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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-05-005]

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#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Upper Mississippi River, Dubuque, IA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 579.9 at Dubuque, Iowa. This deviation allows the drawbridge to remain closed to navigation unless at least 12 hours advance notice is given for an opening from 6 a.m., January 17, 2005, until 6 p.m., February 28, 2005, Central Standard Time. The deviation is necessary to allow time for making repairs of critical mechanical components essential to the continued safe operation of the drawbridge.

**DATES:** This temporary deviation is effective from 6 a.m., January 17, 2005 through 6 p.m., February 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at Room 2.107F in the Robert A. Young Federal Building, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, MO 63103-2832, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Bridge Administration Branch maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger K. Wiebusch, Bridge Administrator, (314) 539-3900, extension 2378.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Chicago, Central and Pacific Railroad requested a temporary deviation to allow time to conduct repairs to the Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge, across the Upper Mississippi River, mile 579.9 at Dubuque, Iowa. The Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge currently

operates in accordance with 33 CFR 117.5 which requires the drawbridge to open promptly and fully for passage of vessels when a request to open is given in accordance with 33 CFR 117, subpart A. In order to repair the main stringers over the turntable of the swing span, the bridge must be kept in the closed to navigation position. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for 43 days from 6 a.m., January 17, 2005 until 6 p.m., February 28, 2005. The drawbridge will open during this time period upon 12 hours advance notice. There are no alternate routes for vessels transiting through mile 579.9 on the Upper Mississippi River.

The Illinois Central Railroad Drawbridge provides a vertical clearance of 19.9 feet above normal pool. Navigation on the waterway consists primarily of commercial tows and recreational watercraft. This deviation has been coordinated with waterway users. No objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

**Roger K. Wiebusch,**

*Bridge Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

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#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Merrimack River, MA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**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 Essex Merrimack Bridge, mile 5.8, across the Merrimack River, at Newburyport, Massachusetts. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from January 22, 2005 through February 3, 2005. This temporary deviation is necessary to facilitate structural repairs at the bridge.

**DATES:** This deviation is effective from January 22, 2005 through February 3, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John McDonald, Project Officer, First Coast Guard District, at (617) 223-8364.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Essex Merrimack Bridge, at mile 5.8, across the Merrimack River, has a vertical clearance of 15 feet at mean high water, and 22 feet at mean low water in the closed position. The existing regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.605(c).

The bridge owner, Massachusetts Highway Department, requested a temporary deviation from the drawbridge operating regulations to facilitate necessary structural repairs to the balance wheels at the bridge.

This deviation to the operating regulations allows the bridge to remain in the closed position from January 22, 2005 through February 3, 2005.

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: January 7, 2005.

**Gary Kassof,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Part 117

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#### Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Upper Mississippi River, Fort Madison, IA and Burlington, IA

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

**SUMMARY:** The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the Fort Madison Drawbridge, mile 383.9, Fort Madison, Iowa and the Burlington Railroad Drawbridge, mile 403.1, Burlington, Iowa, across the Upper Mississippi River. This deviation allows the drawbridges to remain closed to navigation unless at least 4 hours advance notice is given for an opening from 8 a.m., January 24, 2005, until 8 a.m., March 1, 2005, Central Standard