

# ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AIR QUALITY

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### 1. PURPOSE

The movement of goods and people within the region results in emission of air pollutants and greenhouse gasses. The Port recognizes that in providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets, it has a role in larger discussions about the effects of transportation-related air emissions, even though its direct contributions to air emissions are relatively small. Economic vitality and environmental quality may be adversely affected by decreasing local air quality and by modifications to the earth's climate.

This policy establishes the Port's commitment to air quality through the reduction of air emissions, promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency and consideration of climate change impacts in operations and planning.

### 2. PERSONS AFFECTED

This policy applies to all Port employees and those working on behalf of the Port.

### 3. POLICY STATEMENT

To understand and evaluate the air quality impacts of the Port's operations and impacts from other transportation sources related to Port facilities, the Port will develop and maintain emissions inventories to:

- Assist the Port in complying with air quality permits and regulations;
- Update DEO's emission inventory for General Conformity and other purposes;
- Identify and prioritize voluntary emission reduction and minimization opportunities;
- Develop and manage emission strategies and efforts to achieve Port goals; and
- Measure progress toward minimizing emissions.

The Port will actively seek opportunities for improving air quality in addition to what the law requires. The Port supports efforts to reduce emissions from its direct operations and from marine and aviation transportation sources to the extent these efforts are economically feasible and consistent with the Port's authority and mission. Recognizing that the Port's ability to influence activities within its boundaries is sometimes limited, the Port will seek opportunities to improve air quality and implement climate change adaptation planning by:

- Continually seeking ways to minimize or reduce (where appropriate) emissions from Port-owned sources;
- Promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency measures;
- Providing incentives to Port employees to use transportation modes that minimize emissions;

- Encouraging and facilitating partnerships, education, and outreach to assist customers, tenants and other stakeholders in reducing emissions from marine and aviation related emission sources not under the Port's direct control;
- Supporting efforts by the International Maritime Organization and International Civil Aviation Organization to set global standards to reduce emissions from marine vessels and aircraft;
- Incorporating considerations of climate change impacts into development plans;
- Monitoring emerging regulatory proposals that may affect Port operations, and helping to shape those proposals in accordance with the Port's mission;
- Establishing measures to help ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and air quality permits; and
- Evaluating and integrating adaptation measures as appropriate in its planning process.

#### 4. **DEFINITIONS**

Not applicable.

## 5. RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

- 5.1 Commission Policy 6.1.11, Environmental
- 5.2 Policy 7.4.20, Energy Resources
- 5.3 Policy 7.4.11, Natural Resources
- 5.4 Policy 7.4.16, Water Resources
- 5.5 Policy 7.4.12, Waste Minimization
- 5.6 Environmental Management System Manual

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Date	Description of Modification
01/10/2001	Original Policy
11/30/2006	Updated to reflect changes in the structure and titles pertaining to Departments and individuals with Environmental responsibilities.
09/01/2010	Revised content of the policy to also address greenhouse gas considerations and tracking.
02/26/2014	Updated format and removed responsibility and authority for consistency with other EMS environmental program policies

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