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## **USCG – nine NDGPS sites to close**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that nine of its National Differential Global Positioning System (NDGPS) sites will cease transmissions this Friday, 5 August. Transmissions will continue from 39 Coast

Guard and seven US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) NDGPS sites. (8/3/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2871378/>].

### **NOAA – noise effects guidance**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing that it has prepared final Technical Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammal Hearing. **81 Fed. Reg. 51693** (8/4/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-04/pdf/2016-18462.pdf>].

### **FERC – Golden Pass LNG EIS**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that a final environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed Golden Pass LNG Export Project. **81 Fed. Reg. 51436** (8/4/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-04/pdf/2016-18489.pdf>].

### **Hawaii – wind energy offshore Oahu**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has extended, until 7 September, the period within which to submit comments on draft environmental assessment for commercial wind leasing and site assessment activities on the outer continental shelf offshore Oahu. **81 Fed. Reg. 51462** (8/4/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-04/pdf/2016-18528.pdf>].

### **OSHA – permanent variance granted**



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a notice stating that it granted a permanent variance to Newport News Shipbuilding from the OSHA shipyard-employment standards that prohibit shipyard employers from permitting workers to ride the hook or load, from swinging or suspending loads over the heads of workers, and from placing employees in a hazardous position between a swinging load and a fixed object while engaged in the construction and assembly of modular ship sections. **81 Fed. Reg. 51499** (8/4/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-04/pdf/2016-18404.pdf>].

## Arctic Council – oil pollution preparedness and response



The US Coast Guard posted a **bulletin** summarizing multinational exercises undertaken under the auspices of the Arctic Council for oil pollution preparedness and response in the Arctic. (8/3/16)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/08/03/832016-recap-of-recent-exercise-for-oil-pollution-preparedness-and-response-in-the-arctic/>].

## Panama Canal – expanded canal usage



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued a **press release** stating that, since the inauguration of the expanded Panama Canal on 26 June, it has been utilized by more than 60 vessels, including 40 container ships, 24 LPG carriers, three vehicle carriers, and two LNG carriers. (8/2/16)  
[<https://www.pancanal.com/eng/pr/press-releases/2016/08/02/pr603.html>].

## UK – OREI emergency response cooperation plans



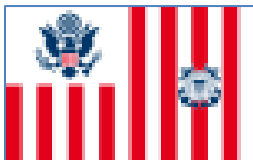
The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted **guidance** regarding the development of emergency response cooperation plans (ERCoP) for offshore renewable energy installations (OREIs). (8/3/16)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offshore-renewable-energy-installations-orei>].

## UK – OREI impact on shipping



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) posted **guidance** to assist offshore renewable energy installations (OREIs) in evaluating and minimizing the impact on shipping. (8/3/16)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/offshore-renewable-energy-installations-impact-on-shipping>].

## Coast Guard Day



Today, August 4, is the 226th anniversary of the enactment of legislation establishing the **Revenue Cutter Service** (RCS), the forerunner of today's US Coast Guard. While nominally intended to enforce the collection of revenue from imported cargoes, the service was engaged in multiple missions from the beginning. Over time, other agencies and functions were merged into it.

In 1915, with the merger of the RCS and the Life-Saving Service, the name of the agency was changed to the **United States Coast Guard**. An illustrious history, a proud present, and an exciting future – Semper Paratus!

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