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USCG – rebroadcast of NGA navigational warnings



The US Coast Guard proposes to cease rebroadcasting HYDROLANT and HYDROPAC navigational warnings from the National Geospatial-

Intelligence Agency (NGA). Comments must be received by 13 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 22276** (5/14/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-14/pdf/2018-10215.pdf>].

USCG – bulk liquid transfer monitors



The US Coast Guard promulgated the Regulated Bulk Liquid Transfer Monitors Manual. This manual expounds on the authority and jurisdiction used by Coast Guard personnel to conduct oil and hazardous material transfer monitors and to enforce compliance with facility and vessel pollution prevention regulations. **COMDTINST M16455.11** (4/23/18) [https://media.defense.gov/2018/May/04/2001912396/-1/-1/o/CIM_16455_11.PDF].

USCG – Safety Alert re internal reporting systems



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert reminding owners and operators of all commercial vessels of the importance of developing and maintaining organizational-wide internal reporting systems. The purpose of such a reporting system is to allow vessel employees at any level to anonymously report, when desired, issues related to vessel material safety, operational safety and environmental compliance. The reporting systems must operate with a non-retaliation policy, which explains that the organization will not retaliate against any employee who, in good faith, reports a potential violation. Reporting policy should dictate that all company officials know that any attempt at retaliation against an employee who uses the reporting system or engages in any kind of whistleblowing would result in immediate disciplinary action. Without such a policy, employees and others will likely be hesitant to report potential problems internally. This non-retaliation policy is critical if your reporting system is to be effective. **Safety Alert 05-18** (5/10/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/0518.pdf?ver=2018-05-11-143013-140>].

USCG – FRP gratings



The US Coast Guard issued a policy letter providing guidance on the acceptance of Fiber Reinforced Plastic (FRP) gratings for use on inspected vessels, including offshore drilling units and floating production platforms. **CG-ENG Policy Letter 01-18** (5/1/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/Design%20a>

nd%20Engineering%20Standards/Life%20Saving%20and%20Fire%20Safety/Docs/CG_ENG_01-18_FRP.pdf?ver=2018-05-10-135343-997].

USCG – application for BWMS type approval



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the fourteenth application for ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval has been received for the OceanGuard Ballast Water Management System manufactured by Headway Technology Co., Ltd. (5/11/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/05/11/5-11-2018-14th-application-received-for-bwms-type-approval/>].

USCG – Jordan Cove LNG review completed



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it completed its review of the Waterway Suitability Assessment submitted by KSEAS Consulting on behalf of Jordan Cove LNG for the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal planned for construction and operation in Coos Bay, Oregon. The USCG Letter of Recommendation has been submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). (5/11/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1ef91ba>].

Guantanamo Bay – servicing buoys



The US Navy issued a **news release** concerning the servicing of buoys in Guantanamo Bay by the crew of USCGC Willow (WLB 202). (5/11/18)
[http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=105552].

DOE – California Maritime Academy prevails



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a **news release** stating that the California Maritime Academy won the third biennial collegiate wind competition, creating that best wind turbine design. (5/11/18)
[<https://www.energy.gov/articles/california-state-university-maritime-academy-blows-away-competition-3rd-biennial-collegiate>].

NPS & MARAD – maritime heritage grants



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) issued a **news release** stating that the National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with MARAD, is awarding \$2.6 million in maritime heritage grants. (5/11/18)
[https://www.marad.dot.gov/newsroom/news_release/2018/national-park-service-and-maritime-administration-announce-2-6-million-in-maritime-heritage-preservation/].

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