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White House – comments on Gulf of Mexico oil spill response



The White House released President Obama's [Weekly Address](#). His comments were focused on the government's response to the ongoing Gulf of Mexico oil spill. (6/5/10).

Unified Command – enhanced effort to collect/review response solutions



The Unified Command issued a [news release](#) announcing an enhanced effort to collect and review oil spill response solutions from scientists, vendors, and the general public. A [Broad Agency Announcement](#) has been posted on [FedBizOpps](#) calling for submission of white papers that cover: oil sensing improvements to response and detection; oil wellhead control and submerged oil response; traditional oil spill response technologies; alternative oil spill response technologies; and oil spill damage assessment and restoration. (6/4/10).

Joint Investigation – roadmap



The USCG-MMS Joint Investigation released its **Roadmap** for determining the causes of the Deepwater Horizon casualty and improving the safety net for MODUs operating on the US outer continental shelf (OCS). (6/4/10).

USCG – update re salvage and marine firefighting plans



The US Coast Guard issued a revised set of **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ) relating to salvage and marine firefighting plans for inclusion in oil spill response plans for vessels (VRP). VRPs with salvage and marine firefighting (SMFF) updates may be submitted to the Coast Guard as early as September 1, 2010 and the updated plans must be in place by February 22, 2011. Among other things, the SMFF update must include a pre-fire plan, addressing such things as training, fire safety practices, alarms, and firefighting procedures. The FAQ also acknowledges several errors in the current rules, which will be corrected in the near future. (6/4/10).

Arctic Ocean – evacuation of Russian scientists



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it is monitoring and available to assist if necessary in the evacuation of a team of 15 scientists from the Russian research Station North Pole 37. This is a temporary station located on floating ice in the Arctic Ocean about 550 miles northeast of Barrow, Alaska. A Russian nuclear-powered icebreaker has been sent from Murmansk to carry out the evacuation. The research station was intended to operate until September, but the ice became unsafe. (6/4/10).

CGSIC – meeting



The US Coast Guard Navigation Center issued a **Notice** stating that the 50th meeting of the Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC) will be held in Portland, Oregon on September 20-21. (6/4/10).

Canada – National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy



The Canadian Ministry of National Defence issued a **news release** announcing Canada's National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy. One shipyard will be selected for construction of large (1,000 tonnes displacement or larger) combatant vessels and Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ships. Another shipyard will be selected for construction of large non-combat vessels (such as the Joint

Support Ship). Other shipyards may be engaged in building and support of smaller government vessels. (6/3/10).

Shock & Awe – June 7, 1968



I was in a state of shock and awe on June 7, 1968, when Clara, the love of my life, agreed to marry me. The ceremony took place in the Memorial Chapel at the US Coast Guard Academy, where we repeated our vows 30 years later. After 42 years, I still cannot believe my good fortune.

If you have questions regarding the above items, please contact the editor:

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