

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 there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, we believe that this rule should be categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. As a special local regulation issued in conjunction with a marine parade, this proposed rule satisfies the requirements of paragraph (34)(h).

Under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, an “Environmental Analysis Check List” is not required for this rule. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether to categorically exclude this rule from further environmental review.

## List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

## PART 100—MARINE EVENTS & REGATTAS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1233; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Revise § 100.734 to read as follows:

### § 100.734 Annual Gasparilla Marine Parade; Hillsborough Bay, Tampa, FL.

(a) *Regulated Area.* A regulated area is established consisting of all waters of Hillsborough Bay and its tributaries north of 27° 51'18" north latitude. The regulated area includes the following in their entirety: Hillsborough Cut “D” Channel, Seddon Channel and the Hillsborough River south of the John F. Kennedy Bridge. All coordinates referenced use datum: NAD 83.

(b) *Special local regulations.* (1) Entrance into the regulated area is prohibited to all commercial marine traffic from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST on the date of the event.

(2) The regulated area is a “no wake” zone.

(3) All vessels within the regulated area shall stay 50 feet away from and give way to all officially entered vessels in parade formation in the Gasparilla Marine Parade.

(4) When within the marked channels of the parade route, vessels participating in the Gasparilla Marine Parade may not exceed the minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage.

(5) Jet skis and vessels without mechanical propulsion are prohibited from the parade route.

(6) Northbound vessels in excess of 80 feet in length without mooring arrangements made prior to the date of the event are prohibited from entering Seddon Channel unless the vessel is officially entered in the Gasparilla Marine Parade. All northbound vessels in excess of 80 feet without prior mooring arrangements and not officially entered in the Gasparilla Marine Parade must use the alternate route through Sparkman Channel.

(7) Vessels not officially entered in the Gasparilla Marine Parade may not enter the Parade staging area box within the following coordinates:

27°53'53" N 082°27'47" W

27°53'22" N 082°27'10" W

27°52'36" N 082°27'55" W

27°53'02" N 082°28'31" W

(c) *Enforcement Period.* This section will be enforced from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. EST, annually on the last Saturday in the month of January.

Dated: June 20, 2006.

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Seventh Coast Guard District.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

### 36 CFR Part 1195

[Docket No. 2004–1]

RIN 3014-AA11

### Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines for Passenger Vessels

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Availability of draft guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has placed in the docket and on its Web site for public review and comment draft guidelines

which address accessibility to and in passenger vessels which are permitted to carry more than 150 passengers or more than 49 overnight passengers. In addition, the draft addresses all ferries regardless of size and passenger capacity, and certain tenders which carry 60 or more passengers. Comments will be accepted on the draft guidelines and the Access Board will consider those comments prior to issuing a notice of proposed rulemaking.

**DATES:** Comments should be received by September 5, 2006. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. 2004–1, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

E-mail: [pvag@access-board.gov](mailto:pvag@access-board.gov).

Include Docket No. 2004–1 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (202) 272–0081.

**Mail or Hand Delivery:** Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004–1111.

Comments will be available for inspection at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on regular business days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Beatty, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004–1111. Telephone number (202) 272–0012 (voice); (202) 272–0082 (TTY); Electronic mail address: [pvag@access-board.gov](mailto:pvag@access-board.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1998, the Access Board established a 21-member Federal advisory committee to provide recommendations to assist the Board in developing passenger vessel accessibility guidelines. The committee included disability organizations, industry trade groups, State and local government agencies, and passenger vessel operators. The Passenger Vessel Access Advisory Committee (PVAAC) met nine times between September 1998 and September 2000 and submitted a final report “Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines for Passenger Vessels” to the Board in December 2000. The PVAAC report provided recommendations on access to elements, rooms, spaces, and facilities on passenger vessels and how to provide access on and off such vessels.

The Access Board convened an ad hoc committee of Board members to review

the PVAAC report. After reviewing the PVAAC report in detail, the Board's ad hoc committee prepared draft guidelines addressing accessibility to and in passenger vessels which carry more than 150 passengers or more than 49 overnight passengers. The Access Board made the recommendations of the ad hoc committee available in the form of draft guidelines for public review and comment. A notice of availability of the draft guidelines was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 69244; November 26, 2004). At the same time the 2004 draft was released, the Board also published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) on small passenger vessels (69 FR 69245; November 26, 2004). In addition to seeking written comment, the Board held public hearings in Washington, DC and Los Angeles, CA.

Over 90 comments were received from the public in response to the publication of the 2004 draft and ANPRM. Key issues from the comments were identified for analysis. Issues regarding the 2004 draft included which vessels should be subject to the guidelines, coverage of employee areas, criteria for embarking and disembarking, high door thresholds (coamings), alterations, methods for swimming pool access, elevator car size, guest room scoping, dispersion of wheelchair spaces in assembly areas, and visual emergency alarms. Comments on the ANPRM ranged from requesting the Board to exempt small passenger vessels to recommending that the Board concentrate its efforts on addressing large passenger vessels first. Based on public comments and other information collected, the Board has made changes to some of the provisions in the 2004 draft. The Board has also decided to address small passenger vessels after completing this rulemaking.

To facilitate the gathering of cost data necessary for the next step in this rulemaking which is the preparation of a regulatory assessment (costs and benefits) and a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), the Board is placing this revised draft in the rulemaking docket. In order to develop an accurate picture of the potential costs and benefits of this rulemaking, the Board intends to work closely with passenger vessel industry representatives and others who have data on both current costs and industry practices and the knowledge and skills to assess potential effects.

The Board is interested in receiving public comments on this entire second draft. Changes made in this draft from the November 26, 2004 draft are

summarized in the supplementary information provided on the Board's Web site (<http://www.access-board.gov>). In addition, the supplementary information discusses the changes made to the draft plan for conducting the regulatory assessment.

#### **Availability of Copies and Electronic Access**

Single copies of this rulemaking may be obtained at no cost by calling the Access Board's automated publications order line (202) 272-0080, by pressing 2 on the telephone keypad, then 1 and requesting the second draft of the Passenger Vessels Guidelines. Persons using a TTY should call (202) 272-0082. Documents are available in alternate formats upon request. Persons who want a publication in an alternate format should specify the type of format (cassette tape, Braille, large print, or ASCII disk). Documents are also available on the Board's Web site (<http://www.access-board.gov>).

**David L. Bibb,**

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#### **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Parts 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 52, 53, 54, 63, 64, 68, 73, 74, 76, 78, 79, 90, 95, 97 and 101**

[**EB Docket No. 06-119; FCC 06-83**]

#### **In the Matter of Recommendations of the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) initiates a comprehensive rulemaking to address and implement the recommendations presented by the Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks (Independent Panel). The Independent Panel's report described the impact of the worst natural disaster in the Nation's history as well as the overall public and private response efforts. In addition, the report included recommendations which relate to: repositioning the communications industry and the government for

disasters in order to achieve greater network reliability and resiliency; improving recovery coordination to address existing shortcomings and to maximize the use of existing resources; improving the operability and interoperability of public safety and 911 communications in times of crisis; and improving communication of emergency information to the public. The Commission, in this proceeding, is to take the lessons learned from this disaster and build upon them to promote more effective, efficient response and recovery efforts as well as heightened readiness and preparedness in the future. To accomplish this goal, the Commission invites comment on what actions the Commission can take to address the Independent Panel's recommendations.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before August 7, 2006, and reply comments are due on or before August 21, 2006. Written comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act proposed information collection requirements must be submitted by the public, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and other interested parties on or before September 5, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and reply comments to the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. You may submit comments, identified by EB Docket No. 06-119, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Federal Communications Commission's Web site: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- People with Disabilities: Contact the FCC to request reasonable accommodations (accessible format documents, sign language interpreters, CART, etc.) by e-mail; [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or phone: 202-418-0530 or TTY: 202-418-0432.

In addition to filing with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the Paperwork Reduction Act information collection requirements contained herein should be submitted to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov), and to Kristy L. LaLonde, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10234, NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, via the Internet to [Kristy\\_L.LaLonde@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kristy_L.LaLonde@omb.eop.gov) or via fax at 202-395-5167.