

West Coast Collaborative
Marine Vessels and Ports Workgroup
AGENDA

Monday, February 14, 2005 10:00-11:30 a.m. PDT

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The purpose of this meeting is to update the Workgroup on Collaborative activities, to review and explore Marine project possibilities, to discuss the latest SECA information, and to prepare for the March Collaborative Workshop.

10:00 Welcome

10:10 Update from the Interim Steering Committee (ISC) (10 minutes)

Dennis McLerran, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, will share news from recent ISC meetings.

10:20 Review of Marine Sector Project Portfolio (15 minutes)

The Collaborative project portfolio represents real, measurable air quality and human health improvements that could be brought about through reductions in diesel emissions. The portfolio of possible projects can be used by Collaborative members to increase awareness of the Collaborate and generate interest in increasing funding for diesel emissions reduction efforts on the West Coast. Workgroup partners have identified several Marine-focused projects. In addition, the Port of Los Angeles has a study that could help better understand the cost effectiveness of various technologies or projects. We will discuss potential projects and explore possible expansion of existing efforts.

10:35 SECA (40 minutes)

A Sulfur Emission Control Area (SECA), established by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), designates a geographical boundary, within which the sulfur content of marine fuels is limited. Currently, Environment Canada and EPA are working together to determine the feasibility for a potential North American (including the West, East, Gulf Coasts, and Great Lakes) SECA application. EPA headquarters has commissioned a blueprint report to guide assessing a potential SECA application and Environment Canada has contracted a SECA Application Needs Assessment. Efforts over the next year will likely focus on collecting existing data to determine if there is sufficient information and justification to support a SECA application in 2006. Environment Canada and EPA headquarters will join the call to share the latest information and to answer questions.

11:15 Designing the March Workshop (10 minutes)

There are plans for a Collaborative-wide public workshop on March 21st and 22nd in Seattle. As the agenda is developing, some possibilities for the workshop include: breakout meetings for Sector Workgroups, discussion of marketing and public outreach techniques and strategies, discussion of the longer-term goals of the Collaborative, and exploring cross-sector project synergies. In addition to the Collaborative-wide public workshop, some Collaborative members have discussed the possibility of a separate (non-EPA sponsored) meeting focused on increasing funding for diesel emissions reduction projects. We will discuss Marine Sector needs for the March Workshop.

11:25 Wrap-up

11:30 Adjourn