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USCG – Ebola virus precautions



The US Coast Guard issued **Ebola virus precautions**. Among other things, it reminds vessel representatives that reports to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are required regarding sick or deceased crew or passengers. The Coast Guard will be checking all Advance Notices of Arrival (ANOA) to determine whether a vessel has visited a country impacted by the Ebola virus outbreak within the previous five port calls. Masters should inform Coast Guard boarding teams of any ill crew members or passengers on board. (8/7/14).

USCG – QUALSHIP 21 update



The US Coast Guard posted an updated version of its **QUALSHIP 21 Pamphlet**, along with an updated version of its QUALSHIP 21 FAQ (frequently asked questions). (8/7/14).

USCG – H-Class structural fire protection materials



The US Coast Guard **Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division** (CG-ENG-4) has established four new Coast Guard type approval series covering H-Class structural fire protection materials for use on offshore facilities on the US outer continental shelf (OCS). Neither USCG nor international regulations currently require use of H-Class barriers, but operators of such facilities may wish to consider these higher levels of protection for (1) penetration seals, (2) fire doors, (3) windows, and (4) structural protection. (8/7/14).

MARAD – VISA open season



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice announcing open season for Fiscal Year 2015 applications for participation in the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) program. Applications must be received by 8 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 46501** (August 8, 2014).

FERC – draft EIS for Aguirre Offshore GasPort



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Aguirre Offshore GasPort Project, planned for operation about three miles off the southern coast of Puerto Rico. Comments on the draft EIS must be received by 29 September. (8/7/14).

FEMA – PSGP allocation table corrected



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued **Information Bulletin 398a**, which, among things, updates the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) allocation table from IB 398 to reflect the correct names for all PSGP entities. (8/6/14).

Panama Canal – vessels with special configurations



The Panama Canal Authority issued an advisory stating that supplementary personnel will be assigned to vessels with special configurations including those with mooring stations on different decks; vessels with mooring station areas that, due to their configurations, present difficulties for line handling operations; or vessels with any other deficiency that may affect transit

operations. Vessels will be charged for the assignment of additional resources.
Advisory 16-2014 (8/6/14).

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