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BSEE – GIUE conducted;  
Senate – bill introduced to prohibit Arctic Ocean drilling;  
IHO – ECDIS Standards revisions; and  
IHO – ECDIS performance check.

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## **BSEE – GIUE conducted**



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a [press release](http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2015/BSEE-Oil-Spill-Preparedness-Division-Conducts-Unannounced-Exercise-in-Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/) [located at <http://www.bsee.gov/BSEE-Newsroom/BSEE-News-Briefs/2015/BSEE-Oil-Spill-Preparedness-Division-Conducts-Unannounced-Exercise-in-Gulf-of-Mexico-Region/>] stating that it conducted a Government Initiated Unannounced Exercise (GIUE) to test the readiness of Enterprise Field Services, LLC in responding to a simulated spill event. (7/17/15).

## **Senate – bill introduced to prohibit Arctic Ocean drilling**



Senator Merkley (D-OR) introduced a bill (S. 1794) to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Merkley issued a [press release](http://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-announces-bill-to-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling) [located at <http://www.merkley.senate.gov/news/press-releases/merkley-announces-bill-to-stop-arctic-ocean-drilling>] explaining the measure. (7/16/15).

## IHO – ECDIS Standards revisions



The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) issued a **press release** [located at [http://www.iho.int/mtg\\_docs/misc\\_docs/NewReleasesForECDIS\\_PressRelease.pdf](http://www.iho.int/mtg_docs/misc_docs/NewReleasesForECDIS_PressRelease.pdf)] announcing new versions of some of its ECDIS Standards. The revisions reflect lessons learned from earlier reports of unexpected chart behavior in some ECDIS. Among other things, the number of alarms raised as a result of safety checking has been reduced and the names of fairways and anchorage areas will now appear on the ECDIS display as a “hover-over” function. The new editions enter into force on 1 August 2015 with a twelve month transition period. (7/7/15).

## IHO – ECDIS performance check



The International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) issued a **press release** [located at [http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=585:news&catid=166:1news-links&Itemid=287&lang=en](http://www.iho.int/srv1/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=585:news&catid=166:1news-links&Itemid=287&lang=en)] stating that it has produced two simple fictitious ENC datasets designed to alert mariners to the possibility that their ECDIS software may require updating. (7/7/15).

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