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DOE – LNG export – Cameron



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Cameron LNG, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG for a period of 20 years. Comments on the application must be received by 5 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 46970** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19330.pdf>] (8/6/15).

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The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Cameron LNG, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG for a period of 20 years. Comments on the application must be received by 5 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 46967** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19329.pdf>] (8/6/15).

DOE – LNG export – Floridian



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG for a period of 20 years. Comments on the application must be received by 5 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 46969** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19328.pdf>] (8/6/15).

DOE – LNG export – Texas



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Texas LNG Brownsville, LLC for authorization to export domestically produced LNG for a period of 25 years. Comments on the application must be received by 5 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 46966** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-08-06/pdf/2015-19331.pdf>] (8/6/15).

FERC – Oregon LNG draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2015/08-05-15-eis.asp>] stating that the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Oregon LNG Project has been completed. Comments on the document must be received by 6 October. (8/5/15).

Houston – foreign trade zone



The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Houston Refining, LP for expansion of Foreign-

trade Zone 84 in Houston and Pasadena. Comments on the application must be received by 15 September. **80 Fed. Reg. 46954** [located at] (8/6/15).

Senate – bill introduced re ICOOS



Senator Wicker (R-MS) introduced the **Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act** (S. 1886)[located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s1886is/pdf/BILLS-114s1886is.pdf>] to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes. Official text of the measure is not yet available. (7/29/15).

Court – arbitration clause upheld



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the district court's dismissal of a claim for personal injury brought by a foreign seaman employed on a foreign vessel. The employment contract provided for mandatory arbitration in a foreign jurisdiction. Among other things, the appellate court held that it is premature for plaintiff to contend that he would be foreclosed from all meaningful relief under US statutory law. **Navarette v. Silversea Cruises**, No. 14-13324 (11th Cir., August 5, 2015) [located at <http://media.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/files/201413324.pdf>].

Suez Canal – second canal details



The Suez Canal Authority issued a **notice** [located at <http://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/sc.aspx?show=69>] providing facts and figures regarding the New Suez Canal, which officially opens on 6 August, providing a second passage, parallel to the original canal. (8/5/15).

India – CIC re confined space entry



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201508051205263938891draft_notice_psc.pdf] stating that, under the aegis of the Indian Ocean MOU and in coordination with other MOUs, it will undertake a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on crew familiarization for confined space entry during the period 1 September through 30 November. (8/5/15).

Panama Canal – lock lane outage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the west lane of Gatun Lock will be out of service for 12 hours on 7 August for emergency repairs. Transit Reservation System Condition 1.a will be in effect that day. **Advisory 22-2015** [located at <http://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-22-2015.pdf>] (8/4/15).

UK – International SAR co-operation plan index



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted an updated version of the **International SAR co-operation plans index** [located at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/451403/sarcprint.pdf]. All passenger ships engaged on international voyages must carry plans for cooperation with search and rescue (SAR) services and have copies held by a SAR data provider. The index enables users to identify the SAR data provider for each ship's plan. The list is arranged alphabetically by ship name. (8/5/15).

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