PART 41—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 41 continues to read as follows:


2. Accordingly, the Department adopts as final the interim rule at 61 FR 1837, as published in the Federal Register on January 24, 1996.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Good Cause for Not Publishing an NPRM

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 an NPRM. This rule is being promulgated without an NPRM due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily change the regulations governing the drawbridges on the Illinois Waterway at Joliet, Illinois and the start date of repairs to the Ruby Street Bridge. Structural repairs to the Ruby Street Bridge are scheduled to begin immediately. Thus, following normal rulemaking procedures would be impractical. Delaying implementation of the regulation will result in unnecessarily prolonged traffic management problems within the City of Joliet, Illinois because vehicle traffic will be unable to cross the Ruby Street Bridge while structural repairs are made.

Good Cause for Making Rule Effective in Less Than 30 Days

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. This rule should be made effective in less than 30 days due to the short time frame allowed between the submission of the request by the Illinois Department of Transportation to temporarily change the regulations governing the drawbridges on the Illinois Waterway at Joliet, Illinois and the start date of repairs to the Ruby Street Bridge. Structural repairs to the Ruby Street Bridge are scheduled to begin immediately. Thus, following normal rulemaking procedures would be impractical. Delaying implementation of the regulation will result in unnecessarily prolonged traffic management problems within the City of Joliet, Illinois because vehicle traffic will be unable to cross the Ruby Street Bridge while structural repairs are made.

Background and Purpose

Due to routine maintenance to the Ruby Street Bridge, mile 288.7, Illinois Waterway, the bridge must remain in the open to navigation (closed to motor vehicle traffic) position at all times. As