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Gulf of Mexico – fatal explosion on platform



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a [press release](http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/Press-Releases/2014/BSEE-Responds-to-Explosion-in-the-Gulf-of-Mexico/) [located at <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/Press-Releases/2014/BSEE-Responds-to-Explosion-in-the-Gulf-of-Mexico/>] stating that it is responding to an explosion on the Echo Platform in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 12 miles off the coast of Louisiana. One fatality and three injuries have been reported. The platform was not in production at the time and there have been no reports of pollution. (11/20/14).

TSA – TWIC EED process ending



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/transportation-worker-identification-credential-twic%20AE>] stating that the opportunity to obtain an Extended Expiration Date (EED) Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC) ends this year. After 31 December 2014, current TWIC holders will no longer be able to obtain a replacement card extending the expiration date of their current TWIC by three years, but must instead go through the normal TWIC renewal process. (11/20/14).

ITA – domestic dry containers from China



The International Trade Administration (ITA) issued a **Fact Sheet** [located at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/download/factsheets/factsheet-prc-53ft-domestic-dry-containers-ad-prelim-112014.pdf>] announcing its affirmative preliminary determination in the antidumping duty (AD) investigation of imports of 53-foot domestic dry containers from the People's Republic of China. It has been preliminarily determined that domestic dry containers from China have been sold in the United States at dumping margins ranging from 24.27% to 153.24%. As a result of the preliminary affirmative determination, Commerce will instruct US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to require cash deposits based on these preliminary rates. Commerce is scheduled to announce its final determination on or about 6 April 2015. If Commerce makes an affirmative final determination and the International Trade Commission (ITC) concurs that imports of domestic dry containers from China materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, Commerce will issue an AD order. (11/20/14).

USN – collision in Gulf of Aden



The US Navy issued a **news release** [located at http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=84533] stating that the supply ships USNS Amelia Earhart (T-AKE 8) and USNS Walter S. Diehl (T-AO 193) collided as they were beginning an underway replenishment operation in the Gulf of Aden. There was only minor damage and both ships are continuing their assigned missions. The incident is under investigation. (11/20/14).

NOAA – oil spill and nuclear power plant



The NOAA Office of Response and Restoration posted an [article](http://usresponserestoration.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/when-the-dynamics-of-an-oil-spill-shut-down-a-nuclear-power-plant/) [located at <http://usresponserestoration.wordpress.com/2014/11/19/when-the-dynamics-of-an-oil-spill-shut-down-a-nuclear-power-plant/>] regarding its efforts when a nuclear power plant located on the shore of the Delaware River was impacted by the 2004 oil spill from the tanker Athos I. (11/19/14).

House – bill introduced re Homeland Security grants



Representative Payne (D-NJ) introduced a bill (H.R. 5744) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (11/19/14).

Senate – bill introduced re incidental discharges



Senator Rubio (R-FL) introduced a bill (S. 2943) to amend Public Law 110-299 to extend the time period during which permits are not required for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (11/19/14).

California – sustainable freight strategy



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) posted a [notice](http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php) [located at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php>] stating that it will hold a public meeting on 18 December in Sacramento to, among other things, hear an update on the Development of the California Sustainable Freight Strategy. (11/20/14).

UNCTAD – Review of Maritime Transport 2014



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) posted its [Review of Maritime Transport 2014](http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=1068) [located at <http://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=1068>]. The review includes a special chapter on challenges faced by the world's Small Island Developing States (SIDS). (11/20/14).

New Zealand – proposed regulatory changes



Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) posted a **notice** [located at <http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Consultation/International-omnibus/default.asp>] stating that it seeks comments on the proposed Omnibus Maritime and Marine Protection Rules IMO-related Amendments 2015, intended to ensure that its rules reflect changes to conventions to which New Zealand is a party. Comments must be received by 19 December. (11/20/14).

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