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EPA – National Contingency Plan revision



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to revise the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan to align with the Department of Homeland Security National Response Framework and National Incident Management System. Comments on the proposal must be received by 25 March. [81 Fed. Reg. 3982](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-25/pdf/2016-00663.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-25/pdf/2016-00663.pdf>] (1/25/16).

DOS – Iranian sanctions lifted



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it has discontinued the imposition of sanctions on various individuals and entities (including various shipping companies) as part of the implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) regarding Iran. [81 Fed. Reg. 4082](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-25/pdf/2016-00663.pdf)

[located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-01-25/pdf/2016-01404.pdf>] (1/25/16).

MARAD – \$1.96 billion NDRF contracts awarded



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that contracts with a total award value of \$1.96 billion over eight years have been awarded to seven maritime firms to manage, maintain, and operate 48 National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF) vessels through January 2024. (1/22/16).

DOJ – USN petty officer sentenced



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** [located at <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-navy-petty-officer-sentenced-27-months-prison-trading-classified-information-international>] stating that a US Navy petty officer was sentenced to 27 months in prison for accepting cash, consumer electronics, and travel expenses from foreign defense contractor Glenn Defense Marine Asia in exchange for classified US Navy information. (1/21/16).

USTDA – LNG projects for Panama Canal



The US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) issued a **notice** [located at https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=059e08df22bf144fb54f64e1a740ccb4&tab=core&_cview=0] stating that it seeks submissions from interested US firms to develop a feasibility study to assess and plan the development of LNG-related projects in the vicinity of the Panama Canal. Submissions must be received by 29 January. (12/22/15).

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