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NTSB – public availability of information



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) promulgated an interim final rule revising its public availability of information regulations to implement legislative changes. The rule enters into effect immediately. Comments on the rule must be received by 12 February 2018. [82 Fed. Reg. 58354](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-12/pdf/2017-58354.pdf) (12/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-12/pdf/2017-26316.pdf>].

Virginia – Elizabeth River environmental assessment



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that the Elizabeth River and Southern Branch Navigation Improvements Draft General Reevaluation Report/Environmental Assessment has been completed.

Comments must be received by 15 January 2018. **82 Fed. Reg. 58381** (12/12/17) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-12/pdf/2017-26724.pdf>].

USCG – Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** providing a recap of the Third Annual Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum held on 6-7 December in Houston. (12/11/17) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/12/11/12112017-recap-of-3rd-annual-liquefied-gas-senior-executive-forum/>].

IMO – strategic directions and vision statement



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that the Assembly met in London on 27 November – 6 December and adopted updated strategic directions and a vision statement. (12/11/17) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/37-A30.aspx>].

NATO – Operation Sea Guardian



NATO issued a **news release** stating that Operation Sea Guardian is underway through 13 December in the eastern and central Mediterranean. In coordination with the Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS), naval forces are testing and evaluating procedures regarding information sharing between the merchant shipping community and NATO. (12/11/17) [<http://www.mc.nato.int/media-centre/news/2017/nato-operation-sea-guardian-operating-with-nato-shipping-centre-support.aspx>].

Denmark – international regulations for autonomous ships



The Danish Maritime Authority (DMA) issued a **press release** calling for international regulations to support development of autonomous ships. (12/11/17) [https://www.dma.dk/Presse/Nyheder/Sider/regulation_to_prepare_the_way_for_autonomous_ships.aspx].

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