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NOAA – New Carissa grounding;
GAO – offshore oil spills; and
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USCG – transportation of HAZMAT by ferries



The US Coast Guard issued a **bulletin** reminding stakeholders of provisions related to the transport of hazardous material (HAZMAT) by ferries and the training requirements for mariners working on such ferries. (2/4/19) [<http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/02/04/2-4-2019-transportation-of-hazardous-material-by-ferries/>].

NTSB – Most Wanted List



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a **news release** announcing availability of its 2019-2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements, including the elimination of distractions and the reduction of fatigue-related accidents. (2/4/19) [<https://www.nts.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/mr20190204.aspx>].

BOEM – wind energy facility offshore MA



The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issued a **press release** stating that the rescheduled public hearing on the wind energy facility offshore Massachusetts will be held in Nantucket (February 11); Vineyard Haven (February 12); Hyannis (February 13); New Bedford (February 14); and Narragansett (February 15). Written comments must be submitted by February 22. (2/1/19) [<https://www.boem.gov/note02012019/>].

NOAA – New Carissa grounding



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) posted a **blog entry** discussing the 4 February 1999 grounding of the freighter New Carissa off Coos Bay, Oregon. (2/4/19) [https://blog.response.restoration.noaa.gov/20-years-ago-grounded-freighter-never-reached-its-destination?utm_medium=email&utm_source=GovDelivery].

GAO – offshore oil spills



The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on offshore oil spills. It found that there is insufficient coordination between the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research and the trustee councils established after the Exxon Valdez and Deepwater Horizon oil spills concerning restoration and research efforts. **GAO-19-31** (2/4/19) [<https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/696318.pdf>].

UK – light dues remain frozen



The UK Department for Transport (DfT) issued a **news release** stating that light dues for 2019 to 2020 will be frozen at the current rate (37¹/₂ pence per net registered tonne). (2/4/19) [<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/light-dues-2019-to-2020>].

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