SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Amtrak Railroad Bridge, across the Niantic River, mile 0.0, at Niantic, Connecticut, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 16 feet at mean high water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.215(a).

The waterway users are recreational vessels and seasonal fishing boats.

The operator of the bridge, National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak), requested a temporary deviation from the regulations to facilitate pier alignment and completion of machinery installation at the new Niantic River RR Bridge.

The Coast Guard previously issued a temporary deviation to Amtrak dated May 2, 2012, USCG–2012–0305, to allow the bridge to remain in the closed position during the hours of 11 p.m. until 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday, beginning May 15, 2012 until August 15, 2012 in order to facilitate completion of machinery installation and lift span work at the new railroad bridge. However, in May 2012, the contractor discovered a minor shift in the bascule pier, causing a misalignment of the new bridge.

Until the pier alignment problem is resolved, the work anticipated to be completed during the closures authorized under the May 2, 2012 temporary deviation cannot be done. In order to complete all the remaining work and correct the pier alignment problem a 48 hour bridge closure from 9 p.m. July 15 to 9 p.m. July 17, 2012 was determined to be necessary and the best time to conduct work in order to bring the bridge into proper alignment. Once the alignment is completed machinery installation and lift span work may continue.

This scenario was presented to the Amtrak Annual Boaters Meeting on June 7, 2012. The waterway users and Sector Long Island Sound have all concurred with the bridge closure period as the optimal time for the closure so that completion of the bridge replacement project is not impacted. Additionally, periodic overnight closures with the possibility of two openings after advance notice was agreed upon.

Under this temporary deviation the Amtrak Railroad Bridge may remain in the closed position from 9 p.m. on July 15, 2012 through 9 p.m. on July 17, 2012. In addition, the bridge may remain in the closed position during the hours of 10 p.m. until 6 a.m., Sunday through Wednesday, each week beginning July 22, 2012 until August 22, 2012 except that openings will be granted at midnight and 4:30 a.m. with a 2 hour advance notice. This schedule will be published in the Local Notice to Mariners, and via broadcast notice to mariners as necessary.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at all times.

The waterway users were advised of the requested bridge closure and offered no objection.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time periods. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

Gary Kassof, Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.
Basis and Purpose

On May 2, 2012, we published a temporary deviation entitled “Drawbridge Operations: Niantic River, Niantic, CT” in the Federal Register (77 FR 25889) for the Amtrak Railroad Bridge, across the Niantic River, mile 0.6, at Niantic, Connecticut. This deviation from the operating regulations was authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Cancellation

The Coast Guard previously issued a temporary deviation to Amtrak published on May 2, 2012 (77 FR 25889) to allow their bridge to remain in the closed position from 11 p.m. through 6 a.m., Monday through Thursday, beginning May 15, 2012 until August 15, 2012. The temporary deviation was necessary to facilitate completion of machinery installation and lift span work at the new railroad bridge.

In May 2012, the contractor building the bridge discovered a minor shift in the bascule pier, causing a misalignment of the new bridge. Until the pier alignment problem is resolved, the work anticipated to be completed during the closures authorized under the May 2, 2012 (77 FR 25889) temporary deviation could not be completed.

In order to complete all the remaining work and correct the pier alignment problem a new temporary deviation is required authorizing a 48 hour bridge closure from 9 p.m. July 15 to 9 p.m. July 17, 2012 and a series of overnight closures between July 22 and August 22, 2012.

As a result of all the above information it was determined that the temporary deviation published on May 2, 2012 (77 FR 25889) must be cancelled on July 14, 2012.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

Gary Kassof,
Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

The Coast Guard believes that this temporary deviation meets the reasonable needs of navigation because the recreational users that normally use this bridge are recreational vessels that do not operate during the winter months when this deviation will be in effect.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: June 29, 2012.

Gary Kassof,
Bridge Program Manager, First Coast Guard District.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the General Edwards Bridge, mile 1.7, across the Saugus River between Lynn and Revere, Massachusetts. The deviation is necessary to facilitate major bridge rehabilitation construction. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position during the rehabilitation of the electrical and mechanical components that lift the bridge spans.

DATES: This deviation is effective from September 4, 2012 through February 27, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG–2012–0547 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG–2012–0547 in the “Keyword” and then clicking “Search.” They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M–30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Mr. John W. McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, john.w.mcdonald@uscg.mil, or telephone 617–223–8364. If you have questions on viewing the docket, call Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202–366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The General Edwards Bridge, across the Saugus River, mile 1.7, between Lynn and Revere, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 27 feet at mean high water and 36 feet at mean low water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.618(b).

The waterway users are recreational vessels of various sizes. During the non-boating season the bridge rarely opens since the recreational vessels that transit this waterway are normally in winter storage. The bridge has opened five times since 2010 during the winter months.

The owner of the bridge, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the regulations to help facilitate rehabilitation of the electrical and mechanical components that lift the opening span.

Under this temporary deviation the General Edwards Bridge may remain in the closed position from September 4, 2012 through February 27, 2013.

Vessels that can pass under the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time.

Environmental Protection Agency

40 CFR Part 180

[Docket No. USCG–2012–0547]

4. Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This regulation establishes tolerances for residues of difenoconazole in or on multiple commodities identified and discussed in this document and amends the established tolerances in or on vegetable, tuberous and corm, subgroup 1C and potato, processed waste. In addition, this regulation removes established tolerances for certain commodities/groups superseded by this action. The Interregional Research Project Number 4 (IR–4) requested these tolerances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

DATES: This regulation is effective July 19, 2012. Objections and requests for hearings must be received on or before September 17, 2012, and must be filed in accordance with the instructions provided in 40 CFR part 178 (see also Unit I.C. of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION).

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPP–2011–0300, is available at http://www.regulations.gov or at the OPP Docket in the Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), located in EPA.