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## **DHS – National Infrastructure Protection Plan**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted the 2013 edition of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (**NIPP 2013**). The NIPP has been streamlined and made adaptable to the current risk, policy, and strategic environments. (1/13/14).

## Delaware River – anchorage grounds and safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a temporary final rule extending through 28 February the effective date for the anchorage restrictions and safety zone in the vicinity of the Marcus Hook Range in the Delaware River in support of US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) dredging. The regulations normally run from 1 September through 31 December, but dredging has been extended this season. [79 Fed. Reg. 2371](#) (January 14, 2014).

## USCG – marine casualty reporting



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on draft guidance in the form of a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) entitled “Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4 Marine Casualty Reporting Procedures Guide with Associated Standard interpretations”. Comments should be submitted by 14 April. [79 Fed. Reg. 2466](#) (January 14, 2014).

## USCG – distant water tuna fleet vessels



The US Coast Guard seeks comments on CG-CVC Policy Letter 13-04, Distant Water Tuna Fleet (DWTF) Vessels Manning Exemption Guidance. Comments should be submitted by 13 February. [79 Fed. Reg. 2464](#) (January 14, 2014).

## Lake Charles – waterway suitability assessment



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that Big Lake Fuels LLC submitted a Letter of Intent and Preliminary Waterway Suitability Assessment regarding the company’s plans to construct and operate a waterfront facility handling and storing liquefied hazardous gas (LHG) at its Lake Charles, Louisiana facility. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 13 February. [79 Fed. Reg. 2467](#) (January 14, 2014).

## FMC – meeting



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it will hold a closed meeting in Washington, DC on 15 January to interview

applicants for the position of Inspector General. [79 Fed. Reg. 2442](#) (January 14, 2014).

### USCG – LNG as Fuel Forum



The US Coast Guard issued an updated agenda for the [LNG as Fuel Forum](#), to be held in Seattle on 29 January. (1/13/14).

### DOD – MV Cape Ray sea trials



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a [news release](#) stating that the MV Cape Ray is conducting its final sea trials in preparation for its upcoming mission to destroy Syrian chemical weapons. During the sea trials, the crew and the Field-Deployable Hydrolysis System operators are evaluating the ship and the system at various sea states. (1/13/14).

### House – ATON hearing



On 4 February, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is scheduled to conduct a hearing entitled "[Finding Your Way: The Future of Federal Aids to Navigation](#)". Witnesses have yet to be announced. (1/13/14).

### GAO – cruise vessel security and safety



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued its report on cruise ship security and safety. It found that cruise vessels have implemented most of the required security and safety measures, but that concerns remain about crime reporting. It notes that cruise lines operating from US ports routinely conduct safety and evacuation exercises prior to or immediately upon departure and that those cruise lines have worked with the Coast Guard to plan and hold disaster exercises. [GAO-14-43](#) (1/13/14).

## Australia – asbestos on ships



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority issued a Marine Notice reminding owners, operators, and masters of the ongoing restrictions regarding asbestos on ships. [Notice 4-2014](#) (1/13/14).

## Australia – anchoring off Australian ports



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority issued a Marine Notice reminding owners, operators, and masters of the precautions to be taken when anchoring off Australian ports. [Notice 3-2014](#) (1/13/14).

## Australia – AMSA inspectors entering lifeboats



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority issued a Marine Notice notifying owners, operators, and masters of the conditions under which AMSA inspectors may enter lifeboats during a port state control (PSC) or flag state control (FSC) examination. [Notice 2-2014](#) (1/13/14).

## Ireland – helicopter fleet upgrade



The Irish Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport issued a [press release](#) stating that the Irish Coast Guard fleet of four search and rescue helicopters has been upgraded to the new S92 state-of-the-art model, tailored specifically for search and rescue operations. (1/13/14).

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