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Gulf of Mexico – Tropical Depression No. 9



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued a **press release** providing updated information regarding precautions taken by offshore oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico to minimize the risks presented by Tropical Depression No. 9. Among other things, nine

platforms and one rig have been evacuated and seven DP rigs have been moved off. (8/30/16) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-tropical-depression-no-9-activity-0>].

California – land transferred for port development



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that 125 acres of former Navy property has been transferred to the City of Long Beach under the MARAD Port Conveyance Program. The land will be developed as a port facility. (8/30/16) [<https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/maritime-administration-transfers-additional-former-navy-property-city-long-beach>].

Arctic – sea ice melt continues



The National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC) issued a **news release** stating that Arctic sea ice is tracking for the third lowest in the satellite record. The southern route through the Northwest Passage appears to be largely free of ice. (8/16/16) [<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>].

Court – Waterfront Commission authority upheld



The US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit affirmed the district court ruling that defendant Waterfront Commission was within its statutory authority to require shipping companies and other marine employers to certify that prospective employees had been referred for employment pursuant to federal and state nondiscrimination policies and had not unlawfully interfered with collective bargaining rights. **New York Shipping Association v. Waterfront Commission**, No. 14-3956 (3rd Cir., August 30, 2016) [<http://www2.ca3.uscourts.gov/opinarch/143956p.pdf>].

IMO – World Maritime Day 2016



The IMO issued a **notice** stating that World Maritime Day will be celebrated on 29 September 2016. The theme for this year's celebration will be 'Shipping: indispensable to the world'. A forum will be held in London on that date to debate Global Shipping's Future Challenges. (8/30/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/About/Events/WorldMaritimeDay/Pages/WMD-2016.aspx>].

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