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■ 2. Add temporary § 165.T05–0400, to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–0400 Safety Zone, Delaware River; Pipe-laying

(a) *Location.* The following areas are safety zones: Includes all waters in Billingsport Range, on the Delaware River, within 150 yards of the working vessels and related equipment conducting pipe-removal operations.

(b) *Definitions.* (1) The Captain of the Port means the Commander Sector Delaware Bay or any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port to act on his behalf.

(2) *Designated representative* means any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay, to assist with the enforcement of a safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Regulations:* The general safety zone regulations found in subpart C of this part apply to the safety zones created by this section. (1) The Captain of the Port will implement and terminate the safety zones once all pipelines have been removed and operations are completed. Notice of the implementation and the termination of the safety zone will be made in accordance with § 165.7.

(2) Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zones is prohibited unless vessels obtain permission from the Captain of the Port (COTP) or make satisfactory passing arrangements, via VHF–FM marine band channel 13 or 16, with the working vessel on scene per this rule and the Rules of the Road (33 CFR subchapter E).

(3) To request permission to enter a safety zone, the Captain of the Port's representative can be contact via VHF–FM channel 16. Vessels granted permission to enter and transit through a safety zone must do so in accordance with the directions provided by the Captain of the Port or designated representative. No person or vessel may enter or remain in a safety zone without permission from the Captain of the Port. All persons and vessels within a safety

zone shall obey the directions or orders of the Captain of the Port or their designated representative.

(4) At least one side of the main navigational channel will be kept clear for safe passage of vessels in the vicinity of the safety zone. At no time will the main navigational channel be closed to vessel traffic. Vessels that desire to enter or transit through a safety zone shall contact the working vessels on scene on VHF–FM marine band channel 13 or 16, at least 1 hour prior to arrival.

(5) This section applies to all vessels that intend to transit through a safety zone except vessels that are engaged in the following operations: Enforcement of laws; service of aids to navigation, and emergency response.

(d) *Enforcement.* These safety zones will be enforced with actual notice by the U.S. Coast Guard representatives on scene, as well as other methods listed in 33 CFR 165.7.

Dated: June 20, 2017.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2017–0541]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone; Nights in Venice Fireworks, Beach Thorofare, Ocean City, NJ

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a safety zone on the waters of Beach Thorofare in Ocean City, NJ on July 22, 2017. The safety zone will restrict vessel traffic from operating on a portion of Beach Thorofare while a fireworks event is taking place. This safety zone is necessary to protect the public, spectators and vessels from the hazards associated with a fireworks display. The safety zone restricts vessels from transiting the zone during the effective period, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Delaware Bay or a designated representative.

DATES: Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before July 11, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–

2017–0541 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this proposed rulemaking, call or if email Petty Officer Amanda Boone, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Delaware Bay, Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone (215) 271–4889, email Amanda.N.Boone@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
 DHS Department of Homeland Security
 E.O. Executive order
 FR Federal Register
 Pub. L. Public Law
 § Section
 U.S.C. United States Code
 COTP Captain of the Port

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On June 8, 2017 the Coast Guard was notified of Ocean City Nights in Venice fireworks event scheduled for July 22, 2017. The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 1231. The Captain of the Port Delaware Bay has determined that a temporary safety zone is necessary to provide safety on navigable waters during the fireworks event, and to enhance safety of the public, spectators and vessels.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

On July 22, 2017 a fireworks display event will take place on the waters of Beach Thorofare in Ocean City, NJ. The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone in a portion of the waterway known as Beach Thorofare in Ocean City, NJ to ensure the safety of persons, vessels and the public during the event. The safety zone includes all navigable waters of Beach Thorofare within a 600 foot radius of the fireworks launch platform in approximate position 39°17'23" N., 074°34'31" W. near Ocean City, NJ. The fireworks displays are expected to occur between 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. In order to coordinate the safe movement of vessels within the area and to ensure that the area is clear of unauthorized persons and vessels before, during, and immediately after the fireworks launch, this zone will be enforced from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Access to this safety zone will be restricted during the specified date and time period. Only vessels or persons specifically authorized by the Captain of

the Port Delaware Bay or designated representative may enter or remain in the regulated area.

IV. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this proposed 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. Executive Order 13771 directs agencies to control regulatory costs through a budgeting process. This NPRM has not been designated a “significant regulatory action,” under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, the NPRM has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and pursuant to OMB guidance it is exempt from the requirements of Executive Order 13771.

This regulatory action determination is based on the size, location, duration, and time-of-year of the safety zone. This safety zone will impact the waters affected by this rule from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 22, 2017, during a time of day when commercial and recreational vessels traffic is normally low. Notifications will be made to the maritime community via marine information broadcasts so mariners may adjust their plans accordingly. Notifications will be updated as necessary, to keep the maritime community informed of the status of the safety 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 proposed rule would 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 IV.A above, this rule will not have a significant

economic impact on any vessel owner or operator.

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.

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. 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 the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. 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.

C. Collection of Information

This proposed rule would 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 proposed 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 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. If you believe this proposed rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

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

F. Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management Directive 023–01 and Commandant Instruction M16475.ID, which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (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. This proposed rule involves a safety zone which is limited in size and duration. Normally such actions are categorically excluded from further review under paragraph 34(g) of Figure 2–1 of Commandant Instruction M16475.ID. A preliminary Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. We seek any comments or information that may lead to the discovery of a significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

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(a) *Definitions.* As used in this section, *designated representative* means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard petty officer, warrant or commissioned officer on board a Coast Guard vessel and or on board another Federal, State, or local law enforcement vessel assisting the Captain of the Port, Delaware Bay with enforcement of the safety zone.

(b) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All the waters of Beach Thorofare within a 600 foot radius of the fireworks launch platform in

approximate position 39°17'W23" N., 074°34'W31" W. near Ocean City, NJ.

(c) Regulations.

(1) The general safety zone regulations found in § 165.23 apply to the safety zone created by this temporary section.

(2) Under the general safety zone regulations in § 165.23, persons may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (b) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(3) To request permission to enter the safety zone, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative on marine band radio VHF–FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). All persons and vessels in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative.

(d) *Effective and enforcement period:* This section will be enforced from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 22, 2017.

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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Copyright Royalty Board

37 CFR Part 350

[Docket No. 17–CRB–0013 RM]

Proceedings of the Copyright Royalty Board; Violation of Standards of Conduct

AGENCY: Copyright Royalty Board, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Copyright Royalty Judges seek reply comments regarding a proposed new Copyright Royalty Board rule that would authorize the Judges to bar, either temporarily or permanently, certain individuals and entities from participating in proceedings before the Judges.

DATES: Comments are due no later than July 26, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The proposed rule is posted on the agency's Web site (www.loc.gov/crb) and at Regulations.gov (www.regulations.gov). Interested parties may submit comments via the Copyright Royalty Board's electronic filing system, eCRB, at <https://app.crb.gov>. Commenters must register to use the system prior to filing comments. Those who choose not to submit comments electronically should see How to Submit Comments in the