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## U.S. Coast Guard Publishes Effective Dates of Whistleblower Protection Direct Final Rule

WASHINGTON — On March 31, 2011, the U.S. Coast Guard published a notice confirming that its direct final rule updating regulations providing whistleblower protections for uniformed Coast Guard members will go into effect on April 20, 2011.

On December 21, 2010, the Coast Guard published a direct final rule that notified the public of the Coast Guard's intent to amend its "Coast Guard Whistleblower Protection" regulations, unless adverse comment or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment was received on or before February 22, 2011. The Coast Guard has not received any comments or notice of intent to submit an adverse comment on this rulemaking; therefore, the rule will go into effect as scheduled.

The rule making and its related materials may be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number: USCG-2002-13016.

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