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Puerto Rico – vessel salvage operations continue



The US Coast Guard issued a [news release](#) stating that its work with the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources to remove vessels damaged or stranded by Hurricane Maria continues. To date, 375 impacted vessels have been identified and 188 of those cases are now closed.

(1/5/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d07108>].

USCG – use of unmanned aircraft systems



The US Coast Guard issued a General Message providing guidance to field units on the authorized use of Coast Guard unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). The UAS may be used photo or video imagery in support of infrastructure inspections, environmental observation, pollution response, post-storm survey,

ice survey, communications support, and public relations. Other missions require specific authorization. **ALCOAST 004/18** (1/5/18) [<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1d0fcb5>].

BSEE – Performance-Based Risk Inspection pilot



The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) issued **press release** stating that it issued a safety alert to the offshore oil and gas industry based on its newly instituted Performance-Based Risk Inspection pilot. This safety alert concerns gas release hazards. (1/5/18) [<https://www.bsee.gov/newsroom/latest-news/statements-and-releases/press-releases/bsee-issues-safety-alert-based-on/>].

BOEM – proposal for OCS oil & gas leasing program



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) seeks comment on the Draft Proposed Program (DPP) for the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. It also intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the DPP. Comments should be submitted by 9 March. **83 Fed. Reg. 829** (1/8/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-08/pdf/2018-00083.pdf>].

Treasury – international boycott countries



The Department of the Treasury published the current list of countries which require or may require participation in or cooperation with an international boycott. The list consists of Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. **83 Fed. Reg. 966** (1/8/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-08/pdf/2018-00123.pdf>].

IMO – Assembly 30 and Council 119 summarized



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** summarizing the work of the IMO's 30th session of the Assembly and the 119th session of the Council. (1/5/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/05/1-5-2018-coast-guard-members-attend-international-maritime-organization-30th-session-of-assembly-and-119th-session-of-council/>].

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