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USCG – business email compromise;  
USCG – avoiding dredging operations;  
OFAC – cyber-related sanctions; and  
Court – oil spill response plan review.

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## Upper Mississippi River – traffic restricted



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2771970/>] stating that a safety zone has been established from mile marker 110 to mile marker 34 on the Upper Mississippi River to restrict traffic and reduce pressure on the Federal Levee Systems. (12/30/15).

## USCG – business email compromise



The US Coast Guard issued a **Maritime Cyber Bulletin** concerning a recent business e-mail compromise (BEC) in the maritime domain involving the use of a spoofed email account to direct the wire transfer of funds from a US port facility to an unauthorized individual. Fortunately, the fraud attempt was detected. Stakeholders are urged to remain alert. (12/28/15).

## USCG – avoiding dredging operations



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert reminding recreational boaters and commercial vessel operators to use caution when operating their vessels near areas where dredging operations may be taking place. **Safety Alert 14-15** [located at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/1415.pdf>] (12/30/15).

## OFAC – cyber-related sanctions



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) promulgated regulations for blocking the property of persons engaging in significant malicious cyber-enabled activities. The regulations enter into effect immediately. **80 Fed. Reg. 81752** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-12-31/pdf/2015-32881.pdf>] (12/31/15).

## Court – oil spill response plan review



A majority of the panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit denied plaintiff environmental advocacy groups' petition for rehearing in a challenge to the decision of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) to not prepare an environmental impact statement before approving an oil company's oil spill response plan for offshore drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Over a vigorous dissent, the majority of the full court denied a petition for rehearing en banc. **Alaska Wilderness League v. Jewell**, No. 13-35866 (9th Cir., December 29, 2015) [located at <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2015/12/29/13-35866.pdf>].

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