

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

#### *F. Environment*

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Department of Homeland Security Management 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 made a preliminary determination 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 proposed rule promulgates the operating regulations or procedures for drawbridges. Normally, this action is categorically excluded from further review, under paragraph L49, of Chapter 3, Table 3–1 of the U.S. Coast Guard Environmental Planning Implementation Procedures.

#### *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.

#### **V. Public Participation and Request for Comments**

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking, and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you

submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <http://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, visit <http://www.regulations.gov/privacynotice>.

Documents mentioned in this NPRM as being available in this docket and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted or a final rule is published.

#### **List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 117**

Bridges.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 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; 33 CFR 1.05–1; DHS Delegation No. 0170.1.

■ 2. Revise § 117.723(e) to read as follows:

##### **§ 117.723 Hackensack River.**

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(e) The draw of the Amtrak Portal Bridge, mile 5.0, at Little Snake Hill, New Jersey, need not open for the passage of vessel traffic from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Additional bridge openings shall be provided for tide restricted commercial vessels between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., if at least a two-hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge. At all other times the bridge shall open on signal if at least two-hour advance notice is given.

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Dated: September 19, 2019.

**A.J. Tiongsong,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Coast Guard**

#### **33 CFR Part 127**

**[Docket Number USCG–2019–0615]**

### **Waterway Suitability Assessment for Operations of Liquefied Hazardous Gas Terminal; Nederland, TX**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are requesting your comments on a Letter of Intent and Preliminary Waterway Suitability Assessment we received from Sunoco Partners Marketing & Terminals to expand their existing liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) operations by increasing the number of liquefied propane and butane ship visits from approximately 120 per year to 432 ship visits per year. Additionally, they intend to expand operations to include 120 liquefied ethane ship visits per year. The Coast Guard is notifying the public of this proposed increase in LHG marine traffic on the Sabine-Neches Waterway and is soliciting comments relevant to the Coast Guard's preparation of a Letter of Recommendation for issuance to the federal, state, or local agency with jurisdiction over the proposed facility.

**DATES:** Your comments and related material must reach the Coast Guard on or before November 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2019–0615 using the Federal portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions about this notice of inquiry, call or email Mr. Scott K. Whalen, Vessel Traffic Service Director, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 409–719–5086, email [Scott.K.Whalen@uscg.mil](mailto:Scott.K.Whalen@uscg.mil).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Table of Abbreviations**

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COTP Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur  
 DHS Department of Homeland Security  
 LNG Liquefied natural gas  
 LOI Letter of Intent  
 LOR Letter of Recommendation  
 NVIC Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular  
 U.S.C. United States Code  
 WSA Waterway Suitability Assessment

## II. Background and Purpose

Under 33 CFR 127.007(a), an owner or operator planning to build a new facility handling liquefied hazardous gas (LHG), or an owner or operator planning new construction to expand or modify marine terminal operations in an existing facility handling LHG, where the construction, expansion, or modification would result in an increase in the size and/or frequency of LHG marine traffic on the waterway associated with the proposed facility or modification to an existing facility, must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Captain of the Port of the zone in which the facility is or will be located. Under 33 CFR 127.007(e), an owner or operator planning such new construction or expansion of an existing facility must also file or update a Waterway Suitability Assessment (WSA) that addresses the proposed increase in LHG marine traffic in the associated waterway.

Under 33 CFR 127.009, after receiving an LOI, the Captain of the Port issues a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) as to the suitability of the waterway for LHG marine traffic to the appropriate jurisdictional authorities. The LOR is based on a series of factors listed in 33 CFR 127.009 that relate to the physical nature of the affected waterway and issues of safety and security associated with LHG marine traffic on the affected waterway.

## III. Information Requested

On March 11, 2013, Sunoco Partners Marketing and Terminals, located in Nederland, TX, submitted an LOI and Preliminary WSA indicating the company's proposed plans to expand operations of an existing dock to handle liquefied hazardous gas, specifically propane and butane, with an estimated 132 vessels calling on the facility each year. On July 14, 2019, the COTP received a new LOI and an Addendum to the original WSA. The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comments on the proposed increase in LNG marine traffic on the Sabine-Neches Waterway. The Coast Guard believes that public input may be useful to the Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur (COTP) with respect to validating the information provided in Sunoco's LOI

and WSA Addendum and the development of the Coast Guard's LOR. A brief summary of Sunoco's proposal is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

On January 24, 2011, the Coast Guard published Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 01–2011, titled “Guidance Related to Waterfront Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities.” NVIC 01–2011 provides guidance for owners and operators seeking approval to build and operate LNG facilities. The Coast Guard will refer to NVIC 01–2011 for process information and guidance in evaluating Sunoco's WSA Addendum. NVIC 01–2011 is available in the docket where indicated under **ADDRESSES** and also on the Coast Guard's website at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2011/NVIC%2001–2011%20Final.pdf>.

## IV. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions. In your submission, please include the docket number for this notice of inquiry and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

We accept anonymous comments. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and the docket, visit <https://www.regulations.gov/privacyNotice>.

Documents mentioned in this notice of inquiry as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions.

This document is issued under authority of 5 U.S.C. 552 (a).

Dated: September 30, 2019.

**Jacqueline Twomey**,  
*Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### 39 CFR Part 501

#### Authorization To Manufacture and Distribute Postage Evidencing Systems

**AGENCY:** Postal Service™.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service proposes to amend its Postage Evidencing Systems regulations. These changes would put the financial responsibility for returned checks and returned Automatic Clearinghouse (ACH) debit payments on the applicable resetting company (RC) and PC Postage provider. These responsibilities would include collecting a fee from the customer for each returned check and ACH debit payment of \$30, as may be adjusted from time to time, and remitting the amount of the returned check or ACH debit payment, as applicable, plus the fee to the Postal Service within 10 calendar days of the date of the invoice. These changes would also update the SSAE 18 requirements and add the requirement for System and Organization Control (SOC) 2 reporting. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or deliver written comments to: Manager, Payment Technology, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3500, Washington, DC 20260. Email and faxed comments are not accepted. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments, by appointment only, at USPS® Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, 11th Floor North, Washington, DC 20260. These records are available for review on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., by calling 202–268–2904. All submitted comments and attachments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Do not enclose any material in your comments that you consider to be confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth M. Schafer, Treasurer, [elizabeth.m.schafer@usps.gov](mailto:elizabeth.m.schafer@usps.gov), 202–268–6135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Postal Service proposes to amend 39 CFR part 501 to make the Resetting Company (RC) and the PC Postage provider, as applicable, financially responsible for returned checks and returned ACH debit payments, to update verbiage, and to require System and Organization Control (SOC) 2 reporting.

The amendment to Section 501.15(g) requires the Resetting Company (RC) to