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White House – security of maritime supply chain gift basket



The White House issued a **news release** stating that nations party to the Nuclear Security Summit agreed to seek enhanced measures to permanently remove nuclear and radiological materials that are out of regulatory control from the maritime supply chain. A **fact sheet** on this issue was also released. The term “Gift Basket” is used with regard to the maintenance of effective radiation detection systems and response procedures at large container seaports and related maritime supply chain security measures. (3/25/14).

USCG – updated professional qualification checklists



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued an **announcement** stating that the checklists used to help determine professional qualifications for

Officer and Rating endorsements on Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMCs) have been updated to incorporate recent amendments to the STCW Convention and other items. Among other things, the **updated checklists** now provide separate lists for national and STCW renewals. (3/25/14).

Hudson River – Tappan Zee Bridge RNA



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** reminding stakeholders that the regulated navigation area (RNA) in waters of the Hudson River near the Tappan Zee Bridge remains in effect. The bridge is in the midst of a multi-year repair and refurbishment project that necessitates the presence of work boats, many of them moored overnight in the immediate vicinity of the bridge. Commercial vessels transiting the RNA are restricted to a “Slow, No Wake Speed”, while recreational vessels are restricted to a speed of no greater than five knots. (2/25/14).

NTSB – meeting



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a notice stating that it will meet in Washington, DC on 8 April to consider the marine accident report for the allision of the passenger ferry Seastreak Wall Street with Pier 11, Lower Manhattan on 9 January 2013. **79 Fed. Reg. 16831** (March 26, 2014).

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Delfin LNG LLC requesting authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from a proposed floating LNG liquefaction project to be located in the Gulf of Mexico offshore Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Comments on the application should be submitted by 27 May. **79 Fed. Reg. 16782** (March 26, 2014).

EPA & USACE – streams and wetlands protection



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that it and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have developed a proposed rule to clarify protection under the Federal Water Pollution

Control Act (FWPCA, also known as the Clean Water Act) for streams and wetlands. Under the proposal, most seasonal and rain-dependent streams are protected, as are wetlands near rivers and streams. Other types of waters may have more uncertain connections with downstream water and protection will be evaluated through a case specific analysis of whether the connection is or is not significant. (3/25/14).

USN – fatal shooting update



The US Navy issued a [news release](#) updating earlier reports of the fatal shooting onboard USS Mahan on 24 May while moored at Naval Station Norfolk. Preliminary investigation reveals that at approximately 11:20 p.m. that night the civilian suspect approached the Mahan's quarterdeck and was confronted by ship security personnel. A struggle ensued and the suspect was able to disarm the Petty Officer of the Watch. The suspect then used the weapon to fatally shoot a sailor responding to the incident. Navy security forces then killed the suspect, who did not have his own weapon. (3/25/14).

Paris MOU – HAVEP results



The Paris MOU issued a [press release](#) stating that the Harmonized Verification Programme (HAVEP) on passenger ships resulted in two passenger vessels being detained during 2013. A total of 232 inspections were carried out on 225 individual ships. Most deficiencies related to abandon ship drills (8.62%); fire drills (8.19%); closing devices/watertight doors (7.76%); and SAR cooperation plan for passenger ships (7.76%). (3/25/14).

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