



## SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

### NEWS RELEASE

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#### Theme: Air Emission Impacts on the Maritime Industry November 10 -11, 2009, MITAGS, Linthicum, Maryland

The Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) invites maritime industry representatives to attend and take part in our fall meeting to be held at the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) in Linthicum, Maryland.

Senior representatives from Federal and State governments and the commercial industry will present a comprehensive discussion on the impacts of air emissions on the maritime industry. A broad range of topics will be discussed, including diesel emissions reduction technology, proactive regional approaches taken to mitigate vessel air emissions, the availability of fuel and its impacts, Federal and State incentives, grants and future funding opportunities.

The agenda also provides for updates and discussions on projects under SOCP's education, training, security, safety and environmental working groups.

Agenda details and information regarding logistics can be viewed at [www.socp.us](http://www.socp.us). All attendees should register for the event on the Attend Events link. All industry representatives are welcome to attend.

Event sponsorship and/or exhibit opportunities are also available. Please contact Ram Nagendran via email at [ramnagendran@socp.us](mailto:ramnagendran@socp.us) or by calling (240) 605-7429 to complete arrangements to become a sponsor or exhibitor.

SOCP is an industry-government partnership that was formed in 1993 to share resources in the development and evaluation of technologies to advance shipboard safety, training, reliability and productivity for its members in an effort to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. maritime industry.

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