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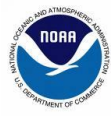
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USCG – failure to disclose convictions



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) posted an **announcement** [found at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/fraudulent_applications_bulletin.pdf] stating that it has noted an increase in the number of applications in which the applicants have not properly disclosed previous convictions as required. If an applicant pleads guilty or no contest, is granted deferred adjudication, or is required by a court to attend classes, make contributions of time or money, receive treatment, submit to any manner of probation or supervision, or forego appeal of a trial court’s conviction, then the Coast Guard will consider the applicant to have received a conviction. Further, an applicant’s signature in Section III of the CG-719B application form acknowledges the potential consequences of false statements. (10/8/14).

USCG & NOAA – Fleet Plan & Officer Exchange MOA



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2382510/) [found at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2382510/>] stating that it has entered into a Fleet Plan and Officer Exchange memorandum of agreement (MOA). The Fleet Plan establishes a course of action to guide cooperation in the operation and maintenance of marine and aviation platforms. The Officer Exchange program allows the exchange of officer personnel for the purpose of sharing professional knowledge, expertise, and doctrine and for the professional development of officers. (10/8/14).

FERC – Corpus Christi LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a [news release](http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2014/10-08-14-eis.asp) [found at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2014/10-08-14-eis.asp>] stating that the final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Corpus Christi LNG Project concludes that approval of the project, with the mitigation measures recommended, would ensure that impacts in the Project area would be avoided or minimized and would not be significant. (10/8/14).

DOE – export & import of LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of recent orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, to import and export liquefied natural gas (LNG), and vacating prior authority. [79 Fed. Reg. 61065](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24133.pdf) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24133.pdf>] (10/9/14).

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Chevron USA Inc. requesting authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) previously imported into the US. Comments on the application must be received by 10 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 61066](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24129.pdf) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24129.pdf>] (10/9/14).

ANSTF – meeting



The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), chaired by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), will meet on 5-6 November in Falls Church, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include: implementation of invasive species efforts for national Arctic strategy; Quagga Zebra Action Plan update; and the draft lionfish management plan. **79 Fed. Reg. 61094** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24067.pdf>] (10/9/14).

BOEM – risk management, financial assurance & loss prevention



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is extending, through 17 November, the period within which to submit comments on its advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding risk management, financial assurance & loss prevention associated with industry activities on the US outer continental shelf (OCS). **79 Fed. Reg. 61041** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/pdf/2014-24165.pdf>] (10/9/14).

FMC – nominations for Chairman’s Earth Day Award



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **notice** [found at <http://www.fmc.gov/chairman%E2%80%99s-earth-day-award-2015/>] stating that it is accepting, through 14 March 2015, nominations for the Chairman’s Earth Day Award. (10/8/14).

Australia – rubber fender scam



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** [found at http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/o8102014Media_Release_Fender_Scam.pdf] stating that it has become aware of a scam, using a falsification of AMSA’s crest and stamp to endorse rubber fenders. The scam contains what appears to be a certification or approval letter from AMSA’s ‘quality control department’ for the ‘yokohama’ style of fenders, designed for the berthing and mooring of a ship to another ship or berthing structure. (10/8/14).

Panama Canal – September operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during September. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for FY2015. **Advisory 23-2014** [found at

<http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2014/a-23-2014.pdf>]
(10/6/14).

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