is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and these navigable waters before, during, and after the scheduled marine event. Only pre-designated vessel(s) or person(s) would be permitted within the safety zone. The sponsor would designate a spectator zone on the north side of the race zone, as defined by the aforementioned coordinates, for vessels. No additional vessel(s) or person(s) would be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector New Orleans. Vessels requiring entry into this regulated area must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted on VHF–FM Channel 16 or 67 or by telephone at (504) 365–2200. Persons and vessels permitted to enter this regulated area must transit at their slowest safe speed and comply with all lawful directions issued by the COTP or the designated representative. No spectator vessel would be allowed to anchor, block, loiter, or impede the through transit of participants or a designated patrol vessel in the regulated area during the effective dates and times, unless cleared for entry by the COTP or the designated representative. Any spectator vessel may anchor outside the regulated area. Spectator vessels might be moored to a waterfront facility within the regulated area in such a way that they would not interfere with the progress of the event. Such mooring would have to be complete at least 30 minutes prior to the establishment of the regulated area and remain moored through the duration of the event.

The COTP or a designated representative might forbid and control the movement of all vessels in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by a designated patrol vessel, a vessel would come to an immediate stop and comply with the directions given. Failure to do so might result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both. The COTP or a designated representative might terminate the event or the operation of any vessel at any time it is deemed necessary for the protection of life or

property. The COTP or a designated representative would terminate enforcement of the special local regulations at the conclusion of the event.

The COTP or a designated representative would inform the public of the effective period for the safety zone as well as any changes in the dates and times of enforcement through Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs), Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs) as appropriate.

The regulatory text we are proposing appears at the end of this document.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This NPRM has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size and duration of the temporary special local regulation. The regulated area would cover a small area of the navigable waters within the following coordinates on Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans, LA: 30°03.056' N/090°15.489' W to 30°02.500' N/090°13.547' W to 30°02.717' N/090°13.460' W to 30°03.252' N/090°15.374' W. The duration of the regulated area would be seven hours on one day and would not be expected to significantly affect the vessel traffic on Lake Pontchartrain. The COTP would allow entry into the area on a case-by-case basis. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Local Notice to Mariners (LNM), Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs), and/or Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) via VHF–FM marine channel 16 about the zone. This would allow waterway users to plan accordingly for transits during this restriction.

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 proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the temporary regulated area may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section IV.A above, this proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see **ADDRESSES**) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

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

C. Collection of Information

This proposed rule would 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 proposed 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 proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would 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 proposed rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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 proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security 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. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination 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 proposed rule involves a temporary specially regulated area lasting seven hours that would prohibit entry into the area within the following coordinates: 30°03.056' N/090°15.489' W to 30°02.500' N/090°13.547' W to 30°02.717' N/090°13.460' W to 30° 03.252' N/090°15.374' W. This action is categorically excluded from further review under L61 of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023–01–001–01, Rev. 01. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant

environmental impact from this proposed rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. 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 received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

V. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, visit <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

Documents mentioned in this NPRM as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 100 is amended to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70041(a).

■ 2. Add § 100.T08–0058 to read as follows:

§ 100.T08–0058 Special Local Regulation; Lake Pontchartrain, New Orleans, LA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a special local regulation: 30°03.056' N/090°15.489' W to 30°02.500' N/090°13.547' W to 30°02.717' N/090°13.460' W to 30°03.252' N/090°15.374' W.

(b) *Effective period.* This section is effective from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. on June 23, 2019.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) In accordance with the general regulations in § 100.35 of this part, entry into or remaining within this regulated area is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans (COTP) or designated representative. A designated representative is a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the U.S. Coast Guard assigned to units under the operational control of USCG Sector New Orleans.

(2) Vessels requiring entry into this regulated area must request permission from the COTP or a designated representative. They may be contacted on VHF–FM Channel 16 or 67 or by telephone at (504) 365–2200.

(3) Persons and vessels permitted to enter this safety zone must transit at their slowest safe speed and comply with all lawful directions issued by the COTP or the designated representative.

(4) No spectator vessel is allowed to anchor, block, loiter, or impede the through transit of participants or a designated patrol vessel in the regulated area during the effective dates and times, unless cleared for entry by the COTP or the designated representative.

(5) Any spectator vessel may anchor outside the regulated area. Spectator vessels may be moored to a waterfront facility within the regulated area in such a way that they do not interfere with the progress of the event. Such mooring have to be complete at least 30 minutes prior to the establishment of the regulated area and remain moored through the duration of the event.

(6) The COTP or a designated representative may forbid and control the movement of all vessels in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by a designated patrol vessel, a vessel shall come to an immediate stop and comply with the directions given. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both.

(7) The COTP or a designated representative may terminate the event or the operation of any vessel at any time it is deemed necessary for the

protection of life or property. The COTP or a designated representative will terminate enforcement of the special local regulations at the conclusion of the event.

(d) *Information broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public of the enforcement times and date for this regulated area through Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs), Local Notice to Mariners (LNMs), and/or Marine Safety Information Bulletins (MSIBs), as appropriate.

Dated: February 22, 2019.

K.M. Luttrell,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector New Orleans.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG–2018–0228]

RIN 1625–AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Delaware River, Burlington, NJ and Bristol, PA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to modify the operating schedule that governs the SR 413/Burlington-Bristol Bridge across the Delaware River, mile 117.8, between Burlington, NJ and Bristol, PA. This proposed modification will allow the drawbridge to be maintained in closed-to-navigation and is necessary to accommodate bridge maintenance.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before April 1, 2019.

The Coast Guard anticipates that this proposed rule will be effective from 8 a.m. on February 15, 2019, through 7:59 a.m. on September 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2018–0228 using Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call or email Mr. Michael

Thorogood, Bridge Administration Branch Fifth District, Coast Guard, telephone 757–398–6557, email Michael.R.Thorogood@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
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U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background, Purpose and Legal Basis

On April 26, 2018, the Coast Guard published a temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Delaware River, Burlington, NJ and Bristol, PA” in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 18226). This temporary deviation was to facilitate bridge maintenance and painting of the vertical lift span of the drawbridge from May 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018. During the planned maintenance period, a work platform would have reduced one half of the bridge span vertical clearance to approximately 58 feet above mean high water in the closed position and approximately 132 feet above mean high water in the open position.

On August 9, 2018, the Coast Guard published a cancellation of the temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Delaware River, Burlington NJ and Bristol, PA” in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 18226), in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 39361). The temporary deviation was cancelled due to delays in performing bridge maintenance outside the navigation span, thereby eliminating the need for a temporary deviation to facilitate bridge maintenance in the navigation span. Due to the cancellation of the work, the platform was not installed and the bridge is operating under its regular operating schedule in 33 CFR 117.716 (a). In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the drawbridge was returned to its regular operating schedule upon publication of the cancellation.

The Burlington County Bridge Commission, who owns and operates the SR 413/Burlington-Bristol Bridge across the Delaware River, mile 117.8, between Burlington, NJ and Bristol, PA, has requested this modification to allow the drawbridge to be maintained in the closed-to-navigation position to facilitate maintenance and painting of the vertical lift span of the drawbridge.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

The SR 413/Burlington-Bristol Bridge across the Delaware River, mile 117.8,