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Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River, U.S. Highways 136/218, IA/IL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Keokuk Drawbridge across the Upper Mississippi River at mile 364.0 at Keokuk, Iowa. This deviation allows the bridge to open upon receipt of 24 hours advance notice from Tuesday, December 30, 1997, through Saturday, February 28, 1998. This deviation is necessary to facilitate maintenance work on the bridge's mechanical and electrical systems.

DATES: The deviation is effective from December 30, 1997, through February 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Director, Western Rivers Operations, (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Keokuk Drawbridge spans the downstream entrance to Lock 19. It provides a vertical clearance of 25.2 feet above the normal pool in the closed to navigation position. The bridge must open in order for commercial vessels to transit Lock 19. Lock 19 is closed for maintenance from January 5, 1998, until February 7, 1998. Locks 14, 15 and 25 are also closed to navigation for maintenance from December 15, 1997 until March 6, 1998. These lock closures curtail most commercial vessel activity on the Upper Mississippi River upstream from Lock 25, Mile 241.4. Local marine industries have stated they anticipate no problems with the deviation provided the bridge opens on receipt of 24 hours advance notice.

This deviation allows the draw of the Keokuk Drawbridge to remain closed to navigation from December 30, 1997 through February 28, 1998 with openings provided upon 24-hour advance notice. The drawbridge operation regulations, when not amended by a deviation, require that the drawbridge open on signal.

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Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Burlington Railroad Drawbridge at mile 403.1, across the Upper Mississippi River. This deviation amends the federal drawbridge operation regulations to require a six-hour advance notice to open for the period of 12:01 a.m., December 31, 1997 to 12:01 a.m., March 1, 1998. This action is necessary in order for the bridge to undergo required maintenance. Winter conditions on the Upper Mississippi River, coupled with the closure of many Corps of Engineers' locks until March of 1998, will preclude any significant navigation demands for bridge openings.

DATES: The deviation is effective from 12:01 a.m., December 31, 1997 to 12:01 a.m., March 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Director, Western Rivers Operations, (314) 539-2900, extension 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Burlington Railroad Drawbridge swingspan has a vertical clearance of 21.5 feet above normal pool in the closed to navigation position. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. This change in drawbridge operation has been coordinated with the commercial

waterway industry and fleeting operations in the area. Use of the waterway by these groups is curtailed during lock closures and ice formation in the winter months. The Burlington Railroad Drawbridge is located between Locks 18 and 19 which will be closed during the period. Performing maintenance on this bridge during the winter when no vessels are impacted is preferred to bridge closures or advance notification requirements during the commercial navigation season.

This deviation is for the period 12:01 a.m., December 31, 1997 to 12:01 a.m., March 1, 1998. It requires that six hour advance notice be made for the swingspan of the Burlington Railroad Drawbridge to open. The drawbridge operation regulations, when not amended by a deviation, require that the drawbridge open on-demand.

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33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Upper Mississippi River

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Rock Island Railroad and Highway swing span drawbridge, Mile 482.9, Upper Mississippi River. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain closed to navigation from 8 a.m. on December 31, 1997 until 8 a.m. on February 28, 1998. This action is necessary in order to perform annual maintenance and repair work on the bridge.

DATES: The deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on December 31, 1997 until 8 a.m. on February 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, Director, Western Rivers Operations, (314) 539-3900, extension 378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rock Island Railroad and Highway Drawbridge has a vertical clearance of