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Mississippi River – closed at Lock & Dam 27;  
Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – safety zone enforcement;  
USACE – Port of Stockton EIS;  
DOE – Jordan Cove LNG export proposal; and  
GAO – shipbuilding contract warranties.

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## Mississippi River – closed at Lock & Dam 27



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that the Upper Mississippi River at Lock and Dam 27 is closed to navigation as it and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) respond to a 20,000 gallon fuel oil spill. A vessel transiting the lock was damaged, rupturing a fuel tank. The incident is under investigation. [located at <http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2794598/>] (3/3/16).

## Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – safety zone enforcement



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that, through 11 March, it is enforcing the safety zone between mile marker 296.1 and mile marker 296.7 on the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. [81 Fed. Reg. 11437](#) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-04/pdf/2016-04826.pdf>] (3/4/16).

## USACE – Port of Stockton EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate the efficiency of the movement of goods along the existing deep-draft navigation route extending from San Francisco Bay to the Port of Stockton. Comments must be received by 4 April. [81 Fed. Reg. 11529](#) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-04/pdf/2016-04758.pdf>] (3/4/16).

## DOE – Jordan Cove LNG export project



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that the Jordan Cove Energy Project has submitted an amendment to its pending application for authority to export LNG from its planned facility in the Coos Bay area, increasing the amount of LNG proposed to be exported. Comments on the amendment must be received by 23 March. [81 Fed. Reg. 11202](#) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-03/pdf/2016-04733.pdf>] (3/3/16).

## GAO – shipbuilding contract warranties



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the approach of the US Navy and Coast Guard to warranties for correcting shipbuilding construction defects. For five of the six contracts analyzed, only with regard to the USCG Fast Response Cutter was the shipbuilder responsible for more than half of the costs of correction of shipbuilder-responsible defects. The report recommends that steps should be taken to structure contracts so that shipbuilders cannot earn profit from correcting defects for which they are responsible. [GAO-16-71](#) [located at <http://www.gao.gov/assets/680/675598.pdf>] (3/3/16).

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