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EPA – fuel oil non-availability report submittal



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) posted instructions for use of its North American Emission Control Area (ECA) Electronic Fuel Oil Non-Availability Disclosure Portal – **FOND Instructions**. An owner or operator of a vessel that cannot obtain compliant fuel oil can make a fuel oil non-availability claim through submission of a Fuel Oil Non-Availability Report (FONAR). Persons wishing to submit FONARs to the EPA must now request an electronic FONAR form through FOND and must submit completed FONARs through this same electronic portal. (7/16/14). *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Bryan Bittner of [Eagle Bulk Shipping](http://EagleBulkShipping.com).*

OFAC – Ukraine-related sanctions



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that Ukraine-related economic sanctions have been expanded. (7/16/14).

FERC – application to export LNG



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Waller LNG Services for authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the proposed Waller Point LNG Terminal to be located on the Calcasieu Ship Channel in Louisiana. Comments on the application must be received by 15 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 41685** (July 17, 2014).

USACE – Jacksonville restricted area proposed



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to establish a restricted area on waters of the St. Johns River adjacent to the USCG Sector Jacksonville facilities at Station Mayport. Comments on the proposal should be submitted by 18 August. **79 Fed. Reg. 41664** (July 17, 2014).

Senate – Jaenichen confirmed as MARAD Administrator



The Senate confirmed the nomination of Paul Nathan “Chip” Jaenichen, Sr. of Kentucky to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration (MARAD). (7/15/14).

House – bill introduced re dredged material



Representative Ribble (R-WI) introduced the **Agricultural Conservation Flexibility Act of 2014** (H.R. 5071) to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to non-prohibited discharges of dredged or fill material under the Clean Water Act. (7/10/14).

House – bill introduced re Vietnam Era merchant mariners



Representative Bishop (D-GA) introduced a bill (H.R. 5112) to provide eligibility for veterans benefits for individuals who served in the United States

merchant marine in the Southeast Asia theater of operations during the Vietnam Era. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/15/14).

Senate – bill introduced re marine national monuments



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 2608) to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (7/15/14).

Senate – thanks to USCG for rescue in Arctic



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) issued a [press release](#) thanking the US Coast Guard and the crew of the icebreaker HEALY for the recent rescue of a sailor beset in the ice in the Arctic Ocean. She noted the need for a new USCG icebreaker and for an expansion of infrastructure in the Arctic. (7/14/14).

Court – Asian carp abatement efforts upheld



The US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit ruled that the actions taken by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to abate the threat posed to the Great Lakes by the Asian carp did not rise to the level of a public nuisance. The court noted that plaintiffs' court filings include a notable lack of factual allegations that Asian carp are passing or are about to pass through the barriers that the USACE has established and that the filings do not plausibly allege that the USACE cannot or will not respond to more urgent threats when and if they arise. [Michigan v. US Army Corps of Engineers](#), No. 12-3800 (7th Cir., July 14, 2014).

UK – fatal injury to seaman



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of a fatal crushing injury to an able seaman on board the ro-ro cargo vessel Tyrusland in Tripoli, Libya on 15 May 2013. During cargo unloading, the seaman was crushed between a static container and a container being moved by a fork-lift truck. The ship's risk assessment did not identify hazards associated with the operation. [Report 19-2014](#) (7/16/14).

UK – cargo ship fire



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of an accommodation space fire on the general cargo ship Celtic Carrier on passage from Gibraltar to Belfast. The fire, which started after a crew member fell asleep in bed while holding a lit cigarette, caused an electrical failure of the ship's steering gear, and resulted in heat, smoke and water damage to the majority of the accommodation spaces. One crew member was injured and the ship was subsequently towed to Cadiz for repair. The crew was ill-prepared for the emergency; there was a lack of leadership, and sub-standard fire-fighting techniques resulted in crew members being unnecessarily exposed to danger. [Report 18-2014](#) (7/16/14).

UK – Coastguard training centre



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a [press release](#) stating that ground has been broken in Lee on Solent for construction of the new Coastguard training centre. (7/16/14).

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