

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms Patsy Conner, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, SAF/AAX, 1720 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 862

Aircraft, Aviation safety, Government contracts, Government property.

**PART 862—[REMOVED]**

Accordingly under the authority 10 U.S.C. 8013, 32 CFR Chapter VII is amended by removing Part 862.

Patsy J. Conner,

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**32 CFR Part 909**

**USAF Training for Contractor Employees**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force is removing the rule on USAF Training for Contractor Employees. The rule is removed since the source document has been rescinded.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms Patsy Conner, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, SAF/AAX, 1720 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 909

Education, Government contracts.

**PART 909—[REMOVED]**

Accordingly under the authority 10 U.S.C. 8013, 32 CFR Chapter VII is amended by removing Part 909.

Patsy J. Conner,

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**32 CFR Part 950**

**Authority to Administer Oaths**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force is removing the rule on Authority to Administer Oaths. The rule is

removed since the source document has been rescinded.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms Patsy Conner, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer, SAF/AAX, 1720 Air Force Pentagon, Washington DC 20330-1720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 950

Investigations, Military law.

**PART 950—[REMOVED]**

Accordingly under the authority 10 U.S.C. 8013, 32 CFR Chapter VII is amended by removing Part 950.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Coast Guard**

**33 CFR Parts 26 and 161**

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**Vessel Traffic Service New York Area**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard is expanding the boundaries of Vessel Traffic Service New York (VTSNY) Area. This expansion provides the Vessel Traffic Center (VTC) with a more complete vessel traffic image for the entrances to New York Harbor via Ambrose Channel, Raritan Bay, and Long Island Sound. The expansion also furnishes additional information on weather conditions and potential hazards to navigation. As a result, the VTSNY area expansion will assist in safer and more efficient vessel transits in the congested New York Harbor channels and reduce the potential for groundings, rammings, and collisions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This rule is effective on December 1, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Unless otherwise indicated, documents referenced in this preamble are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA/3406), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., room 3406, Washington, DC 20593-0001 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 267-1477.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irene Hoffman, Project Manager, Office of Vessel Traffic Management. The telephone number is 202-267-6277.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Regulatory History

On August 27, 1990, the Coast Guard published a final rule entitled "Regulations for Required Participation in Vessel Traffic Service, New York" which established mandatory vessel participation in VTSNY (55 FR 34908). The rule became effective on February 15, 1991.

The original VTSNY Area was bounded by the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the south, the Brooklyn Bridge and Holland Tunnel to the east and north, Kill Van Kull to the Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge, and Newark Bay to the Lehigh Valley Draw Bridge.

On May 25, 1993, the Coast Guard published an NPRM to expand the VTSNY area in three phases (58 FR 30098). Phase I would expand VTSNY's required participation area from the existing boundary at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge south to the entrance buoys at Ambrose, Swash, and Sandy Hook Channels in Lower New York Bay, and west into Raritan Bay terminating at a line from Great Kills Light on Staten Island to Point Comfort in New Jersey.

Phase II would expand the VTSNY area to encompass the Arthur Kill, south from the boundary at the Arthur Kill Railroad Bridge to the line in Raritan Bay, described above in the Phase I description. The Raritan River above the Raritan River Railroad Bridge is not included within the VTSNY area.

Phase III would expand the VTSNY boundary at the Brooklyn Bridge up the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge. The Coast Guard received two letters commenting on the proposal which were addressed in the Interim Final Rule (58 FR 460081, Sept. 1, 1993) implementing Phase I of the VTSNY area expansion.

**Background and Purpose**

The Ports and Waterways Safety Act (33 U.S.C. 1221 *et seq.*), as amended by Port and Tanker Safety Act of 1978 and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, provides authority for the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to construct, operate, maintain, improve or expand vessel traffic services. The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

Existing regulations require compliance with reporting and participation procedures for certain vessels entering and operating within the VTSNY area. VTSNY has a