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## **USCG – fire protection and related standards**



The US Coast Guard proposes to harmonize its standards for fire protection, detection, and extinguishing equipment on inspected and uninspected vessels, outer continental shelf facilities, deepwater ports, and mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs). The proposed amendments would harmonize Coast Guard regulations with appropriate national and international consensus standards; address advances in fire protection technologies and standards; update Coast Guard approval processes for fire detection and alarm systems; and revise Coast Guard regulations for other types of equipment or components, such as spanner wrenches, non-metallic pipes, and sprinkler systems. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 14 April. [79 Fed. Reg. 2253](#) (January 13, 2014).

## USCG – liquid chemical categorization



The US Coast Guard is extending, through 16 January 2015, the effective date of its interim rule updating the liquid chemical categorization to provide additional time to investigate and, if necessary, correct technical errors that were brought to the Coast Guard's attention by public comments on the interim rule. [79 Fed. Reg. 2106](#) (January 13, 2014).

## FERC – Cameron LNG DEIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a [news release](#) stating that a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) has been prepared for the Cameron Liquefaction Project and Pipeline proposed for Cameron, Louisiana. The DEIS concludes that adverse environmental impacts of the project could be minimized through implementation of mitigation measures. Comments on the DEIS must be received by 3 March. (1/10/14).

## House – CBP Authorization Act introduced



Representative Miller (R-MI) introduced a bill (H.R. 3846) to provide for the authorization of border, maritime, and transportation security responsibilities and functions in the Department of Homeland Security and the establishment of United States Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes. An official copy of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Miller issued a [press release](#) explaining its purpose. (1/10/14).

## GAO – permitting of air emissions on Alaska OCS



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the status of regulatory activities and permitting of air emissions on Alaska's outer continental shelf (OCS). The report addresses the recent transfer of such permitting authority from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the Department of the Interior (DOI). [GAO-14-187R](#) (1/9/14).

## Court – DWH class action and settlement affirmed



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the district court order certifying a class action and approving a settlement in the ongoing litigation encompassing claims against British Petroleum Exploration & Production, Inc. and numerous other entities arising out of the 2010 explosion

aboard the MODU Deepwater Horizon and the consequent discharge of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Various groups opposed the class certification and settlement. BP joined with these groups and, in addition, raised arguments regarding the Article III standing of certain class members. The appellate court affirmed the district court order certifying the class action and approving the settlement. *In re Deepwater Horizon*, No. 13-30095 (5th Cir., January 10, 2014).

## California – ballast water and hull husbandry reports



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) sent a **reminder** to shipping agents regarding the obligation of vessels with ballast water treatment systems that call at California ports and discharge ballast water into California waters to submit ballast water and hull husbandry reports. (12/31/13).

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