

CALIFORNIA CLEAN COAST ACT OF 2005 FAQ

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1. WHAT ARE “OCEANGOING SHIPS” IN SB 771?

“Oceangoing ship” means a private, commercial, government, or military vessel of 300 gross registered tons or more calling on California ports or places.

2. WHAT ARE “LARGE PASSENGER VESSELS” IN SB 771?

“Large passenger vessel” means a vessel of 300 gross registered tons or greater that is engaged in the carrying of passengers for hire, (i.e. cruise ships), excluding all of the following vessels:

- (1) Vessels without berths or overnight accommodations for passengers.
- (2) Noncommercial vessels, warships, vessels operated by nonprofit entities as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, and vessels operated by the state, the United States, or a foreign government.
- (3) Oceangoing ships

3. WHAT WASTES ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING DISCHARGED FROM OCEANGOING SHIPS AND CRUISE SHIPS?

- A. *Hazardous Waste* - has the meaning set forth in Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, but does not include sewage,
- B. *Oily Bilgewater* - includes bilgewater that contains used lubrication oils, oil sludge and slops, fuel and oil sludge, used oil, used fuel and fuel filters, and oily waste,
- C. *Graywater* - means drainage from dishwasher, shower, laundry, bath, and washbasin drains, but does not include drainage from toilets, urinals, hospitals, or cargo spaces, and
- D. *Other Waste* - means photography laboratory chemicals, dry cleaning chemicals, or medical waste.

4. STARTING JANUARY 1, 2006, WILL THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE AND SEWAGE SLUDGE FROM OCEANGOING SHIPS AND LARGE PASSENGER VESSELS BE PROHIBITED?

No, not currently. The State Water Board (as provided in SB 771), the federal Clean Water Act, has applied to USEPA for permission under the federal Clean Water Act to impose this discharge prohibition. Approval of the application is still pending.

5. WHERE DO THE PROHIBITIONS APPLY?

The discharge prohibitions apply within State Marine waters (within three nautical miles of shore, including offshore California islands).

6. WILL THESE PROHIBITIONS BE EXTENDED TO THE WATERS OF CALIFORNIA'S FOUR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES?

The State Water Board has requested the Administrator of NOAA to extend these prohibitions to California's four national marine sanctuaries: Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay, and Channel Islands.

7. WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED IN REPORTING DISCHARGES?

A suggested [discharge report](#) form is available and to view reporting requirements see [PRC Section 72421](#).

8. WHERE DO I SEND THE DISCHARGE REPORTS?

Please, send the discharge reports to Renan Jauregui, Division of Water Quality, via e-mail, phone, or fax:

Renan Jauregui
rjauregui@waterboards.ca.gov
Direct Line: (916) 341-5505
Fax: (916) 341-5463

9. WHAT IS THE ONE-TIME SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE LANDS COMMISSION (CSLC)?

SB 771 required CSLC to collect information on vessels visiting California ports of call regarding their vessel-specific wastewater management capabilities, port of call information, and crew requirements. The [CSLC survey form](#) (required to be filled out only once per vessel during 2006) was submitted to CSLC upon each vessel's departure from its first port call in California during the 2006 calendar year. The data from this survey was submitted to the State Water Board on February 1, 2007. The State Water Board will be submitting the reported information to the Legislature by October 1, 2007. For more information on this survey and copy of the CSLC form, please refer to the [CSLC website](#).