

## Welcoming Remarks for the Waterfront Diesel Emissions Conference by Joe Miniace

### *Welcoming Remarks for the Waterfront Diesel Emissions Conference by Joe Miniace*

Good Morning, for those of you that don't know me, I'm Joe Miniace President and CEO of Pacific Maritime Association. I'm proud to be sponsoring the Waterfront Diesel Emissions conference that will be held over the next two days. I'd like to welcome you all to what will be a very informative event.

Even though our country's emergency has dominated the national events of late, we still felt committed to continue with the conference and not going to let the crisis interfere with the business at hand. PMA and its member companies have worked very hard to organize this program and bring distinguished speakers together to address you in their areas of expertise.

The goal of this conference is to educate, update and advise our maritime employers, our longshore employees as well as the community at large on the complex diesel emissions issues impacting our terminals.

To do this we have brought together experts from three distinct groups:

First, we have invited government officials from the EPA to address diesel emissions initiatives from the national or federal level. We have experts from the California Air Resources Board to update us on the implementation of state requirements. And we have a representative from South Coast Air Quality to discuss local Los Angeles Air Basin requirements. Secondly, we have port authorities from California and Texas, and terminal operators and representatives from the ILWU to share their perspectives and concerns.

We invited experts from many fields; Medical Manufacturing Engineering Terminal Design Fuel Systems Trucking. We have asked these experts to speak to you on

- Health Issues
- Regulatory Requirements
- Technology options
- Financial Options
- Port Designs
- Impacts on Maritime Terminal Operations and Over the Road Trucking

We've tried to put the conference together so it tells a story in a logical fashion...and...It is going to take a day and a half to tell. Tomorrow's presentations are just as important as the one's you will hear today. If you put down the "book" today you will never know the end of the story. For tomorrow we will be looking at some solutions and technology applications.

We would hope that this conference would be a start of a partnership between our maritime industry and the regulatory agencies to begin the process of working together toward a common goal...and that is a cleaner environment for everyone.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Oakland for helping to sponsor this program.

I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank Pacific Merchant Shipping Association for not only sponsoring the conference, but also assisting with the administrative and organizational details.

You should all thank the vendors for their participation and support. Especially since they will be hosting this evening's cocktail reception at the conclusion of today's program! Please be sure to visit their booths and talk to them about their products and services.

Thank you all for coming.

I would now like to introduce our keynote speaker. While we have elected to continue with the conference, the national events of late have had some impacts on our preparations. One impact has been that Mr. Jeff Holmstead the EPA's Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation was not able to come from Washington D.C. to attend. In his stead and giving his remarks is Mr. Jack Broadbent.