

Good afternoon;

Following the Emissions Reduction Strategies for the Marine Industry meeting held at H-GAC on June 12, 2008 we discussed briefly the criteria for emission reduction strategy viability according to EPA. We submit the Marine Exhaust Scrubber (exhaust gas cleaning system) for inclusion in the list of SIP control strategies.

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Use of this technology can reduce sulfur emissions by 99.9% and particulates by 85%. It is capable of reducing these pollutants to a greater degree than using low sulfur (0.10%) marine diesel oil.

In April of this year, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through its Marine Environment Protection Committee, adopted guidelines for exhaust gas cleaning systems. We submit that these guidelines should be considered by the State of Texas to be applicable to any Marine Exhaust Scrubber cleaning system included in the list of control strategies.

Kindly call or write me with any questions or for additional information.

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