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## **USCG – special consideration for inspected towing vessels**



The US Coast Guard posted a Work Instruction providing OCMI guidance on special consideration for 46 CFR Subchapter M vessels (i.e., inspected towing vessels). [CG-CVC-WI-010\(1\)](#) (10/2/18)  
[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/CVC\\_MMS/CVC-WI-010\(1\).pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/CVC_MMS/CVC-WI-010(1).pdf)].

## **USCG – cyber threats in the marine environment**



The US Coast Guard issued a [bulletin](#) discussing cyber threats in the marine environment. (10/4/18)  
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/10/04/10-4-2018-national-cybersecurity-awareness-month-cyber-threats-in-the-maritime-environment/>].

## FERC – Port Arthur LNG EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Port Arthur LNG project has been completed. Comments must be received by 19 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 47000** (10/9/18) [].

## FMC – user fees



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a direct final updating its existing user fees. The rule will enter into effect on 19 November unless significant adverse comments are received by 5 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 50290** (10/5/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-05/pdf/2018-21671.pdf>].

## OFAC – sanctions re North Korea



The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued a **notice** stating that sanctions have been imposed on a number of individuals and entities, including certain vessels, for violation of economic sanctions against North Korea. (10/4/18) [<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/OFAC-Enforcement/Pages/20181004.aspx>].

## DOI – Deepwater Horizon oil spill restoration



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a notice stating that comments are sought on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill restoration proposal for the open ocean. Webinars will be held on 16 and 17 October. Written comments must be received by 9 November. **83 Fed. Reg. 47000** (10/9/18) [].

## Senate – recapitalization of USCG & NOAA ships



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation will meet on 11 October to consider recapitalization of the Coast Guard and NOAA ships, (10/5/18).

## Court – towing license for underwater survey



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled that the master of a vessel engaged in towing a 'towfish' used for purposes of conducting an archeological survey of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) is required to hold a towing license. Since the master did not hold the required license, the vessel was not eligible to limit its liability after the towfish struck and damaged the mooring cable of an offshore drilling rig. **Shell Offshore v Tesla Offshore**, No. 16-30528 (5th Cir., October 5, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/16/16-30528-CVo.pdf>].

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