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**Pacific Merchant Shipping Association Members To Continue Voluntary  
Compliance With Emissions Limit Rules For  
Vessel Auxiliary Engines Following Court Victory**

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***Federal Courts Decide Clean Air Act Preempts Local Patchwork Rules***

**Statement by John McLaurin, President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA):**

“On Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit United States Court of Appeals ruled in favor of PMSA in a case involving the State of California’s rules regarding arbitrary regulation of emissions from auxiliary engines. As a result, the enforcement of these rules will once again be enjoined.

“As was the case when the Federal District Court granted our request for an injunction of these rules in 2007, the PMSA Board of Directors is again recommending to the membership of PMSA that they continue to voluntarily limit emissions from their vessels’ auxiliary engines to the regulatory levels, as they did prior to this ruling. This recommendation is effective immediately and shall continue indefinitely.

“We would like to thank our members in advance for their voluntary efforts to limit emissions in the future. Moreover, we commend our members for their voluntary compliance with these auxiliary engine rules during the appellate process when their enforcement was previously enjoined. We are enthusiastic about the work of PMSA members’ participation in a wide range of emission reduction programs up and down the West Coast. PMSA continues to endorse international standards for ship emissions which will ensure consistent application of the rules and meaningful emission reductions throughout the world.”

**Pacific Merchant Shipping Association**

*PMSA is an independent trade association representing more than 60 operators of marine cargo terminals and owners/operators of U.S. and foreign-flagged cargo and passenger vessels. Its members are primarily engaged in trade between U.S. West Coast ports and ports in Alaska, Asia, Europe, Hawaii, and South America. The association has offices in Long Beach, San Francisco and Seattle.*

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