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## **Potomac River – security zone**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will enforce a security zone on waters of the Potomac River, Anacostia River, and adjacent waters from 15 through 24 January in connection with the Presidential inauguration. **82 Fed. Reg. 3625** (1/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-12/pdf/2017-00251.pdf>].

## **DOE – authority to import and export LNG**



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice that it issued orders granting authority to import and export natural gas, import and export LNG, and vacating authority. **82 Fed. Reg. 3762** (1/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-12/pdf/2017-00528.pdf>].

## DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Driftwood LNG, LLC seeking authorization to export domestically produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) by vessel from a proposed facility to be located in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Comments on the application must be received by 13 March. **82 Fed. Reg. 3760** (1/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-12/pdf/2017-00531.pdf>].

## DOD – undersea communications link



The Department of Defense (DOD) issued a **news release** stating that DARPA is working on development of the Tactical Undersea Network Architecture (TUNA) program to improve undersea communications capability for US forces when traditional tactical networks are unavailable. The system would utilize neutrally buoyant high data rate secure fiber links connected to RF network node buoys. (1/11/17) [<http://science.dodlive.mil/2017/01/11/darpa-program-aims-to-improve-undersea%20communications/>].

## Senate – bill introduced re old vessel exemption



Senator McCaskill (D-MO) introduced a bill (S.89) to amend title 46, United States Code, to exempt old vessels that only operate within inland waterways from the fire-retardant materials requirement if the owners of such vessels make annual structural alterations to at least 10 percent of the areas of the vessels that are not constructed of fire-retardant materials and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (1/10/17).

## Court – ‘take nothing’ verdict upheld



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed a ‘take nothing’ verdict in a seaman personal injury case for negligence and maintenance and cure. The appellate court found that the jury instructions were within the judge’s discretion and that evidence of plaintiff’s pre-employment injury was properly admitted. **Bosarge v. Cheramie Marine**, No. 16-30187 (5th Cir., January 10, 2017) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/unpub/16/16-30187.o.pdf>].

## Australia & Japan – shipment of bulk liquid hydrogen



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a **media release** stating that Australia and Japan signed a memorandum which will allow liquid hydrogen to be shipped in bulk for the first time. Ship containment systems will be capable of safely transporting liquid hydrogen in bulk from Australia to Japan as part of a pilot project scheduled to commence in 2020. (1/11/17)

[[http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/11012017\\_Mediarelease\\_Interimcarrriage requirements for shipping liquid hydrogen.pdf](http://www.amsa.gov.au/media/documents/11012017_Mediarelease_Interimcarrriage requirements for shipping liquid hydrogen.pdf)].

## China – use of low sulphur content fuel



The Chinese Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) issued a **news release** stating that, with effect from 1 January 2017, the requirement for ships to use fuels with a maximum sulphur content of 0.5% when berthing has been extended to eleven additional ports. (1/11/17)

[<http://en.msa.gov.cn/index.php?m=content&c=index&a=show&catid=343&id=203>].

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