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DOS – Zika virus;
DOD – expansion of Zika virus surveillance; and
Denmark & US – offshore wind energy cooperation.

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DOS – Zika virus



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that it has determined that an international outbreak of the Zika virus is sustained, severe, and is spreading internationally, and that it is in the national interest to respond to the related Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Exercising its authority with respect to the Zika virus allows funds made available in the bilateral economic assistance accounts in the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2015 to be used to respond to the Zika outbreak. **81 Fed. Reg. 30597** (5/17/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-05-17/pdf/2016-11624.pdf>].

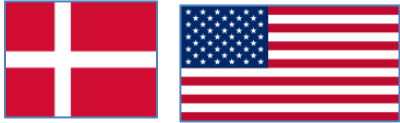
DOD – expansion of Zika virus surveillance



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that it is providing \$1.76 million in additional funding to military laboratories to expand Zika virus surveillance worldwide and assess the virus' impact on deployed service members' health and readiness. (5/16/16)

[<http://www.defense.gov/News-Article-View/Article/760169/dod-adds-funding-to-enhance-zika-surveillance-by-military-labs>].

Denmark & US – offshore wind energy cooperation



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that Director Abigail Ross Hopper and Danish Ambassador Lars Gert Lose signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to strengthen cooperation between the two nations in developing offshore wind as a clean and sustainable energy source. (5/13/16)
[<http://www.boem.gov/note05132016/>].

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