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Gulf of Mexico – oil discharge response



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that it issued a Notice of Federal Assumption of a portion of the response operations to contain an oil discharge for the site of the 2004 collapsed Mississippi Canyon Block 20 (MC20) offshore platform eleven miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi River. (12/14/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/22296eb>].

Note: This slow discharge, probably around 50 barrels per day, has continued

so long that it may be one of the largest in US history. The well owner remains responsible for the sunken platform removal and will be liable for reimbursement of federal response expenses.

USCG – 14th BWMS type approval certificate issued



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating its 14th ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval certificate has been issued to Pania Co., Ltd for its GloEn-Patrol BWMS. (12/14/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/14/12-14-2018-marine-safety-center-issues-14th-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval-certificate/>].

USCG – 22nd BWMS type approval application received



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that the 22nd application for ballast water management system (BWMS) type approval has been received. This application is for the Semb-Eco LUV U1 BWMS manufactured by Semb-Eco Pte, Ltd. (12/14/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/14/12-14-2018-marine-safety-center-receives-22nd-application-for-ballast-water-management-system-type-approval/>].

USCG – Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that it co-hosted the recent Fourth Annual Liquefied Gas Senior Executive Forum in Houston. Topics included liquefied gas import and export facilities and use of liquefied gas as a marine fuel. (12/14/18)
[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/14/12-14-2018-coast-guard-and-industry-reps-host-4th-liquefied-gas-senior-executive-forum/>].

FMC – unjust and unreasonable practices



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) promulgated a final rule addressing unjust and unreasonable practices or regulations under the Shipping Act enters into effect immediately. **83 Fed. Reg. 64478** (12/17/18)
[<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-17/pdf/2018-27181.pdf>].

FMC – OTI rule proposal



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) proposes to amend the rules governing licensing, financial responsibility requirements, and general duties for ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs). Comments must be submitted by 18 January 2019. [83 Fed. Reg. 64502](#) (12/17/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-17/pdf/2018-27062.pdf>].

Brownsville – LNG project draft EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a [news release](#) stating that a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared regarding the Annova LNG Brownsville Project. Comments must be received by 4 February 2019. (12/14/18) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2018/12-14-18-DEIS.asp?csrt=5666168700450520031>].

Offshore Massachusetts – wind energy auction nets \$405 million



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a [press release](#) stating that the recent auction of wind energy leases in 390,000 acres of federal waters offshore Massachusetts brought in winning bids totaling \$405 million. (12/14/18) [<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/bidding-bonanza-trump-administration-smashes-record-offshore-wind-auction-405-million>].

Senate – bill introduced re oil spill tax deduction



Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced a bill (S. 3756) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/13/18).

Senate – bill introduced re oil spill costs



Senator Menendez (D-NJ) introduced a bill (S. 3757) to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (12/13/18).

UNCTAD – demurrage and detention charges



The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published an **article** on demurrage and detention charges in container shipping. (12/12/18)

[https://unctad.org/en/pages/newsdetails.aspx?OriginalVersionID=1959&utm_source=UNCTAD+Transport+and+Trade+Facilitation+Newsletter&utm_campaign=495b792b7e-

EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_09_18_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=o_f6141a63dd-495b792b7e-44484485].

China – air pollutant emission control areas



The Chinese Ministry of Transport issued a **Notice** about ship-generated air pollutant emission control areas. (11/30/18) [http://www.brymarconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/Misc/China_Air_Emissions_Notice_181130.pdf]. *Note: This item was brought to my attention by my good friend Emilio Tombolesi of Carnival Corporation.*

India – 2020 sulphur content reminder



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a circular reminding ship owners and operators, as well as bunker suppliers, of their responsibilities with regard to the 2020 sulphur content regulations.

Engineering Circular 5-2018 (12/14/18)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/201812140512464249255Eng_Cir_5of2018.PDF].

New Zealand – intoxicated tanker master fined \$1,000



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that a tanker master has been fined \$1,000 for exceeding the alcohol limit for a seafarer. The tanker was preparing to depart port when the pilot became suspicious. (12/13/18) [<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20181213a.asp>].

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