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From: Ted Thompson [TThompson@iccl.org]
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2003 4:09 PM
To: Hetty Richardson (E-mail)
Cc: Michael Crye; Angela Plott; Stan Deno
Subject: July Meeting re Cruise Ship Discharges

Dear Ms. Richardson: I am responding to your June 30, 2003 letter to Mr. Michael Crye, President of the International Council of Cruise Lines (ICCL) inviting ICCL to participate in a series of meetings regarding development of a plan addressing cruise ship discharges - assuming that LD1271 is signed and these meeting go forward.

ICCL would be pleased to attend one or more of these meetings. Of the dates you mentioned in your correspondence, we would prefer meeting on July 11th (morning), with July 15th (morning) as second choice and July 24th (am or pm) as third choice.

I will most likely be the ICCL representative but July is a very busy time for us and other ICCL representatives could include Stan Deno or Michael Crye.

I have attached three files for your information and use. The first two files are the ICCL Environmental Standard and the attached Waste Management Practices and Procedures that have been adopted unanimously by of our members. These discuss the commitment of our members to environmental conservation and environmental protection. The Waste Management Practices and Procedures document discusses specific onboard procedures for common waste streams and items and discusses recognized standards for handling these items. This document is appended as an annex to the Memorandum of Understanding that ICCL has entered into with the Florida State Department of Environmental Protection. Compliance with these standards is assured by mandatory third party audit and by U.S. Coast Guard onboard environmental inspections. We would point out the standards involving graywater and blackwater state that these waste streams will not be discharged within 4 nautical miles from land and only when the ship is underway as speeds of 6 knots or more. With regards to the effectiveness of these standards, we would refer you to the Alaska Web Site on cruise ships and their recent conclusions regarding these waste discharges from cruise ships. Please see http://www.state.ak.us/local/akpages/ENV_CONSERV/press/cruise/cruise.htm. Click on the 2002 reports.

In talking to Mr. Crye just now, he indicates that you recognize liquid waste disposal (graywater and blackwater) as being a maritime issue not unique to or isolated to the cruise industry but inclusive of the shipping community as a whole. The correspondence from your office however seems to single out cruise shipping. We would appreciate knowing if this is a change of position by the State of Maine regarding this issue. We would also appreciate knowing what other stakeholders are being included in the process, including environmental advocacy groups or individuals, other shipping representatives, universities or others.

We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have or offer additional information as appropriate.

Warmest Regards,

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