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## **USCG – ransomware spike**



The US Coast Guard issued a bulletin warning stakeholders that a spike in ransomware infections has been observed. The bulletin provides updates on recently observed ransomware variants, their prevalence and proliferation, and re-emphasizes best practices and mitigation strategies. **Bulletin 005-16** (3/24/16) [located at [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/USCG\\_CB\\_05-16.pdf](http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/USCG_CB_05-16.pdf)].

## **NIST – Cybersecurity Framework Workshop**



The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is hosting “Cybersecurity Framework Workshop 2016” at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland on 6 and 7 April 2016. This workshop will highlight a variety of Framework use and work products. The workshop will also continue important conversations begun in the recent Request for Information (RFI), Views on the

Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/12/11/2015-31217/views-on-the-framework-for-improving-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity>. In addition, the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) at NIST invites interested members of the maritime and oil & natural gas industries to attend a pre-workshop on April 5, 2016 <[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_nccoe.nist.gov\\_events\\_pre-2Dworkshop-2Dmaritime-2Dand-2Doil-2Dand-2Dnatural-2Dgas-2Dopen-2Dsession&am p;d=BQMFAg&c=ONKfg44GVknAU-XkWXjNxQ&r=yWR\\_6gOn8td8osSrxJTaj\\_Y8km1kv1hEpf t4iyzh\\_F8&m=YP6GQQqej4RObgweCc8OoFBuFjUtGIeWqWLINOTrCVg&s=ZICfzTUUWI48CW P UuBmnjJtS9XuKu-j7cv8R9\\_MaQvk&e=>](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__nccoe.nist.gov_events_pre-2Dworkshop-2Dmaritime-2Dand-2Doil-2Dand-2Dnatural-2Dgas-2Dopen-2Dsession&am p;d=BQMFAg&c=ONKfg44GVknAU-XkWXjNxQ&r=yWR_6gOn8td8osSrxJTaj_Y8km1kv1hEpf t4iyzh_F8&m=YP6GQQqej4RObgweCc8OoFBuFjUtGIeWqWLINOTrCVg&s=ZICfzTUUWI48CW P UuBmnjJtS9XuKu-j7cv8R9_MaQvk&e=>)> to discuss cybersecurity challenges that can be addressed jointly by the NCCoE and industry. (3/28/16).

### Houston – 45-foot expansion channel improvement project



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it intends to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Houston Ship Channel 45-foot expansion channel improvement project. **81 Fed. Reg. 17450** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-29/pdf/2016-07061.pdf>] (3/29/16).

### MARAD – MTSNAC members sought



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a notice stating that the charter for the Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) has been renewed. Persons interested in serving on the MTSNAC should submit applications by 2 May. **81 Fed. Reg. 175610** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-29/pdf/2016-07053.pdf>] (3/29/16).

### NOAA – DWH ROD and final PEIS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill Record of Decision (ROD) and final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) has been prepared. **81 Fed. Reg. 17438** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-29/pdf/2016-06979.pdf>] (3/29/16).

## UNCTAD – Maritime Country Profile



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) launched the **Maritime Country Profile** website. The site provides a maritime trade summary for almost every nation. (3/28/16) [located at <http://unctadstat.unctad.org/CountryProfile/MaritimeProfile/en-GB/004/index.html>].

## India – verified gross mass implementation



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping posted a draft **notice** regarding implementation of the Verified Gross Mass (VGM) requirement for containers being shipped in international commerce. Among other things, it provides that the VGM should be within 500kg of the actual mass and that carriers may not load a container where the VGM exceeds the maximum gross weight indicated on the container safety approval plate (CSC Plate). (3/26/16) [located at [http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201603260216020299266draft\\_ms\\_notice\\_nt\\_260316.pdf](http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201603260216020299266draft_ms_notice_nt_260316.pdf)].

## Singapore – familiarization with maritime legislation



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a circular reminding management level officers holding certificates of competency (CoC) issued by foreign maritime administrations that they must have appropriate knowledge of Singapore's maritime legislation if they are seeking employment as masters, chief mates, chief engineers, or second engineers on board Singapore-registered ships. Owners and operators are reminded of the requirement that copies of that legislation must be carried on board. **Shipping Circular 9-2016** (3/28/16 [located at <http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of-singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/eaf20dc9-74d0-47fb-a863-86cod3378e3e>]).

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