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Nome – mass rescue exercise;
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White House – investment in American ports



The White House released a **video** in which Vice President Biden discusses why investment in American ports is important to the US economy. (5/14/15).

White House – Champions of Change



The White House issued a **news release** announcing that eleven persons have been honored as “Champions of Change” for their leadership to ensure that transportation facilities, services, and jobs help individuals and communities connect with 21st century opportunities. Among those honored was Anthony Chiarello, President and CEO of TOTE. The company is building the first liquefied natural gas (LNG) powered container ships in the world. LNG-powered container ships will operate between Tacoma and Anchorage and between Jacksonville and San Juan, substantially reducing air emissions as compared to conventionally powered vessels. (5/12/14).

Portland – bulk carrier detained



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the bulk carrier Strategic Synergy has been detained in Portland, Oregon due to discrepancies related to the emergency steering system and the rescue boat. (5/14/14).

Nome – mass rescue exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Coast Guard and City of Nome personnel participated in an Arctic Mass Rescue Operation Exercise as part of Arctic Shield 2014. (5/14/14).

CDC – second case of MERS in US



The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a [news release](#) stating that a second case of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) has been confirmed. Like the first, this involved a person who was a health care worker in Saudi Arabia and had just arrived in the United States. Transmission of MERS from person-to-person has not reached a sustained level. Persons who travel to the Arabian Peninsula, though, are advised to exercise caution, avoiding contact with people who are sick, avoiding touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. (5/12/14).

Senate – bill introduced to commemorate USCG



Senator Murphy (D-CT) introduced the [United States Coast Guard Commemorative Coin Act](#) (S. 2303) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the United States Coast Guard. Senator Murphy issued a [news release](#) explaining the measure. (5/7/14).

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