LPG Tanker Security Zone

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There are two ports in New England that receive Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) via tanker. Per <u>33 CFR 165</u> they have slightly different requirements. Due to the heavy activity in Narragansett Bay, the security zone for Providence, RI starts 2 miles ahead of the tanker. The security zone for Portsmouth, NH starts a mile ahead.

The rear of the security zones for both areas is a half mile astern. The zone extends 1000 yards on either side. When moored at the receiving facility, the zone is a 500 yard radius of the vessel.

Entry into or movement within these security zones, including below the surface of the water, during times in which LPG vessels are present and the zones are enforced is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port (COPT) or authorized representative. You should comply with the instructions of the COTP, and the designated on-scene U.S. Coast Guard personnel. On-scene Coast Guard patrol personnel include commissioned, warrant, and petty officers of the Coast Guard on board Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, local, state, and federal law enforcement vessels.