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White House – Arctic strategy implementation report



The White House released the **Implementation Report** on the National Strategy for the Arctic [located at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2015/03/27/white-house-releases-implementation-report-national-strategy-arctic>]. The report is the first of a planned series of intended to maintain transparency by demonstrating progress toward the goals that were laid out in the 2014 Implementation Plan. (3/27/14).

USCG – electrical equipment in hazardous locations



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule applicable to newly constructed mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs), floating outer continental shelf (OCS) facilities, and vessels other than offshore supply vessels (OSVs) that engage in OCS activities. The rule expands the list of acceptable national and international explosion protection standards and adds the internationally accepted independent third-party certification system, the International

Electrotechnical Commission System for Certification to Standards relating to Equipment for use in Explosive Atmospheres (IECEx), as an accepted method of testing and certifying electrical equipment intended for use in hazardous locations. The rule also provides owners and operators of existing US MODUs, floating OCS facilities, vessels other than OSVs, and US tank vessels that carry flammable or combustible cargoes the option of following this compliance regime as an alternative to the requirements of existing regulations. The rule enters into effect on 30 April. **80 Fed. Reg. 16980** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-31/pdf/2015-06946.pdf>] (3/31/15).

North Atlantic – tall ship crew evacuated



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2485394/>] stating that nine persons have been rescued from the Canadian tall ship Liana Ransom 58 miles east of Gloucester, Massachusetts. The vessel's engines were disabled and its sails were wrapped around the mast in heavy weather. The Coast Guard is tracking the crewless vessel. (3/30/15).

Court – motion to strike jury demand denied



The US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana issued an order denying BP's motion to strike the State of Alabama's jury demand with respect to its OPA 90 for lost tax revenues, lost revenues to state departments, financial impacts to public services, state response and recovery costs, and physical damages (other than natural resource damages). **In re DWH Oil Spill**, No. MDL 2179 (E.D. La., March 30, 2015).

EC – Galileo FAQ



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-4711_en.htm?locale=en] providing updated frequently asked questions (FAQ) regarding the Galileo program. (3/28/15).

Denmark – medicine chest A



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/DanishshipschangeofmedicinechestA.aspx>] stating that one of the items in medicine chest A on Danish ships is no longer available in the Danish market. The medicine concerned is oral solution 15.1 Dextromethorphan, which has been replaced in the Danish market by 30 mg

Dextromethorphan tablets. If the tablets are utilized, the minimum quantity in medicine chest A is 40 tablets and new user guidelines must also be obtained. (3/26/15).

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