



# Air Resources Board

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January 28, 2009

To: All California Commercial Harbor Craft Owners and Operators

Dear Sir or Madam:

Beginning January 1, 2009, a new Air Resources Board regulation became effective which requires owners and operators of commercial harbor craft to submit a report by February 28, 2009, on vessels with diesel engines that operate within Regulated California Waters. "Regulated California Waters" include all California internal waters, estuarine waters, ports, and coastal waters within 24 nautical miles of the California coastline.

Commercial harbor craft are non-recreational vessels including, but not limited to, ferries, excursion boats, tugboats, towboats, push boats, work boats, barges, crew boats, supply boats, pilot boats, charter fishing boats, and commercial fishing boats. If you operate commercial harbor craft with diesel engines within Regulated California Waters, you must submit your report, either by email or postal service, by February 28, 2009.

To submit your form electronically, please email to:  
[harborcraft@arb.ca.gov](mailto:harborcraft@arb.ca.gov)

To submit your form via postal service, please send to:  
California Air Resources Board  
Stationary Source Division  
Emissions Assessment Branch  
Control Strategies Section, Harbor Craft  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento, California 95812-2815

A reporting form is available for your use in preparing your report; however it is not mandatory that you use this form. An electronic version of the form is available online at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/documents/chcreport.xls>.

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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Additional information about reporting may be found at the following website:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/harborcraft/reporting.htm>.

This regulation contains a number of other requirements in addition to reporting. Requirements affecting all commercial harbor craft include keeping records and maintaining a non-resettable hour meter on all in-use diesel engines, as well as emission limits for replacement engines and for engines on newly built vessels. Additionally, there are emission limits for in-use diesel engines on vessels operating as ferries, excursion vessels, tugboats, or towboats. A copy of the regulation may be obtained from the ARB website at:  
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2007/chc07/rev93118.pdf>.

You may also visit our website <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/marinevess/harborcraft.htm> for additional information.

If you have questions regarding the regulation, you may contact me at (916) 327-7213, or Mr. Todd Sterling, Air Pollution Specialist at (916) 445-1034.

Sincerely,

/s/

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