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BOEM & BSEE – drilling on Arctic OCS



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) jointly released an **advance copy** of final rule for Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). (7/7/16) [<http://www.bsee.gov/ArcticRule/>]. *Note:*

The official version of the final rule should be published soon in the Federal Register.

Arctic – sea ice at lowest ever for June



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that June 2016 set a satellite record for the month of June with the lowest amount of Arctic sea ice ever recorded, at 10.60 million square kilometers (4.09 million square miles). (7/7/16) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

DOJ – polluter to pay \$1 million



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a bulk carrier operator pleaded guilty in federal court to violation of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (APPS) by failing to maintain an accurate oil record book (ORB). The company will be required to pay an \$800,000 criminal penalty and make a \$200,000 community service payment. In addition, the company will be on probation for three years during which time it will be required to implement an environmental compliance program. (7/5/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/german-shipping-company-pleads-guilty-covering-illegal-dumping-oily-waste-water-great-o>].

NOAA – nominations sought for IWC 66



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for non-federal representatives to serve as part of the US delegation to the October 2016 meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC 66). Nominations must be received by 26 August. **81 Fed. Reg. 44591** (7/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-08/pdf/2016-16178.pdf>].

Tinian – harbor modifications project EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that an integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement (F/EIS) is being prepared for the proposed Tinian Harbor Modifications Project. **81 Fed. Reg. 44599** (7/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-08/pdf/2016-16188.pdf>].

Rota – harbor modifications project EIS



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that an integrated Feasibility/Environmental Impact Statement (F/EIS) is being prepared for the proposed Rota Harbor Modifications Project. **81 Fed. Reg. 44600** (7/8/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-08/pdf/2016-16189.pdf>].

USN – underway on alternative fuels



The US Navy issued a **news release** stating that the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Self Defense Test Ship (SDTS), ex-USS Paul F. Foster, completed final-phase underway testing using 100% alternative fuels. (7/7/16) [http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=95574].

House – hearing re maritime nuclear smuggling threat



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security conducted a **joint hearing** entitled “An Examination of the Maritime Nuclear Smuggling Threat and other Port Security and Smuggling Risks in the U.S.” Government witnesses consisted of RADM Linda Fagan, USCG; Dr. Wayne Brasure, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office; Mr. Todd Owen, Customs & Border Protection; and Ms. Anne Harrington, National Nuclear Security Administration. (7/7/16) [<http://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=400423>].

IMO – 2015 International Maritime Prize



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the 2015 International Maritime Prize is to be awarded to Dr. Frank Lawrence Wiswall, former Chair of the IMO Legal Committee and Vice-President (Honors Causa) Comité Maritime International (CMI) for his contributions to the work of the IMO over many years. (7/7/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/19-international-maritime-prize.aspx>]. *Note: BZ! Well deserved.*

Australia – receiving Maritime Safety Information



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice advising masters that all ships transiting NAVAREA X or navigating off the Australian coast should ensure that they can receive all Maritime Safety Information (MSI) necessary for the intended voyage. **Marine Notice 13-2016** (7/7/16) [<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

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