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USCG – random drug testing rate 25%



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the 2015 minimum random drug testing rate for covered crewmembers on US commercial vessels is 25%. In addition, marine employers must submit their 2014 Management Information System (MIS) reports no later than 15 March. **80 Fed. Reg. 7004** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-02-09/pdf/2015-02543.pdf>] (2/9/15).

USCG – carriage of shale gas extraction waste water



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** [located at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/02/06/262015-coast-guard-has-not-taken-final-action-on-proposed-policy-letter-for-carriage-of-cargo/>] reminding stakeholders that it not taken final action or approved requests for the carriage of shale gas extraction waste water (SGEWW) in bulk. (2/6/15).

DOJ – second shipping executive sentenced to prison



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/second-ocean-shipping-executive-pleads-guilty-price-fixing-ocean-shipping-services-cars-and>] stating that a second former executive of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd (K-Line) has pleaded guilty in federal court to price fixing on ocean shipping services for cars and trucks. He has been sentenced to 14 months in a US prison and a \$20,000 criminal fine. (2/6/15).

Great Lakes – ballast water management report



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2458846/>] stating that the Great Lakes Seaway Ballast Water Working Group has posted its [2014 Summary of Great Lakes Seaway Ballast Water Management Report](#). During 2014, 100% of ships bound for the Great Lakes via the St. Lawrence Seaway from outside the EEZ received a ballast tank exam. In total, 8,497 ballast tanks were examined during 454 vessel transits. Vessels that did not exchange their ballast water or flush their ballast tanks were required to: retain the ballast water and residuals on board; treat the ballast water in an approved manner; or return to sea to conduct a ballast water exchange. (2/6/15).

California & NOAA – oil spill response course



The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued a [notice](#) [located at <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=74449&inline=true>] stating that it and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are co-sponsoring the Environmental Response to Oil Spills in California course in Bakersfield on 23-27 March. (2/6/15).

Washington – environmental planner sought



The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a [job bulletin](#) [located at [http://agency.governmentjobs.com/washington/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=1060337\[2/4/2015%20:55:08PM\]](http://agency.governmentjobs.com/washington/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=1060337[2/4/2015%20:55:08PM])] stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Environmental Planner 5 – Oil Spill Team Section Manager. Applications must be received by 25 February. (2/4/15).

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