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: Final Rule for 33 CFR 100.701 Table for Key West Marine Events, Recurring
- 2. Identifying Number of Proposed Action (if available): DSS-USCG-2024-19720, K2023-24470
- 3. Project Security Type: Unclassified
- 4. Estimated Start Date: 06/10/2024
- 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: Key West, FL

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.

The Coast Guard proposes to revise existing regulations by updating the table for existing events in the Seventh Coast Guard District Captain of the Port (COTP) Key West. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters in Key West, FL. Through this action, the current list of recurring special local regulations is updated with the removal of an event that no longer takes place, the addition of two events, and revisions to existing events. When these special local regulations are enforced, certain restrictions are placed on marine traffic in specified areas.

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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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