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North Pacific – one dead in engine room fire



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a chemical tanker lost propulsion after suffering an engine room fire in the North Pacific about 700 miles west of Cape Blanco, Oregon on 15 August. One crew member is deceased as a result of the casualty. A Coast Guard cutter is on scene providing assistance. A salvage tug is en route. (8/15/14). *Note: Unofficial reports indicate that the vessel involved is the chemical tanker Pine Galaxy.*

USCG – OSVs of at least 6,000 GT ITC



The US Coast Guard promulgated an interim rule with request for comments relating to the safe carriage of oil, hazardous substances, and individuals other than crew on US offshore supply vessels (OSVs) of at least 6,000 GT ITC. The rule also affects any US vessel of at least 500 gross register tons (GRT) that has not been assigned a measurement under the Convention Measurement System if the owner desires to have the vessel certificated as an OSV. The interim rule comes into effect immediately. Comments should be submitted by 17 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 48893](#) (August 18, 2014).

USCG – Boston AMS Advisory Committee



The US Coast Guard seeks applications from individuals interested in serving on the Boston Area Maritime Security (AMS) Advisory Committee. Applications should be received by 17 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 48753](#) (August 18, 2014).

Buzzards Bay – danger zone correction



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a correction to its 10 April 1997 rule regarding the danger zone in waters of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts. The correction comes into effect immediately. [79 Fed. Reg. 48690](#) (August 18, 2014).

Pascagoula – proposed restricted area



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) proposes to establish a restricted area around the Huntington Ingalls Incorporated/Ingalls Shipbuilding and Dry Dock (HII) facility in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Comments on the proposal must be submitted by 17 September. [79 Fed. Reg. 48716](#) (August 18, 2014).

DOE – procedures for LNG export decisions



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued the final revised version of its procedures for processing applications to export liquefied natural gas (LNG). The revised procedures enter into effect immediately. [79 Fed. Reg. 48132](#) (August 15, 2014).

FERC – Aguirre Offshore GasPort EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Aguirre Offshore GasPort to be constructed off the southern coast of Puerto Rico. Comments on the draft EIS must be received by 29 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 48137** (August 15, 2014).

Chukchi Sea – general permit for surveys



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that it is re-proposing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for oil and gas geotechnical surveying and related activities in federal waters of the Chukchi Sea. Comments must be received by 15 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 48147** (August 15, 2014).

NOAA – NMS advisory councils



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) seeks applications for vacant seats on seven of its 13 National Maritime Sanctuary (NMS) advisory councils and for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council. Applications should be received by 30 September. **79 Fed. Reg. 48125** (August 15, 2014).

USCG NVMC – NOAD picklist update



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a **notice** stating that on or about 12 November an updated package of picklist reference files for use with Notices of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) will be released which incorporate various country and port changes. (8/15/14).

House – bill introduced re marine renewable energy research



Representative Deutch (D-FL) introduced the **Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Promotion Act of 2014** (H.R. 5335) to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, and for other purposes. (7/31/14).

California – Sustainable Freight Strategy



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued a **notice** stating that public workshops will be held in Sacramento (September 11); Oakland (September 15); Fresno (September 16); Wilmington (September 23); and San Diego (September 24) to discuss development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy. (8/13/14).

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