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NTSB – 2014 Houston Ship Channel collision;  
FMC – closed meeting on 13 April;  
USCG – CTAC vacancies;  
EPA – Clean Air Act permit modification; and  
India – limitation of liability.

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## NTSB – 2014 Houston Ship Channel collision



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a [news release](http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150407.aspx) [located at <http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20150407.aspx>] stating that it has opened an [accident docket](http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/projList.cfm?ntsbnun=DCA14FM008) [located at <http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/search/projList.cfm?ntsbnun=DCA14FM008>] regarding the 22 March 2014 collision in the Houston Ship Channel involving the cargo ship Summer Wind and tow of the towboat Miss Susan. This is a document release only, with no findings of fact or conclusions. (4/7/15). *Note: The US Coast Guard refers to this casualty as the Texas City “Y” incident.*

## FMC – closed meeting on 13 April



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that the Commissioners will meet in closed session on 13 April in Washington, DC. They will consider a staff report on rules, rates, and practices relating to detentions, demurrage, and free time for containerized imports and exports moving through selected US ports. There will also be a discussion on congestion

at US ports and major carrier alliances. **80 Fed. Reg. 18842** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-08/pdf/2015-08184.pdf>] (4/8/15).

### USCG – CTAC vacancies



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Chemical Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). Applications should be submitted by 8 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 18855** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-08/pdf/2015-08034.pdf>] (4/8/15).

### EPA – Clean Air Act permit modification



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice stating that it has issued a Clean Air Act permit modification for the Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port. Judicial review may be sought by filing a petition in the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit within 60 days. **80 Fed. Reg. 18839** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-04-08/pdf/2015-08087.pdf>] (4/8/15).

### India – limitation of liability



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notification** [located at [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201504070303240410463ms\\_1imitation\\_liabilityrules\\_2015\\_msl.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201504070303240410463ms_1imitation_liabilityrules_2015_msl.pdf)] stating that the Indian Government has promulgated the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims) Rules, 2015, which entered into effect on 16 February 2015. (4/7/15).

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