

## **Transportation Dept. sells two ships for recycling**

July 10 -- The U.S. Transportation Department's Maritime Administration has sold two more ships for recycling.

Esco Ltd. of Brownsville, Texas, is buying the ships -- the Resolute and the Gulf Farmer -- for \$171,452.

The Resolute, a partial container/break-bulk ship built in 1980, is currently moored at the James River Reserve Fleet site in Newport News, Va.

The Gulf Farmer, a break-bulk cargo ship built in 1964, is at the Beaumont Reserve Fleet site in Texas.

Both ships, which are to leave their respective fleet sites within 30 days, are to be recycled.

The Maritime Administration stores ships at three National Defense Reserve Fleet sites: the James River site, the Beaumont Reserve Fleet in Texas, and the Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet in California.

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