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NFAC – webinar meeting



The National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC), sponsored by the Department of Transportation (DOT), will meet via a webinar on 29 April to finalize recommendations for development of the National Freight Strategic Plan. [79 Fed. Reg. 21353](#) (April 16, 2014).

New Orleans – RNA



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a permanent regulated navigation area (RNA) on waters of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in New Orleans. The RNA, which comes into effect immediately, is intended to protect floodwalls and levees from possible damage from breakaway vessels during severe weather. [79 Fed. Reg. 21129](#) (April 15, 2014).

USCG – maritime smart phone



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing its intent to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement to develop, demonstrate, evaluate, and document viable technical approaches for securely forwarding marine-related smart phone (voice image position and text) through Next Generation/Enhanced 9-1-1 (NG 911) into the Coast Guard Rescue21 System. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 15 May. [79 Fed. Reg. 21255](#) (April 15, 2014).

Manatee River – proposed bridge FEIS



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the proposed highway bridge over the Manatee River in Manatee County, Florida. [79 Fed. Reg. 21256](#) (April 15, 2014).

St. Lawrence Seaway – maximum allowable draft



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that the maximum allowable draft for vessels transiting the Montreal-Lake Ontario portion of the Seaway has been increased to 80.8 dm (26'6"). [Notice 9-2014](#) (4/14/14).

St. Lawrence Seaway – draft & power to length ratio



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice stating that the draft and power to length ratio restrictions established by Seaway Notice 2-2014 have been cancelled. [Notice 10-2014](#) (4/14/14).

Washington – spill program job openings



The Washington Ecology Department Spills Program currently has six [job openings](#), including a marine risk inspector and three geographic response plan developers. (4/14/14).

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