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While the cruise ship industry can provide many forms of direct and indirect economic benefits to people and communities, proven and cost effective solutions to all forms of waste products that result from the activities of cruise ships and support industries **MUST BE REGULATED** to the same enforceable standards of similar activities occurring on land.

Impacts on human health and on ecological health and diversity are not reduced just because the polluting or other destructive impacts originate from cruise ship operations. The impacts are real and they must be effectively and fairly identified and corrected or mitigated for the same reason that any other environmental or human health adverse impacts are identified and corrected or mitigated.

All lines should be required and assisted to follow strict guidelines and timetables, promptly and in a 'good citizen' and public manner. And passengers and would-be passengers should be taxed for each cruise according to the miles traveled in order to fund both waste reduction efforts using existing technologies and to fund additional development and improvement of waste reduction and waste handling technologies. User taxes are always effective in promoting effective project development and developed technologies best use.