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(ii) An affiliate of any person who is engaged in producing, refining or marketing oil; or

(iii) An affiliate of such an affiliate.

(3) Any other applicant.

(b) Notwithstanding the order of priorities listed in paragraph (a) of this section, if the Secretary determines that one of the proposed deepwater ports will clearly best serve the national interest, he may approve the application for that port. In making this determination, the Secretary considers:

(1) The degree to which the proposed deepwater ports affect the environment as determined under the review criteria set forth in Appendix A to this part;

(2) Any significant differences between anticipated completion dates for the proposed deepwater ports; and

(3) Any differences in costs of construction and operation of the proposed deepwater ports to the extent that such differential may significantly affect the ultimate cost of oil to the consumer.

§ 148.327 Termination of proceeding before approval or denial of an application.

The Commandant terminates a proceeding if:

(a) All applications are withdrawn before the decision approving or denying them is issued; or

(b) In a proceeding with one application that does not have all of the information required by Subpart B of this part, the applicant after inquiry by the application staff does not provide adequate assurance that further information to make the application is forthcoming.

Subpart D—Issuance of a License

§ 148.400 Applicability.

This subpart prescribes rules that apply to the issuance of a license under the Act.

§ 148.403 Issuance of a license.

If an application under the Act is approved, a license is issued containing the following:

(a) The name and number or identification of the port.

(b) The name of the owner and operator of the port.

(c) Conditions to the ownership, construction, and operation of the deepwater port issued under section 4(e) of the Act.

§ 148.405 Term of license.

Each license is issued for a term of 20 years, unless a shorter period is requested in the application.

§ 148.407 Consultation with adjacent coastal States.

(a) The Governor of an adjacent coastal State may consult with the application staff concerning license conditions that the application staff may have under consideration.

(b) If the Governor of an adjacent coastal State notifies the Secretary that an application, which would otherwise be approved in a proceeding, is inconsistent with State programs relating to environmental protection, land and water use, or coastal zone management, the notification should include a description of:

(1) The State's environmental protection, land or water use, or coastal zone management program with which the application is inconsistent and how the application is inconsistent; and

(2) Conditions that if imposed on the license would make it consistent with the State program.

Subpart E—Site Evaluation

SOURCE: CGD 75-194, 41 FR 16800, Apr. 22, 1976, unless otherwise noted.

§ 148.501 Purpose.

(a) This subpart prescribes requirements for site evaluation and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port locations.

(b) For the purpose of this subpart, "site evaluation and preconstruction testing" means all field studies performed at potential deepwater port locations, including:

(1) Preliminary studies to determine site feasibility;

(2) Detailed studies of the topographic and geologic structure of the ocean bottom to determine its ability to support offshore structures and appurtenances; and

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(3) Studies involved with the preparation of the environmental analysis required under §148.109(t).

§ 148.503 Notice of proposed site evaluation activities.

(a) Any person desiring to conduct site evaluation and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port sites must submit a written notice to the Commandant (G-M), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20593, at least 10 days before the commencement of any activities.

(b) The written notice of proposed site evaluations and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port locations must include the following:

(1) The identification of persons or agencies participating in the proposed activities.

(2) The type of activities and the manner in which they will be conducted.

(3) Chartlets showing the location where the proposed activities are to be conducted and locations of all offshore structures, including pipelines and cables, in or near the area of proposed activity.

(4) The specific purpose of the activities.

(5) The dates on which the activities will be commenced and completed.

(6) Available environmental data on the environmental consequences of the activities.

(7) A preliminary report, based on existing data, of the historic and archeological significance of the area where the proposed activities are to take place, including a report of each contact made with any appropriate State liaison officer for historic preservation.

(c) For the activities listed below, because they are not usually harmful to the environment, the notice need contain only the information required in paragraphs (b)(1), (2), and (5) of this section, as well as a general indication of the proposed location and purpose of the activities:

(1) Gravity and magnetometric measurements.

(2) Bottom and sub-bottom acoustic profiling without the use of explosives.

(3) Sediment sampling of a limited nature using either core or grab samplers if geological profiles indicate no

discontinuities that may have archeological significance.

(4) Water and biotic sampling, if the sampling does not adversely affect shellfish beds, marine mammals, or an endangered species, or if permitted by another Federal agency.

(5) Meteorological measurements, including the setting of instruments.

(6) Hydrographic and oceanographic measurements, including the setting of instruments.

(7) Small diameter core sampling to determine foundation conditions.

(d) The Coast Guard advises and coordinates with appropriate Federal agencies and States concerning activities under this subpart.

(e) If necessary, the Coast Guard requires additional information in individual cases.

[CGD 75-194, 41 FR 16800, Apr. 22, 1976, as amended by CGD 88-052, 53 FR 25121, July 1, 1988]

§ 148.505 General conditions of performance.

(a) No person may conduct activities to which this subpart applies except in compliance with the regulations in this subpart and all other applicable laws and regulations.

(b) A separate written notice is required for each site.

(c) Measures must be taken to prevent or minimize the effect of those activities that may:

(1) Adversely affect the environment;

(2) Interfere with authorized uses of the Outer Continental Shelf or navigable waters; or

(3) Pose a threat to human health and welfare.

§ 148.507 Reports.

Each person conducting site evaluation and preconstruction testing at potential deepwater port locations shall:

(a) Notify the Coast Guard of any evidence of objects of cultural, historical, or archeological significance immediately upon their discovery;

(b) Notify the Coast Guard immediately of any:

(1) Adverse effects on the environment;

(2) Interference with Authorized uses of the Outer Continental Shelf;