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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) INFORMATION ON EMISSIONS FROM OCEAN GOING VESSELS

As Members are aware, there is growing concern around the world and, in particular, in the United States, about the impact of emissions upon global climate change.

Members' attention is drawn to a website very recently generated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at www.epa.gov/otaq/oceanvessels.htm, providing information on EPA's strategy in addressing emissions from oceangoing vessels.

This website provides valuable information on the EPA regulations, emission control area designation, international standards, guidance and references to relevant publications.

The EPA strategy includes Clean Air Act (CAA) regulations for the largest marine diesel engines, as well as the US government's efforts to reduce air pollution from oceangoing vessels through the designation of an Emission Control Area, and new international standards for marine diesel engines.

Members are recommended to familiarize themselves with this information and take action accordingly. Your Managers will be providing updates on regulatory matters related to emissions as further information becomes available.