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of Transportation
Maritime
Administration

MANUAL OF ORDERS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

REVOKES

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May 1, 1997

SUBJECT

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Section 1. Organization: The Office of Environmental Activities is headed by an Office Director, who is the principal adviser to the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities on matters of environmental compliance and protection and prevention of pollution. Its mission is to develop, coordinate and direct environmental activities of the Maritime Administration (MARAD).

Section 2. Delegation of Authority: The Director, Office of Environmental Activities, is authorized to exercise all the authorities of the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities with respect to the environment, including the functions set forth in section 3 of this order.

Section 3. Functions:

3.01 Under the general direction and supervision of the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities, the Office of Environmental Activities shall:

1. **Oversee all MARAD activities in Headquarters, Regions and other field sites to assure compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and pertinent international treaties.**
2. **Issue directions and technical guidance to MARAD officials on protecting the environment through the prevention, control and abatement of ship-generated and facility-generated pollution.**
3. **Conduct environmental audits of all MARAD facilities and operations, at Headquarters, Regions and other field sites, and order corrective measures subject to review by the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities.**
4. **Provide staff and technical assistance to the Associate Administrator for Port, Intermodal, and Environmental Activities in support of that official's role as the MARAD Coordinator of Environmental Activities under Maritime Administrative Orders 600-1 and 600-2.**
5. **Recommend MARAD positions on environmental legislation, regulation and issues.**
6. **Represent MARAD before Congress, other agencies, industry groups and international forums in matters concerning the environment.**
7. **Investigate environmental impacts related to ports, shipping and shipyards and make recommendations that enhance environmental protection in the maritime industry. This function includes assisting in the resolution of port dredging and dredged material management issues, and supporting interagency research and studies to develop solutions to significant port, shipping and shipyard environmental problems.**
8. **Disseminate information related to MARAD's environmental activities to, among others, the public, the maritime industry, international and national organizations and government agencies.**

- 9 Approve the payment, up to \$100,000, of governmentally imposed fees and assessments, but not taxes, related to hazardous and toxic substances and wastes, and their handling, storage, transportation and disposal.

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