



**Homeland
Security**

**Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation
Decision Support System**

U.S. Army SOF Operations - Project Approved

Status

- In Preparation (09/11/2024)
- Environmental Review (09/11/2024)
- Senior Environmental Review (09/11/2024)
- Proponent Review (09/12/2024)
- Project Approved (09/12/2024)

Project Information

General

Name: U.S. Army SOF Operations

DSS ID: DSS-USCG-2024-20654

Security: Unclassified

Description: C Co 2/19th SFG (A) conducts water infiltration operations (15x Pax Static Line Parachute and HELOCAST Recertification).

Funded through IRA?: No

Funded through the IIJA?: No

Critical Infrastructure?: No

Adopting Another Agency Catex, or CATEX Determination?: No

Project Type: Administrative & Regulatory Activities - Regulations for Regulated Navigation Areas and security or safety zones: Regulations establishing or increasing the size of Regulated Navigation Areas and security or safety zones.(CATEX *L60a)

Existing EA/EIS?: No

Requires EA/EIS?: No

Project Priority: Normal

Federal Assistance: No

Type of Permit: N/A

Estimated Project Cost: \$0

Component

Component: USCG - U.S. Coast Guard

Region/Area/Unit: USCG Civil Engineering Unit – Cleveland Oh

Tracking Number: 7862161454972

Dates

FY Funding: 2024

Proposed Project Start: 09/26/2024

Proposed Project End: 09/27/2024

Review Start: 09/11/2024

Project Location

- Site Specific: 4420 Lake Shore Rd, Hamburg, New York, 14075

Team

- Document Preparer, Clifton Edwards, Clifton.B.Edwards@uscg.mil
- Environmental Reviewer, Alexander Leatherman (Level I), alexander.d.leatherman@uscg.mil
- Senior Environmental Reviewer, Alexander Leatherman (Level I), alexander.d.leatherman@uscg.mil
- Proponent, Jeff Bybee, jeff.b.bybee@uscg.mil

Categorical Exclusions

- L60(a)* - Regulations for Regulated Navigation Areas and security or safety zones: Regulations establishing or increasing the size of Regulated Navigation Areas and security or safety zones.

Required Conditions

1. Any change to the Proposed Action that may cause a physical interaction with the human environment will require re-evaluation for compliance with NEPA and other EP&HP requirements before the action can proceed.
2. This review addresses NEPA and other EP&HP requirements as described in DHS Directive 023-01. This review may identify the need for additional federal, state, and/or local permits, approvals, etc. required for the Proposed Action. However, this review may not satisfy those requirements and the Proponent is responsible for ensuring that all other appropriate federal, state, and/or local permits, approvals, etc. have been obtained.

Decision Documents

- Record of Environmental Consideration (REC), 12.26kB

Attachments

- Army SOF Water Ops App.pdf, 110.43kB
- Hamburg DZ Byers (1).pdf, 239.77kB

Comments

- Alexander Leatherman (Level I), None Present or Affected (09/11/2024 02:18:09)

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- Alexander Leatherman (Level I), No Habitats or territories present. (09/11/2024 02:07:29)
- Alexander Leatherman (Level I), No marine mammals naturally occur withing the Great Lakes. (09/11/2024 02:06:57)
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EPHP Review

Environmental Resources

- Is the Proposed Action a piece of a larger action or connected to another action? -- No
Please explain how you came to this determination. : Safety Zone Rulemaking is a stand-alone TFR.
- Will the Proposed Action have a potentially significant effect on public health or safety? Areas to consider include, but are not limited to: environmental justice considerations; air quality; noise

impacts; hazardous wastes and/or contamination; wastewater; potable water; and changes in modes or safety of transportation. -- No

Explain how the proposed action would not have a potentially significant effect on public health or safety. : Safety Zone Rulemaking does not have a significant effect on public health or safety.

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Provide a conclusion under which statute the determination was made (e.g., no effect, NLAA, LAA, for ESA, etc.), how the determination was made, why it is considered significant, and copies of any consultation (informal and/or formal). : Safety Zone Rulemaking does not have a significant effect on significant effect on species or habitats protected by the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, or Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Attachments: FWS, NMFS, or Wildlife Agency Consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

- What is your Endangered Species Act (ESA) finding and determination? -- No effect
Explain how the determination was made (e.g., are species present in the area but your proposed action will have no effect? why?). Although not required, recommend attaching any consultation or correspondence conducted.: Safety Zone Rulemaking does not have a significant effect on Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Attachments: ESA consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

Comments:

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- What is your Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) finding and determination? -- No effect or negligible effect

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Attachments: MMPA consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

Comments:

Alexander Leatherman (Level I), No marine mammals naturally occur within the Great Lakes. (09/11/2024 14:06:57)

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Attachments: BGEPA MBTA consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

Comments:

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Attachments: EFH consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

Comments:

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Comments:

Alexander Leatherman (Level I), Safety zone will be located in a coastal zone, but it's existence should not alter or affect the surrounding environment. (09/11/2024 14:10:27)

- Special Flood Hazard Area (i.e. floodplains) -- N/A

Explain why this resource is not applicable to your proposed action (e.g. is your proposed action located entirely within a building and no resources are present?): Safety Zone Rulemaking does not have a significant effect on Special Flood Hazard Area (i.e. floodplains)

Comments:

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Comments:

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Comments:

Alexander Leatherman (Level I), None Present (09/11/2024 14:13:41)

- Section 10 navigable waterway -- N/A

Explain why this resource is not applicable to your proposed action (e.g. is your proposed action located entirely within a building and no resources are present?): Safety Zone Rulemaking does not have a significant effect on Section 10 navigable waterway.

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Comments:

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- Are there any other requirements for the protection of the environment that need to be considered for this proposed action? -- No
- Will the proposed action have a potentially significant effect on a district, highway, structure, or object that is listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places, a historic or cultural resource, traditional or sacred site, or result in the destruction of a significant scientific, cultural, or historic resource? -- No

Attachments: HR - Consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

Comments:

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- What is the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 effect determination? -- No effect
Please explain how you came to this determination. : Safety Zone Rulemaking has no impact on National Historic Preservation.

Attachments: Section 106 consultation: (No files uploaded yet.)

- Does the proposed action limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on federal lands, by Indian religious practitioners, and/or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sites. -- No

Comments:

Alexander Leatherman (Level I), None Present or Affected (09/11/2024 14:18:09)

DHS Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) for Categorically Excluded Actions under NEPA

INTRODUCTION
<p>The purpose of this Record of Environmental Consideration (REC) 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 accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and DHS Directive 023-01 and Instruction Manual 023-01-001-01 on implementation of NEPA. DHS integrates the NEPA process with review and compliance requirements under other Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and other requirements for the stewardship and protection of the human environment, as reflected in Section II (8) of this REC. Signature of the DHS Proponent on this REC demonstrates that they have considered the potential for impacts to the human environment in their decision to implement the Proposed Action as required by NEPA, and are committing to any conditions listed in Section IV of this REC that may be required for implementation of the project. When completed, the form is to be signed by the Preparer, the Environmental Approver, and the Action Proponent. The completed REC becomes a part of the administrative record for the Proposed Action.</p>
SECTION I - Description of Proposed Action
<p>1. Name of Component Authorizing the Proposed Action: U.S. Coast Guard USCG Civil Engineering Unit – Cleveland Oh</p>
<p>2. Title of Proposed Action: U.S. Army SOF Operations</p>
<p>3. Identifying Number of Proposed Action: DSS-USCG-2024-20654</p>
<p>4. Estimated Start Date and Useful Life of Proposed Action: Start Date: 09/26/2024 - End Date: 9/27/202</p>
<p>5. Location of Proposed Action: Site Specific: 4420 Lake Shore Rd, Hamburg, New York, 14075</p>
<p>6. Description of Proposed Action: C Co 2/19th SFG (A) conducts water infiltration operations (15x Pax Static Line Parachute and HELOCAST Recertification).</p>
SECTION II - Analysis of Extraordinary Circumstances
<p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed Action is not a piece of a larger action <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Action is a piece of a larger action Remarks:</p>
8. For A through K, check the appropriate box and provide an explanation when appropriate. Include a summary of any coordination or consultation that occurred with a resource or regulatory agency, if relevant.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Will the Proposed Action have a potentially significant effect on public health or safety? Yes No Remarks:</p>

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>B. Will the Proposed Action have a potentially significant effect on species or habitats protected by the Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, or Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act?</p>
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<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>D. Will the Proposed Action have a potentially significant effect on an environmentally sensitive area?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>E. Will the Proposed Action result in the potential violation of a Federal, State, or local law or requirement imposed to protect the environment?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>F. Will the Proposed Action have an effect on the quality of the human environment that is likely to be highly controversial in terms of scientific validity, likely to be highly uncertain, or likely to involve unique or unknown environmental risks?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>G. Will the Proposed Action employ new or unproven technology that is likely to involve unique or unknown environmental risks, where the effect on the human environment is likely to be highly uncertain, or where the effect on the human environment is likely to be highly controversial in terms of scientific validity?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>H. Will the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future actions that have significant effects?</p>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>J. Does the Proposed Action have the potential to result in significant degradation of existing poor environmental conditions? Will the Proposed Action initiate a potentially significant environmentally degrading influence, activity, or effect in areas not significantly modified from their natural condition?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<p>K. Is the Proposed Action related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts?</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>	
<p>SECTION III - Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) Determination</p>	

9. 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 CATEX L60(a)* from further environmental documentation, in accordance with Section 3 of DHS Directive 023-01, Environmental Planning Program since implementation of this action:

I. Clearly fits within one or more of the categories of excludable actions listed in Appendix A of DHS Instruction 023-01-001-01;

II. Is not a piece of a larger action which has been segmented into smaller parts in order to avoid a more extensive evaluation of the potential for significant environmental impacts;

III. 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.

SECTION IV - Conditions

10. The following conditions are required to implement the Proposed Action:

Any change to the Proposed Action that may cause a physical interaction with the human environment will require re-evaluation for compliance with NEPA and other EP&HP requirements before the action can proceed.

This review addresses NEPA and other EP&HP requirements as described in DHS Directive 023-01. This review may identify the need for additional federal, state, and/or local permits, approvals, etc. required for the Proposed Action. However, this review may not satisfy those requirements and the Proponent is responsible for ensuring that all other appropriate federal, state, and/or local permits, approvals, etc. have been obtained.

SECTION V - Signatures

11a. Preparer of this REC

Name: Clifton Edwards	Digitally signed by Clifton Edwards at 09/11/2024 9:29 AM Clifton Edwards	Date: 09/11/2024
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11b. Environmental Approver of this REC

Name: Alexander Leatherman (Level I)	Digitally signed by Alexander Leatherman (Level I) at 09/11/2024 2:19 PM Alexander Leatherman (Level I)	Date: 09/11/2024
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11c. Action Proponent

Name: Jeff Bybee	Digitally signed by Jeff Bybee at 09/12/2024 9:46 AM Jeff Bybee	Date: 09/12/2024
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- .gif
- .txt
- .pdf

The attachments of compatible file types from this project are:

- Army SOF Water Ops App.pdf
- Hamburg DZ Byers (1).pdf

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD APPLICATION FOR MARINE EVENT			OMB Number: 1625-0008 Expires: 11/30/2024
Date Submitted: 07/08/2024	Tracking No: 7862161454972		
FORM INSTRUCTIONS			
1. Please, complete on a computer, a typewriter, or print in black ink to permit reproduction. You may also submit online at: http://homeport.uscg.mil . 2. This application must reach the appropriate USCG Sector at least 135 days prior to the event. A list of sectors may be found here: http://www.uscg.mil/top/units/ . 3. Attach a section of a chart or scale drawing showing boundaries and/or courses and markers contemplated. 4. Submit a copy of youentry requirements, and any special rules pertaining to equipment, rigs or procedures.			
1. Name of Event U.S. Army SOF Water Operations	2. Date of Event	09/26/2024 - 09/27/2024	
3. Location of Event Andrew D. Byers Water Circular DZ, 17T PH 73561 37723	4. Time From:	06:00 AM -- 11:30 PM	
5. Name and Address of Sponsoring Organization (Include Zip Code) C Co. 2/19th SFG (A) 6662 Boston State Rd Hamburg Hamburg, NY 14075	6. No. of Participants 6a. No. of Vessels: 0 6b. No. of Craft: 2 6c. No. of Swimmers: 15	7. Sizes of Boats The Combat Rubber Raiding Craft (CRRC) is 15'5" long, 6'3" wide, and has a 2' draft. It has an empty weight of 322 lbs and a maximum engine weight of 243 lbs.	
8. Types of Boats Combat Rubber Raiding Craft	9. No. of Spectator Craft 0		
10. Description of Events C Co 2/19th SFG (A) conducts water infiltration operations (15x Pax Static Line Parachute and HELOCAST Recertification).			
11. Will This Event Interfere or Impede the Natural Flow of Traffic? No			

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11a. If YES briefly explain:	
12. What Extra or Unusual Hazard (to participants or non-participants) Will Be Introduced Into the Regatta Area? Static Line Parachuting into Lake Erie and UH-60 HELOCAST Operations.	
13. Have any Objections Been Received from Other Interested Parties? No	
13a. If YES briefly explain:	
14. Vessels Provided by Sponsoring Organization for Safety Purposes (number and description)	
Vessel Number	Description
Length	
15. Does the Sponsoring Organization Deem their Patrol Adequate for Safety Purposes? Yes	
15a. If NO briefly explain:	
16. Is a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary Patrol Requested for Control of Spectator and/or Commercial Traffic? Yes	
16a. If YES how many vessels do you recommend and why?: C Co 2/19th SFG (A) request USCG assistance for US Army paratrooper retrieval from Lake Erie during operations.	
17. Person In Charge CW3 Michael J. Gomolka	18. Where Will 'Person In Charge' be During Event? Onsite
19. How Can 'Person In Charge' be Contacted During the Event? Cell (304) 382-1990	

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20. Person to be Contacted for Further Details (Name, Address, Zip Code) CW3 Michael J. Gomolka 6662 Boston State Rd 6662 Boston State Rd Hamburg NY 14075	20a. Area Code and Phone No.: 304-382-1990
The undersigned has full authority to represent the sponsoring organization.	
21. Name: CW3 Michael J. Gomolka	22. Title: Company Operations Warrant
23. Address (Include Zip Code) 6662 Boston State Rd 6662 Boston State Rd Hamburg NY 14075	23a. Area Code and Phone No.: 304-382-1990 20b. Email Address: michael.j.gomolka.mil@socom.mil
24. The person submitting the form certified that they have full authority to represent the sponsoring organization.	
25. COTP Zone Submitted: BUFFALO (BUFFALO AND CLEVELAND)	
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT	
<p style="text-align: center;">Privacy Act Notice</p> <p>Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552a(e)(3), this Privacy Act Statement serves to inform you of why DHS is requesting the information on this form. AUTHORITY: 14 U.S.C § 70041 authorizes the collection of this information. PURPOSE: The Coast Guard will use this information to determine whether a marine event poses an extra or unusual hazard to the safety of life and whether or not, and under which conditions, to permit the event on the navigable waters of the United States. ROUTINE USES: Authorized USCG personnel will use this information to evaluate the marine event request. Any external disclosures of information within this record will be made in accordance with DHS/USCG-013, Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE), 74 Federal Register 30305 (June 25, 2009). CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION: Furnishing this information is strictly voluntary. However, failure to provide this information may delay or prevent the approval of the marine event.</p>	
<p>An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The Coast Guard estimates that the average burden for this collection of information is 60 minutes. You may submit any comments concerning the accuracy of this burden estimate or any suggestions for reducing the burden to: United States Coast Guard, Commandant (CG-WWM-1), Stop 7509, 2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE, Washington, DC, 20593-7509 or Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1625-0008), Washington, DC 20593.</p>	



Andrew D. Byers Water Circular DZ

