



OCIMF Position Paper: Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollution

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1 Context

OCIMF is a forum for leveraging expertise across its member organisations and industry partners for the benefit of the global marine industry. By working collaboratively to develop tools and resources to help the marine industry respond to ever-changing risks, OCIMF seeks to continually improve safety, security, health and environmental performance.

OCIMF's vision is for a global marine industry that causes no harm to people or the environment.

OCIMF's mission is to lead the global marine industry in the promotion of safe and environmentally responsible transportation of crude oil, oil products, petrochemicals and gas, and to drive the same values in the management of related offshore marine operations. We do this by developing best practices in the design, construction and safe operation of tankers, barges and offshore vessels and their interfaces with terminals and considering human factors in everything we do.

1.1 Position statement

OCIMF supports the global reduction of air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which will allow the marine industry to move to a net-zero future by meeting or exceeding the IMO GHG strategic levels of ambition.

Within this position, OCIMF will continue to promote its vision and mission by developing best practice and guidance for risk management, feasibility of design and operation of new technologies, operational practices (such as route optimisation), performance measures, and fuel initiatives for reduction of GHG emissions and air pollution and shaping fit-for-purpose regulation.

2 Position

2.1 Background

OCIMF's organisational structure was redesigned in 2020 and the Environment Committee created to focus on environmental issues and concerns. Surveys of OCIMF's member companies identified GHG emissions and air pollution as the highest priority environmental issues.

The Environment Committee continues to work with OCIMF's other committees to embed environmental perspectives into their workstreams. This includes introducing and enhancing best practice and working with all relevant industry stakeholders to advocate safe and practicable operations concerning the implementation of performance measures, new initiatives, technologies and fuels to support the industry in meeting or exceeding IMO levels of ambition.

2.2 Detailed position

The key principles of OCIMF's position on the reduction of GHG emissions and air pollution are the following:

- OCIMF advocates for global regulation for the marine industry rather than regional regulation.
- OCIMF is committed to lead solutions within its operational scope to meet IMO targets on GHG emission reductions and supports striving to exceed these targets provided that aligns with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- OCIMF is technology neutral and supports flexibility of choice in reducing GHG emissions by focusing on risk management and practical implementation. OCIMF does not consider commercial matters as these are outside its mission, and therefore excludes any assessment of commercial viability.
- OCIMF develops and promotes best practice and guidance publications and programmes to manage safety and environmental risks associated with new initiatives, technologies and fuels.

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- OCIMF promotes personnel training and competency development for the safe adoption of new fuels and technologies.
- OCIMF supports collaboration, learning and sharing of knowledge across the industry and stakeholder value chain by actively engaging in cross-industry initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution.
- OCIMF encourages transparency on environmental performance and progress.

3 Next steps

OCIMF will continue to identify and share best practice guidance and advocate for its best practices through active engagement with the IMO and regional regulators.

It will improve its operational inspection programmes to enable safe maritime decarbonisation.

OCIMF will also collaborate with other industry organisations and partners for appropriate, proportionate and effective regulation to reduce GHG emissions and air pollution.

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