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## **USCG – interpretations on the ISM Code**



The USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance (CG-CVC) Mission Management System (MMS) issued a **Work Instruction** (WI) concerning US Flag Administration Interpretations on application and implementation of the ISM Code. (4/16/18)

[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/CVC\\_MMS/CVC-WI-004\(1\).pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/CVC_MMS/CVC-WI-004(1).pdf)].

## **USCG – Tug Safe**



The USCG Towing Vessel Center of Expertise (TVCOE) is preparing to establish a link in the upper left section of its homepage for the Inspected

Towing Vessel Decision Aid (**Tug Safe**). Clicking on Tug Safe, once it is activated, will provide access to a variety of extracts including Construction & Arrangement; Credentials, Documents & Records; and Fire Protection. (4/13/18)  
[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Traveling-Inspector-Staff-CG-5P-TI/Towing-Vessel-National-Center-of-Expertise/TugSafe/>]. *Note: The item in yesterday's newsletter was premature.*

## DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC seeking authorization to export previously imported liquefied natural gas (LNG). Comments must be received by 17 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 16843** (4/17/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-17/pdf/2018-07894.pdf>].

## Biloxi – restricted area



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) promulgated a final rule establishing a no anchorage restricted area on waters of the Back Bay of Biloxi shoreline of Keesler Air Force Base. The rule enters into effect on 17 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 16783** (4/17/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-17/pdf/2018-07919.pdf>].

## EPA – members sought for MSTRS



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations for appointment to its Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS). Nominations must be submitted by 22 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 16852** (4/17/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-17/pdf/2018-08018.pdf>].

## BOEM – offshore RI & MA renewable energy leasing



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that the BOEM Joint Rhode Island and Massachusetts Intergovernmental Task Forces will meet via webinar on 24 April to exchange information regarding BOEM's renewable energy leasing efforts on the outer continental shelf (OCS) offshore Rhode Island and Massachusetts. (4/16/18)  
[<https://www.boem.gov/note04162018/>].

## New Zealand – oil spill response exercise



The Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that a major oil spill response exercise will be conducted in Auckland Harbour on 17-19 April involving 120 National Response Team members. (4/16/18) [<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20180415a.asp>].

## Panama Canal – increase in Neopanamax vessel booking slots



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory stating that, effective 7 May, one additional booking slot will be offered to interested vessels (except LNG carriers) meeting certain criteria. **Advisory 10-2018** (4/12/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-10-2018.pdf>].

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