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Alaska – Operation Arctic Shield 2016 concludes



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that Operation Arctic Shield 2016 has concluded with the closure of the seasonal operating location in Kotzebue, Alaska. The annual operation focuses on performing multiple missions, leveraging partnerships, and increasing maritime domain awareness to ensure safe, secure, and environmentally responsible activity in the Arctic. (10/31/16) [<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2896038/>].

NTSB – technical changes to administrative regulations



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) promulgated a final rule, effective immediately, making technical changes to its administrative regulations. [81 Fed. Reg. 75729](#) (11/1/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-01/pdf/2016-26232.pdf>].

DOT – Advisory Committee on Automation in Transportation



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for membership on the Advisory Committee on Automation in Transportation (ACAT). Nominations must be received by 16 November. [81 Fed. Reg. 75920](#) (11/1/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-01/pdf/2016-26328.pdf>].

NOAA – advisory council nominations sought



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it seeks nominations for membership on seven national marine sanctuary advisory councils and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council. Nominations must be received by 30 November. [81 Fed. Reg. 75809](#) (11/1/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-11-01/pdf/2016-26326.pdf>].

IMO – fuel consumption data collection



The IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that the recent session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 70) adopted a requirement, effective 1 March 2018, for the collection of fuel consumption and related data by ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above. This data will be used to inform future

decisions relating to control of greenhouse gas emissions from ships. (10/31/16) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/28-MEPC-data-collection--.aspx>].

Hong Kong – spill response exercise



The Hong Kong Marine Department issued a **press release** stating that a combined oil spill and hazardous and noxious substance (HNS) spill response exercise was conducted to test marine pollution response capability in Hong Kong waters. (10/28/16)

[<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/pdf/pr161027.pdf>].

Panama Canal – LNG carrier bunkering



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory announcing that, effective immediately, LNG carriers will be allowed to receive bunkers while in the Explosives Area of the Pacific Anchorage. **Advisory 57-2016** (10/28/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-57-2016.pdf>].

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