Withdrawal

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is withdrawn due to comments received in opposition and the potential negative impacts to navigation and the surrounding community. We have determined the regulation change, as proposed, would not meet the reasonable needs of navigation on the waterway.

Authority: This action is taken under the authority of 33 U.S.C. 499; 33 CFR 1.05–1; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

Dated: January 3, 2011.

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Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG–2010–0992]

RIN 1625–AAOO

Safety Zone; Repair of High Voltage Transmission Lines to Logan International Airport, Saugus River, Saugus, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is proposing to establish a temporary safety zone on the Saugus River, Lynn, Massachusetts, within the Captain of the Port (COTP) Boston Zone to allow for repair of high voltage transmission lines to Logan Airport. This safety zone is required to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the repair of high voltage transmission lines. Entering into, transiting through, mooring or anchoring within this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before February 25, 2011. Requests for public meetings must be received by the Coast Guard on or before February 2, 2011. See the Supplementary Information for discussion of the anticipated effective date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2010–0992 using any one of the following methods:


(2) Fax: 202–493–2251.


(4) Hand delivery: Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202–366–9329.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call or e-mail PO Trevor Hughes of the Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone 617–223–3010, e-mail Trevor.A.Hughes@uscg.mil. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard anticipates that this proposed rule will be effective for six months following the publication of the final rule in the Federal Register. The Coast Guard will be enforcing this rule for less than a 48 hour period during the construction and associated activities related to the actual repair of the transmission lines.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to participate in this rulemaking by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov and will include any personal information you have provided.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG–2010–0992), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online (via http://www.regulations.gov) or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. If you submit a comment online, via http://www.regulations.gov, it will be considered received by the Coast Guard when you successfully transmit the comment. If you fax, hand deliver, or mail your comment, it will be considered as having been received by the Coast Guard when it is received at the Docket Management Facility. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the “submit a comment” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Document Type” drop down menu select “Proposed Rule” and insert “USCG–2010–0992” in the “Keyword” box. Click “Search” then click on the balloon shape in the “Actions” column. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change the rule based on your comments.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov, click on the “read comments” box, which will then become highlighted in blue. In the “Keyword” box insert “USCG–2010–0992” and click “Search.” Click the “Open Docket Folder” in the “Actions” column. You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use the Docket Management Facility.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008, issue of the Federal Register (73 FR 3316).
Public Meeting
We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one on or before February 2, 2011 using one of the four methods specified under ADDRESSES. Please explain why you believe a public meeting would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid this rulemaking, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meeting, contact Petty Officer Trevor Hughes at the telephone number or e-mail address indicated under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

Basis and Purpose
This proposed rule is necessary to ensure the safety of vessels and workers from the hazards associated with work related to repairs of high voltage transmission lines over navigable waters.

Discussion of Proposed Rule
This proposed temporary safety zone is necessary to ensure the safety of vessels, workers and the public during the repair of the high voltage transmission lines that feed Logan Airport. The safety zone will be enforced immediately before, during, and after the start of the repairs.

National Grid, the transmission line repair company, has not specified the exact date repairs will commence, but they have advised the Coast Guard that repairs are planned for a 48 hour period to begin each day at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. We expect to receive the repair dates during this rulemaking period and will publish them in the final rule.

The COTP will inform the public about the details of the work covered by this safety zone using a variety of means, including, but not limited to, Broadcast Notice to Mariners and Local Notice to Mariners.

All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the COTP Boston or designated on-scene representative. Entering into, transiting through, mooring or anchoring within the safety zone is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP Boston or his designated on-scene representative. The COTP or his designated on scene representative may be contacted via VHF Channel 16 or by telephone at (617) 223–5750.

Regulatory Analyses
We developed this proposed rule after considering numerous statutes and executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on 13 of these statutes or executive orders.

Regulatory Planning and Review
This proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that Order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that Order.

The Coast Guard determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action for the following reasons: The safety zone will be of limited duration, is located in a waterway that has no deep draft traffic and is designed to avoid, to the extent possible, fishing and recreational boating traffic routes. In addition, vessels requiring entry into the area of the safety zone may be authorized to do so by the COTP.

Small Entities
Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612), we have considered whether this proposed rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 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 proposed rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This proposed rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to transit or anchor in a portion of the Saugus River during a 48 hour enforcement period directly related to repairs of high voltage transmission lines to Logan Airport.

This proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons. National Grid intends to make repairs to the high voltage transmission lines running to Logan Airport during a 48 hour period between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

This time window will allow the local lobster fishing fleet to transit to the fishing grounds and return home at night without any inconvenience. The enforcement dates will be published in the Final Rule. The local harbormasters have notified their tenants in advance of the intended repairs, thus allowing Saugus River users to plan accordingly. Vessel traffic will be allowed to pass through the zone prior to 9 a.m. and after 2 p.m. and if necessary through the zone with the permission of the COTP.

Before the effective period, we will issue maritime advisories widely available to users of the river. If you think that your business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction qualifies as a small entity and that this rule would have a significant economic impact on it, please submit a comment (see ADDRESSES) explaining why you think it qualifies and how and to what degree this rule would economically affect it.

Assistance for Small Entities
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 proposed rule so that they can better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking. If the rule would affect your small business, organization, or governmental jurisdiction and you have questions concerning its provisions or options for compliance, please contact PO Trevor Hughes at the telephone number or e-mail address indicated under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this proposed rule or any policy or action of the Coast Guard.

Collection of Information
This proposed rule would call for no new collection of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520.).

Federalism
A rule has implications for federalism under Executive Order 13132, Federalism, if it has a substantial direct effect on State or local governments and would either preempt State law or impose a substantial direct cost of compliance on them. We have analyzed this proposed rule under that Order and have determined that it does not have implications for federalism.

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
proposed rule would not result in such expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not cause a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and would not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that might disproportionately affect children.

Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have Tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would 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.

Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a “significant energy action” under that order because it is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Technical Standards

The National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) directs agencies to use voluntary consensus standards in their regulatory activities unless the agency provides Congress, through the Office of Management and Budget, with an explanation of why using these standards would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., specifications of materials, performance, design, or operation; test methods; sampling procedures; and related management systems practices) that are developed and adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies.

This proposed rule does not use technical standards. Therefore, we did not consider the use of voluntary consensus standards.

Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that this action is one of a category of actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. A preliminary environmental analysis checklist supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under ADDRESSES. This proposed rule involves the establishment of a safety zone. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 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:


2. Add § 165.T01–0992 to read as follows:

§ 165.T01–0992 Safety Zone; Repair of High Voltage Transmission Lines to Logan International Airport; Saugus River, Saugus, MA.

(a) General. A temporary safety zone is established for the event described in paragraph (a)(1):

(1) Repair of high voltage transmission lines to Logan International Airport; Saugus River, Saugus, MA. The temporary safety zone includes all waters of the Saugus River, from surface to bottom, within a 250-yard radius of position 42°26′42″ N; 070°58′14″ W.

(2) Effective Period. This rule is effective with actual notice from: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (exact dates will be published in the Final Rule).

(3) Enforcement Period. This rule will be enforced during a consecutive 48 hour period: (exact dates will be published in the Final Rule).

(b) Notification.

Coast Guard Sector Boston will cause notice of the enforcement of this proposed temporary safety zone to be made by all appropriate means to affect the widest publicity among the affected segments of the public, including publication in the Local Notice to Mariners and Safety Marine Information Broadcast.

(c) Regulations.

(1) In accordance with the general regulations in Section 165.23 of this part, entry into, transiting or anchoring within this regulated area is prohibited unless authorized by the COTP Boston, or his designated on-scene representative.

(2) This safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP Boston or his designated on-scene representative.

(3) The “on-scene representative” of the Captain of the Port Boston is any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been designated by the Captain of the Port Boston to act on his behalf. The on-scene representative of the COTP Boston will be aboard either a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary vessel. The COTP or his designated on scene representative may be contacted by telephone at 617–223–5750 or on VHF Channel 16.

(4) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone shall request permission to do so by contacting the COTP Sector Boston by telephone at 617–223–5750 or on VHF radio channel 16.

Dated: January 4, 2011.

John N. Healey,
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Boston.

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