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USCG – fire protection equipment standards



The US Coast Guard promulgated a rule finalizing the 26 February interim rule harmonizing the fire protection equipment standards for inspected towing vessels. The final rule enters into effect on 26 November. [83 Fed. Reg. 53818](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-25/pdf/2018-23314.pdf) (10/25/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-25/pdf/2018-23314.pdf>].

OSHA – MACOSH nominations sought



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) invites interested persons to submit nominations for membership on the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH). Nominations must be received by 10 December. [83 Fed. Reg. 54147](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23423.pdf) (10/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23423.pdf>].

IWUB – meeting on 28 November



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet 28 November in St. Charles, MO. Topics on the agenda include the status of funding for inland navigation projects for FY 2019 and project updates. **83 Fed. Reg. 54095** (10/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23448.pdf>].

DOE – application to export LNG



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Energia Costa Azul S. de R.L. de C.V. for authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG). Comments must be received by 26 December. **83 Fed. Reg. 54097** (10/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23473.pdf>].

Beaufort Sea – Liberty Project



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice announcing the availability of the record of decision (ROD) for the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Liberty Development and Production Plan (DPP) in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area. **83 Fed. Reg. 54136** (10/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23366.pdf>].

CBP – quarterly interest rates



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) issued a notice stating that the quarterly interest rate for the quarter beginning 1 October 2018 for overpayments will be 4% for corporations and 5% for non-corporations and the interest rate for underpayments will be 5% for both. **83 Fed. Reg. 54130** (10/26/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-10-26/pdf/2018-23469.pdf>].

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