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## **USCG – SMFF resource evaluation and activation**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** concerning the evaluation and activation of salvage and marine firefighting (SMFF) resources. The bulletin discusses the duties of vessel owner/operator in this regard as well as the use of non-dedicated resources by the contracted SMFF resource provider. (11/15/18) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/11/15/11-15-2018-evaluation-and-activation-of-salvage-marine-firefighting-resources/>].

## **DHS – semiannual regulatory agenda**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted the semiannual regulatory agenda for itself and its component agencies, including the US Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). **83 Fed. Reg. 58032** (11/16/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-16/pdf/2018-24158.pdf>]. *Note: Bear in mind that this document is aspirational in nature.*

## COAC – meeting on 5 December



The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee (COAC), sponsored by the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), will meet in Herndon, Virginia on 5 December. Topics on the agenda include Trusted Trader and CTPAT minimum security criteria and mapping the supply chains of various modes of transportation. **83 Fed. Reg. 57745** (11/16/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-16/pdf/2018-25072.pdf>].

## Mississippi – Gulf LNG draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project. Comments must be received by 7 January 2019. (11/15/18) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2018/11-15-18-DEIS.asp?csrt=3198952149695184749>].

## California – fugitive air emissions from tanker



The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) in California issued a **news release** stating that a Notice of Violation has been issued to a crude oil tanker berthed in Long Beach for fugitive air emissions. Inspection revealed that seven of ten inspected pressure release devices on the tanker were leaking hydrocarbon vapors well in excess of allowed limits. (11/9/18) [<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/news-archive/2018/violation-to-oil-tanker-ship-nov9-2018.pdf>].

## New Zealand – \$1,688 for speeding and grounding



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that the skipper of a passenger ferry in Wellington has been fined \$1,688 for exceeding the prescribed speed limit and for grounding the ferry with 18 persons on board. (11/15/18) [<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20181115a.asp>].

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