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1. GREENHOUSE GASES AND AIR POLLUTANTS

**OBJECTIVE:** To reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutant emissions.

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2.2 Promote sustainable transportation practices by employees. Examples: Incentives for public transport and carpooling, reorganization of business travel, installation of bicycle racks, etc.  
2.3 Implement measures to reduce congestion and idling during periods of heavy activity. **Note:** This relates to truck traffic. |
| LEVEL 3 | 3.1 Completion of an annual report on GHG emissions.  
**Note:** The report only refers to GHG emissions resulting directly from the company’s activities. See Annex 1-A. |
| LEVEL 4 | 4.1 Adoption of an energy performance plan and a plan for reducing air pollutants, which defines reduction measures and establishes reduction targets.  
**Note:** Air pollutants refer to those that the company is required to report annually to Environment Canada as part of the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) or to U.S. EPA as part of the National Emissions Inventory (NEI). See Annex 1-B. |
| LEVEL 5 | 5.1 Continuous reduction of the company’s direct GHG emissions (in intensity), achieved by implementing the measures described in the energy performance and air pollutant reduction plan.  
**Note:** Each company defines its own baselines for measuring continuous improvement. |
## 2. SPILL PREVENTION

**OBJECTIVE:** Reduce spills and leakages of dangerous chemicals into the environment.

### LEVEL 1

**Regulatory monitoring**

### LEVEL 2

Has the company fulfilled at least 5 of the following criteria?

1. Perform vehicle and machinery fuelling, lubrication and maintenance at a minimum distance of 30 m (100 ft) from the water and at a minimum distance of 15 m (50 ft) from a tributary (catch basin, ditch, etc.). If these requirements cannot be met, alternative pollution prevention measures must be taken (watertight lids, rubber rugs, retention pans, etc.).
2. When applicable, use retention pans under stationary devices and equipment that can potentially leak or which needs to be resupplied periodically (generating sets, compressors, etc.).
3. Implement inspection and maintenance procedures for all devices and equipment that could potentially leak (tanks, generating sets, compressors, etc.).
4. Regularly inspect near shore water and property to identify and immediately stop leaks from any source.
5. Should there be any doubt about the environmental quality of runoff water collected in an observation shaft or excavation pit (color, odor), such water is to be intercepted for sampling purposes or proper treatment.
6. Have available at least one emergency spill kit on site for dealing with minor spills.

### LEVEL 3

1. Implementation of all applicable best practices of level 2.
2. Adoption of a Water and Land Pollution Prevention Plan.
   **Note:** A model is provided at Annex 2-A.

### LEVEL 4

For the majority of the company’s participating terminals or locations:

1. Implement a documented Preventive Maintenance Program for vehicles and equipment which might produce spills or discharges into the environment (fuel, lubricants, etc.).
   **Note:** See Annex 2-B
2. Storm water is collected and treated by the company via an appropriate storm water treatment device, process or procedure.
3. Inspect and maintain installed or used devices, process or procedures on a regular basis.
4. Sample and analyze treated storm water routinely to ensure proper functioning of treatment equipment and infrastructure.
5. When applicable, use low toxicity/biodegradable oil for fixed hydraulic equipment located near the shore.
   **Note:** Refer to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)’s definition of Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants: biodegradable, minimally toxic and not bio-accumulative (p. 143 of Appendix A of the Vessel General Permit (VGP) for discharges incidental to the normal operation of vessels).

### LEVEL 5

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5. Install secondary containment for all fixed and portable outdoor above ground storage tanks and containers that are located within a distance of 30 m (100 ft) from the water and 15 m (50 ft) from any ditch, sewer system, underground stream, etc. This requirement applies to all WHMIS controlled products.
   **Note:** Secondary containment means a barrier that prevents a discharge from a storage tank or container from escaping into the environment before a cleanup occurs. The secondary containment system must be capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest tank or container in the area and may include:
   - Impervious dikes, berms or retaining walls;
   - Curbing;
   - Culverts, gutters or other drainage system;
   - Weirs, booms and barriers;
   - Spill diversion or retention ponds;
   - Double-walled tanks.
3. DRY BULK HANDLING AND STORAGE

**OBJECTIVE:** Reduce cargo residue discharges.

**Note:** Only applicable to dry bulk terminals.

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<td>2.3 Prevent water contamination while loading and unloading operations (example: Use canvas between ships and docks when unloading).</td>
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<td>2.4 Keep dry bulk piles covered as much as possible when they are likely to blow away by the wind or to leach out on the ground.</td>
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<td>2.5 If practical, spraying a light mist for dust control during handling operations.</td>
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<td>2.6 When applicable, fit storm drains with screens, baskets, geo-textiles or other devices in order to filter suspended solids found in storm water runoff, and ensure that such devices are cleaned on a regular basis.</td>
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**AND one of the following, if applicable:**

| 5.3 Use enclosed conveyors or chutes and telescoping arm loaders or other similar equipment to reduce spills and dust. |
| 5.4 Use dust suppression, baghouse, screw conveyors, vacuum collecting equipment or other similar equipment in the handling of fine, granular or powdery material. |
| 5.5 Install windscreens to protect piles of dry bulk from wind. |
## 4. COMMUNITY IMPACTS

**OBJECTIVE:** Reduce the amount of noise, dust, odor and light to which people residing close to port facilities are exposed.

**Note:** The activities covered by the community impacts indicator are limited to those related to commercial shipping and cruise.

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**External communications:**
- 2.1 Make available/post a telephone number of, or redirect calls to, the authority in charge of receiving complaints related to port activities.
- 2.2 Once a complaint has been made to the company, move swiftly in dispatching a responsible individual to the site and, to the extent possible, ensuring that corrective measures are taken.

**Noise:**
- 2.3 Impose speed limits on vehicles in sensitive zones.
- 2.4 Use quieter warning signals or equipment without compromising safety.
- 2.5 Use equipment to reduce the noise emanating from rail operations at the port.
- 2.6 Impose limits on night time operations, as needed.
- 2.7 Limit idling of vehicle and equipment engines.
- 2.8 Have a documented process (e.g. purchase policy) for selecting less noisy equipment when buying new equipment.

**Dust:**
- 2.9 Adopt measures to hold back dust on roads (Example: Watering of roads, paving, speed limits for vehicles, maintenance of pavement, etc.).
- 2.10 Apply measures to improve the management of bulk cargo storage (Examples: Covering cargo that is stored in piles, reducing the height of such piles, moving piles to areas that are less exposed to wind, etc.).

**Housekeeping:**
- 2.11 Implement cleaning procedures for wharfs, driveways and loading and unloading areas.
- 2.12 Place marked trash and recycling containers at locations convenient to employees, visitors and truck operators.
- 2.13 Cover trash collection areas and containers to avoid dispersion by wind and storm water.

**Traffic/congestion:**
- 2.14 Have a procedure on bus, truck or railway traffic management to avoid local congestion (e.g. signboard, traffic coordinator or checker).

**Light:**
- 2.15 Direct lights so they only illuminate the necessary zone.
- 2.16 Switch off bothersome lighting at a specific time if there are no operations underway.

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<td>3.3 Evaluate environmental and social aspects of new projects (activities or operations) that are not subject to an environmental assessment under existing regulation.</td>
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**Note:** Note: See Annex 3-B.
## LEVEL 4

**Implementation of the majority of applicable criteria:**

**Noise:**
4.1 Have in place a procedure to verify, on a regular basis, sound levels of operations to verify compliance.  
*Note:* The company must specify and justify the frequency of such measures.

4.2 Create screens against sound with the help of sound-reducing trees or walls if appropriate.

4.3 Install silencer (muffler), catalysts, timer or other device to reduce noise from noisy equipment or cover with sound insulating material.

**Dust:**
4.4 Implement mitigation measures (e.g. canvas, tarpaulins, curtains or other equivalent control barriers) during spray painting and blasting operations to prevent dispersal of dust and aerosol particles by the wind.

4.5 Collect and confine spent abrasive and debris (after blasting to dock-bottom/yard grounds) to avoid dispersion by wind and storm water (e.g. cover piles or use covered containers).

**Light pollution:**
4.6 Install fixtures that optimize lighting and reduce light pollution when replacing fixtures or during new projects.

4.7 Evaluate existing lighting plans and take effective measures to optimize lighting and reduce impacts.

**Nuisance mitigation:**
4.8 Installation of green corridors (e.g. dune system), vegetated or recreational areas (e.g. tree alley, parks) between operating site and residential area if appropriate.

4.9 Develop and implement a nuisance mitigation plan during construction, redevelopment and dredging operations.  
*Note:* These measures are the follow-up of criterion 3.3.

**Community relations:**
4.10 Active involvement in local community organizations (e.g. watershed committee, local NGOs, etc.).  
*Note:* Payment of a membership to a local organization is not sufficient to fulfill this requirement. The company must prove that it is actively involved (e.g. be a Board member, participate in committees on a regular basis, etc.).

4.11 Implement permanent communication channels (e.g. website, distribution of pamphlets, etc.) to inform the community, on a regular basis, on major projects and construction work, their impacts and mitigation measures taken.

4.12 Have a documented and communicated procedure to consult the community (e.g. public information session) before implementing new projects that can have an impact on the environment and/or the community.  
*Note:* If new projects have been implemented, the participant must prove that the procedure has been followed.

## LEVEL 5

5.1 Implementation of all applicable criteria listed in level 4.

**Canadian liquid bulk terminals only:**
5.3 Implement a system for collecting vapors arising from tanker loading operations.
5. ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

OBJECTIVE: Encourage and recognize the implementation of original and exemplary environmental initiatives by private marine companies.

LEVEL 1
1.1 The company has reached level 2 for at least one other environmental issue of the program.

LEVEL 2
2.1 The company has reached level 2 for at least 2 other environmental issues of the program.

OR
2.2 The company has a written environmental policy that has been publicly communicated.

LEVEL 3
3.1 At least 2 of the company’s eligible terminals or operating sites (stevedoring companies) or shipyards are participants of Green Marine.

OR
3.2 The company has implemented an external system for verifying the environmental compliance of operations.
Note: This verification process has to be performed at least every 5 years or at least every 3 years in case of risky activities identified by the internal authorities in charge.

3.3 Implement waste management procedures that follow the waste management hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, recover) in all of the company’s administrative offices.

LEVEL 4
4.1 50% of the company’s eligible terminals, operating sites (stevedoring companies) or shipyards are participants of Green Marine.

4.2 The company has attained an average that is equivalent to level 3 with respect to the environmental program’s other issues.

AND fulfill at least 2 of the following criteria:

4.3 Completion of a detailed inventory of air pollutants emitted by the company’s activities.

4.4 The company has implemented an environmental management system (EMS). Example: ISO 14000.
Note: At level 4, certification is not mandatory if the company can demonstrate that all the elements of an environmental management system are in place. At level 5, certification is mandatory.

4.5 The company publishes an annual report providing details of its environmental performance.
Note: The report must follow a recognized standard, such as the Global Reporting Initiative’s Reporting Guidelines.

4.6 The company has a replacement policy for converting its fleet of road vehicles for more environmentally friendly technologies (high-renewable-content fuels, hybrids, electrical, etc.) and has started to convert its fleet.
Note: High-renewable-content fuels must contain more than 5% renewable content.

4.7 The company has introduced new technologies designed to reduce the environmental footprint of its activities (shore power programs, development of renewable energy, etc.).

4.8 Any other comparable measures accepted by a Green Marine Secretariat.

LEVEL 5
5.1 All of the company’s eligible terminals, operating sites (stevedoring companies) or shipyards are participants of Green Marine.

5.2 The company fulfills at least 4 of the criteria listed in level 4 (4.3 -4.8).

5.3 The company has attained an average that is equivalent to level 4 with respect to the environmental program’s other issues.