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DOT – FASTLANE Grants



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice soliciting applications for the FY 2016 grants for the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (FASTLANE) grants. Applications must be received by 14 April. The Grants.gov “Apply” function will open by 15 March. **81 Fed. Reg. 10955** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-02/pdf/2016-04610.pdf>] (3/2/16).

NOAA – assessing marine mammal stocks



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing availability of its revised guidelines for preparing stock assessment reports regarding marine mammals. **81 Fed. Reg. 10830**

[located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-02/pdf/2016-04537.pdf>] (3/2/16).

California – Prevention First symposium



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) posted a **notice** announcing that the Prevention First symposium will be held on 27-28 September in Long Beach. Topics on the agenda include marine invasive species management, environmental protection, and risk analysis. [located at <http://www.slc.ca.gov/About/PF.html>] (2/29/16).

EP – debate on coast guard and external border checks



The European Parliament (EP) issued a **news release** stating that plans to turn the EU's Frontex border agency into a common border and coast guard, which in emergencies could be deployed even without the approval of the country concerned, were presented and debated. [located at <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20160229IPR16385/Migration-debate-on-Coast-guard-and-external-border-checks>] (3/1/16).

Suez Canal – non-stopping transit



The Suez Canal Authority issued a **bulletin** stating that traffic through the Canal is running smoothly despite the grounding of the bulk carrier NEW KATERINA in the western branch of the Canal. Plans are being made to lighten the ship, refloat it, and tow it to a repair site. [located at <http://www.suezcanal.gov.eg/SCnewsDetails.aspx?Show=682>] (2/29/16)..

India – verified gross mass of containers



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) posted a **draft notice** regarding guidance for implementation of the upcoming requirement for shippers to provide masters with the verified gross mass of containers prior to loading. [located at http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201603010543116582787draft_ms_notice_nt.pdf] (2/29/16).

UK – spill response training



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** announcing availability of training materials for the MCA oil pollution, contingency planning, and response course. [located at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/oil-pollution-contingency-planning-and-response-training-materials>] (3/1/16).

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