

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 4, 2001 through December 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Witt-Penn (Route 7) Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 35 feet at mean high water and 40 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations require the draw to open on signal at all times.

The bridge owner, New Jersey Department of Transportation, has requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate scheduled maintenance, the replacement of the bridge power and communications cable at the bridge. The nature of the required maintenance repairs will require the bridge to be closed to navigation during the implementation of this work.

This deviation to the operating regulations will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position from 9 a.m. on December 4, 2001 through 6 a.m. on December 7, 2001.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

G.N. Naccara,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD01-01-213]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations: Mianus River, CT

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operation regulations for the Metro North Bridge, mile 1.0, across the Mianus River at Greenwich, Connecticut. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position during three periods: November 26, through December 6, 2001; December 10, through December 21, 2001; and January 7, 2002 through January 16,

2002. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate structural repairs at the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from November 26, 2001 through January 16, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Schmied, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (212) 668-7195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Metro North Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 20 feet at mean high water and 27 feet at mean low water. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.209.

The bridge owner, Metro North Railroad, has requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary structural maintenance at the bridge. The nature of the required structural repairs will require the bridge to be closed to navigation during the implementation of this work.

This deviation to the operating regulations will allow the bridge to remain in the closed position from 6 a.m. on November 26, 2001 through 7 p.m. on December 6, 2001; from 6 a.m. on December 10, 2001 through 7 p.m. on December 21, 2001; and from 6 a.m. on January 7, 2002 through 7 p.m. on January 16, 2002.

This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35, and will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

G.N. Naccara,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[COTP TAMPA-01-108]

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Security Zones; Crystal River, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing temporary fixed security zones around the Florida Power Crystal River nuclear power plant located at the end of the Florida Power Corporation Channel, Crystal River, Florida. The security zones are needed for national security reasons to protect the public

and the power plant from potential subversive acts. Entry into the zones is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Tampa, Florida, or his designated representative.

DATES: This regulation is effective from 6 p.m. (EST) on November 21, 2001 until 6 p.m. (EDT) on June 15, 2002.

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 [COTP Tampa-01-108] and are available for inspection or copying at Marine Safety Office Tampa, 155 Columbia Drive, Tampa, Florida 33606-3598 between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT David G. McClellan, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Tampa, at (813) 228-2189 extension 102.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Information

We did not publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for this regulation. Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a NPRM. Publishing a NPRM and delaying the rule's effective date would be contrary to the public interest since immediate action is needed to protect the public, ports and waterways of the United States. The Coast Guard will issue a broadcast notice to mariners announcing the creation of this rule and place Coast Guard or other law enforcement vessels in the vicinity of these zones to advise mariners of the restriction.

For the same reasons, under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

Background and Purpose

Based on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, there is an increased risk that subversive activity could be launched by vessels or persons in close proximity to the Florida Power Crystal River power plant. This power plant provides critical energy to the Tampa area and contains extremely hazardous materials. The security zone for the Florida Power Corporation Channel encompasses the waters within the following points: 28° 56.87' N, 082° 45.17' W (Northwest corner), 28° 57.37' N, 082° 41.92' W (Northeast corner), 28° 56.81' N, 082° 45.17' W (Southwest corner), and 28°