This final rule also provides that at all other times drawtenders would be on call for one hour advance notice openings. This action is being taken because there have been few requests for bridge openings during the time periods that the MHD proposes to operate the bridge on an on call basis. This will relieve the bridge owner of the unnecessary burden of having personnel at the bridge at all times.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 2, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, documents referred to in this preamble are available for copying and inspection at the First Coast Guard District, Bridge Branch office located in the Captain John Foster Williams Federal Building, 408 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Massachusetts 02110–3350, room 628, between 6:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. The telephone number is (617) 223–8364.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Drafting Information

The principal persons involved in drafting this final rule are Mr. John W. McDonald, Project Officer, Bridge Branch, and Lieutenant Commander Samuel R. Watkins, Project Counsel, District Legal Office.

Regulatory History

On January 19, 1995, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Saugus River, Massachusetts" in the Federal Register (60 FR 3791). The Coast Guard received no comments on the notice of proposed rulemaking. No public hearing was requested, and none was held.

Background and Purpose

The Fox Hill SR107 Bridge, mile 2.5 between Saugus and Lynn, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance of 6' above mean high water (MHW) and 16' above mean low water (MLW). The existing regulations for the Fox Hill SR107 Bridge require it to open on signal at all times.

The MHD has requested authority to reduce the times when the bridge is crewed by drawtenders and to increase the times when the bridge is on a one (1) hour advance notice for openings. This request by MHD seeks relief from the unnecessary burden of crewing the bridge during times of infrequent requests for bridge openings.

Discussion of Comments and Changes

No comments were received on the notice of proposed rulemaking. No changes to the proposed rule have been made.

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 costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has been exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget 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 10e of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. This conclusion is based on the fact that this rule will not prevent mariners from passing through the Fox Hill SR107 Bridge, but will only require mariners to plan their transits.

Small Entities

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the Coast Guard considered whether this rule will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 'Small entities'' may include (1) small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that are independently owned and operated and are not dominant in their fields and (2) governmental jurisdictions with populations of less than 50,000. Because of the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Evaluation above, 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.

Collection of Information

This rule contains no collection of information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that, under paragraph 2.B.2.e.(32)(e) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B, this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation. A "Categorical Exclusion Determination" is available in the docket for inspection or copying where indicated under ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117 Bridges.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard is amending 33 CFR part 117 as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for Part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g); section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102–587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.618 is amended by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§117.618 Saugus River.

* * * *

(c) The Fox Hill SR107 Bridge at mile 2.5 shall open on signal, except that from October 1 through May 31, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily, and all day on December 25 and January 1, the draw shall open as soon as possible, but not more than one hour, after notice is given to the drawtenders either at the bridge during the time the drawtenders are on duty or by calling the number posted at the bridge.

Dated: July 17, 1995.

J.L. Linnon.

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

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33 CFR Part 117

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Drawbridge Operation Regulations; West Bay, Osterville, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has changed the operating rules governing the West Bay Bridge at mile 1.2 over West Bay in Osterville, Massachusetts. The special operating rules formerly published at 33 CFR section 117.78 were deleted in error. This final rule will correct the deletion error and publish the correct operating regulations for the bridge.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 2, 1995.