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## **Offshore Massachusetts – Vineyard project draft EIS**



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a notice stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the proposed Vineyard wind energy facility offshore Massachusetts. Comments should be submitted by 22 January 2019. [83 Fed. Reg. 63184 \(12/7/18\)](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-07/pdf/2018-26573.pdf) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-07/pdf/2018-26573.pdf>].

## **Atlantic Ocean – seismic surveys authorized**



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that authorizations have been issued to companies proposing to conduct seismic geophysical surveys in support of hydrocarbon exploration in the Atlantic Ocean that might incidentally, but not intentionally, harass marine

mammals. [83 Fed. Reg. 63268](https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-07/pdf/2018-26460.pdf) (12/7/18) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-12-07/pdf/2018-26460.pdf>].

### Senate – hearing on Arctic maritime transportation



The Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Senate Commerce Committee conducted a **hearing** entitled “Preparing for Maritime Transportation in a Changing Arctic”. Testimony was received from: Mr. Willie Goodwin, Arctic Waterways Safety Committee; Mr. Andrew Hartsig, Ocean Conservancy; Ms. Kathy Metcalf, Chamber of Shipping of America; and Captain Ed Page, Marine Exchange of Alaska. (12/6/18) [<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=F5A93A24-76E1-4EE7-8932-2337F5FB7F37>].

### Senate – bill introduced re port threat analysis



Senator Cornyn (R-TX) introduced a bill (S. 3706) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Senator Cornyn issued a **news release** explaining the measure. (12/5/18).

### California – \$630,625 penalty for air emissions



The California Air Resources Board (ARB) issued a **news release** stating that Mediterranean Shipping Company S.A. (MSC) paid \$630,625 in penalties for violating the Ocean-Going Vessel At-Berth regulation. Investigation revealed more than 2,500 violations for failing to reduce auxiliary engine power generation by at least 50% and for exceeding limits for auxiliary engine run time. MSC cooperated with the investigation and subsequently converted its California fleets to include 100% shore power-equipped vessels. (12/5/18) [<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/msc-mediterranean-shipping-company-pays-630k-air-quality-violations>].

### Singapore – port limits



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) posted a circular advising of an amendment to the Singapore Port Limits. **Port Marine Circular 9-2018** (12/6/18) [<https://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/port-of->

singapore/circulars-and-notices/detail/8c7a69a3-5cca-4d11-9503-df80e24b6e19].

### **USCGC White Alder – 7 December 1968**



The coastal buoy tender **USCGC White Alder** (WLM 541) was homeported in New Orleans. On 7 December 1968, it was downbound on the Mississippi River near White Castle, Louisiana when it collided with the upbound freighter Helena. The smaller White Alder sank almost immediately. Of the 20 crew members, three survived and three bodies were recovered. The other 14 remained entombed in the wreck buried at the bottom of the river. A memorial to the lost crew was dedicated at the Coast Guard base in New Orleans.

### **Attack on Pearl Harbor – 7 December 1941**



Today marks the 77th anniversary of the **attack on Pearl Harbor**, which directly caused the death of over two thousand Americans and the sinking of a number of US Navy warships. It resulted in a major combat role for the US in World War II, which had commenced more than two years previously. Up until the attack, the US had limited its participation largely to supply and logistics. After the attack, it was all in. The war continued for almost another four years, with the loss of millions of lives and large-scale property destruction. A new world order eventually emerged. With hard work, increased cooperation, good luck, and mature judgment, we can avoid such conflicts in the future.

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