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DOE – RFI for offshore wind R&D facilities



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice inviting public comment on its Request for Information (RFI) regarding national-level test facilities for offshore wind-specific research and development. Responses to the RFI must be received by 14 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 37488** (8/1/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-08-01/pdf/2018-16453.pdf>].

NAP – Autonomy on Land and Sea



The National Academies Press (NAP) issued a **bulletin** announcing publication of 'Autonomy on Land and Sea and in the Air and Space: Proceedings of a Forum'. The publication documents a recent forum of the Academy of Engineering concerning the multidisciplinary, multicultural, and global development of autonomous vehicles and vessels. They all rely on communications, artificial intelligence, sensors, virtual and enhanced reality, big data, security, and many other technologies. (7/31/18)

[https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25168/autonomy-on-land-and-sea-and-in-the-air-and-space?utm_source=NASEM+News+and+Publications&utm_campaign=012353c2b8-Final_Book_2018_07_31_25168&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_96101de015-012353c2b8-102060401&goal=0_96101de015-012353c2b8-102060401&mc_cid=012353c2b8&mc_eid=5629efob84].

CRS – USCG polar icebreaker program



The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued an updated report on the Coast Guard Polar Icebreaker Program. The report discusses the agency's program to acquire up to three new heavy polar icebreakers, as well as plans to acquire up to three new medium polar icebreakers. Construction of the first new heavy polar icebreaker is scheduled to begin in FY2019 with entry into service in 2023. **RL34391** (7/9/18) [<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL34391.pdf>].

Paris MOU – 2017 CIC report



The Paris MOU posted the **report** of its Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on Safety of Navigation, including ECDIS. The CIC ran from 1 September to 30 November 2017. The overall detention rate during this period was 3.5%, while the CIC-topic deficiency rate of 1.2% was deemed satisfactory. (7/31/18) [<https://www.parismou.org/concentrated-inspection-campaign-cic-safety-navigation-including-ecdis-2017>].

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