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Savannah – safety zone



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule establishing a safety zone throughout the Marine Safety Unit Savannah Captain of the Port (COTP) Zone for use in the event of natural or manmade disasters affecting navigable waterways within the COTP Zone. The rule enters into effect on 1 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 26445** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-08/pdf/2015-11177.pdf>] (5/8/15).

PHMSA – transport of dangerous goods



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a notice stating that it will conduct a public meeting in Washington, DC on

10 June to prepare for the upcoming session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG). **80 Fed. Reg. 26617** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-08/pdf/2015-11104.pdf>] (5/8/15).

FMC – complaint filed



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that a complaint has been filed by Combustion Store Limited against UniGroup Worldwide-UTS alleging violation of the Shipping Act by failing to exercise due diligence in supervising the activities of respondents subcontracted service providers. **80 Fed. Reg. 26565** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-08/pdf/2015-11130.pdf>] (5/8/15).

NTSB – allision with grain elevator



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted the report of its investigation of the allision of the bulk carrier Anna Smile with a grain elevator in Houston on 14 July 2014. The vessel experienced main engine problems while maneuvering to the elevator and the engine room failed to fully communicate these problems to the bridge. As a result the vessel made hard contact with the elevator and its foundation. **MAB-15/08** [located at <http://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MAB1508.pdf>] (5/7/15).

EPA – novel oil spill removal technique



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** announcing that the President's Environmental Youth Award has been presented to 10th grader Sahil Veeramoney for his development of a novel and efficient method to clean up marine oil spills. His method involves the use of ferromagnetic nanoparticles and chlorella algae to magnetize and separate the oil. (5/6/15). *Note: When I was in the 10th grade, nanoparticles didn't exist and lessons were copied on clay tablets.*

DOE – Dominion Cove Point LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.energy.gov/fe/downloads/order-3331-dominion-cove-point-lng-lp-dk-no-11-128-lng>] announcing that Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP has been

granted authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). (5/7/15).

Washington – penalty settlement



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/news/2015/061.html>] stating that a settlement has been reached on a civil penalty assessed against two companies involved in a 2012 oil spill while engaged in the unpermitted dismantling of a barge on the Hylebos Waterway in Tacoma. The settlement requires a \$5,000 cash payment and the investment of \$12,000 in a plan that creates a salt marsh along the shore of the Waterway. (5/7/15).

Panama Canal – new tolls structure & Intra-Maritime Cluster



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory regarding the new Canal tolls structure and the new Intra-Maritime Cluster segment for local craft. **Advisory 12-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-12-2015.pdf>] (5/6/15).

Panama Canal – April operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations during April. It also includes the schedule of lock outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 11-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-11-2015.pdf>] (5/5/15).

UK – accidental release of lifeboat



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Board (MAIB) posted the **report** [located at <https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/accidental-release-of-lifeboat-on-nagato-reefer-with-1-person-injured>] of its investigation into the accidental release of a lifeboat on the refrigerated cargo ship Nagato Reefer in Southampton on 9 April 2014 with one person injured. The incident occurred as the lifeboat was being secured in its davit following an abandon ship drill. Investigation revealed that the lifeboat's forward lifting hook opened while the boat was being secured because it had not been correctly reset when lifted from the water. (5/7/15).

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