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## **USCG – Change-1 to MSM, Vol. III**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing the availability of Change-1 to the Marine Safety Manual (MSM), Volume III – Marine Industry Personnel, and the corresponding Commandant Change Notice that highlights the changes made. The change comes into effect immediately. **79 Fed. Reg. 45451** (August 5, 2014).

## **USACE– proposed feasibility studies**



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in accordance with the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, issued a notice requesting proposals from non-federal interests for feasibility studies and modifications to authorized USACE water resources development projects or

feasibility studies. Proposals must be submitted by 3 December. [79 Fed. Reg. 45430](#) (August 5, 2014).

### **FERC – Freeport LNG liquefaction project**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice announcing availability of a draft General Conformity Analysis for the Freeport LNG Liquefaction Project. Comments must be received by 29 August. [79 Fed. Reg. 45441](#) (August 5, 2014).

### **NOAA – National Sea Grant Advisory Board**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for potential National Sea Grant Advisory Board members. Additionally, the Board will meet in Clearwater Beach, Florida on 7-8 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 45427](#) (August 5, 2014).

### **TSA – TWIC “OneVisit” availability**



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a notice stating that the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) “OneVisit” program is now available everywhere. Under this program, the TWIC card can now be mailed directly to the applicant’s home or other location, instead of the applicant having to return to an enrollment center. A mailer with the card’s preset Personal Identification Number (PIN) is mailed separately. If the applicant elects to pick up the card at an enrollment center, the applicant may select the PIN associated with the card, an option not available if the card is delivered via mail. (8/4/14).

### **NOAA – Gulf of Mexico dead zone**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) stating that NOAA and EPA-supported scientists have mapped the Gulf of Mexico dead zone, an area with low oxygen in the water, and determined that it covers 5,052 square miles for the summer of 2014. This is smaller in size that recorded in 2013, but greater than the Mississippi River/Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient (Hypoxia) Task Force target of less than 1,900 square miles, meaning nutrients from the Mississippi River watershed are continuing to affect the coastal resources and habitats in the Gulf. (8/4/14).

## NAP – oil spill response in US Arctic waters



The National Academies Press (NAP) released the final edition of its book entitled “[Responding to Oil Spills in the U.S. Arctic Marine Environment](#)”. As oil and gas, shipping, and tourism activities in these waters increase, the possibilities of an oil spill also increase, yet infrastructure in the region is minimal. (8/4/14).

## Singapore – advice re Ebola virus disease



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular providing medical advice on Ebola virus disease (EVD). Among other things, it recommends that, if a passenger or seafarer presents EVD symptoms (fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache, achiness, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, and bleeding), precautions should be taken, including medical isolation. The situation must also be reported to medical authorities ashore. [Shipping Circular 13-2014](#) (8/1/14).

## UK – guidance re National Contingency Plan



The UK Government posted [guidance material](#) supporting the National Contingency Plan for marine pollution prevention and response. (8/1/14).

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