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Oceangoing Ship Onboard Incinerator Survey

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you may know, recent California legislation (Senate Bill 771) affects the waste incineration practices onboard oceangoing ships. Specifically, beginning on January 1, 2006, this new legislation prohibits oceangoing ships from conducting onboard incineration while operating within three miles of the California coast. Onboard incineration applies to the burning of trash, debris, and other materials for volume reduction or destruction. This law is expected to reduce the public's exposure to toxic air contaminants, such as dioxins and toxic metals, for residents living near ports and along the California coastline.

Last year, the Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Cruise Ship Onboard Incineration (Cruise Ship ATCM) to implement legislation (Assembly Bill 471) which prohibits cruise ships from conducting onboard incineration within three miles of the California coast. The ARB plans to amend the Cruise Ship ATCM to include other oceangoing vessels into the regulation. We will be forming a working group to provide input into this process. If you would like to participate on the working group please contact Ms. Michelle Komlenic via email at mkomleni@arb.ca.gov or you may go to our website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shipincin/shipincin.htm> and click on "add me to workgroup" and send an email providing your name, address, and phone number.

Currently, ARB staff is collecting information on incinerator practices onboard oceangoing ships and requests your assistance by filling out the enclosed Oceangoing Ship Onboard Incinerator Survey (Survey). This Survey will help us better understand oceangoing ships incineration practices and will provide other information that will help us with the development and implementation of the Airborne Toxic Control Measure for Oceangoing Ship Onboard Incineration.

As specified in Senate Bill 771, oceangoing ships are defined as a private, commercial, government, or military vessels of 300 gross registered tons or more calling on California ports or places. **With the exception of cruise ships, all owners/operators of oceangoing vessels that meet this definition are required to complete the Survey as required by California Health and Safety Code, section 39660(c).** Cruise ships are defined as having the capacity to hold 250 or more passengers which have berths or overnight accommodations.

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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Please complete a Survey for each vessel in your fleet. If you have more than one incinerator onboard your vessel, please complete the Survey for each incinerator. If you do not have an incinerator onboard your vessel you are still required to fill out and return Page 1 of the Survey.

Instructions for completing the Survey are enclosed. Please complete and return your Survey(s) by **June 12, 2006**. You may send it by email to mkomleni@arb.ca.gov, by fax to (916) 327-6251, or by mail to the following address:

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If you have any questions regarding this Survey, development of the regulation, or to participate on the working group please contact Ms. Michelle Komlenic via e-mail at mkomleni@arb.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 322-3926. The Survey is available electronically in Microsoft Word and PDF on the following website www.arb.ca.gov/ports/shipincin/shipincin.htm. The website also contains additional information regarding onboard incineration for oceangoing ships and allows you to subscribe to the list serve to receive important updates on the development of this regulation.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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