

DHS National Environmental Policy Act
Memorandum For Record
for Categorically Excluded Actions that do not require a REC

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Memorandum for Record is to provide a record that the potential for impacts to the quality of the human environment has been considered in the decision to implement the Proposed Action described below, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and DHS Directive 023-01, Environmental Planning Program. DHS has previously analyzed actions of this type and concluded that there is no potential for significant impact on the human environment, that a DHS Categorical Exclusion applies, and that a more detailed review and documentation in a Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) are not necessary.

SECTION I - Description of Proposed Action

1. Title of Proposed Action: Safety Zone; COVID-19 NorCal Maritime 2020, San Francisco Bay, CA

2. Identifying Number of Proposed Action (if available): DSS-USCG-2020-9640, USCG-2020-0166

3. Project Security Type: Unclassified

4. Estimated Start Date: 03/15/2020

5. Location of Proposed Action (e.g., Nationwide, Regional, Site-Specific. If site-specific, provide street address, city, county and state):

U.S. Territorial Water: The navigable waters of San Francisco Bay surrounding the cruise ship GRAND PRINCESS 500-yard radius of the cruise ship while it is underway, and within a 100-yard radius of the cruise ship while it is anchored or moored.

6. Project Type:

Administrative & Regulatory Activities - Regulations establishing, disestablishing, or changing Regulated Navigation Areas and security or safety zones *L60(a)

7. Description of Proposed Action.

The USCG Proposes establish a temporary safety zone around the cruise ship, GRAND PRINCESS from March 15, 2020 at 11 a.m. through April 15, 2020 at 12 p.m. The safety zone will encompass the navigable waters of San Francisco Bay and areas shoreward of the line drawn between San Francisco Main Ship Channel Lighted Bell Buoy 7 and San Francisco Main Ship Channel Lighted Whistle Buoy 8 (LLNR 4190 & 4195) in positions 37°46.9 N, 122°35.4 W and 37°46.5 N, 122°35.2 W, respectively, from surface to bottom, within 500 yards ahead, astern and extending along either side of the GRAND PRINCESS while the vessel is underway, and within 100 yards ahead, astern and extending along either side of the GRAND PRINCESS while it is anchored or moored.

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SECTION II - Finding

This action is not expected to result in any significant adverse environmental impacts as described in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The proposed action has been thoroughly reviewed by the U.S. Coast Guard component and it has been determined, by the undersigned, that this action is categorically excluded under current DHS CATEX(A3) from further environmental documentation, in accordance with Section 3 of DHS Directive 023-01, Environmental Planning Program since implementation of this action:

1. Clearly fits within one or more of the categories of excludable actions listed in Section 3.3 of DHS Directive 023-01;
2. Has not been segmented into smaller parts in order to avoid a more extensive evaluation of the potential for significant environmental impacts;
3. Does not involve any extraordinary circumstances, as defined in DHS Directive 023-01, Appendix A, Section 3 (B)(3), that would create the potential for a normally excluded action to have a significant environmental effect.

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In reaching my decision/recommendation on the U.S. Coast Guard component's proposed action, I have considered the information contained in this MFR on the potential for environmental impacts.

03/10/2020

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