

Cargo Tank purging as part of safe vessel operations for Oil Tankers.

This legislative testimony is intended to help improve the risk management expectations, safety awareness and environmental protection in support of both a healthy Maine economy and environment.

Discussion Points:

2019 event between two passing vessels.

Various attempts to address the concern, ie; MSPC/MDOT, MDEP, Irving Oil and the State Senate Representative.

Risks associated with Tanker Operations and the challenges that are presented to the crew and officers, who's resolve may not be in the best interests of the State regarding risk potentials and/or environmental degradation.

Does the State allow for cargo tank purging within its territorial waters? Why would the State care? Discuss the added risks associated with this operation.

This testimonial might allow for a more broad-based covering of risks associated with Tanker Operations and what the State will not permit as part of a collaboration with industry in determining specific "standards of care" for mutual operating compliance.

Wording consideration: Vessels will not engage in any cargo related activity while the vessel is underway in Maine territorial waters such as but not limited to; Cargo tank venting, ballasting, Inert gas operations, tank cleaning, cargo and bilge transfers or any operation other than the safe navigation and maneuvering of the vessel while transiting Maine territorial waters.

The wording might also include the responsible parties for monitoring and reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

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