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San Francisco – passenger ferry allides with piling



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2387170/) [found at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2387170/>] stating that the passenger ferry Peralta allied with a piling at Pier 41 in San Francisco while backing out of the terminal on 12 October. Ten passengers sustained minor injuries. The incident is under investigation. (10/12/14).

USCG – NVDC paperwork status



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a [notice](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/Paperwork%20Inquiry.pdf) [found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/Paperwork%20Inquiry.pdf>] announcing that customers will have the ability to electronically search for the receipt status of their paperwork to verify documentation received and entered into the IT system awaiting processing. (10/10/14).

FMC – compromise agreements



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a [news release](#) [found at <http://www.fmc.gov/NR14-13/>] stating that compromise agreements have been completed recovering a total of \$503,000 in civil penalties from five nonvessel-operating common carriers (NVOCCs), two unlicensed transport businesses, and one vessel-operating common carrier. (10/10/14).

FERC – Downeast LNG Import-Export Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it will hold a scoping meeting on 22 October in Robbinston, Maine to receive comments on the proposed Downeast LNG Import-Export Project. The scoping period will close on 3 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 61630](#) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-14/pdf/2014-24297.pdf>] (10/14/14).

FERC – Mississippi River LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it will hold a scoping meeting on 23 October in Belle Chasse, Louisiana to receive comments on the proposed Mississippi River LNG Project. The scoping period will close on 3 November. [79 Fed. Reg. 61633](#) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-14/pdf/2014-24296.pdf>] (10/14/14).

NOAA – indirect cost rates



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing its new indirect cost rates on the recovery of indirect costs for its component organizations involved in natural resource damage assessment and restoration activities for FY 2013. [79 Fed. Reg. 61617](#) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-14/pdf/2014-24112.pdf>] (10/14/14).

EPA & USACE – waters of the United States



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are extending, through 14 November, the period within which to submit comments on to proposed definition of “waters of the United States”. [79 Fed. Reg. 61590](#) [found at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-14/pdf/2014-24349.pdf>]
(10/14/14).

Panama Canal – upgraded tug fleet



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a [press release](http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2014/10/09/pr527.html) [found at <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2014/10/09/pr527.html>] stating that it received the last of the 14 new tractor tugs for its upgraded fleet. (10/9/14).

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