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Great Lakes 2011 Pilotage Rates Final Rule Published

The Coast Guard announced Federal Register publication on February 4, 2011 of a final rule amending the Great Lakes pilotage rates for the 2011 shipping season. By law, the Coast Guard must review and establish appropriate rate adjustments by March 1 of each year, and publication of the final rule complies with that requirement.

Actual rate adjustments will not go into effect until August 1, 2011. On that date, rates in the seven affected Great Lakes pilotage areas will increase between 3.52 and 5.26%, depending on the area. These adjustments reflect a projected August 1 increase in benchmark merchant mariner contractual wages and benefits. The increases are meant to generate sufficient revenue to cover allowable expenses, target pilot compensation, and return on investment.

The final rule and related materials may be reviewed at <http://www.regulations.gov> docket number: USCG-2010-0517.

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