

(f) *Passing grade on examination.*—
 (1) *An officer or employee of the United States.* A passing grade on an examination taken by an applicant while an officer or employee of the United States shall be considered to meet the examination requirement for a license to be issued after the termination of the applicant's Government service, provided such service is terminated within 1 year from the date of examination. If the service of the applicant is not terminated within the 1-year period, the application will be necessarily denied for failure to meet the requirements. The district director will refund one-half of the application fee.

(2) *Further processing.* If a passing grade is obtained by an applicant, including an officer or employee of the United States who becomes eligible to receive a license, the Commissioner will return the application to the district director for further processing.

Prior to the issuance of the proposed amendment, consideration will be given to any relevant data, views, or arguments which are submitted in writing to the Commissioner of Customs, Washington, D.C. 20226, and received not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. No hearing will be held.

[SEAL] MYLES J. AMBROSE,
 Commissioner of Customs.

Approved: December 8, 1969.

EUGENE T. ROSSIDES,
 Assistant Secretary
 of the Treasury.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[33 CFR Part 110]

[CGFR 69-136]

SPECIAL ANCHORAGE AREAS, AMISTAD RESERVOIR, TEX.

Notice of Proposed Rule Making

1. Notice is hereby given that the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard under authority of Rule 13, R.S. 4233, as amended (33 U.S.C. 322), section 6(g) (1) (D) of the Department of Transportation Act (80 Stat. 937), 49 U.S.C. 1655(g)(1) (D) and 49 CFR 1.4(a)(3) (iv), is considering the addition of a § 110.77 to Part 110, Subpart A of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations.

2. The proposed new section would establish and describe three special anchorage areas on the Amistad Reservoir within the Amistad Recreation Area, Del Rio, Tex. In these special

anchorage areas, vessels not more than 65 feet in length, when at anchor, would not be required to carry or exhibit anchor lights. The areas would be principally for use by yachts and other recreational craft.

3. It is proposed to amend Part 110 by adding a new § 110.77, reading as follows:

§ 110.77 Amistad Reservoir, Texas.

(a) *Diablo East, Tex.* That portion of the Amistad Reservoir enclosed by a line connecting the following points, excluding a 300-foot wide fairway extending northerly from the launching ramp as established by the Superintendent of Amistad Recreation Area:

	Latitude	Longitude
"a"	29°28'54" N.	101°01'10" W.
"b"	29°28'21" N.	101°01'08" W.
"c"	29°28'34" N.	101°00'32" W.
"d"	29°28'54" N.	101°00'32" W.

(b) *Rough Canyon, Tex.* That portion of the Amistad Reservoir enclosed by a line connecting the following points, excluding a 300-foot wide fairway extending westerly from the launching ramp to the Devils River main channel as established by the Superintendent of Amistad Recreation Area:

	Latitude	Longitude
"a"	29°34'43" N.	100°58'54" W.
"b"	29°34'05" N.	100°58'46" W.
"c"	29°34'16" N.	100°58'20" W.
"d"	29°34'27" N.	100°58'11" W.
"e"	29°34'27" N.	100°58'36" W.
"f"	29°34'52" N.	100°58'35" W.

(c) *Laughlin Air Force Base Site, Tex.* That portion of Amistad Reservoir enclosed by a line connecting the following points:

	Latitude	Longitude
"a"	29°28'29" N.	101°02'26" W.
"b"	29°28'13" N.	101°02'03" W.
"c"	29°28'30" N.	101°01'45" W.
"d"	29°28'42" N.	101°02'00" W.

4. Interested persons may participate in this proposed rule making by submitting written data, views, arguments, or comments as they may desire on or before January 14, 1970. All submissions may be made in writing to the Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Customhouse, New Orleans, La. 70130.

5. To expedite the handling of submissions regarding this proposal, it is requested that each submission state the subject and section number to which it is directed; the specific wording recommended; the reason for the recommended change, and the name, address and firm or organization, if any, of the person making the submission.

6. Each communication received within the time specified, will be fully considered and evaluated before final action is taken on the proposal in this document. Copies of all written communications received will be available for examination by interested persons at the office of the Commander, 8th Coast Guard District, Customhouse, New Orleans, La. 70310.

7. After all interested persons have expressed their views, the Commander, 8th Coast Guard District will forward the record, including the original of all

written submissions, and his recommendations with respect to the proposals and submissions received to the Commandant (OLE), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20591.

Dated: December 9, 1969.

P. E. TRIMBLE,
 Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard,
 Acting Commandant.

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Hazardous Materials Regulations Board

[49 CFR Part 173]

[Docket No. HM-39; Notice 69-32]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Extension of Retest Interval for Nonpressure Tank Cars

The Hazardous Materials Regulations Board is considering amending the Department's Hazardous Materials Regulations to extend the initial retest period for certain nonpressure tank car tanks from 10 to 20 years.

A petitioner has requested that tanks built in conformance with specification DOT 103W, 104W, 111A60W1, 111A100W1, or 111A100W3 be removed from the requirement that they be retested once every 10 years and instead be required to be retested once during their first 20-year period of operation. The 10 years retest requirement would continue to apply to tank car tanks in operation over 22 years. In support of this request, the Board has been advised that a survey of tank car owners was conducted by the American Petroleum Institute to determine whether the 10-year hydrostatic retest currently required developed meaningful information regarding the quality of the tank. According to this survey 14,138 nonpressure tank cars had been subjected to the prescribed retest and no failure within weld seams or plate material was discovered nor was any other adverse condition which would seriously affect safety in transportation discovered. Additionally, 1,566 of these tanks were given a second retest at the 20-year interval and similar results were noted.

Based upon this information, a special permit waiving the initial 10-year retest for DOT 111A100W1 tank cars was issued to a shipper. There has been no adverse shipping experience reported under the terms of the special permit and the Board has received no information to indicate that waiver of the 10-year retest compromises safety in transportation.

In consideration of the foregoing, it is proposed to amend § 173.31(c), Retest Table 1, as follows:

§ 173.31 Qualification, maintenance, and use of tank cars.

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RETEST TABLE 1

Specification	Retest interval—years ⁱ			Safety relief valve	Retest pressure—p.s.i.		
	Tank and interior heater systems				Tank	Safety relief valve	
	Up to 10 years	Over 10 to 22 years	Over 22 years			Start to discharge	Vapor tight
<i>(Change)</i>							
DOT-103W	20	10	10	60	35	28	28
DOT-104W	20	10	10	60	35	28	28
DOT-111A60W1	20	10	10	60	35	28	28
DOT-111A100W1	20	10	10	100	75	60	60
DOT-111A100W3	20	10	10	100	75	60	60

ⁱ Retest period for interior heater systems on cars so equipped is 10 years.

Interested persons are invited to give their views on this proposal. Communications should identify the docket number and be submitted in duplicate to the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street SW., Washington,

D.C. 20590. Communications received on or before February 12, 1970, will be considered before final action is taken on the proposal. All comments received will be available for examination by interested persons at the Office of the Secretary, Hazardous Materials Regulations Board, both before and after the closing date for comments.

This proposal is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, and section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657).

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R. N. WHITMAN,
Administrator,
Federal Railroad Administration.

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