performance characteristics must be tested:

(i) Dimensional verification testing must be conducted.

(ii) Force verification testing must be conducted. The force testing must demonstrate the forces necessary to insert and operate each component of the device during use as intended.

(iii) Functional verification testing of the device components must be conducted.

(5) Simulated use testing in an anatomically relevant animal model must demonstrate the device's ability to penetrate soft tissue, be assembled in situ, and to grasp, hold and manipulate soft tissues in the intended treatment area.

(6) The labeling must include the following:

(i) Instructions for use, including detailed instructions for instrument assembly, disassembly, and removal; and

(ii) A shelf life.

Dated: December 10, 2021.

Lauren K. Roth,

Associate Commissioner for Policy. [FR Doc. 2021–27317 Filed 12–16–21; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4164–01–P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

32 CFR Chapter VII

[Docket ID: USAF-2021-HQ-0001]

RIN 0701-AA81

Appointment to the Air Force Academy

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense. **ACTION:** Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes the regulation concerning how the Department of the Air Force appoints individuals to the United States Air Force Academy. The part is outdated, contains internal guidance, reiterates statutory law, and is otherwise subject to the military function exemption to rulemaking. Applicants to the Air Force Academy are individually provided with any relevant entrance information and the current policy is publicly available on the United States Air Force Academy's website. Therefore, the part is unnecessary and can be removed from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

DATES: This rule is effective on December 17, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Megan-Posch at 703–697–4370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule removes 32 CFR part 901, "Appointment to the United States Air Force Academy," which was originally published on June 26, 1986 (51 FR 23221), and has not since been updated. Part 901 is outdated, contains internal guidance, reiterates statutory law, and is otherwise subject to the military function exemption to rulemaking. Current policy is provided individually to applicants and is contained in Air Force Manual 36-2032, Military Recruiting and Accessions, September 27, 2019 (available at https://static.epublishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/ publication/afman36-2032/afman36-2032.pdf). Accordingly, this part is unnecessary and can be removed from the CFR. It has been determined that publication of this CFR part removal for public comment is impracticable and contrary to the public interest because it is based on removing outdated and unnecessary content. This rule is not significant under Executive Order 12866, Sec 3, "Regulatory Planning and Review."

The Under Secretary of the Air Force, Ms. Gina Ortiz Jones, having reviewed and approved this document, is delegating the authority to electronically sign this document to Mr. Tommy W. Lee, who is the Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 901

Military academies, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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SUBCHAPTER K—[REMOVED AND RESERVED]

■ Accordingly, by the authority of 5 U.S.C. 301, subchapter K of chapter VII of 32 CFR, consisting of part 901, is removed and reserved.

Tommy W. Lee,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2021–27304 Filed 12–16–21; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 5001–10–P

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG-2021-0906]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Potomac River, Between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS. **ACTION:** Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters of the Potomac River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of persons, and the marine environment from the potential safety hazards associated with construction operations at the new Governor Harry W. Nice/Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton Memorial (US-301) Bridge, which will occur from 7 a.m. on January 3, 2022, through 8 p.m. on January 15, 2022. This rule will prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Maryland-National Capital Region or a designated representative. **DATES:** This rule is effective without actual notice from December 17, 2021 through January 15, 2022. For the

purposes of enforcement, actual notice will be issued from December 13, 2021 until December 17, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *https:// www.regulations.gov*, type USCG-2021-0906 in the search box and click "Search." Next, in the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. Ron Houck, Sector Maryland-NCR, Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard: telephone 410–576– 2674, email *Ronald.L.Houck@uscg.mil.* SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations COTP Captain of the Port DHS Department of Homeland Security FR Federal Register § Section TFR Temporary Final Rule U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

On December 9, 2021, Skanska-Corman-McLean, Joint Venture, notified