

***West Coast Diesel Emissions Reductions Collaborative
Marine Vessels and Ports Workgroup
Emission Inventory Focus Area***

AGENDA

Monday, September 13, 2004 3-5 p.m. PDT

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Locations

CA: EPA R9 Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, 94105

WA: Puget Sound Clear Air Agency, 110 Union Street - Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98101, Conference Room

BC: Environment Canada, 401 Burrard St. (at Hastings St.), please see reception 2nd Floor, downtown Vancouver, B.C.

Purpose

Emissions inventories are driven by a variety of factors, but they are always useful as a long-term environmental management planning tool. All ports are in different stages of emissions inventory development and this focus area will aim to converge, coordinate, and share efforts where appropriate and meaningful.

2:00 Welcome

2:10 West Coast Coordination

California ports have recently completed emission inventories, albeit with some methodological differences. Puget Sound ports are currently coordinating to better align their methodologies for new emission inventories. Methodological work in British Columbia aims to shape emission inventory guidelines. While the different drivers to undertake an inventory must be considered, this Focus Area may be an appropriate forum to connect the dots up and down the coast. Furthermore, the exchange of information may identify potential to pool or share methodologies or resources (for contractor support) along the coast. Discussion could include lessons learned, communicating plans and timing for new or revised inventories, and identifying information gaps.

3:10 National Communication

The United States and Canada federal governments have both indicated support for improved inventories and compatible methodologies and are intending to complete national emissions inventories over the next few years. Also, in May 2004, EPA contracted a series of papers related to port emissions, including one on emission inventories. Coming with "one voice" from the west coast will facilitate, and potentially reduce the burden of, communicating with the federal governments. Discussion could include identifying key points of contact and ways in which the Focus Area could support this communication.

3:30 Multi-National Compatibility

Particularly in the event of a multi-national SECA, cross-border information compatibility will be important. Efforts between Washington State and British Columbia may provide an example to align methodologies. Both EPA and Environment Canada have 2005 deadlines which will drive new or revised emission inventories in most ports. This timing alignment provides a window of opportunity to coordinate across the border. Discussion could include further explanation of federal deadlines and ways in which the Focus Area could support cross-border compatibility.

3:50 Summarize the direction for this Focus Area and define the next steps

4:00 Adjourn

