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NTSB – VTS safety study



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **press release** stating that the safety study assessing the effectiveness of the USCG Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system has been posted, along with 21 safety

recommendations. (9/27/16) [<http://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/PR20160927.aspx>].

DOJ – \$4.9 million oil spill settlement



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that Kirby Inland Marine LP has agreed to pay \$4.9 million in civil penalties and to implement fleet-wide operational improvements to settle claims stemming from a 4,000 barrel oil spill in the Houston Ship Channel in March 2014. Kirby also agreed to waive any limits on its liability for this oil spill. (9/27/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/kirby-inland-marine-pay-49-million-civil-penalties-and-provide-fleet-wide-improvements>],

NMSAC – meeting on 18-19 October



The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee (NMSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 18-19 October in Leesburg, Virginia. Topics on the agenda include Extremely Hazardous Cargo Strategy; TWIC; and Facility Security Officer Regulation and Training. **81 Fed. Reg. 66977** (9/29/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-09-29/pdf/2016-23515.pdf>].

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