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## Why this matters to you:

Air emissions from maritime transport of goods and people are a major source of pollution that impacts coastal and inland air quality, public health, and the environment. Ninety percent of the goods North Americans consume are shipped by sea, and this international seaborne trade and the resulting ship emissions are expected to increase in the next decade. The CEC is improving competitiveness and environmental performance in the maritime transport sector by sharing best environmental practices among North American ports and the shipping industry, and supporting Mexico's efforts to establish a vessels emissions control area (ECA) to complement those of Canada and the United States, resulting in a truly continental ECA.

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**OCEAN-GOING VESSELS DRIVE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND GROWTH AND TRANSPORT THE PRODUCTS THAT WE USE EVERY DAY. BUT THESE VESSELS EMIT POLLUTANTS THAT IMPACT AIR AND WATER QUALITY, THE CLIMATE AND HUMAN HEALTH. THE CEC IS WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND THE MARITIME TRANSPORT INDUSTRY TO MAKE SHIPPING MORE EFFICIENT AND LESS POLLUTING THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA.**

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## Because of the CEC...

- Capacity relative to consistent environmental requirements and best practices for ships and ports in the region has been enhanced.
- A final emissions control area (ECA) designation proposal has been developed for Mexico for submission to the International Maritime Organization. Establishment of the ECA will result in substantial human health and environmental benefits.
- The shipping industry will benefit from consistent and harmonized fuel and emissions requirements in Canada, Mexico and the United States.

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