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FERC – Plaquemines LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) relating to the Plaquemines LNG Project, planned for construction and operation in Louisiana. A public scoping meeting will be held on 21 October in Belle Chasse. Written comments must be received by 4 November. **80 Fed. Reg. 61804** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-14/pdf/2015-26075.pdf>] (10/14/15).

ISAC – meeting on 28-30 October



The Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC), sponsored by the Department of the Interior (DOI), will meet on 28-30 October in Beltsville, Maryland. Topics on the agenda include review of a draft white paper on

effectiveness of biological control programs. **80 Fed. Reg. 61840** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-14/pdf/2015-26003.pdf>] (10/14/15).

PHMSA – meeting re dangerous goods



The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) will hold a public meeting on 12 November in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (UNSCOE TDG 48). **80 Fed. Reg. 61887** [located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-14/pdf/2015-26019.pdf>] (10/14/15).

FMC – mediation services



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.fmc.gov/mediation-week-2015/>] concerning the availability of free mediation services to resolve ocean shipping disputes. (10/13/15).

Tokyo MOU – Peru and Panama join



The Tokyo MOU issued a **press release** [located at <http://www.tokyo-mou.org//doc/PSCC26-press-release.pdf>] stating that representatives of the Port State Control (PSC) Committee met in Malaysia on 6-8 October. The Authorities of Peru and Panama applied for full membership. The applications were unanimously accepted. The Tokyo MOU now consists of 21 member Authorities, along with a number of Observers. (10/13/15).

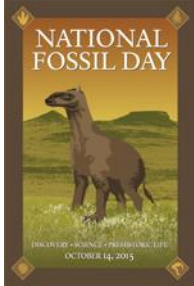
Australia – for lack of a securing pin



The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) issued the report of its investigation of the allision of the bulk carrier Royal Pescadores with the tanker Da Heng Shan on 8 May 2014 in the Gage Roads Anchorage, Fremantle. At about 0530 that morning in adverse weather conditions, the securing pin worked free from the Royal Pescadores' port anchor chain stopper bar. The windlass brake could not hold the load, the cable ran out to its bitter end and broke loose, setting the ship adrift. Wind pushed the ship into the anchored Da Heng Shan thirteen minutes later, damaging both ships. The probable cause of the incident was inadequate maintenance of the Royal Pescadores' anchoring equipment, failure to make routine rounds on the forecastle, and failure to keep

the ship's main engine in an appropriate state of readiness for the adverse weather conditions. **MO-2014-003** [located at <http://www.atsb.gov.au/media/5357437/MO-2014-003%20Final.pdf>] (10/13/15).

NPS – National Fossil Day



The National Park Service (NPS) has finally recognized my many achievements, particularly in the fields of creative spelling and longevity, by dedicating today in my honor as **National Fossil Day** [located at <https://nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday/>]. Join the celebration! (10/14/15).

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