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On December 4, 2018, the President signed into law the Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (CVIDA) establishing a new (mostly) unified Federal regime for the regulation of vessel discharges in United States waters. The measure marks a grand compromise capping off years of heated debate concerning the regulation of ballast water and other vessel discharges under the U.S. Clean Water Act. The legislation has been hailed as a victory by both environmental and shipping interests.

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