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NTSB – El Faro VDR recovered;
USCG – safety alert; and
Washington – seeking spill planning specialist.

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NTSB – El Faro VDR recovered



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** stating that the voyage data recorder (VDR) has been recovered from the wreck of the cargo ship El Faro. The ship sank in 15,000 feet of the Atlantic off the Bahamas in October 2015 during Hurricane Joaquin with the loss of 33 lives. The VDR will be brought ashore and examined for retrievable data. (8/9/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/pr20160809.aspx>].

USCG – safety alert



The US Coast Guard issued a **safety alert** regarding hazardous atmospheres in confined spaces. Recently high levels of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) were found in the hold of a shrimper in the Gulf of Mexico. The source of the gas was later identified as decomposing shrimp. (8/9/16)
[<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg545/alerts/0916.pdf>].

Washington – seeking spill planning specialist



The Washington Department of Ecology issued a **job announcement** seeking to hire a qualified individual as an Oil Spill Contingency Plan Compliance Specialist. (8/3/16)
[<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/1493851/oil-spill-contingency-plan-compliance-specialist-environmental-planner-2>].

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