DANGER ZONE REGULATIONS

33 C.F.R. 204.162

GULF OF MEXICO OFF MATAGORDA PENINSULA

AND MATAGORDA ISLAND TEXAS

Pursuant to the provisions of section 7 of the River and Harbor Act of August 8, 1917 (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1), and Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriations Act of July 9, 1918 (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3), section 204.162, establishing and governing navigation within Air Force practice gunnery, bombing, and rocket firing ranges in the Gulf of Mexico off Matagorda Peninsula and Matagorda Island, Texas, is hereby prescribed, effective on and after its publication in the Federal Register due to the urgent necessity on the part of the Air Force for commencing operations at the earliest possible time, as follows:

204.162 Gulf of Mexico off Matagorda Peninsula and Matagorda Island, Tex.; Air Force practice gunnery, bombing, and rocket firing ranges. (a) The danger zones. (1) Air-to-air gunnery range off Matagorda Peninsula. An area approximately 59 statute miles long and 29 statute miles wide, with its northwest boundary generally parallel to and about 15 statute miles offshore, described as follows: Beginning at latitude 28° 41', longitude 95° 17'; thence to latitude 28° 21', longitude 94° 59'; thence to latitude 27° 55', longitude 95° 52'; thence to latitude 28° 16', longitude 96° 08'; and thence to the point of beginning. This area will be used daily from sunrise to sunset, weather permitting, for air-to-air gunnery.

(2) <u>Aerial gunnery, bombing, and rocket firing range off Matagorda</u> <u>Island.</u> The waters of the Gulf of Mexico encompassed by an arc of a circle having a radius of five statute miles centered at latitude 28° 17', longitude 96° 32'. This area will be used daily from sunrise to sunset, weather permitting, for air-to-ground gunnery, dive bombing, rocket firing, horizontal bombing, and firing at radio controlled target aircraft.

(b) The regulations. (1) Except in an emergency involving danger to life or property, no vessel shall enter or remain in either danger zone between sunrise and sunset unless authorized to do so in writing by the enforcing agency.

(2) Vessels making scheduled trips over prescribed routes will be given prior written permission to transit the danger zones by the enforcing agency. Vessels so authorized to transit the danger zones shall pass directly through without unnecessary delay and shall display such identification as may be required by the enforcing agency. (3) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Texas, and such agencies as he may designate.

Approved: Jul 31 1951

/s/Frank Pace, Jr. Frank Pace, Jr. Secretary of the Army

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER GALVESTON DISTRICT 606 SANTA FE BUILDING GALVESTON, TEXAS

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12 March 1954

PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that a request has been made to the District Engineer for the amendment by the Secretary of the Army of danger zone regulations as follows:

Name of applicant: Commander, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska.

Waterway and location: Gulf of Mexico off Matagorda Peninsula and Matagorda Island, Texas.

Amendment desired: The applicant requests that the existing regulations, copy attached, be amended as follows: The danger zone, subparagraph (a) (1), will be designated as "Area A" and the first and last sentences will be deleted from this sub-paragraph. The danager zone, sub-paragraph (a) (2), will be designated as "Area B" and the first and last sentences will be deleted from this sub-paragraph. A new subparagraph (a) (3) will be added stating, "These areas will be used daily from sunrise to sunset, for aerial gunnery, bombing and rocket firing. Area "A" will be used for air-to-air gunnery and as an emergency bomb salvo area. Prior to the salvo of bombs, in area "A", the aircraft will clear the entire area by visual and/or radar means, to insure no vessels are in the area. Area "B" will be used for air-to-ground gunnery, dive bombing, rocket firing, horizontal bombing and firing at radio controlled targets."

Any protest you have to make against the proposed amendment from the standpoint of navigation should be received by the District Engineer not later than 29 March 1954; otherwise it will be considered that there are no objections.

The decision as to whether or not the amendment will be approved must rest primarily upon the effect of the amended regulations on navigation.

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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER GALVESTON DISTRICT 606 SANTA FE BUILDING GALVESTON. TEXAS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that application has been made by the Port Commission, Port of Beaumont Navigation District of Jefferson County, Texas, P. O. Drawer 4126, Beaumont, Texas, for Department of the Army modification of the harbor lines at Beaumont, Texas. The requested modification provides for a channelward extension of the established harbor line along the right descending side of the Beaumont Turning Basin extension in the Neches River for a distance of 100 feet and the proposed harbor line would then extend southward approximately parallel to the established harbor line for a distance of 568.6 feet. It would then extend westward parallel to and 100 feet channelward from the existing harbor line to an intersection with the present harbor line at a point beyond an angle point. The theoretical toe of slope of the Beaumont Turning Basin would be moved channelward a corresponding 100 feet. The Turning Basin would be widened an equal amount on the opposite side. Details of the requested modification and change in location of the Beaumont Turning Basin are shown on the map on the reverse side of this notice.

Additional information concerning the proposed modification of harbor lines may be obtained in Room 526-A, Santa Fe Building, Galveston, Texas, at any time between 7:45 A.M. and 4:45 P.M., Monday through Friday, or at the Corps of Engineers Area Office at Port Arthur, Texas.

Any protest you have to make against the proposed harbor line modification from the standpoint of navigation should be received by the District Engineer not later than 15 March 1954; otherwise it will be considered that there are no objections.

The decision as to whether or not the modification will be approved must rest primarily upon the effect of the proposed modification on navigation.

DISTRICT ENGINEER GALVESTON DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS



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