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DOI – Chukchi Sea lease sale affirmed



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/department-of-the-interior-affirms-2008-chukchi-sea-lease-sale.cfm>] stating that it issued a **Record of Decision** (ROD) affirming the Chukchi Sea OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 103 and the remaining oil and gas leases issued in 2008 as a result of the sale. Formal review of the lease-holder's exploration plan for the Chukchi Sea will now commence. (3/31/15).

USCG – NOAD corrections



The US Coast Guard issued corrections to its recent rulemaking on vessel requirements for notices of arrival and departure (NOAD). The corrections involve the definition of Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) User and AIS

applicability. **80 Fed. Reg. 17326** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-01/pdf/2015-07228.pdf>] (4/1/15).

USCG – Consolidated Cruise Ship Security Regulations



The US Coast Guard has extended, through 1 June, the period within which to submit comments on its proposed Consolidated Cruise Ship Security Regulations. **80 Fed. Reg. 17372** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-01/pdf/2015-07466.pdf>] (4/1/15).

USCG – distribution of Light List



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing that henceforth it will no longer produce printed Light List volumes. Only electronic versions will be made available. **80 Fed. Reg. 17473** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-01/pdf/2015-07501.pdf>] (4/1/15).

USCG – seeking attorney-advisor



The US Coast Guard issued a **job announcement** [located at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/398373300>] stating that it seeks to hire an attorney-advisor (GS-0905-14) to provide legal services to the Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Information Technology (C4-I). Applications must be received by 3 April. (3/20/15).

SHC – meeting re MEPC 68



The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), sponsored by the Department of State (DOS), will meet on 5 May in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 68). Topics on the agenda include energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and use of electronic record books. **80 Fed. Reg. 17540** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-01/pdf/2015-07461.pdf>] (4/1/15).

Jacksonville – Eagle LNG project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has extended, through 24 April, the period within which to submit comments on the proposed

Eagle LNG Partners Jacksonville LLC project. **80 Fed. Reg. 17426** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-01/pdf/2015-07449.pdf>] (4/1/15).

Australia – dangers of pressurized systems



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation into a serious injury onboard the LNG carrier Northwest Stormpetrel at Dampier on 8 November 2014. The cargo engineer and an integrated rating were checking the LNG forcing vaporizer steam trap to resolve recurrent drainage issues. The steam trap was isolated and depressurized so that a new gasket could be installed. Following gasket installation and reassembly, the system was checked prior to pressurization. As the system was being pressurized, the valve's bonnet came away, spraying steam on the cargo engineer and causing serious burns. Investigation revealed that the bonnet locking clip (a small item that would have been located in a hard to see location) had not been installed, allowing the bonnet to unscrew. **MO-2014-013** [located at <http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5219409/MO-2014-013-Final.pdf>] (3/31/15).

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