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MPA is committed to environmental compliance of all laws and regulations and other environmental commitments; continuous improvement in environmental performance; pollution prevention; and effective interaction with employees, other port users and the surrounding community.

MPA is involved in a comprehensive air emission inventory, reduction and education program. An assessment of equipment used for moving cargo has been completed and compared to the appropriate air emission regulations.

The follow table is summary of the Maryland Department of the Environment's Regulation regarding ship emissions:

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.01 Visible Emissions from Ships.

A person or agent may not cause or permit the discharge of emissions from any ship in excess of the following limits:

Operating Mode	Maximum Opacity or Ringelmann Chart Number	Allowable Time
A. Underway, at berth, or at anchor	20% - 1	No limit.
B. Soot blowing:		
(1) Underway within 1 mile (1.6 kilometer) of any shore	--	No soot blowing allowed.
(2) At berth or anchor:		

(a) Within first or last 24 hours of arrival or departure	--	No soot blowing allowed.
(b) Any other 24-hour	No limit	15 minutes for each boiler in period operation provided that no nuisance is created.
C. Cleaning and adjusting of combustion equipment while at berth or anchor	40%--2	Not to aggregate more than 4 minutes in any 60-minute period.
D. Start-up of cold boiler or engine	No limit 60%--3	5 consecutive minutes. 10 consecutive minutes additional.
E. Anchoring, berthing, or other maneuvering requiring rapid changes in power	80%--4	No limit.
F. Upset/breakdown/emergency	No limit	No limit. The control office casualty of Coast Guard safety should be notified as to reason of excessive emissions.
G. Docktrials of new or rebuilt boilers or engines	No limit	No limit provided a nuisance is not created and the control officer has been notified before 3 p.m. the day before the dock trials are to be conducted.

Additionally, the MPA does not allow ships to incinerate trash will at port.

If you need additional information please contact Maryland Department of the Environment at 410-537-3000.

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