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USCG – ransomware;  
DHS OIG – port security grant program audit;  
California – Sustainable Freight Action Plan;  
Panama Canal – FY2015 in review; and  
Panama Canal – 96% complete.

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## USCG – ransomware



The US Coast Guard issued a bulletin advising that ransomware activity has recently been found in maritime domain. The bulletin provides an overview of ransomware characteristics, discusses the prevalence of this malware and the proliferation of ransomware variants, and provides prevention and mitigation information. [Maritime Cyber Bulletin 001-16](#) (12/22/15).

## DHS OIG – port security grant program audit



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued the report of its audit of the Lower Mississippi River Port-wide Strategic Security Council use of Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) funds. It found that during the years 2008-2013, the group of ports from Baton Rouge down to the river's mouth spent only about 27% of the nearly \$108 million awarded and that of the monies expended there were more than \$9.2 million in questioned costs. [OIG-16-14](#) [located at <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/assets/Mgmt/2016/OIG-16-14-Dec15.pdf>] (12/17/15).

## California – Sustainable Freight Action Plan



The California Air Resources Board (CARB) issued a **notice** [located at [http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/savethedate\\_12222015.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/sfti/savethedate_12222015.pdf)] stating that workshops and a webinar will be held to allow public participation in the development of the California Sustainable Freight Action Plan. (12/24/15).

## Panama Canal – FY2015 in review



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/12/23/pr571.html>] reflecting on the accomplishments of 2015 and looking ahead to the future. (12/23/15).

## Panama Canal – expansion 96% complete



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** [located at <https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2015/12/21/pr570.html>] announcing that the Canal Expansion Project is 96% complete. Locks reinforcements are scheduled to be completed in mid-January. Transit trial tests are scheduled for April. Inauguration of the expansion is expected to be in the second quarter of 2016. (12/21/15).

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