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White House – cybersecurity report



The White House released the cybersecurity study entitled **Report on Securing and Growing the Digital Economy**. The study was undertaken by the President's Commission on Enhancing National Cybersecurity. Among other things, it recommends protecting, defending, and securing the nation's information infrastructure and digital networks while innovating and accelerating investment for the security and growth of digital networks and the digital economy. (12/1/16)

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cybersecurity_report.pdf]

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USCG – BWM extension program update



The US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) providing an update on the ballast water management (BWM) extension program. Among other things, it notes that current extension letters will remain valid until the extended compliance date specified in the extension letter. Supplemental extensions may be requested; however, if a type-approved BWMS is available, requests must provide the necessary evidence to show why compliance is not possible. **OES-MSIB 14-16** (12/2/16) [https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/014_16_12-2-2016.PDF].

USCG – F/V Alaska Juris investigation



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the formal Marine Investigation into the sinking of the fishing vessel Alaska Juris has been set for 5 December in Seattle. The vessel sank in approximately 5,400 feet of water on 26 July approximately 690 miles west of Dutch Harbor. The 46 crew members were safely rescued. (12/2/16) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2016/12/02/formal-marine-investigation-alaska-juris/>].

USCG – Eastern Great Lakes AMSC



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks application from individuals interested in serving on the Eastern Great Lakes Area Maritime Security Committee (AMSC) and the four regional subcommittees (Northeast Ohio, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Western New York, and Eastern New York). Applications should be received by 4 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 87578** (12/5/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-12-05/pdf/2016-29107.pdf>].

DOJ – contracting officer sentenced to 72 months in prison



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a **news release** stating that a former supervisory contracting officer was sentenced to 72 months in prison for accepting bribe payments in exchange for steering US Navy contracts to the president and chief executive officer of Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a defense contractor. (12/2/16) [<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-supervisory-contracting-officer-sentenced-72-months-prison-part-expanding-navy-bribery>].

House – Merchant Marine of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act



The House passed and sent to the Senate the **Merchant Marine of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act** (H.R. 2992). (11/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr2992eh/pdf/BILLS-114hr2992eh.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to amend OPA 90



Representative Pallone (D-NJ) introduced the **Big Oil Bailout Prevention Unlimited Liability Act of 2016** (H.R. 6412) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. (11/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr6412ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr6412ih.pdf>].

House – bill introduced to amend IRC



Representative Pallone (D-NJ) introduced the **Big Oil Bailout Prevention Trust Fund Act of 2016** (H.R. 6413) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. (11/30/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114hr6413ih/pdf/BILLS-114hr6413ih.pdf>].

CRS – review of agency final rules



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a brief Insight report concluding that agency final rules submitted after 2 June 2016 may be subject to disapproval as a result of the Congressional Review Act. **IN10437** (11/30/16) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/IN10437.pdf>].

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