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USCG – credentialing of Hurricane Maria seafarers



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance for credentialing of seafarers working on vessels supporting the Hurricane Maria relief effort in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. **CG-MMC Policy Letter 02-17 (CH-1)** (10/20/17)
[http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/regulations_policies/Policy%20Letters/cg-mmc_policy_letter_02-17_ch1_signed_20171020.pdf].

USCG – TPO application tips



The USCG Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise (TVNCOE) issued a **brochure** which provides tips for prospective third-party organizations

(TPOs) seeking Coast Guard approval to perform audits and surveys under 46 CFR Subchapter M for regulated towing vessels. (10/24/17) [<http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/TVNCOE/Documents/SubMHandouts/TPApplicationTips.pdf>].

USCG – building organizational cyber resiliency



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** regarding building organizational cyber resiliency. (10/24/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/24/10242017-natl-cybersecurity-awareness-month-building-organizational-cyber-resiliency/>].

NOSAC – meeting on 12-13 December



The National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet on 12-13 December in Houston. Topics on the agenda include safety management systems on vessels engaging in well intervention activities. **82 Fed. Reg. 49391** (10/25/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-25/pdf/2017-23138.pdf>].

DOE – authorization to import/export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice listing recent orders authorizing the import and export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). **82 Fed. Reg. 49358** (10/25/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-25/pdf/2017-23170.pdf>].

DOT – National Multimodal Freight Network



The Department of Transportation (DOT) has reopened the comment period for materials related to the Interim National Multimodal Freight Network (Interim NMFN). Comments must be received by 22 February 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 49478** (10/25/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-25/pdf/2017-22315.pdf>].

PNT Advisory Board – meeting on 15-16 November



The National Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Advisory Board, sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will meet on 15-16 November in Redondo Beach, California. Topics on the agenda include examination of PNT back-up services. **82 Fed. Reg. 49230** (10/24/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-24/pdf/2017-22989.pdf>].

Arctic – multinational SAR exercise



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing a multinational search and rescue (SAR) exercise off Iceland as part of Arctic Guardian 2017. The exercise involves members of the Arctic Coast Guard Forum: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation, and the United States. (10/24/17) [<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/10/historic-exercise-tests-search-and-rescue-capabilities-in-the-arctic/>].

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