

## Headlines:

Louisville – Ohio River closed due to barge casualty;  
USCG – third party oversight;  
FERC – Sabine Pass expansion proposal;  
FMC – closed due to lack of funding;  
DOI – closed due to lack of funding; and  
DHS – lapse in federal funding.

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## **Louisville – Ohio River closed due to barge casualty**



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the Ohio River near Louisville is closed to navigation from Twelve Mile Island to the McAlpine Lock and Dam following a tug and barge casualty. The tug made contact with the 2nd Avenue Bridge and its 15 barges loaded with coal broke away. Six barges have been recovered and nine barges are lying on the dam. The incident is under investigation. (12/26/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/224c431>].

## **USCG – third party oversight**



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** updating actions taken on the past year to address gaps in third party oversight and the Alternative Compliance Program (ACP). The El Faro Final Action Memo identified these issues and committed the service to taking corrective action. (12/26/18)

[<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/12/26/12-26-2018-third-party->

oversight-one-year-after-the-commandants-final-action-memo-on-the-el-faro-sinking/].

### **FERC – Sabine Pass expansion proposal**



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Sabine Pass LNG, LP for authorization for a Third Berth Expansion Project. **83 Fed. Reg. 66696** (12/27/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-27/pdf/2018-27956.pdf>].

### **FMC – closed due to lack of funding**



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that the agency is closed due to the partial federal government shutdown and will resume operation upon enactment of appropriations legislation. (12/26/18) [[https://www.fmc.gov/the\\_federal\\_maritime\\_commission\\_is\\_closed/](https://www.fmc.gov/the_federal_maritime_commission_is_closed/)].

### **DOI – closed due to lack of funding**



The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a **press release** stating that the department and its constituent agencies, including the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) are closed due to the partial government shutdown. (12/26/18) [<https://www.doi.gov/shutdown>].

### **DHS – lapse in federal funding**



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a **news release** stating that its website will not be actively managed due to a lapse in federal funding. (12/26/18) [<https://www.dhs.gov/blog/2018/12/26/due-lapse-federal-funding-website-will-not-be-actively-managed>].

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