

regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, and Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 5100.1, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e) of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. Under figure 2–1, paragraph (32)(e), of the Instruction, an “Environmental Analysis Check List” and a “Categorical Exclusion Determination” are not required for this rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117

Bridges.

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

■ 2. Revise § 117.287(d)(1) and (2) to read as follows:

§ 117.287 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

(d)(1) Cortez (SR 684) Bridge, mile 87.4. The draw shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour. From January 15 to May

15, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

(2) Anna Maria (SR 64) (Manatee Avenue West) Bridge, mile 89.2. The draw shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour. From January 15 to May 15, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

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Dated: January 5, 2007.

D.W. Kunkel,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

33 CFR Part 401

[Docket No. SLSDC 2006–26397]

RIN 2135–AA24

Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories

AGENCY: Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in Canada) in their respective jurisdictions. Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is amending the joint regulations by updating the Seaway Regulations and Rules in various categories. The changes update the following sections of the Regulation and Rules: Condition of Vessels; Preclearance and Security for Tolls; Seaway Navigation; Dangerous Cargo; and, General. These amendments are necessary to take account of updated procedures and will enhance the safety of transits through the Seaway. Several of the amendments are merely editorial or for clarification of existing requirements.

DATES: *Effective date:* This rule is effective February 21, 2007.

Comment date: Any party wishing to present views on the final rule may file comments with the Corporation on or before February 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by DOT DMS Docket Number

SLSDC 2006–26397] by any of the following methods:

• *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

• *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

• *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–001.

• *Hand Delivery:* Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this rulemaking. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to Room PL–401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig H. Middlebrook, Acting Chief Counsel, Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366–0091.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) and the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) of Canada, under international agreement, jointly publish and presently administer the St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules (Practices and Procedures in Canada) in their respective jurisdictions. Under agreement with the SLSMC, the SLSDC is amending the joint regulations by updating the Regulations and Rules in various categories. The changes update the following sections of the Regulations and Rules: Condition of Vessels; Preclearance and Security for Tolls; Seaway Navigation; Dangerous Cargo; and, General. These updates are necessary to take account of updated procedures which will enhance the safety of transits through the Seaway.

Many of these changes are to clarify existing requirements in the regulations. Where new requirements or regulations are made, an explanation for such a change is provided below.

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published on December 4, 2006 (71 FR 70336). Interested parties have been afforded an opportunity to comment. While no public comments were received, the SLSDC is making a few minor editorial changes to the final rule in order to ensure consistency between the final rules published in each jurisdiction.

Regulatory Notices: Privacy Act:

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

The SLSDC is making one clarification to the Interpretation section of the joint Seaway regulations. Under section 401.2, "Interpretation", after the definition of Seaway station, the SLSDC is adding a reference to section 401.62, "Seaway stations" for a list and location of the specific Seaway stations. In terms of Notice and Arrival requirements for vessels transiting the Seaway pursuant to section 401.79, "Advance notice of arrival, vessels requiring inspection", there has been some confusion regarding the location of the nearest Seaway station. Inserting a reference to the list of Seaway Stations in the definition will aid in clarifying the location to which a vessel must provide its 96 hours notice of arrival.

The SLSDC is making two amendments to the joint regulations pertaining to the Condition of Vessels. Under section 401.8, "Landing booms", the SLSDC is requiring vessels that are equipped with landing booms, but not using them, to use the Seaway's tie-up service at approach walls. This amendment clarifies which vessels are required to use the Seaway's tie-up service. Under section 401.12, "Minimum requirements—mooring lines and fairleads", the SLSDC is providing flexibility to Seaway ship inspectors' ability to require an alternate mooring arrangement when a vessel cannot comply with the Seaway regulation due to design or other factors.

Two amendments to the joint regulations regarding Preclearance and Security for Tolls are being made. The amendment to section 401.22,

"Preclearance of vessels", will provide flexibility to an officer to preclear a vessel, such as a large private yacht or "Tall Ship" that would not be able to moor at the pleasure craft docks because of its unusual design and requirements for inspection. Section 401.24, "Application for Preclearance", is revised to eliminate the requirement that a representative of a vessel must submit 3 copies of a preclearance form since the Manager no longer issues 3 copies of the form.

The SLSDC is making two amendments to the joint regulations pertaining to Seaway Navigation. Under section 401.40, "Entering a lock", the SLSDC is renaming the section and adding language to make it clear that no vessel shall exit a lock in a manner that results in the stern passing the stop symbol on the lock wall nearest the closed gates. There have been instances in which vessels, when required to maintain position in a lock or upon entering or departing a lock, have drifted astern resulting in damage to Seaway property. This amendment requires a vessel entering, exiting or maintaining its position in a lock to adhere to firmly established Seaway procedures. Under section 401.58, "Pleasure craft scheduling", language is added to clarify that the requirement to use the automated ticket dispensers only applies to vessels transiting Canadian locks since there are no automated ticket dispensers at the U.S. locks.

The SLSDC is making several clarifying/editorial changes in the joint Seaway regulations pertaining to Dangerous Cargo. Revised language throughout the following sections: 401.68, "Explosives Permission Letter"; 401.70, "Fendering—explosive and hazardous cargo vessels"; and, 401.72, "Reporting—explosive and hazardous cargo vessels", clarifies that the Seaway(s) issue Seaway Explosives Permission Letters rather than permits.

In the regulations pertaining to general requirements, the SLSDC makes one amendment. Under section 401.93, "Access to Seaway property," the word "swim" is removed in order to clarify that a person may not enter any Seaway canal or lock area regardless of the method of entry.

Regulatory Evaluation

This regulation involves a foreign affairs function of the United States and therefore Executive Order 12866 does not apply and evaluation under the Department of Transportation's Regulatory Policies and Procedures is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Determination

I certify this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The St. Lawrence Seaway Regulations and Rules primarily relate to commercial users of the Seaway, the vast majority of whom are foreign vessel operators. Therefore, any resulting costs will be borne mostly by foreign vessels.

Environmental Impact

This regulation does not require an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (49 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) because it is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Federalism

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria in Executive Order 13132, dated August 4, 1999, and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant a Federalism Assessment.

Unfunded Mandates

The Corporation has analyzed this rule under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4, 109 Stat. 48) and determined that it does not impose unfunded mandates on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector requiring a written statement of economic and regulatory alternatives.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This regulation has been analyzed under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Office of Management and Budget review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 401

Hazardous materials transportation, Navigation (water), Penalties, Radio, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Vessels, Waterways.

■ Accordingly, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation amends 33 CFR part 401, Regulations and Rules, as follows:

PART 401—SEAWAY REGULATIONS AND RULES

Subpart A—Regulations

■ 1. The authority citation for subpart A of part 401 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 983(a) and 984(a)(4), as amended; 49 CFR 1.52, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. In § 401.2 paragraph (k) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.2 Interpretation.

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(k) *Seaway Station* means a radio station operated by the Corporation or the Manager. (Refer to 401.62. Seaway Stations for the list and location of stations).

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■ 3. In § 401.8 paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.8 Landing booms.

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(c) Vessels not equipped with or not using landing booms must use the Seaway's tie-up service at approach walls.

■ 4. Section 401.12 paragraph (a) introductory text is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.12 Minimum requirements—mooring lines and fairleads.

(a) Unless otherwise permitted by the officer the minimum requirements in respect of mooring lines, which shall be available for securing on either side of the vessel, winches, and the location of fairleads on vessels are as follows:

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■ 5. In § 401.22 paragraph (c) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.22 Preclearance of vessels.

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(c) Unless otherwise permitted by an officer a non-commercial vessel of 300 gross registered tonnage or less cannot apply for preclearance status and must transit as a pleasure craft.

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■ 6. § 401.24 is revised as follows:

§ 401.24 Application for preclearance.

The representative of a vessel may, on a preclearance form obtained from the Manager, St. Lambert, Quebec, or downloaded from the St. Lawrence Seaway Web site at <http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com>, apply for preclearance, giving particulars of the ownership, liability insurance and physical characteristics of the vessel and guaranteeing payment of the fees that may be incurred by the vessel.

■ 7. In § 401.40 the section heading is revised, paragraphs (b) and (c) are redesignated as paragraphs (c) and (d), respectively, and a new paragraph (b) is added to read as follows:

§ 401.40 Entering, Exiting or Position in Lock.

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(b) No vessel shall depart a lock in such a manner that the stern passes the

stop symbol on the lock wall nearest the closed gates.

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■ 8. In § 401.58 paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.58 Pleasure craft scheduling.

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(b) Every pleasure craft seeking to transit Canadian Locks shall stop at a pleasure craft dock and arrange for transit by contacting the lock personnel using the direct-line phone and make the lockage fee payment by purchasing a ticket using the automated ticket dispensers.

■ 9. In § 401.68, the section heading and paragraphs (a) introductory text, (b), (c), and (d) are revised to read as follows:

§ 401.68 Explosives Permission Letter.

(a) A Seaway Explosives Permission Letter is required for an explosive vessel in the following cases:

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(b) When an explosive vessel is carrying quantities of explosives above the maximum mentioned in paragraph (a) of this section, no Seaway Explosives Permission Letter shall be granted and the vessel shall not transit.

(c) A written application for a Seaway Explosives Permission Letter certifying that the cargo is packed, marked, and stowed in accordance with the Canadian Regulations respecting the Carriage of Dangerous Goods, the United States Regulations under the Dangerous Cargo Act and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code may be made to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, P.O. Box 520, Massena, New York 13662 or to the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, 202 Pitt Street, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 3P7.

(d) A signed copy of a Seaway Explosives Permission Letter and a true copy of any certificate as to the loading of dangerous cargo shall be kept on board every explosive vessel in transit and shall be made available to any officer requiring production of such copies.

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■ 10. § 401.70 is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.70 Fendering—explosive and hazardous cargo vessels.

All explosive vessels requiring a Seaway Explosives Permission Letter in accordance with § 401.68 and all tankers carrying cargo with a flashpoint of up to 61 °C, except those carrying such cargo in center tanks with gas free wing tanks, shall be equipped with a sufficient number of non-metallic fenders on each

side to prevent any metallic part of the vessel from touching the side of a dock or lock wall.

■ 11. In § 401.72 paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.72 Reporting—explosive and hazardous cargo vessels.

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(b) Every explosive vessel requiring a Seaway Explosives Permission Letter shall, when reporting in, give the number of its Seaway Explosives Permission Letter.

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■ 12. In § 401.93 paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

§ 401.93 Access to Seaway property.

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(b) Except as authorized by an officer or by the Seaway Property Regulations or its successors, no person shall enter upon any land or structure of the Manager or the Corporation or in any Seaway canal or lock area.

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Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Collister Johnson, Jr.,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 60

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RIN 2060-AN91

Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units: Reconsideration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of final action on reconsideration.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2005, EPA published final rules entitled, "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units." Following that final action, the Administrator received a petition for reconsideration. In response to the petition, on June 28, 2006, EPA announced our reconsideration of whether SSI should be excluded from the other solid waste incineration units (OSWI) rules and requested comment on