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USCG – regulatory review



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on Coast Guard regulations, guidance documents, and interpretive documents that you believe should be repealed, replaced, or modified. Comments must be received by 10 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 26632** (6/8/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-08/pdf/2017-11930.pdf>].

DOT – regulatory review



The Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a notice stating that it is reviewing its existing policy statement, guidance documents, and regulations to identify unnecessary obstacles to transportation infrastructure projects. Comments should be received by 24 July. **82 Fed. Reg. 26734** (6/8/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-08/pdf/2017-11791.pdf>].

USCG – BWMS type-approval



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the fourth ballast water management system (BWMS) type-approval certificate has been issued to Sunrui Marine Environment Engineering Co., Ltd. (6/9/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/06/09/0192017-marine-safety-center-issues-ballast-water-management-system-bwms-type-approval-certificates-to-sunrui-marine-environment-engineering-co-ltd/>].

USCG – LNG fuel transfer operations



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance for evaluating simultaneous operations (SIMOPS) during liquefied natural gas (LNG) fuel transfer operations. **CG-OES Policy Letter 01-17** (6/8/17) [<https://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg522/cg5222/docs/LNGSIMOPS.OESpolicyltr.01.17.signed.pdf>]. *Note: This item was first brought to my attention by my good friend Rob Butts of **Pivotal LNG**.*

DOE – US LNG delivered to Netherlands & Poland



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** announcing that US-source liquefied natural gas (LNG) has been delivered for the first time to the Netherlands and Poland. (6/9/17) [<https://www.energy.gov/energygov/articles/statement-rick-perry-us-secretary-energy-lng-shipments-netherlands-poland>].

Senate – bill introduced re small port dredging



Senator Paul (R-KY) introduced a bill (S. 1298) to modify the criteria used by the Corps of Engineers to dredge small ports. (6/7/17).

Senate – bill introduced re Soo Locks funding



Senator Stabenow (D-MI) introduced a bill (S. 1308) to increase authorized funding for the Soo Locks. (6/7/17).

House – bill introduced re Soo Locks funding



Representative Bergman (R-MI) introduced a bill (H.R. 2806) to increase authorized funding for the Soo Locks. (6/7/17).

House – bill introduced re maritime security



Representative Rutherford (R-FL) introduced a bill (H.R. 2831) to improve the port and maritime security functions of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes. (6/8/17).

House – hearing on USCG capabilities



The Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure conducted a hearing on **Coast Guard Sea, Land, and Air Capabilities**. (6/7/17)
[<https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=401479>].

Australia – de-harmonizing IOPPC and BWMC



The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) issued a notice articulating its position on de-harmonizing a vessel's International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPPC) and its Ballast Water Management Certificate (BWMC). Such de-harmonization is sometimes done to delay the effective date for BWMC requirements. The AMSA position is that it disfavors such de-harmonization but will accept it for foreign vessels that have done so with the

approval of the flag administration. [Marine Notice 8/2017](#) (6/7/17)
[<https://apps.amsa.gov.au/MOReview/MarineNoticeExternal.html>].

Bahamas – unexpected lifeboat release



The Bahamas Maritime Authority issued an alert concerning the unexpected release of a lifeboat during a port state control examination. [Safety Alert 17-14](#) (6/1/17) [<http://www.bahamasmaritime.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/17-14-Unexpected-Release-of-Lifeboat.pdf>]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Steven Jevnisek of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company.*

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