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## **USCG – outer continental shelf units**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice recommending that outer continental shelf (OCS) units [both MODUs and facilities] implement recommended guidelines for fire and explosion safety analyses. **79 Fed. Reg. 25139** (May 2, 2014).

## **USCG, NOAA & USACE – Future of Navigation Initiative**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as part of the **Future of Navigation Initiative**, will hold nationwide public discussions on navigational aid technology and how it will affect the future of America's waterways. (5/1/14).

## EPA – clean diesel project funding



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** announcing the availability of \$9 million in grant funding for clean diesel projects to reduce diesel pollution and emissions exposure from the nation's existing fleet of diesel engines. Projects may include marine engines, locomotives, school buses, transit buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, and other diesel engines. Proposals must be received by 17 June. (5/1/14).

## TSA – TWIC card services



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a **notice** stating that while it is upgrading its technology the following Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card services will be unavailable through Monday, 5 May: card pick-up/activation; personal identification number (PIN) resets; card transfers; card replacements; Extended Expiration Date (EED) TWIC. Enrollment sites will be open. (4/30/14).

## NOAA – ocean acidification



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a **news release** stating that a NOAA-led research team has found the first evidence that acidity of continental shelf waters off the US west coast is dissolving the shells of tiny free-swimming marine snails that provide food for pink salmon, mackerel, and herring. (4/30/14).

## House – bill introduced to establish Ambassador for Arctic Affairs



Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced a bill (H.R. 4538) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to establish a United States Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Sensenbrenner issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (4/30/14).

## Caribbean MOU – CIC re fire safety



The US Coast Guard posted a corrected copy of **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).

### Australia – vessel traffic services



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice reminding masters of the Australian Vessel Traffic Services and of the masters' responsibilities with respect thereto. [Marine Notice 08-2014](#) (5/1/14).

### UK – translation-induced collision



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the collision of the container ship CMA CGM Florida and bulk carrier Chou Shan in the East China Sea at 0033 on 19 March 2013. There were a number of fishing and commercial vessels in the vicinity. As these two vessels approached each other, the Chinese watch officer on the bulk carrier called the container ship on the VHF radio. The watch officer on the container ship was a Filipino. Another officer who happened to be on the bridge answered the radio call and a conversation ensued in Mandarin regarding passing procedures. The gist of this conversation was incompletely passed to the container ship's watch officer. A second radio conversation was held in Mandarin and again the conversation was incompletely passed. The collision occurred soon thereafter. The operators of both vessels have been reminded that radio communications are not to be used as the sole or even the primary means for collision avoidance. [Report 11-2014](#) (5/1/14).

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