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Mississippi – Gulf LNG draft EIS

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice 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. 83 Fed. Reg. 59375 (11/23/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-23/pdf/2018-25473.pdf].

Louisiana – proposed FTZ activity

The Department of Commerce (DOC) issued a notice stating that it received a notification of a proposed production activity involving LNG processing in a foreign trade zone (FTZ) at the Driftwood LNG facility in Lake Charles. Comments must be received by 2 January 2019. 83 Fed. Reg. 59358 (11/23/18) [https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-11-23/pdf/2018-25518.pdf].

Canada - 2018 CCG Arctic operations ending

The Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) issued a news release stating that its 2018 Arctic operations have come to an end. During the season, seven icebreakers were deployed throughout Arctic waters conducting a wide variety of missions. (11/19/18) [https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-coast-guard/news/2018/11/canadian-coast-guard-2018-arctic-operations-coming-to-an-end.html].

Passing of Andrew Fitzgerald

On November 15, 2018, Andrew Fitzgerald, the last surviving member of the crew of Coast Guard lifeboat CG36500 passed. The three other crew members on that historic rescue mission in 1952: BM1 Bernard Webber (coxswain), SN Richard Livesey, and SN Ervin Maske, had passed in 2009, 2007, and 2003 respectively. In a motorized lifeboat designed to hold a maximum of eight persons, they rescued the 32 surviving seamen from the sinking stern of the tanker Pendleton in a raging storm off Chatham, Massachusetts. It is rightly referred to as the greatest small-boat rescue in the history of the Coast Guard. The event has been memorialized in a number of books and a feature motion picture. The four individuals who performed the brave deed should never be forgotten.

MREN - The Forward-Facing Coast Guard

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In the November 2018 edition of Maritime Reporter and Engineering News, you can find my article entitled "The Forward-Facing Coast Guard". The article discusses the recently-published Coast Guard Maritime Commerce Strategic Outlook. The document identifies three major lines of effort for meeting the service's challenges ahead: (1) facilitating lawful trade and travel on secure waterways; (2) modernizing aids to navigation and mariner information systems; and (3) transforming workforce capacity and partnerships. The Outlook goes a long way toward providing Coast Guard members and employees and those who work with or are impacted by the service with a better understanding of where this national treasure is headed.

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