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USCG – OIG report re C4ISR modernization



The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General (DHS OIG) issued the report of its analysis of the US Coast Guard Command, Control, Communication, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Modernization. Overall, the report found that the Coast Guard has done an effective job in these areas. But, due to budget cuts, it has not carried out some planned system enhancements that were necessary to support mission needs of certain aircraft and legacy ships. **OIG-15-05** [located at http://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2015/OIG_15-05_Oct14.pdf] (10/28/14).

USCG – safety alert re replacement parts



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert following an engine room fire on a passenger vessel with 174 persons onboard. Investigation revealed that the fire started after fuel system coupling failed, allowing fuel to spray onto the main engine exhaust lagging and blankets. Repairs to the engine had resulted in

replacement of the manufacturer's variable length coupling with a threaded hose barb fitting and rubber hose, which then failed. Owners and operators are cautioned to always use proper replacement parts. **Alert 12-14** [found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1214.pdf>] (11/3/14). *Note: This item is repeated because the link in yesterday's newsletter failed.*

USCG – safety alert re concealed piping



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert following discovery of severely corroded and leaking bilge pump piping concealed behind inner sidewalls of an amphibious passenger vessel (DUKW). Owners, operators, and masters are encouraged to routinely inspect concealed piping for wastage. **Alert 13-14** [found at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1314.pdf>] (11/3/14).

USN – maritime strategy shift



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=123561>] summarizing the speech of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), US Navy regarding the US maritime strategy shift and rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region. (11/4/14).

PHMSA – transport of dangerous goods meeting



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a notice stating that it will hold a public meeting in Washington, DC on 12 November to prepare for the upcoming session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG 46). Topics on the agenda include: listing, classification, and packing; transport of gases; and the Model Regulations. **79 Fed. Reg. 65768** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-05/pdf/2014-26184.pdf>] (11/5/14).

DOE – applications to import or export natural gas



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of procedures that will apply when applicants to import or export natural gas or those entities that have already received an import or export authorization undergo changes in control. The procedures are effective immediately and applicable beginning 26 September 2014. **79 Fed. Reg. 65541** [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-05/pdf/2014-25143.pdf>] (11/5/14).

DOE – authority to import or export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of orders during January 2014 granting authority to import or export natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG). [79 Fed. Reg. 65646](#) [found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-05/pdf/2014-26250.pdf>] (11/5/14).

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