

enforced from 10 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 3, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email Commander Matthew M. Spolarich, Chief of Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Houma; telephone 985-850-6437, email [matthew.m.spolarich@uscg.mil](mailto:matthew.m.spolarich@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in 33 CFR 165.801, Table 5, line 7, for the Independence Day Celebration at Bridge Side Marina in Grand Isle, Louisiana from 10 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. Our regulation for marine events within the Eighth Coast Guard District requiring safety zones, § 165.801, Table 5, line 7, specifies the location of the safety zone as a 500 foot radius from the Pier located at Bridge Side Marina, 2012 LA Highway 1, Grand Isle, LA (Lat: 29°12'14" N; Long: 090°02'28.47" W). During the enforcement period, as reflected in § 100.801, entry into this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or a designated representative. Persons or vessels desiring to enter into or passage through the zone must request permission from the Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard plans to provide notification of this enforcement period via the Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

Dated: June 28, 2021.

**J.W. Russell,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Houma.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2021-0455]

#### Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of enforcement of regulation.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone located in federal regulations for the Lake Erie Open

Water Swim. This action is necessary and intended for the safety of life and property on navigable waters during the event. 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 regulations listed in 33 CFR 165.939 as listed in Table 165.939(b)(12) will be enforced from 6:45 a.m. through 11:15 a.m. on July 17, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of enforcement, call or email MST2 Natalie Smith, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Cleveland; telephone 216-937-6004, email [D09-SMB-MSUCLEVELAND-WWM@uscg.mil](mailto:D09-SMB-MSUCLEVELAND-WWM@uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coast Guard will enforce the Safety Zones; Annual Events in the Captain of the Port Buffalo Zone listed in 33 CFR 165.939, Table 165.939(b)(12) for the Lake Erie Open Water Swim. 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 a 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 a 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, she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

**Lexia M. Littlejohn,**

*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### 33 CFR Part 210

RIN 0710-AB39

#### Procurement Activities of the Corps of Engineers

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule removes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' part titled, "Procurement Activities of the Corps of Engineers." Each removed section is out-of-date, duplicative of existing regulations, and otherwise covers internal agency operations that have no public compliance component or adverse public impact. Regulations governing internal procurement activities can be found on file with the agency. Therefore, this part can be removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on July 2, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECT-P (Ms. Wanda Cross), 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Wanda Cross at (202) 761-1034 or by email at [wanda.m.cross2@usace.army.mil](mailto:wanda.m.cross2@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This final rule removes from the CFR part 210 of title 33, "Procurement Activities of the Corps of Engineers." The rules at 33 CFR 210.1, 210.2, and 210.3 were published on December 7, 1961 (26 FR 11732) pursuant to Department of Defense procurement statutes, 10 U.S.C. Chapter 137. The regulation at 33 CFR 210.1 provides for procedures for advance notices to prospective bidders on certain construction contracts. The regulation at 33 CFR 210.2 provides for procedures to notify the successful bidder of the acceptance of their bid. The regulation at 33 CFR 210.3 provides for procedures to issue a notice to proceed to contractors. The rule at 33 CFR 210.4 was initially published on January 14, 1975 (40 FR 2582), and amended on March 24, 1980 (45 FR 19202). The rule at 33 CFR 210.5 was published on March 24, 1980 (45 FR 19202). The regulations at 33 CFR 210.4 and 201.5 provide for the administration of appeals before the Corps of Engineers Board of Contract Appeals. While the rules apply only to the Corps' internal

procedures, they were published, at that time, in the **Federal Register** to aid public accessibility.

The solicitation of public comment for this removal is unnecessary as the removed sections in this part are out-of-date, duplicative of existing regulations, and otherwise cover internal agency operations that have no public compliance component or adverse public impact. Sections 210.1, 210.2, and 210.3 are duplicative with and/or have been updated by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subparts 5, 11, 14, and 15 which provide procedures for advance notice, notice of award, commencement, and completion of work. Sections 210.4 and 210.5 no longer apply. In addition, the Engineer Board was absorbed by the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals in July 2000.

This removal is being conducted to provide clarity and reduce confusion for the public as well as for the Corps regarding the current policy which governs the Corps' internal procurement activities. The removal of the regulation will ensure the Corps' policy complies with the existing FAR which can be found at the source provided in this **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The regulation does not place a burden on the public; therefore, its removal does not provide a reduction in public burden or costs. This rule is not significant under Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 210

Administrative practice and procedure, Government procurement.

#### **PART 210—[REMOVED]**

■ Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, the Corps removes 33 CFR part 210.

Dated: June 29, 2021.

**Jaime A. Pinkham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### 33 CFR Part 214

RIN 0710-AB38

#### Emergency Supplies of Drinking Water

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule removes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' part titled, "Emergency Supplies of Drinking Water." This part is mostly duplicative of an equivalent part in the agency's regulations. Where it is not duplicative this part could be misleading, as its provisions have been superseded by those in the equivalent part related to emergency water supplies due to contaminated water sources. Therefore, this part can be removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

**DATES:** This rule is effective on July 2, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ATTN: CECW-HS (Mr. Mark Roupas), 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Willem Helms at (202) 761-5909 or by email at [willem.h.helms@usace.army.mil](mailto:willem.h.helms@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This final rule removes from the CFR part 214 of title 33, "Emergency Supplies of Drinking Water." The regulation was initially promulgated on February 19, 1976 (41 FR 7506), solely in order to implement the 1974 amendment to Public Law 84-99 in Section 82(2) of Public Law 93-251, authorizing the Chief of Engineers to provide emergency supplies of clean drinking water to any locality with contaminated drinking water causing or likely to cause a substantial threat to the public health and welfare. The removed part is mostly duplicative of the equivalent section of 33 CFR part 203 at § 203.61, Emergency water supplies due to contaminated water source. The Corps' current emergency management regulation in 33 CFR part 203 includes coverage of the contaminated water authority among the other aspects of the Corps' emergency management program. Where it is not duplicative part 214 could be misleading, as its provisions have been superseded by those in 33 CFR part 203 related to emergency water supplies due to contaminated water sources. While the rule applies only to Corps internal

agency guidance regarding responses to provide emergency supplies of drinking water, it was published, at that time, in the **Federal Register** to aid public accessibility.

The solicitation of public comment is unnecessary as this part is redundant or otherwise out-of-date. This removal is being conducted to provide clarity and reduce confusion for the public as well as for the Corps regarding the current policy which governs the Corps' provision of emergency supplies of clean drinking water. Because the regulation does not place a burden on the public, its removal does not provide a reduction in public burden or costs. This rule is not significant under Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

#### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 214

Disaster assistance, Intergovernmental relations, Water supply.

#### **PART 214—[REMOVED]**

■ Accordingly, for the reasons stated in the preamble and under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, the Corps removes 33 CFR part 214.

Dated: June 29, 2021.

**Jaime A. Pinkham,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 1

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2017-0033]

RIN 0651-AD24

#### Removal of Certain Rules of Patent Practice

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) revises the rules of practice in patent cases to eliminate the requirement for original handwritten signatures on certain correspondence with the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) and certain payments made to the USPTO by credit card.

**DATES:** This rule is effective July 2, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this rule, please contact