

**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 and Instruction 023-01-001-01, Implementation of NEPA. 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 is not necessary.

SECTION I - Description of Proposed Action

1. Title of Proposed Action: Lowcountry Splash - Marine Event Permit & Special Local Regulation TFR

2. Identifying Number of Proposed Action (if available): DSS-USCG-2023-16939, USCG-2023-0374

3. Project Security Type: Unclassified

4. Estimated Start Date: 05/13/2023

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: Wando River from Daniel Island, Charleston, SC to Harbor Resort Marina on the Cooper River in Mount Pleasant, SC.

6. Project Type:

Administrative & Regulatory Activities - Special local regulations issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade; provided that, if a permit is required, the environmental analysis conducted for the permit included an analysis of the impact of the regulations. All USCG MFRs that are prepared require an environmental reviewer, senior environmental reviewer, and a proponent signature. (CATEX L61)

7. Description of Proposed Action.

Marine Event Permit (CG-4424) and temporary final regulation establishing a special local regulation for the Lowcountry Splash open-water swim. The event consists of approximately 400 participants swimming either a 6-mile or 2.4-mile course on the Wando River and Cooper River in Charleston and Mount Pleasant, SC. The special local regulation establishing a moving limited access area surrounding event participants and safety vessels.

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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 and it has been determined, by the undersigned, that this action is categorically excluded under current DHS by the undersigned, that this action is categorically excluded under current DHS CATEX(L61) from further environmental documentation, in accordance with DHS Directive 023-01 and Instruction 023-01-001-01, Implementation of NEPA, since implementation of this action:

1. Clearly fits within one or more of the categories of excludable actions listed in Appendix A of DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01;
2. Has not been segmented into smaller parts in order to avoid a more extensive evaluation of the potential for significant environmental impacts; and
3. Does not involve any extraordinary circumstances, as defined in DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01, Section V(B)(2), that would create the potential for a normally excluded action to have a significant environmental effect.

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