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## Mobile – federal navigation channel



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to address potential impacts associated with improving the Mobile Harbor Federal Navigation Channel. A scoping meeting will be held on 12 January 2016 in Mobile. [80 Fed. Reg. 79868](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-23/pdf/2015-32117.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-23/pdf/2015-32117.pdf>] (12/23/15).

## NTSB – investigative hearings rule



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) promulgated a final rule amending its regulations concerning the procedures for holding investigative hearings, various types of meetings, issuing reports, and responding to petitions for reconsideration. The amendments enter into effect on 25 January 2016. [80 Fed. Reg. 80284](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32264.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32264.pdf>] (12/24/15).

## MARAD – Delfin DWP application



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that it received an amended application from Delfin LNG LLC regarding its proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port (DWP) to be constructed in the Gulf of Mexico. **80 Fed. Reg. 80455** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32349.pdf>] (12/24/15).

## MARAD – Port Ambrose DWP termination



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that Liberty Natural Gas LLC has withdrawn its application for a license to construct and operate the Port Ambrose liquefied natural gas (LNG) deepwater port (DWP) off the port of New York/New Jersey. As a result, the federal review process has been terminated. **80 Fed. Reg. 80454** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32348.pdf>] (12/24/15).

## COAC – meeting on 13 January



The Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations to US Customs and Border Protection (COAC), sponsored by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet on 13 January 2016 in New Orleans. Topics on the agenda include development of uniform policies, processes, and strategies; post-departure export filings; and the ACE Single Window. **80 Fed. Reg. 80378** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-24/pdf/2015-32424.pdf>] (12/24/15).

## Panama Canal – lock outages



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that the west lane of Pedro Miguel Locks will be out of service from 26 through 30 December to perform scheduled repairs to the miter gates. In addition, the east lane of Gatun Locks will be out of service from 28 through 29 December to perform concrete castings. As a result, Condition 2 of the Transit Reservation System will be in effect from 26 through 30 December. **Advisory 39-2015** [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2015/a-39-2015.pdf>] (12/22/15).

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