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DHS – \$100 million for port security grants



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** announcing grant allocations for FY 2016 preparedness grants. The Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) will again be funded in the amount of \$100 million. (6/29/16) [<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2016/06/29/dhs-announces-grant-allocations-fiscal-year-2016-preparedness-grants>].

FEMA – preparedness grant allocations



The Federal Emergency Management Agency issued a bulletin providing details regarding preparedness grant allocations. **Bulletin #411** (6/29/16) [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1467222616156-23715285d13473126f8b73abd9e4579d/Information_Bulletin_411_FY_2016_Allocation_Announcement_Final_1300.pdf].

FEMA – PSGP information



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a **notice** providing additional information specific to the port security grant program (PSGP). (6/29/16) [<https://www.fema.gov/fiscal-year-2016-port-security-grant-program>].

Piscataqua River – chemical tanker allision



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the chemical tanker Chem Venus allided with three anchored sailboats at the mouth of Piscataqua River between Portsmouth, New Hampshire and Kittery, Maine. There were no reports of injury or pollution. The tanker incurred some damage. The incident is under investigation. (6/29/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2859750/>].

USCG – random chemical testing



The US Coast Guard issued a Safety Advisory restating that reemphasizing the importance of a properly administered and applied random

chemical testing program for US merchant mariners to prevent drug abuse as a causative factor in marine casualties. **Safety Advisory 06-16** (6/29/16) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0616.pdf>].

EPA – partnering with Port Everglades re air emissions



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that it is partnering with Port Everglades to study air emissions in a seaport scenario to inform sustainable development. The agency will work with the port to coordinate research and modeling encompassing all port-related operations, technologies, and growth scenarios. It also intends to develop separate emissions estimates for areas outside the port jurisdictional boundaries, such as highways and railways used by Port Everglades customers. (6/29/16) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-partners-port-everglades-improve-environmental-performance/>].

FMC – VGM implementation



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that preliminary reports indicate that the new verified gross weight (VGM) requirement for loading on marine shipping containers is being implemented in a flexible, practical, and pragmatic manner. (6/29/16) [http://www.fmc.gov/announcements_about_gate_weights_are_encouraging_sign_for_smooth_vgm_implementation/].

FMC – civil penalty adjustment



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated an interim final rule adjusting its civil penalties to account for inflation. The amendments enter into effect on 1 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 42552** (6/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-30/pdf/2016-15569.pdf>].

MARAD – civil penalty adjustment



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) promulgated an interim final rule adjusting its civil penalties to account for inflation. The amendments enter into effect on 1 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 42548** (6/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-30/pdf/2016-15566.pdf>].

MACOSH – meeting on 9-10 August



The Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH), sponsored by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will meet in Washington, DC on 9-10 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 42741** (6/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-30/pdf/2016-15513.pdf>].

NSGAB – meeting on 12 August



The National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB), sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet in Silver Spring, Maryland on 12 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 42666** (6/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-30/pdf/2016-15595.pdf>].

ITA – trade mission to Brazil



The International Trade Administration (ITA) issued a notice stating that applicants interested in participating in the Subsea & Onshore Technology Trade Mission to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 19-21 October must submit their applications and fees by 9 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 42654** (6/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-06-30/pdf/2016-15481.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re SLSDC funding



Representative Salmon (R-AZ) introduced a bill (H.R. 5609) to prohibit any appropriation of funds to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (6/28/16).

Denmark – medicine chest inventories



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **news release** stating that its medicine chest inventories have become available online and that, effective 1 July, all printed editions are repealed. (6/29/16) [<http://www.dma.dk/news/Sider/Medicinechestinventoriesbecomedigital.aspx>].

Panama Canal – LPG carrier transit



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that the tanker *Lycaste Peace* is the second neopanamax vessel and the first liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) carrier to transit the expanded Panama Canal. (6/28/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/06/28/pr598.html>].

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