

**Workshop on Maritime Energy and Clean Emissions
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**Welcoming Remarks
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Welcome to the Maritime Administration's Workshop on Maritime Energy and Clean Emissions.

All of you are here because you recognize the necessity for meeting and answering the twin challenges of energy efficiency, along with the reduction and elimination of marine air pollution.

Over the next two days, with your help, we will develop a collaborative effort to successfully address these critical issues. I want you to know that I whole-heartedly support such an effort.

Before continuing, I must acknowledge the invaluable support and assistance of my colleagues at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency in supporting and participating in this workshop.

I look forward to working with both agencies in the coming years on a variety of conservation issues that affect the mission of the Maritime Administration and the Department of Transportation.

Coincidentally, about two weeks ago, I was honored to lead the U.S. delegation to the Japanese Government's Ministerial Conference on Transport and the Environment.

I sincerely appreciate the confidence that Secretary Mineta placed in the Maritime Administration by selecting it to be the lead US agency at this important conference.

At the meetings, twenty (20) nations confirmed, among other things, their resolve to improve the overall marine environment

Over the next two days, we, too, will explore ways and means to improve the marine environment.

We are fortunate to have many recognized experts and leaders on the workshop program who will address these matters on both a policy and technical level.

As demonstrated at the recent Tokyo Ministerial Conference, the problem of marine operations and the environment is global.

Consequently, I look forward to hearing the perspectives of our colleagues from the governments of Canada, Norway and the European Union.

Our keynote speaker today is a national leader who promotes international cooperation in this field.

His presence here reinforces the commitment of President Bush and his Administration to policies and programs that support energy conservation and efficiency with sound environmental practices.

He has been a truly excellent and courageous leader, particularly in light of the challenges the Department of Transportation has faced since the events of September 11.

I am very proud to be a part of his team and it is a pleasure to introduce to you, our Secretary of Transportation, Norm Mineta.