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DOJ – proposed OPA 90 consent decree



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that a proposed consent decree has been lodged in court to settle claims of the United States for injuries to natural resources under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) against Bouchard Transportation Company caused by a 2003 oil spill in Buzzards Bay. Comments on the consent decree must be received within 30 days. [82 Fed. Reg. 49680](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-26/pdf/2017-23259.pdf) (10/26/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-26/pdf/2017-23259.pdf>].

COAC – meeting on 14 November



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet on 14

November in Washington, DC. **82 Fed. Reg. 49642** (10/26/17)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-10-26/pdf/2017-23282.pdf>].

IMO – comment re climate change



The IMO issued a **statement** by Secretary-General Kitack Lim challenging recent media reports questioning the transparent inclusive approach adopted by the IMO and its stakeholders in addressing the threat of climate change. The IMO effort to reduce harmful air emissions from ships engaged in international commerce spans decades and the agency seeks continual improvement. (10/25/17)
[<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/SecretaryGeneral/Pages/Default.aspx>].

Canada – Exercise Salish Sea 2017



The Canadian Coast Guard issued a **media release** stating that a major maritime disaster training exercise is being conducted in the Gulf Islands area of British Columbia. (10/24/17) [https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-coast-guard/news/2017/10/major_maritime_disastertrainingexercise.html].

Madagascar – plague outbreak



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued an **Alert** advising that a confirmed outbreak of pneumonic plague has been reported in Madagascar including in the port city of Toamasina. Caution should be exercised by vessels calling in Madagascar. (10/24/17)
[<https://www.marad.dot.gov/msci/alert/2017/2017-006a-plague-outbreak-madagascar/>].

UK – safety bulletin re certain sprinklers



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a safety bulletin advising that Hi-FOG 1900 Sprinkler Heads may not be compatible with some of the A1000 Assembly Bodies. The internal stop valve of the A1000 Assembly Body of certain types may be pushed beyond their intended range when a Hi-FOG 1900 sprinkler is installed. **Safety Bulletin 11-2017** (October 2017)
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/651388/SAN55_MarioffHiFOG.pdf].

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