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USCG – Washington State Ferries LNG project



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that, in cooperation with key port stakeholders, it will review and validate the Washington State Ferries proposal for modifying its marine terminal operations to include the handling of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to be used as a marine fuel by six Issaquah Class Ferries. The Coast Guard will then issue a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) to the State of Washington Department of Transportation that conveys the Coast Guard's recommendation on the suitability of various waterways for LNG marine traffic as it relates to safety and security. **80 Fed. Reg. 57835** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-25/pdf/2015-24337.pdf>] (9/25/15).

USCG – Cook Inlet RCAC



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the Cook Inlet Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (RCAC) has been recertified. **80 Fed. Reg. 57834** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-25/pdf/2015-24335.pdf>] (9/25/15).

Beaufort Sea – Liberty Prospect project



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Liberty Development and Production Plan in the Beaufort Sea off the coast of Alaska. The proposed project involves construction of a gravel production island and pipeline. Comments on the proposed project should be submitted by 24 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 57873** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-25/pdf/2015-24391.pdf>] (9/25/15).

Offshore New Jersey – wind power lease sale



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a final sale notice stating that two commercial wind energy leases on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore New Jersey will be held online on 9 November. A mock auction will be held on 4 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 57862** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-25/pdf/2015-24392.pdf>] (9/25/15).

DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that it will host a workshop on 2 October in Washington, DC on Global Positioning System (GPS) adjacent band compatibility. Comments on the Draft Test Plan should be submitted by 9 October. **80 Fed. Reg. 57915** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-25/pdf/2015-24415.pdf>] (9/25/15).

EPA – international hazardous waste shipments



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** [located at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/docf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/od1becaf27e5daca85257eca00676e25!OpenDocument>] stating that it is proposing enhancements to the oversight of international hazardous waste

shipments through increased transparency, better data sharing, and more efficient compliance monitoring. (9/24/15).

BOEM – financial assurance proposed guidance



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.boem.gov/note09222015/>] announcing proposed guidance to clarify procedures for oil and gas companies operating on the US outer continental shelf (OCS) to demonstrate their financial ability to carry out their obligations, primarily the decommissioning of OCS facilities, and the potential need for additional security. The agency will hold a workshop in Houston on 9 October regarding this proposal. (9/24/15).

Court – attorneys’ fees in quantum meruit



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the ruling of the district court regarding the award of attorneys’ fees in quantum meruit to plaintiff’s first law firm. Plaintiff discharged that firm and retained a second firm in his ultimately successful personal injury litigation. **Corey v. Brocato**, No. 15-30249 (5th Cir., September 24, 2015) [located at <http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/15/15-30249.o.pdf>].

EC – referral of Germany re port security



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** [located at http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-5659_en.htm?locale=en] stating that it has decided to refer Germany to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failure to fully apply the EU Directive on enhancing port security in North Rhine-Westphalia. (9/24/15).

Super Blood Moon – Sunday night, 27 September



The moon will be at its perigee (closest point to the Earth) on Sunday night, 27 September, resulting in what is called a Super Moon as the body looks larger than usual. At the same approximate time, it will enter the shadow of the Earth, resulting in a total lunar eclipse, creating a red tinge called a blood moon. This bloody super moon is an unusual occurrence, but not unheard of. The eclipse will last for more than an hour, peaking at 10:47 P.M. EDT and, weather permitting, be visible from the eastern portion of the United States and elsewhere.

SM1c Douglas A. Munro, USCG – died 27 September 1942



SM1c Douglas A. Munro, USCG, died on 27 September 1942 during the Battle for Guadalcanal when he maneuvered his landing craft into the line of fire so as to protect a group of evacuating Marines. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is buried at the Laurel Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Cle Elum, Washington, his hometown. The US Coast Guard and the US Marine Corps conduct a joint ceremony there each year in commemoration of his sacrifice. A recently published book, “Guardian of Guadalcanal” by Gary Williams, recounts his life and heroic sacrifice.

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