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#### 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; and DHS Delegation No. 00170.1. Revision No. 01.3

■ 2. Revise and republish § 117.287 to read as follows:

#### § 117.287 Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Public vessels of the United States and tugs with tows must be passed through the drawspan of each drawbridge listed in this section at anytime.

(a) The draw of the Boca Grande Swingbridge, mile 34.3, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour and half hour. On Saturday, Sunday and Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need open only on the hour, quarter hour, half hour and three quarter hour.

(b) The draw of the Venice Avenue bridge, mile 56.6 at Venice, shall open on signal, except that from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only at 10 minutes after the hour, 30 minutes after the hour and 50 minutes after the hour and except between 4:35 p.m. and 5:35 p.m. when the draw need not open.

(c) The draw of the Hatchett Creek (US–41) bridge, mile 56.9 at Venice, shall open on signal, except that, from 7 a.m. to 4:20 p.m., Monday through Friday except Federal holidays, the draw need open only on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour and except between 4:25 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. when the draw need not open. On Saturdays, Sundays, and

Federal holidays from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. the draw need open only on the hour, quarter-hour, half-hour, and three quarter-hour. This bridge need not open to navigation on the second Sunday of November annually, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to facilitate the Iron Man Triathlon event.

(d) The Blackburn Point Bridge, mile 63.1, at Osprey, Florida shall open on signal; except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour.

(e) The Stickney Point Bridge, mile 68.6, at South Sarasota, Florida shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

(f) The Siesta Drive Bridge, mile 71.6, at Sarasota, Florida shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

(g) The draw of the Cortez (SR 684) Bridge, mile 87.4, at Bradenton Beach, Florida shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, the draw need only open on the quarter hour and three quarter hour.

(h) The draw of the Anna Maria (SR 64) (Manatee Avenue West) Bridge, mile 89.2, at Bradenton Beach, Florida shall open on signal, except that from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, the draw need only open on the quarter hour and three quarter hour.

(i) The draw of the Corey Causeway (SR693) bridge, mile 117.7 at South Pasadena, shall open on signal; except that, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays, the draw need be opened only on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour, and 40 minutes after the hour.

(j) The draw of the Treasure Island Causeway bridge, mile 119.0 shall open on signal except that from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the draw need open on the hour, 20 minutes after the hour and 40 minutes after the hour Monday through Friday and on the quarter hour and three quarter hour on Saturday, Sunday and Federal holidays.

(k) The draw of the Welch Causeway (SR 699) Bridge, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway mile 122.8, at Madeira Beach, Florida, shall open on signal; except that, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except Federal holidays, the draw need only open on the hour and half hour.

Dated: December 20, 2024.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

#### 48 CFR Parts 1, 2, 12, 22, and 52

[FAR Case 2023–021; Docket No. FAR–2023–0021; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 9000–AO69

#### Office of Federal Procurement Policy; Federal Acquisition Regulation: Pay Equity and Transparency in Federal Contracting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are withdrawing the proposed rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) titled: Pay Equity and Transparency in Federal Contracting. The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP Administrator) is simultaneously withdrawing a proposed Government-wide policy, upon which the proposed rule was based.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on January 30, 2024, at 89 FR 5843 is withdrawn as of January 8, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** FAR Policy, at 202–969–4075 or [farpolicy@gsa.gov](mailto:farpolicy@gsa.gov). Please cite “FAR Case 2023–021”.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 30, 2024, the OFPP Administrator issued a proposed Government-wide procurement policy that would: (1) prohibit contractors and subcontractors from seeking and considering information about job applicants' compensation history when making employment decisions about personnel working on or in connection with a Government contract; and (2) require contractors and subcontractors to disclose, in all advertisements for job

openings involving work on or in connection with a Government contract placed by or on behalf of the contractor or subcontractor, the compensation to be offered to the hired applicant, for any position to perform work on or in connection with the contract. On the same date, DoD, GSA, and NASA published proposed amendments to the FAR to reflect the proposed OFPP policy.

The OFPP Administrator's proposed policy reflected a preliminary determination that compensation history bans and compensation disclosure requirements (the latter are also collectively referred to as pay transparency), both together and separately, would promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the procurement of property and services by the Federal Government. The proposed rule cited to a range of studies in support of this conclusion, many analyzing practices by States and localities.

In light of the limited time remaining in the current Administration, OFPP, DoD, GSA, and NASA have decided to withdraw the proposed policy and rule and focus their attention on other priorities, including directives in recent National Defense Authorization Acts. This will also help ensure that the agencies can benefit from the latest information on this topic if they return to it in the future. Accordingly, for these independently sufficient reasons, the proposed policy and rule published on January 30, 2024, at 89 FR 5843, are withdrawn and FAR Case 2023-021 is closed.

#### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1, 2, 12, 22, and 52

Government procurement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

**49 CFR Parts 107, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 177, 178, 179, and 180**

[Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0080 (HM-265)]

RIN 2137-AF41

#### Hazardous Materials: Advancing Safety of Highway, Rail, and Vessel Transportation; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On October 28, 2024, PHMSA published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) titled "Hazardous Materials: Advancing Safety of Highway, Rail, and Vessel Transportation (HM-265)," proposing amendments to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) to adopt several modal-specific amendments that would enhance the safe transportation of hazardous materials in commerce by highway, rail, and vessel transportation. In response to a request for an extension of the comment period submitted by the Railway Supply Institute (RSI), PHMSA is extending the comment period for the HM-265 NPRM by an additional 90 days.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule published October 28, 2024, at 89 FR 85590, is extended. Comments must be received by April 28, 2025. To the extent possible, PHMSA will consider late-filed comments as a final rule is developed.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0080 (HM-265) and may be submitted in the following ways:

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

- **Fax:** 1-202-493-2251.

- **Mail:** Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Routing Symbol M-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- **Hand Delivery:** To the Docket Management System: Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and Docket Number for this document (PHMSA-2018-0080) or Regulation Identifier number (RIN) (2137-AF41) for this rulemaking at the beginning of the comment. To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. All comments received will be posted without change to the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) and will include any personal information you provide.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eamonn Patrick, Standards and Rulemaking Division, 202-366-8553, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**