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## **NY/NJ – security zone**



The US Coast Guard proposes to modify the security zone surrounding the bridge between Liberty State Park and Ellis Island to allow certain vessels to transit under the bridge. Comments must be received by 21 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 17513** (4/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-20/pdf/2018-08323.pdf>].

## **USCG – Maritime Cold Weather Suit System**



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it intends to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with W. L. Gore and Associates to conduct insulation value testing for the Coast Guard's

Maritime Cold Weather Suit System (MCWSS) in the air instead of the water. Comments must be submitted by 21 May. **83 Fed. Reg. 17560** (4/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-04-20/pdf/2018-08311.pdf>].

### OMB – TWIC reader requirements



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) posted a **notice** stating that it received a proposed rule from the US Coast Guard regarding a delay in effective date for TWIC reader requirements. (4/18/18) [<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eoDetails?rrid=127987>].

### GAO – USCG transition assistance program



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report finding that the US Coast Guard needs to improve its data quality and monitoring of its transition assistance program for military personnel moving to the civilian sector. **GAO-18-135** (4/19/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/691359.pdf>].

### EC – impact of marine sulphur standards



The European Commission (EC) issued a **report** on how implementation of and compliance with the 2016 EU Directive on sulphur standards for marine fuels has resulted in improved air quality in European coastal regions. (4/16/18) [[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/pdf/report\\_sulphur\\_directive.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/air/pdf/report_sulphur_directive.pdf)].

### Panama Canal – maximum authorized draft



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory concerning the maximum authorized draft for the Neopanamax locks. **Advisory 12-2018** (4/18/18) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2018/a-12-2018.pdf>].

## UK – noxious liquid substances in bulk



The UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued a **notice** stating that its consultation on prevention of pollution from noxious liquid substances in bulk has concluded. (4/19/18)  
[<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-draft-merchant-shipping-prevention-of-pollution-from-noxious-liquid-substances-in-bulk-regulations-2017>].

## Deepwater Horizon – 20 April 2010



On 20 April 2010, the **MODU Deepwater Horizon**, engaged in drilling for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico, suffered a catastrophic explosion and fire. Eleven workers died. Due primarily to the heroic efforts of the crew of the OSV Damon B. Bankston, the other 115 persons on the MODU were evacuated safely. A massive oil spill ensued; the cleanup has been completed; and restoration work is slowly beginning. Most of the damage claims have been settled, but some litigation is ongoing. While root causation and ultimate responsibility for this casualty continue to be disputed, it is clear that the tragic incident was preventable.

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