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## **USCG – temporary certificates of documentation**



The USCG National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) issued a [notice](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/Tempcod2015.pdf) [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvdc/news/Tempcod2015.pdf>] stating that, starting 13 May 2015, it will reinstitute the issuing of Temporary Certificates of Documentation (TCODs) for recreational vessels. (5/12/15).

## **Hawaii – Coast Guard rescues Coast Guard plus one**



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2511030/) [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2511030/>] stating that it rescued four Coast Guardsmen and a solo sailor off Oahu. The sailboat became disabled in ten-foot seas and 35 mph winds and the solo sailor reported his distress. Four Coast Guardsmen responded in a 45-foot Response Boat-Medium. Once on

scene, the Response Boat became disabled. They called for assistance. A Coast Guard helicopter successfully hoisted all five. The incident is under investigation. (5/12/15).

### **Texas – VOC emissions from tank vessels**



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve a Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from various sources including tank vessels in Beaumont-Port Arthur and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria nonattainment areas. Comments on the proposal must be received by 12 June. **80 Fed. Reg. 27275** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-13/pdf/2015-11449.pdf>] (5/13/15).

### **USACE – Mississippi River Ship Channel SEIS**



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to be integrated with a General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for the Mississippi River Ship Channel, Gulf to Baton Rouge, Louisiana Project. Public scoping meetings will be held in Belle Chasse (26 May); New Orleans (28 May); and Baton Rouge (28 May). **80 Fed. Reg. 27296** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-05-13/pdf/2015-11556.pdf>] (5/13/15).

### **DOE – Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project export authorization**



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.energy.gov/articles/energy-department-authorizes-corpus-christi-liquefaction-project-export-liquefied-natural>] stating that it has issued final authorization for the Corpus Christi Liquefaction Project to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG). (5/12/15)

### **TSA – TWIC Reader QTL**



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) posted an updated **TWIC Reader Qualified Technology List** [located at [http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/twic/twic\\_reader\\_qtl\\_current.pdf](http://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/pdf/twic/twic_reader_qtl_current.pdf)] (5/8/15).

## Senate – bill introduced re Alaska OCS lease sales



Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 1278) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to provide for the conduct of certain lease sales in the Alaska outer Continental Shelf region, to make certain modifications to the North Slope Science Initiative, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/11/15).

## Alaska – Arctic policy bill signed into law



The State of Alaska issued a [press release](#) [located at <http://gov.alaska.gov/Walker/press-room/full-press-release.html?pr=7169>] stating that Governor Walker signed into law a bill, [HB 1](#) [located at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/29/Bills/HB0001Z.PDF>], declaring the Arctic policy of the state. The measure outlines Alaska's Arctic policy priorities as promoting economic and resource development, addressing the infrastructure and response capability gap in the Arctic region, supporting healthy communities, and strengthening a state-based agenda for science and research in the Arctic. It also calls for increased US Coast Guard presence in the Arctic region. (5/11/15).

## Tokyo MOU – 2014 Annual Report



The Tokyo MOU posted its [2014 Annual Report](#) on Port State Control in the Asia-Pacific Region [located at <http://www.tokyo-mou.org//doc/ANN14.pdf>]. (5/12/15).

## ReCAAP – Executive Director's Message



The [Executive Director's Message](#) regarding [located at [http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/ED%20Message%20\(8May15\).pdf](http://www.recaap.org/Portals/0/docs/ED%20Message%20(8May15).pdf)]. (5/11/15).

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