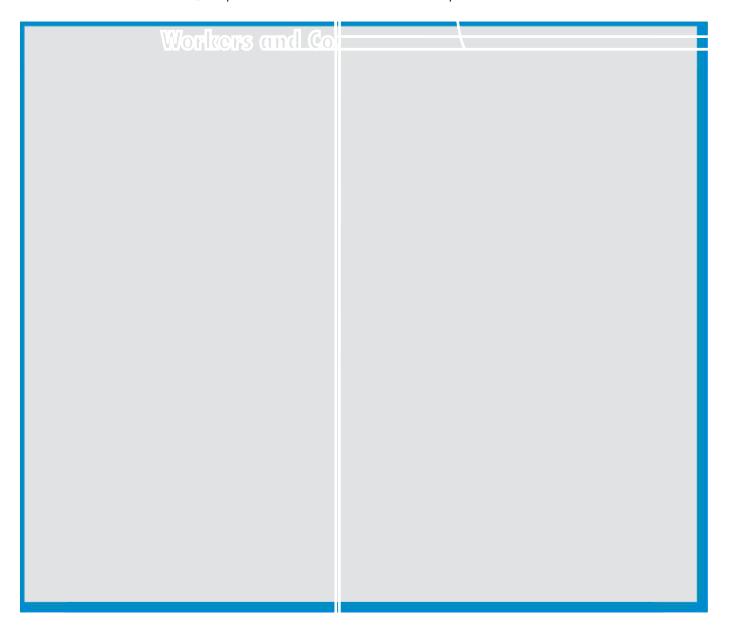
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N.W. Cruise Ship Association and the Port of Seattle entered into an agreement in 2004 that bans the release of cruise-ship wastewater into state waters except from vessels using advanced treatment systems that meet the standards and testing regime set out by federal law, is certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, and approved by Washington Department of Ecology (DOE). It also sets strict guidelines for where and how properly treated water may be discharged.

DOE inspectors board the vessels periodically to inspect the wastewater treatment systems and associated records.

The amended agreement, annual meeting notes and historical cruise ship wastewater discharge date is available at :// . . /

A report on cruise ship wastewater discharges in 2009 is available at :// . . / 7N

Washington State requires vessels in coastal transit to go out at least 50 nautical miles from shore and exchange their ballast in water over 2,000 meters deep.

The Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife enacts and enforces the ballast water law. In 2007, they hired an inspector to focus on the Columbia River and S. Puget Sound. Since then, there have been considerable changes in



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