

## Headlines:

DOI – Texas City Y oil spill;  
TSA – TWIC Reader QTL;  
Senate – bill introduced re improvements to USMMA;  
Court – rehearing denied re DWH oil spill; and  
Singapore – Seafarer Certification System.

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## DOI – Texas City Y oil spill



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a notice of intent to conduct restoration planning with respect to the 22 March 2014 Texas City Y oil spill. Opportunity for public comment will be announced separately. [80 Fed. Reg. 1512](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-12/pdf/2015-00231.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-12/pdf/2015-00231.pdf>] (1/12/15).

## TSA – TWIC Reader QTL



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posted an updated [TWIC Reader Qualified Technology List](http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/twic/twic_reader_qtl_current.pdf) [located at [http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/twic/twic\\_reader\\_qtl\\_current.pdf](http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/twic/twic_reader_qtl_current.pdf)]. (1/8/15).

## Senate – bill introduced re improvements to USMMA



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced a bill (S. 143) to allow for improvements to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/9/15).

## Court – rehearing denied re DWH oil spill



Despite a short but vigorous dissent, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit voted 7-6 to deny a petition by BP Exploration & Production for rehearing en banc of the earlier decision finding the defendant to have been grossly negligent with regard to the release of crude oil into the water following the explosion and fire on the MODU Deepwater Horizon. **In re Deepwater Horizon**, No. 12-30883 (5th Cir., January 9, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/12/12-30883-CV2.pdf>].

## Singapore – Seafarer Certification System



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular announcing enhancements to the Singapore Seafarer Certification System (SCS) including an on-line system for issuance of various endorsements and certificates. The enhancements enter into effect immediately. **Shipping Circular 2-2015** [located at [http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars\\_and\\_notices/pdfs/shipping\\_circulars/sc\\_no\\_2\\_of\\_2015.pdf](http://www.mpa.gov.sg/sites/circulars_and_notices/pdfs/shipping_circulars/sc_no_2_of_2015.pdf)] (1/9/15).

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