

Management Directive 023-01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321-4370f), 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 establishment of a safety zone on the navigable waters of Lake Havasu. This rule is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2-1 of the Commandant Instruction. An environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination and a Categorical Exclusion Determination are 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 rule.

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:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701, 3306, 3703; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107-295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T11-650 to read as follows:

§ 165.T11-650 Safety Zone; Lucas Oil Thunder on the River; Thompson Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ.

(a) *Location.* The limits of the safety zone will include all the navigable waters of Thompson Bay encompassed by drawing a line from point to point along the following coordinates: From 34°27'57.96" N, 114°20'48.49" W to 34°27'57.71" N, 114°20'49.75" W; thence from 34°27'07.99" N, 114°21'09.93" W to 34°26'51.99" N, 114°21'03.83" W; thence from 34°27'07.99" N, 114°21'09.93" W to 34°26'51.99" N, 114°21'03.83" W; thence back to the point of origin.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced on October 10, 2014 through October 12, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

(c) *Definitions.* The following definition applies to this section:

Designated representative, means any commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard on board Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, or local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels who have been authorized to act on the behalf of the Captain of the Port.

(d) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general regulations in subpart C of this part, entry into, transit through or anchoring within this safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port of San Diego or his designated representative.

(2) All vessel operators shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or his designated representative.

(3) Upon being hailed by U.S. Coast Guard or designated patrol personnel by siren, radio, flashing light or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

(4) The Coast Guard may be assisted by other federal, state, or local agencies in patrol and notification of the regulation.

Dated: August 18, 2014.

J.S. Spaner,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port San Diego.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2011-0228]

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Safety Zone, Brandon Road Lock and Dam to Lake Michigan Including Des Plaines River, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Chicago River, and Calumet-Saganashkee Channel, Chicago, IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a segment of the Safety Zone; Brandon Road Lock and Dam to Lake Michigan including Des Plaines River, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Chicago River, Calumet-Saganashkee Channel on all waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal from Mile Marker 296.1 to Mile Marker 296.7 at specified times from September 3, 2014, to November 26, 2014. This action is necessary to protect the waterway, waterway users, and vessels from the hazards associated with

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' installation of a new permanent fish barrier.

During the enforcement periods listed below, entry into, transiting, mooring, laying-up or anchoring within the enforced area of this safety zone by any person or vessel is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, or her designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.930 will be enforced intermittently from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday, from September 3, 2014 to September 30, 2014. In the event that the installation of the new permanent fish barrier cannot be completed in this timeframe, due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, this zone will be enforced from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 1, 2014 through November 26, 2014, excluding October 13, 2014, and November 11, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this document, call or email MST1 John Ng, Waterways Department, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Chicago, telephone 630-986-2155, email address john.h.ng@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce a segment of the Safety Zone; Brandon Road Lock and Dam to Lake Michigan including Des Plaines River, Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, Chicago River, Calumet-Saganashkee Channel, Chicago, IL, listed in 33 CFR 165.930. Specifically, the Coast Guard will enforce this safety zone on all waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal between Mile Marker 296.1 to Mile Marker 296.7. Enforcement will occur intermittently from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday, from September 3, 2014, to September 30, 2014. In the event that the installation of the new permanent fish barrier cannot be completed in this timeframe, due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, this zone will be enforced from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 1, 2014, through November 26, 2014, excluding October 13, 2014, and November 11, 2014.

This schedule supersedes previously published schedules for enforcement of 33 CFR 165.930 due to the installation of a new permanent fish barrier (USCG 2011-0228-0024, 0025, 0026). The Captain of the Port suspends these previously issued schedules.

This enforcement action is necessary because the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, has determined that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' installation of a new permanent fish barrier poses risks to life and property. Because of these risks, it is necessary to control vessel

movement during the operations to prevent injury and property loss.

In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23, entry into, transiting, mooring, laying up, or anchoring within the enforced area of this safety zone by any person or vessel is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan or her designated representative.

Vessels that wish to transit through the safety zone may request permission from the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan. Requests must be made in advance and approved by the Captain of the Port before transits will be authorized. Approvals will be granted on a case by case basis. The Captain of the Port representative may be contacted via U.S. Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan on VHF channel 16.

This document is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.930 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this publication in the **Federal Register**, the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, will also provide notice through other means, which may include Broadcast Notice to Mariners, Local Notice to Mariners, local news media, distribution in leaflet form, and on-scene oral notice. Additionally, the Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan, may notify representatives from the maritime industry through telephonic and email notifications.

Dated: August 29, 2014.

A.B. Cocanour,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Lake Michigan.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900–AP12

Special Home Adaptation Grants for Members of the Armed Forces and Veterans With Certain Vision Impairment

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is issuing a final rule to amend its adjudication regulations regarding special home adaptation grants for members of the Armed Forces and veterans with certain vision impairment. This regulatory amendment is necessary to conform the regulations to changes mandated in the Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This final rule is effective September 12, 2014.

Applicability Date: The provisions of this final rule apply to all applications for benefits that are received by VA on or after October 1, 2012, the statutory effective date of the amendment, or that are pending before VA, the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on or after October 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203 of the Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012, Public Law 112–154, 126 Stat. 1165, 1177, amended 38 U.S.C. 2101(b) to expand the eligibility for members of the Armed Forces and veterans with certain vision impairments for special home adaptation grants. Prior to the amendment, eligible individuals with vision impairments were entitled to receive special home adaptation grants if the disability was rated as permanent and total and due to blindness in both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less. See 38 U.S.C. 2101(b)(1)(A) (2011). Section 203 redefines qualifying blindness as blindness in both eyes, having central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a standard correcting lens. 126 Stat. at 1177. Section 203 also states that, for the purposes of 38 U.S.C. 2101(b)(2), an eye with a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees shall be considered as having a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less. 126 Stat. at 1177.

VA finds that the language of the statute is clear on its face. Specifically, to qualify for this benefit, a claimant’s disability must be due to blindness in both eyes having either (1) central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of a standard correcting lens or (2) an eye with a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees. In section 203, Congress also eliminated the requirement that qualifying blindness be permanently and totally disabling by clearly distinguishing it from those conditions which still

require a finding of permanent and total disability. 126 Stat. at 1177.

Accordingly, VA is amending 38 CFR 3.809a(b), the implementing regulation for 38 U.S.C. 2101(b), to reflect the previously discussed statutory amendments. For clarity, VA is also reorganizing and making technical corrections to § 3.809a(b). No substantive changes are intended from the reorganization and technical corrections.

Administrative Procedure Act

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary) finds good cause under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to publish this rule without prior opportunity for public comment. This amendment merely revises VA’s regulations to comply with a statutory mandate that VA provide special home adaptation grants to members of the Armed Forces and veterans with certain vision impairments. The regulatory change reflects the change in statute that VA is adopting directly, without change, into VA’s regulations and does not involve interpretation of the statutory provision. Also, the reorganization and technical corrections made by this rule do not alter any substantive rights or duties. Therefore, prior notice and opportunity for public comment is unnecessary. Additionally, for the reasons previously stated, the Secretary finds good cause to dispense with the delayed-effective-date requirement of 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review) defines a “significant regulatory action,” requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), unless OMB waives such review, as “any regulatory action that is likely to result in a rule that may: (1) Have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment,