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### **USCG – MSM, Vol. II, Change 2**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** providing a link to the 1,342-page Marine Safety Manual (MSM), Volume II, Change 2, which focuses on Materiel Inspection. (8/2/16)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/02/marine-safety-manual-volume-ii-change-2/>].

## USCG – LNG as a marine fuel



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** recapping its recent presentation at the LNG Fuel Summit and LNG-Fueled Tugs and Barges Event. The bulletin includes links to current USCG policy documents. (8/2/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/02/822016-recap-of-lgc-ncoe-presentation-at-the-lng-fuel-summit-lng-fuelled-tugs-and-bergs-event/>].

## CEQ – climate change consideration



The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a **memorandum** providing guidance for federal departments and agencies on consideration of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the effects of climate change in National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews. (8/1/16) [[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/documents/nepa\\_final\\_ghg\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/whitehouse.gov/files/documents/nepa_final_ghg_guidance.pdf)].

## FMC – automated agreement filing system



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** announcing the launch of a new automated system for the filing of vessel operating common carrier (VOCC) and marine terminal operator (MTO) agreements and amendments. (8/2/16) [<http://www.fmc.gov/NR16-14/>].

## Court – drilling rig exclusion



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed the grant of summary judgment in a dispute between an insured employer and an excess insurer on a marine insurance policy. One of the employer's employees was injured while working on a drillship in the Gulf of Mexico. The employee brought suit and the employer brought cross claims against its primary insurer and its excess insurer. The excess insurance policy contained an exclusion for liabilities arising out of the ownership, use, or operation of drilling rigs. The excess insurer moved for summary judgment. The employer's contention that a drillship is not a drilling rig was rejected by both the trial court and the appellate court. **Richard v. Dolphin Drilling**, No. 16-30003 (5th Cir., August 1, 2016) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/16/16-30003-CVo.pdf>].

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