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Upper Mississippi – lock closed due to oil spill



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Lock and Dam 25 on the Upper Mississippi River near St. Louis has been closed to navigation while crews respond to the release of an estimated 2,074 gallons of diesel. The oil was from the towing vessel Jerry Jarrett while it was transiting the lock. The incident is under investigation. (7/6/16)
[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2861502/>]. A [second news release](#)

states that the lock has been reopened. (7/6/16)
[<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2861750/>].

USCG – towing vessel officer credentialing



The US Coast Guard issued a notice announcing availability of Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC 03-16) – Guidelines for Credentialing Officers of Towing Vessels. The policy enters into effect immediately. 81 Fed. Reg. 44230 (7/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-07/pdf/2016-16113.pdf>].

USCG – merchant mariner credentialing realignment



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a bulletin announcing that the realignment of its Merchant Mariner Credentialing Program. Operating under the Director of Standards is the newly-created Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing (CG-MMC). This office is responsible for all technical aspects of the program, including statutory, regulatory, and policy development. The NMC will report directly to this new office. (7/6/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/mmcp_realignment_notice.pdf].

DOT – GPS adjacent band compatibility testing



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that in July it will conduct additional testing of Global Positioning System/Global Navigation Satellite System (GPS/GNSS) receivers as part of the Adjacent Band Compatibility Study. 81 Fed. Reg. 44408 (7/7/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-07/pdf/2016-16136.pdf>].

SLSDC – award for environmental performance



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a news release stating that the North American environmental certification program Green Marine presented its Environmental Performance Award for 2015 to the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation for its continued excellence and leadership in environmental sustainability. (7/5/16)

[<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/saint-lawrence-seaway-development-corporation-earns-green-marine-certification>].

EC – European Border and Coast Guard



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** regarding the proposed European Border and Coast Guard. (7/6/16)

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-16-2431_en.htm?locale=en].

EIB – wave energy investment



The European Investment Bank (EIB) issued a **press release** stating that it will invest up to €10 million in a company developing wave power technology. (7/6/16)

[<http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2016/2016-165-eu-support-for-development-of-commercial-wave-energy-technology-in-europe.htm?media=rss&language=en>].

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