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Gulf of Mexico – lift boat casualty



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that a lift boat operating in the Gulf of Mexico near Grand Isle was abandoned by its crew of 15 after it lost power and developed a 45 degree list. There were no reported injuries and no current reports of pollution. The incident is under investigation.

(11/18/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/21c5cec>].

USCG – Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **notice** stating that the Fourth Annual Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum will be held on 4-5 December in Houston.

(11/19/18) [<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/lgcncoe/events/>].

TSAC – meeting on 5 December



The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), sponsored by the US Coast Guard, will meet via teleconference on 5 December. Topics on the agenda include a load line exemption for river barges on Lakes Erie and Ontario, implementation of Subchapter M, and towing of LNG barges. **83 Fed. Reg. 58586** (11/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-20/pdf/2018-25243.pdf>].

DOJ – proposed settlement of OPA claim



The Department of Justice (DOJ) proposes to enter into a consent decree with Hess Corporation for payment of \$8,723,394.88 for a 2005 oil spill from its offshore platform in the Gulf of Mexico in violation of the Oil Pollution Act. Comments must be received within 30 days. **83 Fed. Reg. 58604** (11/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-20/pdf/2018-25211.pdf>].

Louisiana – Venture Global Plaquemines LNG draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding the proposed Venture Global Plaquemines LNG project. Comments must be received by 7 January 2019. **83 Fed. Reg. 58558** (11/20/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-20/pdf/2018-25308.pdf>].

Massachusetts – grant for tug reengining



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a **news release** stating that a grant in the amount of \$579,991 has been awarded for the reengining of a New Bedford tug. (11/19/18) [<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-awards-more-570000-reduce-diesel-emissions-harbor-protect-health>].

California – offshore wind planning forum



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a [press release](#) stating that it will host a local informational forum on offshore wind planning in Obispo, California on 13 December. (11/19/18) [<https://www.boem.gov/note11192018/>].

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