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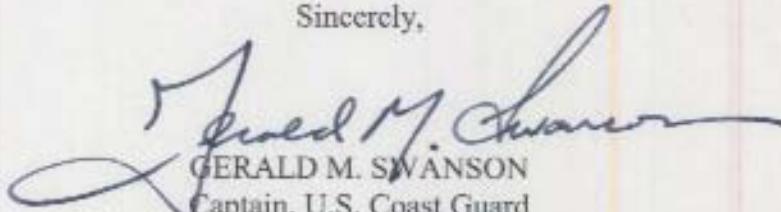
VENTING, CLEANING, AND GAS FREEING OF MARINE TANK VESSELS

All mariners are advised that the Compliance and Enforcement Division of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has released a Compliance Advisory on the subject of "Venting, Cleaning, and Gas Freeing of Marine Tank Vessels." The BAAQMD is responsible for regulating volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from marine vessels, including VOC Emissions from activities at Anchorage 9.

BAAQMD regulations prohibit any uncontrolled venting of emissions from a regulated cargo, including manual venting, bleeding pressure from cargo tanks, tank cleaning, gas freeing, ballasting, etc., in connection with cargo loading operations at marine terminals or in connection with lightering. The regulations also prohibit venting VOC emissions from a regulated cargo in connection with any other type of operations within the San Francisco Bay Area, except where total VOC emissions are kept below 15 pounds per day when exceeding a concentration of 300 parts per million of carbon on a dry basis.

Additional details on this BAAQMD Compliance Advisory can be obtained at the following website: www.baaqmd.gov/dst/regulations or by calling the BAAQMD Public Information Officer at (415) 749-4900.

Sincerely,


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