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USCG - 2016.1 PREP Guidelines

The US Coast Guard issued the Update to the 2016 National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (NPREP) Guidelines – referred to as the 2016.1 PREP Guidelines. These guidelines entered into effect on 1 October. (10/2/18) [http://www.brymar-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/PREP Guidelines 2016-1 181002.pdf].

Bermuda – supplies dropped to disabled freighter

The US Coast Guard issued a news release stating that it air-dropped supplies to a disabled freighter 1380 miles southeast of Bermuda. (10/2/18) [https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2119771].

Johnston Atoll - FWS crew evacuated

The US Coast Guard issued a news release stating that it evacuated the four-person Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) team from Johnston Atoll ahead of Hurricane Walaka. (10/2/18)
[https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2118b60].

USCG – BWM enforcement and compliance

The US Coast Guard issued a bulletin summarizing its presentation at a recent ballast water management conference on enforcement and compliance. (10/2/18) [http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/02/10-2-2018-ballast-water-technology-north-america-conference-recap-of-presentation-walking-the-walk-on-enforcement-and-compliance/].

DHS OIG – USCG oversight of TWIC program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued the report of its review of the Coast Guard's oversight of the TWIC program. It found that the Coast Guard does not have a full understanding of the extent to which the TWIC program addresses security risks in the maritime environment and did not clearly define the applicability of facilities that certain dangerous cargo in bulk when developing the final rule to implement the use of TWIC readers at high-risk maritime facilities. OIG-18-88 (9/28/18) [https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-10/OIG-18-88-Sep18.pdf].

Norfolk – EIS re coastal storm risk management

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the City of Norfolk Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study. The study evaluates identified flood risks and develops and evaluates coastal storm risk management measures related to sea level rise, local subsistence, and storms. Comments must be received by 2 November. 83 Fed. Reg. 49915 (10/3/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-03/pdf/2018-21537.pdf]. Note: Some projections call for sea level rise of more than one meter (see pages 9-11 of EIS).

New Zealand - \$100,000 fine for Subantarctic grounding

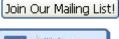
Maritime New Zealand issued a media release stating that the cruise company and master of L'Austral have been fined \$100,000 for endangering human life and entering a prohibited zone. On 9 January 2017 the ship grounded on an uncharted rock in the Subantarctic Snare Islands, violating the 300m exclusion zone around the islands. (10/2/18)

[https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-

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