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USCG – NVIC re MARPOL Annex IV



The US Coast Guard issued a Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) providing updated guidance concerning voluntary compliance with the international sewage regulations in Annex IV to MARPOL. **NVIC 1-09, Change 1** (8/18/18)
[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2009/NVIC_1-09\(Ch1\).pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2009/NVIC_1-09(Ch1).pdf)].

USCG – Merchant Mariner Examination Working Group



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** providing an update on the Merchant Mariner Examination Working Group. A review session for engineers will be held on 6-8 November in Dania Beach. (9/5/18)
[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/exam_working_group_update_090518.pdf].

USCG – \$225,000 Ready for Rescue Challenge



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** announcing launch of the **Ready for Rescue Challenge**, a \$255,000 prize competition that seeks boater safety solutions that will help make it easier to find people in the water. Concepts should be submitted by 15 October. (9/5/18)
[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/20b5bff>].

BOEM – New York Bight Offshore Wind



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** announcing that it will host public meetings on the New York Bight Offshore Wind initiative. Meetings will be held in Riverhead, NY (September 17); New Bedford, Massachusetts (September 18); and Long Branch, New Jersey (September 20). It will host a webinar on 25 September. (9/4/18)
[<https://www.boem.gov/note09042018/>].

FMC – interpretive rule proposal



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) seeks public comment on its interpretation of the scope of the Shipping Act of 1984 prohibition against failing to establish, observe, and enforce just and reasonable regulations and practices relating to or connected with receiving, handling, storing, or delivering property. Comments should be submitted by 10 October. **83 Fed. Reg. 45367** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19328.pdf>].

FMC – OOCL exemption petition



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a notice stating that it received a petition from Orient Overseas Container Line and OOCL (Europe) for an exemption so that they may reduce their tariff rates effective upon filing. Comments must be received by 18 September. **83 Fed. Reg. 45238** (9/7/18) [].

FERC – Eagle LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Eagle LNG project in Jacksonville. **83 Fed. Reg. 45422** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19393.pdf>].

FERC – Gulf LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Gulf LNG project in Jackson County, Mississippi. **83 Fed. Reg. 45440** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19388.pdf>].

FERC – Gulf LNG final order schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the final order schedule for the Gulf LNG project in Jackson County, Mississippi. **83 Fed. Reg. 45424** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19387.pdf>].

FERC – Venture Global Plaquemines LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Venture Global Plaquemines LNG project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45436** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19394.pdf>].

FERC – Calcasieu Pass LNG final order schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the final order schedule for the Calcasieu Pass LNG project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45424** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19389.pdf>].

FERC – Driftwood LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Driftwood LNG project on the Calcasieu River. **83 Fed. Reg. 45425** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19395.pdf>].

FERC – Port Arthur LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Port Arthur LNG project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45441** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19392.pdf>].

FERC – Freeport LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for Train 4 of the Freeport LNG project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45426** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19402.pdf>].

FERC – Corpus Christi LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for Stage 3 of the Corpus Christi LNG project. **83 Fed. Reg. 45433** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19406.pdf>].

FERC – Texas LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Texas LNG project in Brownsville. **83 Fed. Reg. 45437** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19390.pdf>].

FERC – Annova LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Annova LNG project in Brownsville. **83 Fed. Reg. 45422** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19399.pdf>].

FERC – Rio Grande LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Rio Grande LNG project in Brownsville. **83 Fed. Reg. 45427** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19398.pdf>].

FERC – Jordan Cove LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Jordan Cove LNG project in Oregon. **83 Fed. Reg. 45435** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19403.pdf>].

FERC – Jordan Cove LNG final order schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the final order schedule for the Jordan Cove LNG project in Oregon. **83 Fed. Reg. 45426** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19404.pdf>].

FERC – Alaska Gasline LNG ER schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the environmental review (ER) schedule for the Alaska Gasline LNG project in Cook Inlet. **83 Fed. Reg. 45438** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19401.pdf>].

FERC – Alaska Gasline final order schedule



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of the final order schedule for the Alaska Gasline LNG project in Cook Inlet. **83 Fed. Reg. 45436** (9/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-09-07/pdf/2018-19396.pdf>].

GAO – Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the **Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway**. Stakeholders identified many challenges to using the seaway. For example, the cost of hiring pilots to navigate the system increased in 2016; older lock infrastructure is at risk of failure; and ports aren't set up to clear passengers and container cargo for travel. **GAO-18-610** (9/5/18) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/694296.pdf>].

GAO – Polar Icebreaker Program



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on the USCG-USN **Polar Icebreaker Program**. The icebreaker program faces risks in 3 key areas: (1) the program has not fully assessed how well key technologies will work in this particular effort; (2) its cost estimate may underestimate the funding needed; and (3) it set ship delivery dates that are optimistic and not based on a

realistic shipbuilding assessment. (9/4/18)
[<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/694249.pdf>].

Shipping Act, 1916 – enacted 7 September 1916



On 7 September 1916, the **Shipping Act, 1916** was enacted into law. While amended various times and recently codified, it is largely in force today. Among other things, it included citizenship requirements for ownership of US vessels and established the United States Shipping Board, which was later split into what are today the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) and the Maritime Administration (MARAD). (9/7/1916) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/039_Stat_728.pdf].

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