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Western Alaska – NTVRP & GSA requirements



USCG Sector Western Alaska issued a bulletin providing information on requirements for nontank vessels 400 gross tons (ITC) and above operating within or transiting through waters of the Western Alaska Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone. Such vessels are required to hold a valid Nontank Vessel Response Plan (NTVRP) and a valid Geographic Specific Appendix (GSA) for the Western Alaska COTP Zone. **MSIB 03-14** (4/28/14).

NOAA, USACE & USCG – Future of Navigation Initiative



The **Future of Navigation Initiative**, a joint program managed by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the US Coast Guard, is hosting a series of listening sessions to learn stakeholders' requirements for emerging needs for navigational information and service delivery systems in the eNav environment. The Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the first listening session will be held in Juneau on 1 May. (4/30/14).

CBP – NCAP test modification



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that it plans to modify the National Customs Automation Program (NCAP) test concerning Cargo Release functionality in the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) by allowing importers and customs brokers to now certify from ACE Entry Summary cargo transported by air, ocean, or rail during the ACE Cargo Release test. The test modifications are effective no earlier than 6 April and will run until approximately 1 November 2015. **79 Fed. Reg. 24744** (May 1, 2014).

ITA – ports and marine technology trade mission to India



The International Trade Administration (ITA) issued a notice stating that the ports and marine technology trade mission to India, originally scheduled for 9-15 November 2014 has been rescheduled to 2-6 February 2015. **79 Fed. Reg. 24674** (May 1, 2014).

FERC – Cameron LNG FEIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the **Final Environmental Impact Statement** (FEIS) for the Cameron Liquefaction Project, proposed for construction in southwestern Louisiana. The project would provide for the liquefaction and export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The FERC staff concludes that construction and operation of the project would result in some adverse environmental impacts. However, these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of appropriate mitigation measures. (4/30/14).

BSEE – Near-Miss Reporting System



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that Associate Director Allyson Anderson addressed the Independent Petroleum Association of America's Offshore Committee during their meeting in Houston. She highlighted the work on the Near-Miss Reporting System. (4/29/14).

FMC – Chairman's Earth Day Award



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Chairman's Earth Day Award will recognize the environmental efforts of Richard D. Fain, Chairman and CEO of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd for innovations in vessel technology and onboard practices. (4/30/14).

Caribbean MOU – CIC re fire safety



The US Coast Guard posted **Marine Inspection Notice 01-14** advising that the Maritime Authorities of the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Port State Control will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose of ensuring compliance with SOLAS Chapter II-2 and the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code). The inspection campaign will run from 1 September through 30 November. (4/30/14).

Tokyo MOU – Annual Report 2013



The Tokyo MOU posted its **Annual Report 2013**. During the year, the new inspection regime (NIR) for ship targeting was adopted. The NIR was put into effect in 2014. (4/30/14).

New Zealand – consultation re offshore installations



Maritime New Zealand issued a **Notice** announcing a Consultation on draft new marine protection rules Part 131 – Offshore Installations – Marine Oil Spill Contingency Plans and Oil Pollution Prevention Certification. Comments on the consultation must be submitted by 14 May. (4/30/14).

UK – ship operator fined for oil pollution



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **press release** stating that the operator of a UK container ship has been ordered to pay £17,311.01 after pleading guilty to breaching oil pollution legislation. Its ship spilled 700 liters of heavy fuel oil in waters off Kalamata, Greece during a fuel transfer operation. Although discovered immediately by the crew, the incident was not reported for 27 hours. (4/30/14).

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