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DHS OIG – USCG oversight of DWH AARs



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) released its report of the Coast Guard's oversight of recommendations from the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) After Action Reports (AARs). The OIG was unable to determine whether the recommendations have been addressed because of inconsistencies in the USCG process to track progress regarding the AARs. [OIG-14-42](#) (2/21/14).

USCG – foreign-rebuild determination



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a [determination](#) stating that certain work proposed to be performed in Poland on the oil/chemical carrier OVERSEAS TAMPA to modify it for shuttle tanker

service will not result in a loss of the vessel's eligibility to engage in the coastwise trade. (3/6/14).

DOI – Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee



The Department of the Interior (DOI) solicits nominations for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee. Nominations must be received by 15 May. [79 Fed. Reg. 13073](#) (March 7, 2014).

Guam – hazardous material removed from grounded vessel



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) stating that, in coordination with the US Coast Guard and civilian contractors, it removed 49 55-gallon drums of hazardous materials from the Japanese fishing vessel Daiki Maru 7 grounded on the Spanish Steps at Naval Base Guam (3/6/14).

House – bill introduced re natural gas exports



Representative Poe (R-TX) introduced a bill (H.R. 4155) to authorize natural gas exports to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes. (3/5/14).

Senate – bill introduced re fish conservation



Senator Cardin (D-MD) introduced a bill (S. 2080) to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, enhance fish and wildlife-dependent recreation, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Cardin issued a [press release](#) explaining the measure. (3/5/14).

Senate – bill introduced to amend Natural Gas Act



Senator Udall (D-CO) introduced a bill (S. 2083) to amend the Natural Gas Act to promote economic growth and job creation in the United States, to strengthen strategic partnerships with allies of the United States, and

for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Udall issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (3/5/14).

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