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## **USCG – replacing MMCs lost due to Hurricane Michael**



The USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) issued a **bulletin** explaining how US mariners may obtain, free of charge, duplicate merchant mariner credentials (MMCs) for the originals lost or destroyed as a result of Hurricane Michael or subsequent flooding. (10/16/18)  
[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/hurricane\\_michael\\_duplicate\\_mmc\\_notice.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/hurricane_michael_duplicate_mmc_notice.pdf)].

## **USCG – assessing BWMS operational limitations**



The US Coast Guard posted **guidance** to independent laboratories for assessing the manufacturer-identified operational limitations during type approval testing of ballast water management systems (BWMSs). (10/17/18)  
[[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/Marine%20Safety%20Center/2018.10.17%20CGOES%20ltr%20Assessing%20Operational%20Limits%20of%20BWMS\\_signed.pdf?ver=2018-10-17-133722-240](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/Marine%20Safety%20Center/2018.10.17%20CGOES%20ltr%20Assessing%20Operational%20Limits%20of%20BWMS_signed.pdf?ver=2018-10-17-133722-240)].

## FERC – Rio Grande LNG Project



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that an environmental impact statement (EIS) has been drafted for the Rio Grande LNG Project. Comments must be received by 3 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 52828** (10/18/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-18/pdf/2018-22727.pdf>].

## Court – no final determination of rights



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed the appeal of defendant vessel owner in a dispute with plaintiff lender. The district court had granted partial summary judgment that plaintiff had a preferred ship mortgage on defendant's vessel. The appellate court dismissed the appeal, ruling that it lacked jurisdiction in this ongoing litigation since the ruling below did not finally determine the rights or obligations of the parties in the dispute. **State Bank & Trust v C & G Liftboats**, No. 17-30792 (5th Cir., October 16, 2018) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-30792-CV0.pdf>].

## Singapore – 3-D printing



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that it signed agreements with technical entities to establish the world's first on-site additive manufacturing (AM) [also known as 3-D printing] production facility for port applications and the maritime sector. (10/17/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/28bd9f04-a13b-4b37-9cb6-8d60a075bc7a>].

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