



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY

The Policy of the Company is to establish a proactive approach to environmental management, including **identification of sources of marine and atmospheric pollution** and reduction of potential impacts at the environment and **avoidance of damage to the environment, in particular to the marine environment and to property.**

Main Objective

- **Zero tolerance** to water pollution from Oil
- **Zero tolerance** to water pollution from Garbage
- **Zero tolerance** to water pollution from micro-organisms that may disrupt the native ecology of visited ports, from negligent and improper management of ballast water
- **Compliance** with MARPOL VI for Air Emissions Management

In order to achieve the objectives, the Company:

- Ensures the Master and designated Environmental Protection Officer are given the **necessary support** to effectively perform their duties
- Systematically **identify hazards and measures to eliminate or reduce risks to the lowest practicable level**
- Establish **safeguards** against all identified environmental risks
- Establish contingency plans for the mitigation of environmental incidents
- **Continuously improve pollution prevention management skills** of personnel ashore and aboard ships, including preparing for emergencies
- Promote a no-blame culture and motivate staff to ensure that they understand and embrace the requirements of the ship management system

Company ensures:

- **Compliance with mandatory rules & regulations**
- Applicable rules, regulations, codes, guidelines and standards recommended by International Maritime Organization, Administration, Classification Societies, Maritime and Oil Transport Industry, are embraced
- The **policy is understood, implemented and maintained at all levels in the organization**, while ultimate responsibility remains with the management
- The organization efforts aim at preventing errors, hazardous situations and incidents. Should this occur, every employee ashore and onboard is required to participate in determining and eliminating the possible causes, in order to prevent recurrence in the future
- Contingency Plans and provisions for regularly exercising them are established, so that shore-based and shipboard organization can respond effectively at any time to hazards, accidents and emergencies involving the ship.
- Reviewing the available information against stated policies and objectives through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
- Evaluating audit results
- Analyzing available records of corrective and preventive actions, and management reviews
- Identifying emerging requirements for environmental protection by Classification Societies, Technical Committees, Intertanko, Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee that are subscribers and **complying with relevant applicable legal requirements and industry guides** and guidelines of practice as minimum level of performance.
- Playing a **leading role** in promoting best practice in our industries
- Ensuring that purchase and supply activities shall continue to be more environmentally protective
- Being transparent in the public reporting of the ATHENIAN SEA CARRIERS LTD performance against the oil/marine industry
- That above policy is **communicated, understood, implemented and maintained** within this Company and by persons working on its behalf which could include contractors, temporary staff, etc.

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