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**2022 Guidance Regarding the Delivery of EGCS Residues and Stored Discharge Water to Port Reception Facilities**

The Committee approved circular MEPC.1/Circ.900 providing guidelines to address the proper management and disposal of *Exhaust Gas Cleaning System* (EGCS) waste types into port reception facilities. Terminology is introduced to distinguish between EGCS residue, wash water and bleed-off water.

In sea areas including ports, harbors and estuaries where the discharge of EGCS discharge water is prohibited, ships should keep their discharge water on board in dedicated holding tank(s) for delivery to port reception facilities.

However, outside these areas, the temporary stored discharge water could be discharged into the sea in accordance with the discharge criteria given the 2021 EGCS Guidelines (MEPC.340(77)). It is also clarified that EGCS residues (material removed from wash water or bleed-off water by a treatment system or discharge water either of which do not meet the discharge criterion for EGCS) should not be discharged to the sea, mixed with other waste streams or burned in the ship's incinerator, but should instead be appropriately managed onboard and delivered ashore to adequate reception facilities.

**2022 Guidance for the Risk and Impact Assessments of Discharge Water from EGCG**

The Committee approved circular MEPC.1/Circ.899 providing guidelines intended to provide a means of assessing impacts and risks associated with the discharge water from exhaust gas cleaning systems.

These guidelines provide information on recommended methodology for risk and impact assessments that Member States should follow when setting local or regional regulations to protect sensitive environments from the discharge water from EGCS that complies with the Convention.

These guidelines include assessments of the risks from a long-term perspective, with respect to aquatic quality, aquatic organism, and/or human health.

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