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## **Houston – waterway suitability assessments**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it received a Letter of Intent and Waterways Suitability assessment for two separate proposed construction projects expanding existing liquid hazardous gas (LHG) facilities in Houston. Comments on the proposals should be submitted by 6 March. **79 Fed. Reg. 6614** (February 4, 2014).

## **TSAC – teleconference meeting**



The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will conduct a teleconference meeting on 25 February. Topics on the agenda include manning of inspected towing vessels; designation of narrow channels; and mid-stream LNG refueling of towing vessels. **79 Fed. Reg. 6613** (February 4, 2014).

## COAC – meeting



The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet on 20 February in Washington, DC. [79 Fed. Reg. 6616](#) (February 4, 2014).

## HSRP – meeting



The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet on 25-26 February in New York City. Topics on the agenda include NOAA's navigation services mission to support the US marine transportation system and economy and use of NOAA's navigation data, products, and services for national and regional preparedness, response, recovery, and resiliency efforts. [79 Fed. Reg. 6544](#) (February 4, 2014).

## Miami – takes of marine mammals



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it received an application from the US Army corps of Engineers (USACE) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to confined blasting operations in the Port of Miami. Comments on the application should be submitted by 6 March. [79 Fed. Reg. 6545](#) (February 4, 2014).

## OSHA – MACOSH reestablishment



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a notice stating that the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH) has been reestablished. [79 Fed. Reg. 6635](#) (February 4, 2014).

## Suez Canal – transit dues



The Suez Canal Authority issued a circular announcing transit dues as of 1 May 2014. [Circular 2/2014](#) (2/1/14).

## Suez Canal – surcharge on container tiers



The Suez Canal Authority issued a circular announcing a surcharge on container tiers for northbound container ships. The surcharge comes into effect on 1 May 2014. **Circular 3/2014** (2/1/14).

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