

Headlines:

DOE – Cove Point approved to export LNG;
IMO – electronic FAL certificates;
Hong Kong – fireworks display cancelled; and
UK – company fined for health and safety violations.

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DOE – Cove Point approved to export LNG



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a [news release](http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2014/2014-3/09-29-14.asp#.VCqUtWddXNk) [found at <http://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2014/2014-3/09-29-14.asp#.VCqUtWddXNk>] stating that it has authorized Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP to build the Cove Point Liquefaction Project. The Department of Energy has approved the export of LNG from this facility. (9/29/14).

IMO – electronic FAL certificates



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a [news release](http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/IMOtakesimportantstepstowardselectroniccertificates.aspx) [found at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/IMOtakesimportantstepstowardselectroniccertificates.aspx>] stating that the recent session of the IMO Facilitation Committee (FAL 39) approved updated guidelines encouraging flag and port state authorities to accept electronic versions of FAL certificates in lieu of paper versions. (9/26/14).

Hong Kong – fireworks display cancelled



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a [press release](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/pdf/pr140929.pdf) [found at <http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/pdf/pr140929.pdf>] stating that the marine control measures previously announced for 1 October have been cancelled due to the cancellation of the 2014 National Day Fireworks Display. (9/29/14).

UK – company fined for health and safety violations



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a [news release](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/port-company-fined-650000-for-health-and-safety-breaches) [found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/port-company-fined-650000-for-health-and-safety-breaches>] stating that Clydeport Operations Ltd pleaded guilty to health and safety violations following the death of three crew members of a tug on the River Clyde in 2007. The port company was sentenced to pay fines totaling £650,000. While assisting a cargo vessel into port in 2007, the tug was pulled over and capsized – a situation known as “girting”. The company admitted in court that during the years preceding the incident, there had been a systemic failure in risk assessments and safe systems of work. (9/29/14).

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