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Louisville – Ohio River reopened with restrictions



The US Coast Guard issued a **news release** stating that the Ohio River near Louisville has been reopened to navigation with restrictions. Six of the fifteen barges that broke away have been recovered. Response efforts continue. The incident is under investigation. (12/27/18)

[<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/224ee23>].

USCG – NMC & RECs closed



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** stating that, due to a lapse in appropriations, the National Maritime Center (NMC) and all Regional Exam Centers (RECs) are closed until further notice. (12/26/18) [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/partial_govt_shutdown_20181226.pdf?ver=2018-12-26-151528-060].

USCG – 50% random drug testing rate



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that the random drug testing rate for covered crewmembers for 2019 will be 50%. **83 Fed. Reg. 67325** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28231.pdf>].

Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal – safety zone enforcement



The US Coast Guard issued a notice stating that it will enforce the safety zone on waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal between mile markers 296.1 and 296.7 from 21 December through 8 February. **83 Fed. Reg. 67081** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28162.pdf>].

USACE & EPA – public meeting re ‘waters of the United States’



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a notice announcing that a public meeting will be held in Kansas City, Kansas on 23 January to provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or information concerning the proposed rule on the definition of ‘waters of the United States’. **83 Fed. Reg. 67174** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28296.pdf>].

USACE – beneficial use of dredged material



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) issued a notice announcing the selection of ten pilot projects for beneficial use of dredged material. **83 Fed. Reg. 67239** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28306.pdf>].

CBP – civil monetary penalties



The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) promulgated a rule, effective immediately, adjusting its civil monetary penalties for inflation. **83 Fed. Reg. 67069** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28141.pdf>].

Coral Reef Task Force – meeting on 21 February



The Coral Reef Task Force, sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will meet on 21 February in Washington, DC. Written comments must be received by 30 January. **83 Fed. Reg. 67235** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28360.pdf>].

DOE – LNG exports economic study



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that announcing its responses to comments submitted regarding its study of Macroeconomic Outcomes of Market Determined Levels of US LNG Exports. **83 Fed. Reg. 67251** (12/28/18) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2018-12-28/pdf/2018-28238.pdf>].

St. Lawrence Seaway – end of 2018 navigation season



The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System issued a notice revising, for the Welland Canal, 2018 navigation season closure information. The Montreal-Lake Ontario section of the Seaway will close at 12:00 hours, 31

December 2018. [Seaway Notice 14-2018](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20181227.pdf) (12/27/18) [<http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/navigation/notice20181227.pdf>].

Happy New Year



We are rapidly approaching the end of 2018 and the commencement of 2019. I, for one, have mixed feelings about letting go of the old year, but I look forward to the new one with great anticipation. For my many long-suffering readers, and for my new (short-suffering?) ones, thank you for hanging in there. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Have a safe and happy New Year!

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