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White House – regulatory moratorium



The White House issued a **memorandum** to the heads of executive departments and agencies directing that pending regulations be delayed for at least 60 days so that they can be reviewed by Presidential appointees. (1/20/17) [<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/20/memorandum-heads-executive-departments-and-agencies>].

SEC – OSG and its former CFO charged



The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a **press release** stating that it has charged the Overseas Shipping Group (OSG) and its former chief financial officer (CFO) with failing to recognize approximately \$512 million in tax liabilities. Without admitting or denying the charges, OSG and its former CFO each consented to an order finding they violated or caused the violation of,

among other provisions, the negligence-based antifraud provisions as well as recordkeeping provisions of the federal securities laws. OSG agreed to pay a \$5 million penalty and the CFO agreed to pay a \$75,000 penalty. (1/23/17) [<https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2017-29.html>].

USCG – Light Lists



The US Coast Guard posted the 2017 edition of the **Light Lists**. (1/23/17) [<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightLists>].

USCG – training on gas carrier instrumentation



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the USCG Liquefied Gas Carrier National Center of Expertise is working with the LNG shipping industry to train USCG field personnel on liquefied gas carrier instrumentation. (1/23/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/01/23/lgc-ncoe-lng-shipping-company-to-train-coast-guard-personnel-on-liquefied-gas-carrier-instrumentation/>].

Senate – bill introduced re tsunami detection



Senator Cantwell (D-WA) introduced the **Tsunami Warning, Research, and Education Act of 2017** (S. 53) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. (1/5/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-115s53is/pdf/BILLS-115s53is.pdf>].

California – biofouling management



The California State Lands Commission (SLC) issued a **notice** stating that it intends to amend regulations relating to biofouling management. Comments on the proposal must be received by 4 February. (1/20/17) [<http://www.slc.ca.gov/Laws-Regs/Proposed-MISP.html>].

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