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Marina del Rey – proposed anchorage area



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it has extended until 30 April the period within which to submit comments on the proposed special anchorage area in Marina del Rey Harbor. A meeting will be held in Marina del Rey on 12 April to receive public comments. [81 Fed. Reg. 23225](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-20/pdf/2016-09171.pdf) [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-20/pdf/2016-09171.pdf>] (4/20/16). *Note: Don't be late for the meeting.*

FERC – application to construct LNG export terminal



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Texas LNG Brownsville LLC for authorization to site, construct, modify, and operate a new LNG export terminal in the Port of Brownsville. Comments on the application must be received by 5

May. **81 Fed. Reg. 23291** [located at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-20/pdf/2016-09085.pdf>] (4/20/16).

FMC – VGM direct engagement encouraged



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that Chairman Mario Cordero encourages direct engagement of the various stakeholders to develop practical approaches to the verified gross mass (VGM) of shipping containers issue. (4/19/16) [located at http://www.fmc.gov/chairman_seeks_engagement_container_weight/?CategoryId=14&F_All=y].

Australia – ECDIS compliance



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice providing information on AMSA's expectations for ECDIS compliance during port state control (PSC) inspections. **Marine Notice 8-2016** (4/19/16) [located at <https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOREview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

Deepwater Horizon explosion and fire – 20 April 2010



On 20 April 2010, the **MODU Deepwater Horizon**, engaged in drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico, suffered a catastrophic explosion and fire. Eleven workers died. Due primarily to the heroic efforts of the crew of the OSV Damon B. Bankston, the other 115 persons on the MODU were evacuated safely. A massive oil spill ensued; the cleanup has been completed; and restoration work is slowly beginning. Most of the damage claims have been settled, but some litigation is ongoing. While root causation and ultimate responsibility for this casualty continue to be disputed, it is clear that the tragic incident was preventable.

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