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WATERWAY: Bering Sea

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United States Air Force Proposed Disestablishment of Danger Zone for Bering Sea, Meteorological Rocket Launching Facility on Shemya Island Area, Alaska

The Alaska District has received a request from the Pacific Air Forces Weather Operations Branch, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii for an amendment to 33 CFR Part 334.1290 Bering Sea, Meteorological Rocket Launching Facility, Shemya Island Area, Alaska, Danger Zone. The proposed amendment would disestablish the existing danger zone. The proposed rule making process and direct final rule making process will occur simultaneously because we view this as a noncontroversial adjustment to our restricted area regulations and anticipate no adverse comment.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Linda Speerstra at (907) 747-0658 or by email at linda.speerstra@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Lt Col Michael Marsicek, Chief, Pacific Air Forces Weather Operations Branch (PACAF/A3TX), 25 E Street, Suite G-318, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853-5420.

LOCATION: The danger zone is an arc of a circle with a 45-nautical-mile radius of the launch point centered at latitude 52°43'30" N., longitude 174°06'05" E extending clockwise from 110° true bearing to 200° true bearing. The point described above is located on Shemya Island, Alaska.

ACTION: The Corps proposes to revise 33 CFR Part 334 DANGER ZONE AND RESTRICTED AREA REGULATIONS

AUTHORITY: 40 Stat. 266; (U.S.C. 1) and 40 Stat. 892; (33 U.S.C. 3)

DESCRIPTION: Revise portions of § 33 CFR 334.1290 to read as follows:

§ 334.1290 [Removed]

EVALUATION: The decision whether to revise 33 CFR 334.1290 Bering Sea, Meteorological Rocket Launching Facility on Shemya Island Area, danger zone, will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments.

Comments are being solicited from the public; Federal, States, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to grant, modify, condition or deny authorization of this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historical properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written comments concerning the proposed action described above may be submitted directly to the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, CEPOA-CO-RD, Attn: Linda Speerstra, Regulatory Division, Post Office Box 16, Sitka, Alaska 99835, 907-747-0658, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration.

District Engineer
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