

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The entry into any new commercial contracts involving the property or interests in property of any blocked persons, including the blocked entities described in paragraph (b) of this general license, except as authorized by paragraph (a);

(2) The offloading of any cargo onboard any of the blocked vessels, including the offloading of liquefied natural gas of Russian Federation origin, except for the offloading of cargo that is ordinarily incident and necessary to address vessel emergencies authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license;

(3) Any transactions related to the sale of liquefied natural gas of Russian Federation origin;

(4) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(5) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(6) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving the property or interests in property of any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, other than transactions involving the blocked persons described in paragraph (b) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Lisa M. Palluconi,
Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: September 5, 2024.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 109

Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Certain Entities Blocked on September 13, 2024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of any transaction involving one or more of the following blocked entities are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, November 13,

2024, provided that any payment to a blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR):

(1) Federal State Unitary Enterprise International Information Agency Rossiya Segodnya;

(2) Autonomous Non Profit Organization TV Novosti; or

(3) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Lisa M. Palluconi,
Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: September 13, 2024.

Lisa M. Palluconi,
Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2024–0417]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone, Cumberland River, Nashville, TN

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for

certain navigable waters of the Cumberland River near Broadway Riverfront Park, Nashville, TN. The safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards associated with the fireworks displays occurring on both September 25 and 27, 2024, between Mile Markers (MM) 190.5 and 191.5. This proposed rulemaking would prohibit persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Ohio Valley or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 8:30 p.m. through 10 p.m. on September 25, 2024, and September 27, 2024. This rule will be enforced from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 25, 2024, and September 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0417 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 about this rule, call or email Marine Science Technician Third Class Joshua Carter, U.S. Coast Guard, MSD Nashville; telephone 615–736–5421 ext. 2104, email Joshua.D.Carter@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the fireworks shows on September 25 and 27, 2024, pose a significant safety hazard to the public. It is impracticable to publish an NPRM because we must establish this safety zone by September 25, 2024.

Also, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable because immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with the two firework shows on September 25 and 27, 2024, between MM 190.5 and 191.5.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The Captain of the Port Sector Ohio Valley (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with fireworks launched from a barge starting September 25 and September 27, 2024, will be a safety concern for anyone within MM 190.5 to 191.5 of the river. Hazards from firework displays include accidental discharge of fireworks, dangerous projectiles, and falling hot embers or other debris. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone during the fireworks shows.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

The COTP is proposing to establish a safety zone from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on both September 25 and 27, 2024. The safety zone would cover all navigable waters within MM 190.5 to 191.5 on the Cumberland River located nearby to Broadway Riverfront Park, Nashville, TN. The duration of the zone is intended to ensure the safety of vessels and these navigable waters before, during, and after the scheduled fireworks displays. No vessel or person would be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. The regulatory text we are proposing appears at the end of this document.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and Executive orders, and we discuss First Amendment rights of protestors.

A. Regulatory Planning and Review

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits. This rule has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under

section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, as amended by Executive Order 14094 (Modernizing Regulatory Review). Accordingly, this rule has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-day of the safety zone. This safety zone impacts a small designated area of the Cumberland River for approximately 90 minutes during the evenings of September 25 and 27, 2024, when vessel traffic is normally low. Moreover, the Coast Guard would issue a Broadcast Notice to Mariners via VHF-FM marine channel 16 about the zone, and the rule would allow vessels to seek permission to enter the zone.

B. Impact on Small Entities

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, as amended, requires Federal agencies to consider the potential impact of regulations on small entities during rulemaking. The term “small entities” comprises small businesses, not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields, and governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. The Coast Guard certifies under 5 U.S.C. 605(b) that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

While some owners or operators of vessels intending to transit the safety zone may be small entities, for the reasons stated in section V.A above, this rule will not have a significant economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121), we want to assist small entities in understanding this rule. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency’s responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). The

Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will not call for a new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

D. Federalism and Indian Tribal Governments

A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the National Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. We have analyzed this rule under that Order and have determined that it is consistent with the fundamental federalism principles and preemption requirements described in Executive Order 13132.

Also, this rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian Tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian Tribes.

E. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538) requires Federal agencies to assess the effects of their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or Tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 (adjusted for inflation) or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01, Rev. 1, associated implementing instructions, and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (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 a safety zone from MM 190.5 to 191.5 lasting up

to 90 minutes on September 25 and 27, 2024, that would prohibit entry within one mile of a fireworks barge. It is categorically excluded from further review under paragraph L60(a) of Appendix A, Table 1 of DHS Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01, Rev. 1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket. For instructions on locating the docket, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

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: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.T08-0417 to read as follows:

§ 165.T08-0417 Safety Zone; Cumberland River, Nashville, TN.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: all navigable waters of Mile Markers (MM) 190.5 to 191.5 of the Cumberland River.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section will be enforced from 8:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. on September 25, 2024, and September 27, 2024.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) According to the general regulations in § 165.23, entry into this temporary safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Sector Ohio Valley (COTP) or a designated representative.

(2) Persons or vessels seeking to enter the safety zone must request permission from the COTP on VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz) or by telephone at 502-779-5424.

(3) If permission is granted, all persons and vessels shall comply with

the instructions of the COTP or designated representative.

(d) *Information broadcasts.* The COTP or a designated representative will inform the public of the enforcement times and date for this safety zone through Broadcast Notices to Mariners, Local Notices to Mariners, and/or Safety Marine Information Broadcasts, as appropriate.

Dated: September 17, 2024

H.R. Mattern,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Sector Ohio Valley.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 3

RIN 2900-AR69

Expanded Burial Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) amends its adjudication regulations pertaining to burial benefits to conform to statutory changes enacted by the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 and the Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022. The conforming regulatory changes implement an expansion of the transportation benefit and provision of a single payment rate for non-service-connected burial allowances regardless of the location of a qualifying Veteran's death and coincide with the effective date for the statutory amendments (January 5, 2023). The conforming regulatory changes also implement the extension of the VA plot or interment allowance to Tribal organizations for interment of eligible Veterans on trust land owned by, or held in trust for, the Tribal organization and coincide with the effective date for the statutory amendments (March 15, 2022). VA also provides additional clarifying changes to its burial benefits regulations.

DATES: This rule is effective October 25, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Baltimore, Management and Program Analyst, Pension and Fiduciary Service (21PF), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 632-8863. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on September 25, 2023, at 88 FR 65641, VA proposed to amend its adjudication regulations pertaining to burial benefits to conform to recent statutory changes enacted by sections 2201 and 2202 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-315), and section 102(c) of Division CC (Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103).

VA provided a 60-day public comment period, which ended on November 24, 2023, and received six comments in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking. All comments generally agreed with the amendments in the proposed rulemaking. One commenter stated: "I support the Department of Veterans Affairs proposed rule expanding burial benefits for veterans and their families. I urge the VA to finalize this rule as soon as possible." Another commenter explained that "[t]his rule change makes sense and is the least we can do to honor our Veterans at the end of life." VA appreciates these responses and will not make any changes based upon those comments.

One commenter provided support for the proposed rule but addressed an area of improvement for non-service-connected burial benefits. This commenter highlighted the two-year time limit to submit a claim for non-service-connected burial benefits provided in proposed 38 CFR 3.1703(a)(1), which stated that "VA must receive a claim for the non-service-connected burial allowance for veterans described within § 3.1705(b), § 3.1706(b), or § 3.1708(b) no later than 2 years after the burial of the veteran." This commenter further explained that "due to the relatively low numbers concerning veterans who currently take advantage of these benefits, the time limit on claims should be removed to ensure that more veterans' families receive this benefit and do not have to pay for the services themselves."

VA appreciates the commenter's concern; however, the time limit referenced in 38 CFR 3.1703 must adhere to the statutory limitations provided within 38 U.S.C. 2304. Section 2304 states that applications for payments under 38 U.S.C. 2303(a)(2)(B) and (C) must be filed within two years after the burial of the Veteran. Section 2303(a)(2)(B) refers to deceased Veterans who, at the time of non-service-connected death, were in receipt of service-connected disability