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White House – Buy-American preferences

President Trump issued an **Executive Order** strengthening the Buy-American preferences for covered infrastructure projects, including ports, involving federal financial assistance. (1/31/19)

[<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-strengthening-buy-american-preferences-infrastructure-projects/>].

FERC – Port Arthur Liquefaction Project EIS



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a **news release** stating that a final environmental impact statement (EIS) has been prepared for the Port Arthur Liquefaction Project. (1/31/19) [<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/gas/enviro/eis/2019/01-31-19-FEIS.asp?csrt=14307032033297096067>].

DOE – Magnolia LNG application



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice stating that it received an application from Magnolia LNG to amend its authorization to export LNG. Comments must be received by 2 April. **84 Fed. Reg. 1111** (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00723.pdf>].

DOE – LNG imports and exports



The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a notice of orders issued during November concerning imports and exports of LNG. **84 Fed. Reg. 1114** (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00661.pdf>].

USACE – GL-MR Interbasin Study



The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has extended until 22 February the period within which to submit comments on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study-Brandon Road Integrated Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement-Will County, IL. **84 Fed. Reg. 1081** (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00717.pdf>].

IWUB – meeting on 28 February



The Inland Waterways Users Board (IWUB), sponsored by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), will meet on 28 February in Galveston. **84**

Fed. Reg. 1082 (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00669.pdf>].

DOJ – proposed oil spill penalty



The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a notice stating that a proposed consent decree has been filed in court concerning the 11 May 2016 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico from a Shell Offshore rig. Under the proposal, the defendant would pay \$2.2 million in civil penalties. Comments must be received within 30 days. **84 Fed. Reg. 1231** (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00546.pdf>].

STB – water carrier tariff filing procedures



The Surface Transportation Board (STB) has extended to 4 February the period within which to submit comments on proposed amendments to the water carrier tariff filing procedures. **84 Fed. Reg. 1046** (2/1/19) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-02-01/pdf/2019-00788.pdf>].

House – bill introduced re marine turtles



Representative Lowenthal (D-CA) introduced a bill (H.R. 872) to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available, but Representative Lowenthal issued a **news release** explaining the measure.

(1/30/19)

[<https://lowenthal.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=399004>].

Court – payment of fraudulent medical claim



The US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit ruled, in an allision case, that the owner of the stationary innocent vessel is not entitled to reimbursement

by the owner of the moving vessel for the medical expenses of an employee who fraudulently claimed that his preexisting injuries had resulted from the allision. **In the Matter of 4-K Marine**, No. 18-30348 (5th Cir., January 30, 2019) [<http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/18/18-30348-CVO.pdf>].

New York – offshore wind energy study



The New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) issued a **news release** stating that it executed two multi-year contracts to study the meteorological and oceanographic conditions in waters of the Atlantic coast of New York, called the New York Bight, in support of offshore wind energy development. (1/31/19) [<https://www.nysERDA.ny.gov/About/Newsroom/2019-Announcements/2019-01-31-NYSERDA-Announces-Contracts-for-Collecting-Environmental-and-Metocean-Data-in-Support-of-Offshore-Wind-Energy-Development>].

IMO – Turkey ratifies ship recycling convention



The IMO issued a **news release** stating that Turkey has ratified the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009. (1/31/19) [<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/WhatsNew/Pages/default.aspx>].

UK – throw bag rescue line failure



The UK Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued the report of its investigation of the 24 March 2018 incident at the Warrington Rowing Club. The Club was carrying out a boat capsize drill in a swimming pool. As a young person was being pulled to the side of the pool using a throw bag rescue line, the line parted. The young person was uninjured during the incident. The parted line was examined and found to be made up of four pieces of rope thermally fused together, and it had failed at one of the joints. A customer notification campaign by the manufacturer and prompt publication of the incident in British Rowing's newsletter identified a total of ten throw bags with defective rescue lines. Laboratory tests conducted for the MAIB established that the joined sections were 12 times weaker than the rope itself. As throw bags are not considered safety or lifesaving equipment, there is no requirement to manufacture them to a specific safety or quality standard. At present, the only safeguard against poor and unsafe workmanship of throw bags is limited to the quality checks of the manufacturer; such checks lack third party oversight. The British Standards Institution has been recommended to develop a standard for public rescue equipment, ensuring that the topic of throw bags and their rescue

lines is addressed as a priority. **Report 02-2019** (1/31/19)
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5c5046e540f0b62545d8c9do/MAIBInvReport2_2019.pdf].

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