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## **Port Arthur – temporary safety zone**



The US Coast Guard promulgated a final rule establishing, through 31 January 2023, a temporary safety zone for the upper reaches of Taylor Turning Basin in Port Arthur, Texas. [83 Fed. Reg. 33842](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-18/pdf/2018-15295.pdf) (7/18/18)  
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-07-18/pdf/2018-15295.pdf>].

## **USCG – TugSafe Central**



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) stating that the TugSafe Lite website has been retitled as the [TugSafe Central](#) website. The site provides Subchapter M requirements and guidance and has been expanded to include two new sections: (1) Appeals and Alternative Compliance Options and (2) TPO and TSMS. (7/17/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/17/07-17->

2018-tugsafe-lite-is-now-tugsafe-central-with-two-new-sections-and-more-links-to-useful-information/].

### USCG – structural assessment of aged ships



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** announcing that the Ship Structure Committee released a new report (SSC-474) titled '**Structural Assessment of Aged Ships**'. (7/17/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/07/17/07-17-2018-new-ship-structure-committee-report-released-ssc-474/>].

### USCG – PICWG meeting on 12 September



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that the 2018 Public Interface Control Working Group (PICWG) and Open Public Forum will be held on 12 September in El Segundo. (7/16/18)  
[[https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/CGSICBulletin\\_2018\\_PICWG\\_Announcement.pdf](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/CGSICBulletin_2018_PICWG_Announcement.pdf)].

### FERC – LNG terminal applications timely



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that, contrary to recent media reports, there are no delays of 12-18 months regarding the timing of pending applications for liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals. (7/17/18) [<https://www.ferc.gov/media/news-releases/2018/2018-3/07-17-18.asp#.W045WGBKjq8>].

### House – bill introduced re Nord Stream 2 pipeline



Representative Huffman (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 6384) to impose sanctions relating to persons operating the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Huffman issued a **press release** explaining the measure. (16/7/18)  
[<https://huffman.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-huffman-introduces-counteracting-russian-power-plays-act-to-protect>].

## Washington – seeking marine transportation safety specialist



The Washington Department of Ecology posted a **job announcement** stating that it seeks qualified applicants for the position of Vessel and Oil Transfer Inspector (Marine Transportation Safety Specialist 3). The initial screening will be on 30 July. (7/17/18)  
[<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/2143359/vessel-and-oil-transfer-inspector-marine-transportation-safety-specialist-3in>].

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