

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 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:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 CFR 1.051(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. From December 1, 2001 to April 15, 2002, add § 165.T01-197 to read as follows:

§ 165.T01-197 Safety Zone: Route 1 Bascule Bridge, Mystic River, Mystic, CT

(a) *Location.* The following area is designated as a safety zone: all waters of the Mystic River within 100 feet of both the north and south sides of the Route 1 Bascule Bridge located in approximate position 41°21'3" N, 071°58'1" W.

(b) *Enforcement period.* This section is effective from 7 a.m. (EST) December 1, 2001 to 7 a.m. (EST) April 15, 2002.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) The general regulations contained in 33 CFR 165.23 apply.

(2) All persons and vessels shall comply with the instructions of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port or the designated on-scene-patrol personnel. These personnel comprise commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard. Upon hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the operator of a vessel shall proceed as directed.

Dated: October 23, 2001.

Joseph J. Coccia,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Group/MSO Long Island Sound.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP Western Alaska-01-008]

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Safety Zone; Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, AK

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone in the Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska. The zone is needed to protect the safety of

persons and vessels operating in the vicinity of the safety zone during a rocket launch from the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island facility. Entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, and the Coast Guard Captain of the Port, Western Alaska, or his on-scene representative. The intended effect of the proposed safety zone is to ensure the safety of human life and property during the rocket launch.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each day starting November 9, 2001 through November 14, 2001, and then from 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. each day starting November 15, 2001 through November 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents indicated in this preamble as being available in the docket, are part of docket COTP Western Alaska-01-008 and are available for inspection or copying at Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Anchorage, 510 "L" Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501 between 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Diane Kalina, Marine Safety Office Anchorage, at (907) 271-6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553, a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was not published for this regulation. Good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM and for making this regulation effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The parameters of the zone will not unduly impair business and transits of vessels. The Coast Guard will announce via Broadcast Notice to Mariners the anticipated date and time of each launch and will grant general permission to enter the safety zone during those times in which the launch does not pose a hazard to mariners. Because the hazardous condition is expected to last for approximately 4 hours of each day for 13 days, and because general permission to enter the safety zone will be given during non-hazardous times, the impact of this rule on commercial and recreational traffic is expected to be minimal. Therefore, notice and comment is unnecessary. Additionally, the process of scheduling a rocket launch is uncertain due to unforeseen delays that can cause cancellation of the launch. The Coast

Guard attempts to publish a Final Rule, with a 30-day window, as close to the expected launch date as possible, when it is conveyed to them in time. Any delay encountered in this regulation's effective date would be unnecessary and contrary to public interest since immediate action is needed to protect human life and property from possible fallout from the rocket launch. This safety zone should have minimal impact on vessel transits and announcements via Broadcast Notice to Mariners will give vessels advanced notice of the launch.

Background and Purpose

The Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation (AADC) will attempt to launch an unmanned rocket from their facility at Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska sometime between 8:24 a.m. and 10:10 a.m. each day from November 9, 2001 through November 14, 2001 and between 7:02 a.m. and 8:54 a.m. each day from November 15, 2001 through November 21, 2001. The safety zone is necessary to protect spectators and transiting vessels from the potential hazards associated with the launch.

The Coast Guard will announce via Broadcast Notice to Mariners the anticipated date and time of the launch and will grant general permission to enter the safety zone during those times in which the launch does not pose a hazard to mariners. Because the hazardous condition is expected to last for approximately 4 hours of each day for 13 days, and because general permission to enter the safety zone will be given during non-hazardous times, the impact of this rule on commercial and recreational traffic is expected to be minimal.

Discussion of Regulation

From the latest information received from the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, the launch window is scheduled for 4 hours each day from November 9, 2001 through November 21, 2001. The size of the safety zone has been set based upon the trajectory information in order to provide a greater safety buffer in the event that the launch is aborted shortly after take-off. The proposed safety zone includes an area in the Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska. Specifically, the zone includes the waters of the Gulf of Alaska that are within the area by a line drawn from a point located at 57°26'53" North, 152°22'14" West, then south to a point located at 57°24'42" North, 152°23'18" West, then southeast to a point located at 57°11'32" North, 152°05'35" West, then northeast to a point located at

57°18'45" North, 151°53'47" West, then west northwest to the point located at 57°27'45" North, 152°18'31" West, then back to the first point. All coordinates reference Datum: NAD 1983.

This safety zone is necessary to protect spectators and transiting vessels from the potential hazards associated with the launch of the rocket. The Coast Guard will announce via Broadcast Notice to Mariners the anticipated date and time of the launch and will grant general permission to enter the safety zone during those times in which the launch does not pose a hazard to mariners.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential cost and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. The Office of Management and Budget has not reviewed it under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. Because the hazardous condition is expected to last for only approximately 4 hours of each day for 13 days, and because general permission to enter the safety zone will be given during non-hazardous times, the economic impact of this rule on commercial traffic should be minimal. In addition, before the effective period, we will issue maritime advisories widely available to users of the affected portion of the Gulf of Alaska. We believe there will be minimal economic impact on commercial traffic.

Small Entities

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

This rule will affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: the owners or operators of

vessels intending to transit, anchor, or fish in a portion of the Gulf of Alaska off Ugak Island and Narrow Cape from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each day starting November 9, 2001 through November 14, 2001, and then from 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. each day starting November 15, 2001 through November 21, 2001. Because the hazardous condition is expected to last for approximately 4 hours of each day for 13 days, and because general permission to enter the safety zone will be given during non-hazardous times, the impact of this rule on commercial and recreational traffic should be minimal. Before the effective period, we will issue maritime advisories widely available to users of the affected portion of the Gulf of Alaska. We believe there will be minimal impact to small entities.

Assistance for Small Entities

Under section 213(a) of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–121), we offered to assist small entities in understanding the rule so that they could better evaluate its effects on them and participate in the rulemaking process.

Collection of Information

This rule calls 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 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 or more in any one year. Though this rule will not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

Taking of Private Property

This rule will not affect 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 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 rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not economically significant and does not cause an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

Consultation and Coordination with 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 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. It has not been designated by the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under Figure 2–1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. This rule is excluded under paragraph (34)(g) because it is a safety zone. A “Categorical Exclusion Determination” is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard amends 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

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Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191, 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, 160.5; 49 CFR 1.46.

2. Add temporary § 165.T17–008 to read as follows:

§ 165.T17–008 Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation, Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, AK: Safety Zones.

(a) *Description.* This safety zone includes an area in the Gulf of Alaska, southeast of Narrow Cape, Kodiak Island, Alaska. Specifically, the zone includes the waters of the Gulf of Alaska that are within the area bounded by a line drawn from a point located at 57°26'53" North, 152°22'14" West, then south to a point located at 57°24'42" North, 152°23'18" West, then southeast to a point located at 57°11'32" North, 152°05'35" West, then northeast to a point located at 57°18'45" North, 151°53'47" West, then west northwest to the point located at 57°27'45" North, 152°18'31" West, then back to the first point. All coordinates reference Datum: NAD 1983.

(b) *Effective dates.* This section is effective from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each day starting November 9, 2001 through November 14, 2001, and then from 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. each day starting November 15, 2001 through November 21, 2001.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) The Captain of the Port and the Duty Officer at Marine Safety Office, Anchorage, Alaska can be contacted at telephone number (907) 271–6700.

(2) The Captain of the Port may authorize and designate any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer to act on his behalf in enforcing the safety zone.

(3) The general regulations governing safety zones contained in § 165.23 of this part apply. No person or vessel may enter or remain in this safety zone, with the exception of attending vessels, without first obtaining permission from the Captain of the Port or his on-scene representative. In the vicinity of Narrow Cape, the Captain of the Port, Western Alaska's on-scene representative may be

contacted at the Kodiak Launch Complex via VHF marine channel 16.

Dated: October 26, 2001.

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Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Western Alaska.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[AL–056–2–200205; FRL–7098–6]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality State Implementation Plans (SIP); Alabama: Control of Gasoline Sulfur and Volatility

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving a SIP revision submitted by the State of Alabama establishing low-sulfur and low-Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) requirements for gasoline distributed in the Birmingham nonattainment area (Shelby and Jefferson counties in Alabama). Alabama developed these fuel requirements to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds as part of the State's strategy to achieve the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone in the Birmingham nonattainment area. EPA is approving Alabama's fuel requirement into the SIP because these fuel requirements are in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (the Act), and are necessary for the Birmingham nonattainment area to achieve the 1-hour ozone NAAQS in a timely manner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This final rule is effective on December 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the State submittal(s) are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. Lynorae Benjamin, (404) 562–9040.

Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), 400 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110–2059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynorae Benjamin, Regulatory Planning Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Region 4, Environmental

Protection Agency, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. The telephone number is (404) 562–9040. Ms. Benjamin can also be reached via electronic mail at benjamin.lynorae@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 1, 2000, the State of Alabama submitted an attainment demonstration for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS for the Birmingham nonattainment area for inclusion into the Alabama SIP. The rule for the fuel program (the subject of this final rulemaking) is included in this submittal in Appendix I; the request for a waiver from Federal preemption pursuant to 211(c)(4)(C) of the Act (also the subject of this final rulemaking) is included as Appendix II of this submittal. Specifically, Appendix II of the Alabama submittal contains data and analyses to support a finding under section 211(c)(4)(C) that the State's low-sulfur and low-RVP requirements are necessary for the Birmingham nonattainment area to achieve the ozone NAAQS. On September 11, 2001, (66 FR 47142) EPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPR) to approve the fuel waiver request and fuel rule. That NPR provides a detailed description of this action and EPA's rationale for proposed approval. The public comment period for this action ended on October 11, 2001. No comments, adverse or otherwise, were received on EPA's proposal.

Final Action

EPA is approving Alabama's low-sulfur/low-RVP fuel program into the federally enforceable SIP because the fuel requirements are in accordance with the Act, are necessary for the Birmingham nonattainment area to achieve the 1 hour ozone NAAQS in a timely manner, and will supply some or all of the reductions needed to achieve the ozone NAAQS.

Administrative Requirements

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is not a "significant regulatory action" and therefore is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. For this reason, this action is also not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001). This action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies that this rule