

Headlines: NIC – update on response to Gulf of Mexico oil spill; DOJ – Deepwater Horizon Escrow Fund; Cook Inlet – tidal energy project proposed; SLSDC Advisory Board – meeting; and Panama Canal – Pacific Access Channel Entrance bids received.

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### NIC – update on response to Gulf of Mexico oil spill



The National Incident Command (NIC) released the **transcript** of the press briefing conducted by Admiral Thad Allen, USCG (ret). He discussed efforts to finish the relief well and seal the damaged well from the bottom. He also discussed ongoing efforts to remove the oil that has come ashore. (8/9/10).

### DOJ – Deepwater Horizon Escrow Fund



The US Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that it completed negotiations to establish a \$20 billion fund to provide the necessary resources to those suffering from the effects of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. (8/9/10).

### Cook Inlet – tidal energy project proposed



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has received an application for a preliminary permit proposing to study the feasibility of the Cook Inlet Tidal Energy Project to be located in the vicinity of Anchorage, Alaska. Comments on the application should be submitted within 60 days. **75 Fed. Reg. 48321** (August 10, 2010).

## SLSDC Advisory Board – meeting



The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC) Advisory Board will meet in Washington, DC on August 23. 75 Fed. Reg. 48410 (August 10, 2010).

## Panama Canal – Pacific Access Channel Entrance bids received



The Panama Canal Authority issued a **press release** stating that it received three bids from international firms vying to dredge and excavate the Pacific Access Channel (PAC) entrance. This project represents the last major Expansion Program contract to be awarded and, once completed, will allow larger ships to enter the new access channel and reach the new Pacific Locks. The ACP will award the contract to the firm with the lowest-price bid that meets all the terms and conditions stated in the tender in the request for proposals. (8/6/10).

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