

We prepared a draft economic evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD. See the AD docket to examine the draft economic evaluation.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding a new airworthiness directive to read as follows:

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation: Docket No. FAA-2008-0609; Directorate Identifier 2008-SW-24-AD.

Applicability: Model S-76A, S-76B, and S-76C helicopters with any of the following part-numbered vertical stabilizer aft spars assemblies having 1,000 or more hours time-in-service (TIS) installed, certificated in any category.

Helicopter model	Vertical stabilizer aft spar assembly part No.
S-76A	76201-05002-114 76201-05002-115
S-76B and S-76C	76201-05002-047

Helicopter model	Vertical stabilizer aft spar assembly part No.
	76201-05002-048 76201-25002-041 76201-25002-044 76201-25002-045 76201-25002-046

Compliance: Required as indicated.

To detect and correct an unbalanced or out-of-track tail rotor, which could lead to increased vibrations a fatigue crack, loss of a portion of the vertical stabilizer, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 30 days, unless accomplished previously, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 50 hours TIS, inspect the vertical stabilizer aft spar assembly (aft spar assembly) for a crack, a loose or working fastener, or corrosion in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 3.A., in Sikorsky Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) No. 76-55-20A, Revision A, dated November 11, 2003 (No. 76-55-20A). For purposes of this AD, ASB No 76-55-20A pertains to Model S-76B helicopters as well as Model S-76A and S-76C helicopters.

(1) If a crack, a loose or working fastener, or corrosion is found in the aft spar assembly, before further flight:

(i) Repair or replace any unairworthy parts and

(ii) Inspect the vertical stabilizer forward spar assembly (forward spar assembly) for a crack, a loose or working fastener, or corrosion in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 3.B., in ASB No. 76-55-20A. Contacting the manufacturer is not required by this AD.

(2) If a crack, a loose or working fastener, or corrosion is found in the forward spar assembly, repair in accordance with the applicable maintenance manual or replace with airworthy parts before further flight.

(b) Within 30 days, unless accomplished previously, and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 200 hours TIS, track-and-balance the tail rotor in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 3.A., in ASB No. 76-65-58A, dated November 11, 2003.

Note 1: Although the ASB specifies only an initial inspection of the aft spar assembly and a track-and-balance of the tail rotor, this AD requires inspecting the aft spar assembly and track-and-balancing the tail rotor repetitively.

Note 2: The track-and-balancing of the tail rotor that is required by paragraph (b) of this AD involves both a pilot and mechanic. The pilot's function is to operate the helicopter to a "light on wheels" state—almost to the point of takeoff. The mechanic is needed to accomplish the vibration measurements.

(c) On or before December 31, 2010, install a vertical stabilizer modification kit, part number 76070-20562, 76070-20563, or 76070-20564. Installing the vertical stabilizer modification kit is terminating action for the requirements of this AD.

(d) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR

39.19. Contact the Manager, Boston Aircraft Certification Office, Engine and Propeller Directorate, ATTN: Richard Noll, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803, telephone (781) 238-7160, fax (781) 238-7170, for information about previously approved alternative methods of compliance.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on May 22, 2008.

David A. Downey,

Manager, Rotorcraft Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0391]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zone; Fireworks Display, Upper Potomac River, Washington Channel, Washington Harbor, DC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to establish a temporary safety zone upon specified waters of the Upper Potomac River. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during a fireworks display launched from a barge located within Washington Channel, in Washington Harbor, DC. This action will restrict vessel traffic in a portion of the Washington Channel.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 7, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2008-0391 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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(4) Fax: 202-493-2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this proposed rule, call Mr. Ronald L. Houck, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore, at (410) 576-2674 or (410) 576-2693. 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:

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. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use the Docket Management Facility. Please see DOT's "Privacy Act" paragraph below.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2008-0391), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them 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. We may change this proposed rule in view of them.

Viewing Comments and Documents

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ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays; or the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore, 2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21226-1791, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all 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 the Department of Transportation's Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

Public Meeting

We do not now plan to hold a public meeting. But you may submit a request for one to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one 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**.

Background and Purpose

Fireworks displays are frequently held from locations on or near the navigable waters of the United States. The accidental discharge of fireworks and falling hot embers or other debris are a safety concern during such events. The Coast Guard has the authority to impose appropriate controls on marine events that may pose a threat to persons, vessels and facilities under its jurisdiction. The purpose of this rule is to promote maritime safety, and to protect mariners transiting the area from the potential hazards associated with a fireworks display. The rule is needed to control movement in a portion of the waterway that is expected to be populated by spectators seeking to view the fireworks display and mariners operating unknowingly too close to the fireworks discharge site.

Discussion of Proposed Rule

In support of its 2008 Centennial Boule, marking the 100th anniversary of its founding, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a fireworks display in Washington Harbor, DC. The planned fireworks event includes a fifteen-minute aerial display launched from a barge in the Washington Channel

at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

To provide for the safety of spectators and transiting vessels, the Captain of the Port Baltimore, Maryland is proposing to establish a safety zone that will be enforced during the fireworks display held on specified waters of the Upper Potomac River. The proposed rule establishes a safety zone on the waters of the Washington Channel, within a 150-yard radius of the fireworks barge in approximate position latitude 38°52'09" N, longitude 077°01'13" W, located within the Washington Channel in Washington Harbor, DC. The rule will impact the movement of all persons and vessels operating in specified waters of the Washington Channel, from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 16, 2008, and if necessary due to inclement weather, from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 17, 2008.

Regulatory Evaluation

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.

We expect the economic impact of this proposed rule to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation is unnecessary. There is little commercial vessel traffic during the enforcement period.

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 rule would affect the following entities, some of which might be small entities: The owners or operators of vessels intending to operate, remain or anchor within certain waters of the Washington Channel, in Washington Harbor, DC, from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 16, 2008, and if necessary due to inclement weather, from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 17, 2008. Because the zone is of

limited duration, it is expected that there will be minimal disruption to the maritime community. Before the effective period, the Coast Guard will issue maritime advisories widely available to users of the waterway to allow mariners to make alternative plans for transiting the affected area. In addition, smaller vessels not constrained by their draft, which are more likely to be small entities, may transit around the safety zone.

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 Mr. Ronald Houck, at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore, Waterways Management Division, at telephone number (410) 576–2674 or (410) 576–2693. The Coast Guard will not retaliate against small entities that question or complain about this 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 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.

Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule would not effect 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 or 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 Commandant Instruction M16475.1D which guides 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 not likely to have a significant effect on the human environment. The rule establishes a temporary 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

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

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1226, 1231; 46 U.S.C. Chapter 701; 50 U.S.C. 191, 195; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Pub. L. 107–295, 116 Stat. 2064; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1

2. Add temporary § 165.T05–0391 to read as follows:

§ 165.T05–0391 Safety zone; Fireworks Display, Upper Potomac River, Washington Channel, Washington Harbor, DC.

(a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland means the

Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore or any Coast Guard commissioned, warrant, or petty officer who has been authorized by the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland to act on his or her behalf.

(b) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: All waters of the Upper Potomac River, surface to bottom, within a 150-yard radius of the fireworks barge in approximate position latitude 38°52'09" N, longitude 077°01'13" W, located within the Washington Channel in Washington Harbor, DC. All coordinates reference North American Datum 1983.

(c) *Regulations:*

(1) The general regulations governing safety zones, found in Sec. 165.23, apply to the safety zone described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) Entry into or remaining in this zone is prohibited, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.

(3) Persons or vessels requiring entry into or passage through the moving safety zone must first request authorization from the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland to seek permission to transit the area. The Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland can be contacted at telephone number (410) 576-2693. The Coast Guard vessels enforcing this section can be contacted on Marine Band Radio VHF Channel 16 (156.8 MHz). Upon being hailed by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel by siren, radio, flashing light, or other means, the person or vessel shall proceed as directed. If permission is granted, all persons or vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland, and proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course while within the zone.

(d) *Enforcement.* The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the zone by Federal, State and local agencies.

(e) *Enforcement periods.* This section will be enforced from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 16, 2008, and if necessary due to inclement weather, from 8 p.m. through 10:30 p.m. on July 17, 2008.

Dated: May 20, 2008.

Brian D. Kelley,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, Baltimore, Maryland.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0349]

RIN 1625-AA00

Safety Zones; Fireworks, Central and Northern Massachusetts

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes the temporary creation of safety zones for fireworks events being held on several waterways of Massachusetts this summer. These safety zones will last for the limited duration of the six fireworks events occurring near the water along the central and northern portions of Massachusetts' Atlantic Coast. The zones are necessary to protect spectators, participants, and vessels from the hazards associated with fireworks displays.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 7, 2008.

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