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USCG – safety alert re bollard failures



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert regarding bollard failures at marine facilities. Facility owners and operators are advised to develop inspection programs to detect deficient bollards prior to failure. **Alert 06-18 (5/30/18)**

[<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/0618.pdf?ver=2018-05-30-135040-633>].

USCG – safety alert re ethylene vapors



The US Coast Guard issued a safety alert regarding hazards associated with leaks of ethylene vapors. Such vapors may activate the carbon monoxide alarm on portable gas monitors and detectors while not activating the lower explosive limit (LEL) reading on such monitors. **Alert 07-18** (5/30/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/0718.pdf?ver=2018-05-30-135040-603>].

USCG – seeking deck and engineer officers



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued an **announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for four permanent positions for individuals with shipboard deck and engineer officer backgrounds to serve as subject matter experts for review of course and program submittals and development and revision of officer and rating examinations. (5/30/18) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/nmc_position_vacancies_053018.pdf].

FMC – meeting on 6 June



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the Commissioners will meet in open session on 6 June in Washington, DC. The matters to be considered are a staff briefing on monitoring of ocean carrier and marine terminal operator agreements and Docket No. 17-10: Negotiated Rate Agreements (NRAs) and NVOCC Service Agreements (NSAs). (5/30/18) [https://www.fmc.gov/meeting_6-6-2018/].

MARAD – Centers of Excellence



The Maritime Administration (MARAD) seeks comments on the draft application process to designate training entities as Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education (CoE). Comments must be received by 2 July. **83 Fed. Reg. 25109** (5/31/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-31/pdf/2018-11682.pdf>].

ANSTF – meeting on 12-14 June



The Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), will meet on 12-14 June in Silver Spring. Topics on the agenda include an update from the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee. **83 Fed. Reg. 25030** (5/31/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-31/pdf/2018-11735.pdf>].

EMSA – sulfur inspection guidance



The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) posted the document **Sulphur Inspection Guidance**. It is intended to provide guidance to EU port state control agencies for a harmonized approach to the inspection of ships, ascertaining their compliance, identifying non-compliances, and applying control procedures for the enforcement of Directive (EU) 2016/802 (codification of Council Directive 1999/32/EC), as regards the sulphur content of marine fuels. (5/30/18) [<http://www.emsa.europa.eu/emsa-homepage/2-news-a-press-centre/news/2407-sulphur-inspection-guidance.html>].

UK – seafarers in the UK shipping industry



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) posted the report **Seafarers in the UK Shipping Industry: 2017**. An estimated 23,760 UK seafarers were active at sea during the year. (5/30/18) [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/711537/seafarers-in-uk-shipping-industry-2017.pdf].

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