

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Seek Economic Growth: The Port of Oakland is an economic engine for the City of Oakland and the region. As such, it is vital that the seaport strengthen and grow in a fiscally responsible manner while addressing public health and environmental impacts. We recognize that the seaport's ability to operate, grow, and be a good neighbor depends on adequately addressing the adverse public health and environmental impacts of seaport activities, while remaining viable and competitive.

Promote Public and Environmental Health: The Port of Oakland holds social responsibility and environmental stewardship as core organizational values. We are committed to assuring that seaport activities are carried out in an environmentally and socially responsible manner, minimizing adverse impacts on our neighbors and the environment. With our partners, we strive to improve the environmental and public health conditions in the seaport area, for the benefit of both present and future generations.

Promote Environmental Justice: The Port of Oakland seeks to prevent adverse impacts to communities that experience disproportionate environmental and economic effects. We commit to developing and implementing plans and policies in a manner that ensures (a) mutual respect free of discrimination or bias, (b) participation of stakeholders as equal partners, and (c) safe, healthy, and economically viable employment. We recognize the need for urban development policies that contribute to the economic, social, and environmental betterment of West Oakland in particular and of the entire City of Oakland.

Apply Concept of "Fair Share": The Port of Oakland seaport commits to achieving its fair share of air emission reductions, recognizing that it alone does not have the resources needed to subsidize the entire effort and cost of emission reductions. Therefore, the seaport will solicit the action and support of our private industry and government partners, and the commitment of all companies engaged in and benefiting from goods movement at, to, and from the Port of Oakland, to achieve and fund their fair share of emission reductions in an equitable manner. The Port will pursue air quality and public health improvements through a variety of mechanisms that work in conjunction with and rely upon local, state, and federal regulations.

Exercise Authority: The Port of Oakland seaport commits to using its legal authority and influence to maximize air quality improvement within market and legal constraints. Seaport operations produce emissions, but the Port does not own or operate the sources that produce those emissions. Where the Port may not have authority over an emission source, the Port will strive to develop voluntary partnerships or agreements with its partners to reduce emissions. The Port of Oakland will aggressively pursue the MAQIP goals in its capacity as landlord.

Engage Stakeholders: The Port of Oakland seaport commits to actively engage and partner with its diverse stakeholder community in developing, implementing, and monitoring the MAQIP. This engagement will take place through a variety of formats, including public meetings and workshops. We recognize the need to especially collaborate and partner with those who are most affected by seaport operations, including, but not limited to all workers, tenants, customers, and impacted neighboring residents.

Build Knowledge: The Port of Oakland believes that good planning builds knowledge and educates, and thus results in informed decisions. To this end, the Port strives to create a plan that educates and adds value and in which knowledge is built, shared, and used by all stakeholders as a basis for informed and accountable decision-making. The Port and its stakeholders will rely on the best available information, indicators, science, and technology in all aspects of maritime air quality planning. The Port and its stakeholders will remain flexible in their approaches to improving air quality, in order to respond and adapt to, and incorporate new advancements, information, and evolving regulatory programs.

GOALS

The MAQIP (“the Plan”) is a master plan intended to meet the following two overarching goals:

- 1) Reduce the adverse public health impacts of the Port of Oakland’s seaport-related air emissions at the seaport area and in neighboring communities that are most affected by goods movement at the seaport (in particular West Oakland) and on workers in the maritime area, as expeditiously as feasible.
- 2) Reduce the adverse impacts of the Port of Oakland’s seaport-related air emissions on ambient air quality in West Oakland and more generally in the San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin, as expeditiously as feasible.

In setting forth a framework for achieving these goals, the MAQIP covers the following major topics:

- a) Geographic and jurisdictional boundaries of seaport emission sources and the affected neighboring areas to which air quality improvement efforts will be primarily targeted. (The geographic scope of the Plan has been defined as the Port of Oakland seaport for emissions and West Oakland for impacts);
- b) Pollutants that will be targeted for reductions, and the impacts of those pollutants on the environment and public health;
- c) Regulations affecting seaport operations;
- d) Quantification of baseline and projected emissions, and the linkage between emissions and risk;
- e) Quantitative performance objectives for reducing the adverse public health and environmental impacts of seaport air emissions;
- f) Potential measures and related initiatives for reducing emissions from seaport operations that build upon the regulatory and voluntary efforts of others to reduce emissions and the health impacts associated with these emissions. These potential measures may also be included in specific mitigation plans that may be adopted as part of CEQA review for future development projects at the Port of Oakland seaport;

- g) Timelines, standards, and strategies for implementing the Plan, monitoring and measuring the progress of such implementation, performing adaptive management, and addressing progress shortfalls; and
- h) Public health and regulatory agency leadership and coordination to assist the Port in tracking risk reduction, by providing routine updates to risk studies.