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## **CBP – boarding of vessels**



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a technical amendment to its regulation addressing the boarding of vessels. The amendment has been made to conform to US Coast Guard regulations regarding certain boardings of vessels under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). The amendment also updates terminology and removes obsolete language. The amendment enters into effect immediately. [79 Fed. Reg. 70462](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-26/pdf/2014-28010.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-26/pdf/2014-28010.pdf>] (11/26/14).

## **BOEM – Chukchi Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice announcing a new venue for the public hearing on 1 December in Anchorage on

the Second Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area. [79 Fed. Reg. 70554](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-26/pdf/2014-28003.pdf>] (11/26/14).

### Offshore Massachusetts – Wind Power Lease Sale



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice regarding the sale of four commercial wind energy leases on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Massachusetts. A mock auction will be held on 26 January 2015. The monetary auction will be held on 29 January. [79 Fed. Reg. 70545](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-26/pdf/2014-27965.pdf>] (11/26/14).

### DHS – NEPA policy and procedures



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a notice stating that it has finalized its updated policy and procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The updated policy and procedures apply to the department and its constituent agencies and enter into effect on 20 March 2015. [79 Fed. Reg. 70538](#) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-26/pdf/2014-27966.pdf>] (11/26/14).

### USCG – suspicious UAS activity



The US Coast Guard posted a [briefing](#) [located at [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/UAS\\_141125.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/UAS_141125.pdf)] regarding unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and suspicious activity reporting. Use of UAS has expanded and most use is innocuous, but also presents the possibility of surveillance of critical infrastructure, including vessels and waterfront facilities. Suspicious UAS activity in the maritime environment should be reported to the National Response Center. (11/25/14).

### USCG NVMC – updated NOAD Workbook released



The USCG National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) issued a [notice](#) [located at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/News.aspx?newsId=9B492ABE-0DC2-44FB-851C-D9D1109CF810>] the updated XLS version of the Notice of Arrival/Departure (NOAD) Workbook, Version 7.4.1, has been released. (11/15/14).

## USCG – Flag Officer and SES assignments



The US Coast Guard posted the assignments of Flag Officers and members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) for assignment year 2015. [ALCOAST 467/14](http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/467-14_ALCOAST.txt) [located at [http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/467-14\\_ALCOAST.txt](http://www.uscg.mil/announcements/ALCOAST/467-14_ALCOAST.txt) ] (11/25/14).

## Senate – support of harbor maintenance funding



Senator David Vitter (R-LA) and others sent a [letter](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Senate_HMTF_Appropriations_Letter_141121.pdf) [located at [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Senate\\_HMTF\\_Appropriations\\_Letter\\_141121.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/Senate_HMTF_Appropriations_Letter_141121.pdf) ] to members of the Senate Appropriations Committee seeking continued harbor maintenance funding in the annual Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies (E&W) Appropriations Acts. (11/21/14). Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Sean Duffy of the [Big River Coalition](#).

## China – Beidou Navigation System



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) issued a [news release](http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=336&id=145) [located at <http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=336&id=145> ] stating that the IMO has officially accepted the Beidou Navigation System into the Worldwide Radionavigation System, joining the US Global Positioning System (GPS) and the Russian Global Navigation Satellite System. (11/25/14).

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