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USCG – NOSAC members sought;  
Strait of Hormuz – US ready to respond;  
Court – BP may appeal certain claim determinations; and  
Court – nonprofit claims settlements upheld.

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## USCG – NOSAC members sought



The US Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC). Applications should be received by 10 July. [80 Fed. Reg. 26935](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-11/pdf/2015-11296.pdf) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-11/pdf/2015-11296.pdf>] (5/11/15).

## Strait of Hormuz – US ready to respond



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a [news release](http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=128764) [located at <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=128764>] stating that the United States stands ready after recent Iranian actions in the Strait of Hormuz. Iranian navy patrol boats approached a US-flag merchant ship on 24 April and a Marshall Islands-flag vessel on 29 April. US Navy ships escorted US and British flagged vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz for a period of time following the second incident. (5/8/15).

## Court – BP may appeal certain claim determinations



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that parties to the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement approved by the district court on December 12, 2012 between the BP appellants and the certified Economic and Property Damages Class defendants have a right to appeal certain claim determinations from the district court to the appellate court. **In re Deepwater Horizon**, No. 13-30843 (5th Cir., May 8, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/13/13-30843-CVO.pdf>].

## Court – nonprofit claims settlement upheld



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying the review of nonprofit claimant settlement awards in the Deepwater Horizon dispute. **In re Deepwater Horizon**, No. 13-31296 (5th Cir., May 8, 2015) [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-11/pdf/2015-11296.pdf>].

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