RE: MGLA020915-3529 Freedom of Information Request - Press Release

Mayor of London (mayor@london.gov.uk)

To:

Dear

Thank you for your correspondence seeking clarification on the content of GLA press release regarding Enderby Wharf sent to the Deputy Mayor on 2 September 2015.

The recent change in legislation that requires all ships to burn fuel of 0.1% sulphur or less when within the Sulphur Emission Control Areas (SECA) will result in longer steaming times up the River Thames which has in turn led to a desire for cruise operators to stay longer at the terminal. The 97% reduction in emissions stated in the release, relates to the comparative reduction in sulphur emissions when compared to those emitted from marine fuel oil allowed prior to 1 January 2015 and is also true for a ship coming from outside a SECA to inside.

With regards to your final question, as has been made clear in subsequent correspondence and within the GLA stage two planning report (ref: 2515b/02), AMEC was commissioned by the GLA to independently review the Council's assessment of emissions from berthed cruise ships and the findings of this review were summarised within the above-mentioned report. As requested, I have also attached a copy of AMEC's report.

I hope that this has answered your questions.

Yours sincerely,

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