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4. Ship Waste

Recommended Actions:

The U.S. Coast Guard should enforce the fecal coliform and suspended solids standards and consider requiring additional standards for the wastewater discharge from Type I & II marine sanitation devices on commercial vessels.

Implementors:

United States Coast Guard.

Actions Taken:

4/8/98: Letter sent to USCG.

5/98: Reply letter from USCG received stating the USCG worked with Lake Carriers' Association, the Canadian government, the Canadian industry, and two Seaway organizations to test the operability of MSD. US vessels were in 100% compliance. Canadian vessels had some problems with UV monitoring strips. The USCG began working with the Canadians to bring their systems into compliance. Foreign vessel agents were hesitant to commit to a testing program. They say there is no documentation showing there is a problem and the Coast Guard has no evidence to refute their claims.

9/00: USCG: There have been no changes since the 5/98 letter.

11/00: The amount of fecal coliform waste generated from incoming and outgoing ships is negligible.

Project Status:

Project not completed, but there are one or more agencies currently working on it.