

Buffalo Zone listed in 33 CFR 165.939 for the following events:

(1) *Cleveland Triathlon, Cleveland, OH*; The safety zone listed in Table 165.939 as (b)(1) will be enforced from 6:15 a.m. through 10:45 a.m. on July 21, 2019.

(2) *Downtown Cleveland Alliance July 4th Fireworks, Cleveland, OH*; The safety zone listed in Table 165.939 as (b)(4) will be enforced from 9:15 p.m. through 10:15 p.m. on July 4, 2019.

(3) *Parade of Lights, Cleveland, OH*; The safety zone listed in Table 165.939 as (b)(6) will be enforced from 8:45 p.m. through 11:45 p.m. on July 27, 2019.

(4) *Open Water Swim*; The safety zone listed in Table 165.939 as (b)(12) will be enforced from 6:45 a.m. through 10:45 a.m. on July 13, 2019.

(5) *Cleveland National Air Show, Cleveland, OH*; The safety zone listed in Table 165.939 as (d)(2) will be enforced daily from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m. August 30, 2019 through September 2, 2019.

Pursuant to 33 CFR 165.23, entry into, transiting, or anchoring within the safety zone during an enforcement period is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated representative. Those seeking permission to enter the safety zone may request permission from the Captain of Port Buffalo via channel 16, VHF-FM. Vessels and persons granted permission to enter the safety zone shall obey the directions of the Captain of the Port Buffalo or his designated representative. While within a safety zone, all vessels shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course.

This notice of enforcement is issued under authority of 33 CFR 165.939 and 5 U.S.C. 552(a). In addition to this notice of enforcement in the **Federal Register**, the Coast Guard will provide the maritime community with advance notification of this enforcement period via Broadcast Notice to Mariners or Local Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Buffalo determines that the safety zone need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this notice he or she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the respective safety zone.

Dated: May 20, 2019.

Joseph S. Dufresne,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Buffalo.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2019-0398]

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Safety Zone; Prom Fireworks Display; San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone in the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay near Pier 15 in support of the Pier 15 Prom Fireworks Display on May 25, 2019. This safety zone is necessary to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from the dangers associated with pyrotechnics. Unauthorized persons or vessels are prohibited from entering into, transiting through, or remaining in the safety zone without permission of the Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from noon to 10:50 p.m. on May 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2019-0398 in the “SEARCH” box and click “SEARCH.” Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Lieutenant Emily Rowan, Waterways Management, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone (415) 399-7443, email SFWaterways@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
TFR Temporary Final Rule
§ Section
COTP Captain of the Port
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are

“impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule. Because the Coast Guard received notice of this event on May 20, 2019, notice and comment procedures would be impracticable in this instance.

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**. For similar reasons as stated above, notice and comment procedures would be impractical in this instance due to the short notice provided for this event.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is establishing a safety zone under authority 46 U.S.C. 70034 (previously 33 U.S.C. 1231). The Captain of the Port San Francisco has determined that potential hazards associated with the Pier 15 Prom Fireworks Display on May 25, 2019, will be a safety concern for anyone within a 100-foot radius of the fireworks barge and anyone within a 280-foot radius of the fireworks firing site. For this reason, a safety zone is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters around the fireworks barge during the fireworks display.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from 12:00 p.m. until 10:50 p.m. on May 25, 2019 during the loading, staging, and transit of the fireworks barge, and the fireworks display, until approximately 30 minutes after completion of the fireworks display. During the loading and staging of the pyrotechnics onto the fireworks barge, scheduled to take place from noon to 4:00 p.m. on May 25, 2019, at Pier 50 in San Francisco, CA, the safety zone will encompass the navigable waters around and under the fireworks barge, from surface to bottom, within a radius of 100 feet. This 100-foot zone will remain in place while the barge is at the pier and while it is being towed to the display location.

The fireworks barge will remain at Pier 50 until the start of its transit to the display location. Towing of the barge from Pier 50 to the display location is scheduled to take place from 9:15 p.m. to 9:40 p.m. on May 25, 2019, where it will remain until the conclusion of the fireworks display.

At 9:45 p.m. on May 25, 2019, 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the 5-minute Pier 15 Prom Fireworks

Display, the safety zone will increase in size and encompass the navigable waters around and under the fireworks barge, from surface to bottom, within a radius of 280 feet from the circle center at approximate position 37°48'08" N, 122°23'46" W (NAD 83). The safety zone shall terminate at 10:50 p.m. on May 25, 2019.

The effect of the safety zone is to restrict navigation in the vicinity of the fireworks loading, staging, transit, and firing site. Except for persons or vessels authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the restricted areas. These regulations are needed to keep spectators and vessels away from the immediate vicinity of the fireworks firing site to ensure the safety of participants, spectators, and transiting vessels.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this 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 rule has not been designated a "significant regulatory action," under Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this rule 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 limited duration and narrowly tailored geographic area of the safety zone. Although this rule restricts access to the waters encompassed by the safety zone, the effect of this rule will not be significant because the local waterway users will be notified via public Notice to Mariners to ensure the safety zone will result in minimum impact. Vessels will be able to transit the area near the safety zone and the entities most likely to be affected are waterfront facilities, commercial vessels, and pleasure craft engaged in recreational activities.

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 rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

This rule may affect the following entities, some of which may be small entities: Owners and operators of waterfront facilities, commercial vessels, and pleasure craft engaged in recreational activities and sightseeing, if these facilities or vessels are in the vicinity of the safety zone at times when this zone is being enforced. This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for the following reasons: (i) This rule will encompass only a small portion of the waterway, (ii) this rule will only be in place for a short period of time, and (iii) the maritime public will be advised in advance of this safety zone via Notice to Mariners.

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 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.

Small businesses may send comments on the actions of Federal employees who enforce, or otherwise determine compliance with, Federal regulations to the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and the Regional Small Business Regulatory Fairness Boards. The Ombudsman evaluates these actions annually and rates each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you wish to comment on actions by employees of the Coast Guard, call 1–888–REG–FAIR (1–888–734–3247). 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.

C. Collection of Information

This rule will 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 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 rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it does 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 rule has implications for federalism or Indian tribes, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

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

F. Environment

We have analyzed this rule under Department of Homeland Security Directive 023–01 and Environmental Planning COMDTINST 5090.1 (series), which guide the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have determined 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 rule involves a safety zone of limited size and duration. It is categorically excluded from further review under Categorical Exclusion L60(a) in Table 3–1 of U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Implementing

Procedures 5090.1. A Record of Environmental Consideration supporting this determination is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places or vessels.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

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

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: 46 U.S.C 70034, 70051; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Add § 165.T11–974 to read as follows:

§ 165.T11–974 Safety Zone; Pier 15 Prom Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a safety zone: From noon on May 25, 2019 until 9:45 p.m. on May 25, 2019, the safety zone will encompass all navigable waters of the San Francisco Bay, from surface to bottom, within a circle formed by connecting all points 100 feet out from the fireworks barge during the loading and staging at Pier 50 in San Francisco, as well as transit and arrival to the fireworks display site. At 9:45 p.m., the safety zone will expand to all navigable waters, from surface to bottom, within a circle formed by connecting all points 280 feet out from the fireworks barge in approximate position 37°48'10" N, 122°23'43" W (NAD 83). The safety zone will remain in place until 10:50 p.m.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, “designated representative” means a Coast Guard Patrol Commander, including a Coast Guard coxswain, petty officer, or other officer operating a Coast Guard vessel or a Federal, State, or local officer designated by or assisting the Captain of

the Port (COTP) San Francisco in the enforcement of the safety zone.

(c) *Regulations.* (1) Under the general safety zone regulations in subpart C of this part, you may not enter the safety zone described in paragraph (a) of this section unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP’s designated representative.

(2) The safety zone is closed to all vessel traffic, except as may be permitted by the COTP or a designated representative.

(3) Vessel operators desiring to enter or operate within the safety zone must contact the COTP or a designated representative to obtain permission to do so. Vessel operators given permission to enter or operate in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP’s designated representative. Persons and vessels may request permission to enter the safety zones on VHF–23A or through the 24-hour Command Center at telephone (415) 399–3547.

(d) *Enforcement period.* The zone described in paragraph (a) of this section will be enforced from noon on May 25, 2019 until 10:50 p.m. on May 25, 2019. The Captain of the Port San Francisco will notify the maritime community of periods during which this zone will be enforced via Notice to Mariners in accordance with § 165.7.

Dated: May 22, 2019.

Marie B. Byrd,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port, San Francisco.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 17

RIN 2900–AP37

Removing Net Worth Requirement From Health Care Enrollment

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is removing the regulatory provisions regarding the veteran’s net worth as a factor in determining the veteran’s eligibility for VA health care. Prior to January 1, 2015, VA considered a veteran’s net worth and annual income when determining a veteran’s assignment to an enrollment priority group for VA health care. Reporting net worth information imposed a significant burden on veterans and VA dedicated substantial administrative resources to

verify the reported information. VA changed its policy regarding net worth reporting in order to improve access to VA health care to lower-income veterans and to remove the reporting burden from veterans by discontinuing collection of net worth information. As VA no longer considers net worth in making eligibility determinations, this final rule amends the regulation to remove reference to VA’s discretionary statutory authority to consider a veteran’s net worth as a factor in determining eligibility for VA health care. Because of the net worth reporting requirement, certain veterans who would have been eligible to receive VA health care based on their annual income were ineligible for such care, or they were placed in a lower priority category, because their net worth was too high.

DATES: *The final rule is effective* June 24, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Weishaar, Director, Program Administration, Member Services, (10NF), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420; (202) 382–2508. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a document published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 2015 (80 FR 63480), VA proposed to amend its regulations that govern enrollment in the VA health care system by removing the regulatory provision that restates VA’s discretionary authority to consider the veteran’s net worth when determining eligibility for lower-cost health care. VA provided a 60-day comment period, which ended on December 21, 2015. We received thirteen (13) comments on the proposed rule. Pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1705, VA established a health care enrollment system with implementing regulations at 38 CFR 17.36. When veterans apply for VA health care benefits, VA assigns a priority category that reflects the basis for that veteran’s eligibility, such as whether the veteran was rated as having a service-connected disability or would be unable to defray the costs of necessary expenses because of low income. Veterans are placed in the highest priority category they are eligible for based on the criteria described in § 17.36(b). Veterans who do not meet the requirements of priority categories 1 through 4, and are determined to be unable to defray the expenses of necessary care under 38 U.S.C. 1722(a) are placed in priority category 5. See 38 CFR 17.36(b)(5). This rulemaking affects a regulatory provision related to priority category 5.