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## Lake St. Clair – grain carrier aground



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the grain carrier Federal Rideau grounded in the downbound channel of Lake St. Clair after experiencing a loss of steering caused by a motor coupling failure. Repairs to the coupling have been completed. There have been no reports of injury or pollution. (7/27/14).

## USCG – NRC website



The USCG National Response Center (NRC) website has been taken offline following identification of security vulnerabilities and is now being rebuilt to meet new cyber-security standards. In the meantime, an interim website with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) data has been established at <https://cgmix.uscg.mil/NRC>. (7/25/14). *Note: This item was brought to my*

attention by my good friend Whitney Leake at *Patriot Maritime Compliance, LLC*.

### DHS – Port Security Grant Program allocation



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** announcing grant allocations for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Preparedness Grants. As anticipated, \$100 million has been allocated for the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Further details are provided in the **Grants Program Directorate Information Bulletin**. (7/25/14).

### NTSB – underkeel clearance



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **Marine Accident Brief** regarding the grounding and sinking of the towing vessel Stephen L. Colby near mile 497 of the Upper Mississippi River near LeClaire, Iowa on 25 November 2013 with no injuries. The probable cause of the incident was the failure of the master and mate to ensure sufficient underkeel clearance. (7/25/14). *Note: Inadequate underkeel clearance is the primary cause of groundings.*

### BOEM – Beaufort Sea Planning Area



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that it is issuing a Call for Information and Nominations for potential Oil and Gas Lease Sale 242, proposed for the Beaufort Sea Planning Area off Alaska in 2017. (7/25/14).

### BSEE – unannounced spill response drill



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** stating that it initiated a day-long unannounced spill response drill involving Murphy Exploration and Production Company, testing that company's ability to respond to a simulated spill event at its offshore facility in the Gulf of Mexico. (7/25/14).

### USN – Charles W. Morgan visits USS Constitution



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the Charles W. Morgan, a 19th century commercial whaling vessel now serving as a museum ship at

Mystic Seaport, visited the Charleston Navy Yard and the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat. (7/25/14).

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