

If you are . . .	You must . . .
(2) Are a part 145 repair station located outside of the territory of the United States who performs maintenance functions on part 121 air carrier aircraft.	(ii) Implement an FAA alcohol testing program no later than the date you start performing safety-sensitive functions for a part 119 certificate holder with the authority to operate under parts 121 and/or 135, or operator as defined in §91.147 of this chapter, and (iii) Meet the requirements of this subpart as if you were an employer. (i) Obtain an Antidrug and Alcohol Misuse Prevention Program Operations Specification by contacting your Principal Maintenance Inspector. (ii) Implement an alcohol testing program acceptable the Administrator no later than one year from [EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION], or if company operations begin more than one year after [EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATION], implement an alcohol testing program acceptable to the Administrator no later than the date you start operations, and (iii) Meet the requirements of this subpart in a manner acceptable to the Administrator.
(3) A contractor	(i) Register with the FAA, Office of Aerospace Medicine, Drug Abatement Division (AAM-800), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591, (ii) Implement an FAA drug testing program no later than the date you start performing safety-sensitive functions for a part 119 certificate holder with authority to operate under parts 121 or 135, or operator as defined in §91.147 of this chapter, or an air traffic control facility not operated by the FAA or by or under contract to the U.S. Military, and (iii) Meet the requirements of this subpart as if you were an employer.

(d) To obtain an antidrug and alcohol misuse prevention program operations specification:

(1) You must contact your FAA Principal Operations Inspector or Principal Maintenance Inspector. Provide him/her with the following information:

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■ 8. Amend § 120.227 by revising paragraphs (a) introductory text, (a)(1), and (b) to read as follows:

§ 120.227 Employees located outside the U.S.

(a) Except for those persons testing pursuant to § 120.1(d), no covered employee shall be tested for alcohol misuse while located outside the territory of the United States.

(1) Except for those persons testing pursuant to § 120.1(d), each covered employee who is assigned to perform safety-sensitive functions solely outside the territory of the United States shall be removed from the random testing pool upon the inception of such assignment.

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(b) Except for those persons testing pursuant to § 120.1(d), the provisions of this subpart shall not apply to any person who performs a safety-sensitive function by contract for an employer outside the territory of the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

33 CFR Part 334

[COE-2023-0010]

Danger Zone; Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Island of Oahu, Hawaii

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to amend the regulations for the existing danger zone at the U.S. Marine Corps Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range in the vicinity of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The U.S. Marine Corps requested a change to the hours that weapons firing may occur. These regulations are necessary to protect the public from potentially hazardous conditions which may exist as a result from use of the areas by the U.S. Marine Corps.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number COE-2023-0010, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: david.b.olson@usace.army.mil. Include the docket number, COE-2023-0010, in the subject line of the message.

Mail: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-R (David B. Olson), 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Due to security requirements, we cannot receive comments by hand delivery or courier.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket number COE-2023-0010. All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available on-line at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the commenter indicates that the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI, or otherwise protected, through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. The [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website is an anonymous access system, which means we will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email directly to the Corps without going through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, we recommend that you include your name and other contact information with your comment. If we

cannot read your comment because of technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, we may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic comments should avoid the use of any special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov. All documents in the docket are listed. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, such as CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Olson, Headquarters, Operations and Regulatory Community of Practice, Washington, DC at 202-761-4922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to its authorities in section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917 (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1) and chapter XIX of the Army Appropriations Act of 1919 (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3), the Corps is proposing to amend the danger zone regulations at 33 CFR 334.1380 to change the hours that weapons firing may occur at the Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, Island of Oahu, Hawaii.

The danger zone represents a public safety buffer beyond the physical boundaries of the training range to further reduce the safety threat to the boating public. The geographical nature of the crater combined with the use of man-made measures makes the crater secure from unintended projectiles exiting its confines, although a very slight possibility exists that a projectile could ricochet or otherwise be inadvertently fired beyond the confines of the crater. Under current conditions, sensitive wildlife areas, including designated protected areas, are encompassed within the existing boundaries of the danger zone. Since munitions are not intentionally fired into waters surrounding Ulupau Crater and the probability of an unintended projectile exiting the crater is negligible, an extension in the time that weapons may be fired will not incrementally change, modify or otherwise adversely impact sensitive marine species and organisms that inhabit or are supported by the waters and protected areas occurring within the danger zone. Marine resources, including endangered species, migratory shorebirds, and other

seabirds that occupy designated protected areas will remain adequately protected by the MCBH under obligations of pre-existing agreements. For similar reasons, submerged lands will not be directly or indirectly adversely affected by the expanded danger zone.

The current regulations state that weapons firing at the Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range may occur at any time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m., Monday through Sunday. In the proposed rule, the time period for weapons firing is extended three hours so that weapons may be fired at any time between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

Procedural Requirements

a. Regulatory Planning and Review. This proposed rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and Executive Order 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011) and it was not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

b. Review under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This proposed rule has been reviewed under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354). The Regulatory Flexibility Act generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice-and-comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities (*i.e.*, small businesses and small governments). The danger zone is necessary to protect public safety during use of the weapons firing range. The danger zone regulation allows any vessel that needs to transit through the danger zone whenever weapons firing is scheduled. The proposed amendment to this regulation would only change the hours when the danger zone is activated; it would not change the geographic extent of the existing danger zone. When the range is not in use, the danger zone will be open to normal maritime traffic and to all activities, include anchoring and loitering. When the danger zone is activated, small entities can utilize navigable waters outside of the danger zone. Unless information is obtained to the contrary during the comment period, the Corps certifies that the proposed rule would have no significant economic impact on the public.

c. Review under the National Environmental Policy Act. Due to the administrative nature of this action and

because there is no intended change in the use of the area, the Corps expects that this regulation, if adopted, will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and, therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement will not be required. An environmental assessment will be prepared after the public notice period is closed and all comments received have been considered.

d. Unfunded Mandates Act. This proposed rule does not contain a Federal mandate that may result in expenditures of \$100 million or more for state, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or the private sector in any one year. Therefore, this proposed rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The proposed rule contains no regulatory requirements that might significantly or uniquely affect small governments. Therefore, the proposed rule is not subject to the requirements of section 203 of UMRA.

e. Congressional Review Act. The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. The Corps will submit a report containing the final rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This proposed rule is not a “major rule” as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 334

Danger zones, Navigation (water), Restricted areas, Waterways.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the Corps proposes to amend 33 CFR part 334 as follows:

PART 334—DANGER ZONE AND RESTRICTED AREA REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 33 CFR part 334 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 Stat. 266 (33 U.S.C. 1) and 40 Stat. 892 (33 U.S.C. 3).

■ 2. Amend § 334.1380, by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

§ 334.1380 Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, Island of Oahu, Hawaii—Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range; danger zone.

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(b) * * *

(1) Weapons firing at the Ulupau Crater Weapons Training Range may occur at any time between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m., Monday through Sunday. * * *

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Thomas P. Smith,

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 21-31; FCC 23-91; FRS ID 185870]

Addressing the Homework Gap Through the E-Rate Program

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) initiates a proceeding to address the ongoing remote learning needs of today's students, school staff, and library patrons through the E-Rate program and to ensure the millions who have benefitted from the Emergency Connectivity Fund program support do not fall back onto the wrong side of the digital divide once the program ends.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 8, 2024 and reply comments are due on or before January 22, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this document, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Pursuant to §§ 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments. You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket No. 21-31, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

- Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the

Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings at its headquarters. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. *See* FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20-304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.

- *People with Disabilities:* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

- *Availability of Documents:* Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be publicly available online via ECFS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Molly O'Connor molly.oconor@fcc.gov in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 202-418-7400 or TTY: 202-418-0578. Requests for accommodations should be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Addressing the Homework Gap through the E-Rate Program, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in WC Docket No. 21-31; FCC 23-91, adopted November 1, 2023 and released November 8, 2023. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Commission's headquarters 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554 or at the following internet address: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-e-rate-support-wi-fi-hotspots>.

I. Introduction

1. High-speed internet is critical to educational equity, economic opportunity, job creation, and civic engagement. Since its inception, the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) E-Rate program has supported high-speed, affordable internet services to and within school and library buildings, and has been instrumental in providing students and library patrons with access to the essential broadband services that are required for next-generation learning. But advances in technology have changed the modern learning environment to increasingly employ interactive online education tools that can be used anywhere, at any time, allowing students to develop the digital skills needed to prosper in the 21st Century. The ongoing proliferation of innovative digital learning technologies and the need to connect students, teachers, and library patrons to jobs, life-long learning, and information have led to a steady rise in the demand for broadband connectivity both inside and outside of school and library buildings. In response to those needs, the Commission proposes and seeks comment on updates to the E-Rate program to ensure the program is equipped to support the ongoing remote learning needs of today's students, school staff, and library patrons.

2. In recent years, the demand for connectivity beyond school and library buildings became a crisis when the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted operations and caused schools and libraries across the country to temporarily close their doors. Millions of students caught in the "Homework Gap"—*i.e.*, students unable to *fully* participate in educational opportunities because they lack broadband connectivity in their homes—suddenly found themselves unable to participate in education *at all*. Library patrons who relied on their local libraries for remote learning opportunities and internet access suddenly experienced a loss of these critical services when most, if not all, library buildings closed their doors by the summer of 2020. However, even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the Homework Gap affected somewhere between 8.5 to 16 million K-12 students, leaving 15% of U.S. households with children ages six to seventeen lacking a high-speed internet connection at home and approximately one in four households without high-speed internet access. Although the E-Rate program helped approximately 98% of the K-12 schools and districts in the country meet the Commission's