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NOAA – DIVER database re DWH oil spill;  
Court – double recovery disallowed;  
Strait of Malacca – tanker hijacking; and  
Australia – Bunkers Convention.

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## NOAA – DIVER database re DWH oil spill



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a [news release](#) [located at <http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2015/20150504-noaa-announces-new-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill-searchable-database-web-tool.html>] stating that it has developed the online searchable database Data Integration, Visualization, Exploration, and Reporting ([DIVER](#)) [located at <https://dwhdiver.orr.noaa.gov/>] to manage and integrate the massive amounts of data collected by different sources regarding the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill. (5/4/15).

## Court – double recovery disallowed



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that three Mexican states (Veracruz, Tamaulipas, and Quintana Roo) are not entitled to recover damages to damaged property resulting from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill because the Government of Mexico has filed a fundamentally similar lawsuit, which is pending. The proprietary interests of the Mexican states is inferior to that of the Mexican federal government and defendants are not required to pay twice for the same damages. [State of Veracruz v. BP, P.L.C.](#), No.

13-31070 (5/1/15) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/13/13-31070-CVO.pdf>].

## Strait of Malacca – tanker hijacking



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued an alert regarding the hijacking of the product tanker Ocean Energy in the Strait of Malacca on 2 May. Eight armed perpetrators boarded the tanker while underway at night. They ordered the tanker to anchor off Port Dickson and locked the crew below. A barge came alongside and 2023 MT of gas oil was transferred to the barge. The perpetrators departed after damaging the tanker's communication equipment and taking the Iridium phone, the crew's cash, and the crew's mobile phones.

**Incident Alert 03-2015** [located at <http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/Latest%20IA/2015/IA%203-15-Ocean%20Energy.pdf>] (5/3/15)

## Australia – Bunkers Convention



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing information of the application in Australia of the International Convention on Civil Liabilities for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage (Bunkers Convention). **Marine Notice 06-2015** [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>] (5/4/15).

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