

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

This report is has been prepared to detail Thessaloniki Port Authority S.A.'s (Th.P.A. S.A.) environmental performance. It has been prepared to keep stakeholders, such as government agencies and the community, informed about the environmental performance of the Organization as well as the activities undertaken to meet its social responsibilities. It progresses 2007-2010 concept.

Th.P.A. S.A. has chosen to report these aspects of its business because of their importance to both the Organisation as well as stakeholders.

The aims of this report are to:

- describe how the Organization is working to achieve sustainable outcomes in all of its activities
- report how Th.P.A. S.A. is responsibly managing activities to both protect the environment and work with local communities
- present details of the Organization's environmental performance and outcomes achieved
- indicate the programs in place to continue improving this performance

The report does not address our tenants' and lessees' operations, as environmental performance reporting is their own responsibility.



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Chairman of the Board & CEO's Message

“The integration of environmental imperatives into the everyday organization of the port's activities is a high priority of the strategy of the Thessaloniki Port Authority S.A.”. The previous statement of the port authority's environmental policy declaration (2002), in the framework of PERS certification, has been materialised into everyday practice, a fact which is reflected into the content of the present publication.

Th.P.A. S.A. is committed to sustainable development and operation and has developed appropriate practices to manage potential environmental impacts, working constructively with the local community.

This report represents our ongoing commitment to public reporting of our environmental performance. It is our third report and we are proud of the fact our achievements clearly attest to our commitment to the continuous improvement of our environmental management and our determination to progress our goal, to be seen as Greece's “Green Port”.

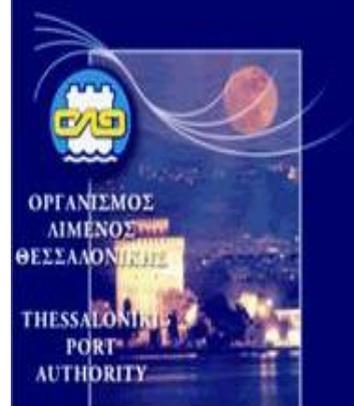
The fact that the port is neighbouring to the city of Thessaloniki, consists an additional reason for undertaking initiatives which will contribute to the environmental protection, as well as to a better connection between the port and the city.

We have maintained our philosophy of ensuring that environmental management is a key part of our business operations by working more closely with lessees ensuring that they are operating towards a high level of environmental performance.

This report provides evidence of the progress made during the last three years in the port's environmental management.

I am very pleased with the progress made by our Organization in improving its environmental management over the past years, and I remain confident that Th.P.A. S.A. will continue to be a leader within the Hellenic, at least, port industry in this regard.

Stylianos Angeloudis
Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer



LOCATION AND LEGAL STATUS

Thessaloniki Port Authority S.A. (Th.P.A. S.A.) is the entity, which is managing and exploiting the port. Th.P.A. S.A. became a Societe Anonyme (S.A.) in 1999 and has been listed in the Athens Stock Exchange since 2001.

The port of Thessaloniki lies at the crossroads of land transport networks (Egnatia Road and Patra-Athens-Thessaloniki-Evzoni Motorway) and Trans-European Network routes X and IV, and is an important sea hub for the European Union since it is close to the countries of South East Europe and the Black Sea.



The port has a total quay length of 6,200m and a sea depth down to 12 meters. It has 600,000 m² of indoor and open storage area and modern mechanical equipment for the secure and prompt handling of all kinds of cargo, general, bulk and containers.

Th.P.A. S.A. is currently one of the major employers of Northern Greece with a workforce of more than 450 people while over 2,000 people work daily on its premises.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Thessaloniki's port handles over 16.000,000 tons of cargo per annum (out of which 7,000,000 dry cargo and 9,000,000 liquid fuel cargo), 370,000 TEUs containers, 3,000 ships and 220,000 passengers.

Services Provided

- Cargoes: Loading, unloading, servicing and storage of all kinds of cargoes (containers, bulk and general cargo) from - to: ships, trucks and rail wagons.
- Ships: Anchoring, mooring, water supply, power - telecommunication supply, ship's garbage management.
- Passengers: Modern passenger terminal providing ships and cruise liners passengers with a plethora of services.

Other Services:

- Leasing of storage space for port activities in the Free Zone and the Free Port
- Usual handling with or without customs supervision.



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Th.P.A. S.A. is an environmentally responsible Organization, committed to providing cost-effective and competitive facilities and services required by existing and potential port users, with minimum adverse impact on the natural and social environment.

GENERAL APPROACH

Various forms of commercial activities take place in the Port of Thessaloniki: a wide range of cargo passes through the port including crude oil, LNG, chemicals, soya, timber, coal, cement and sulphur, amongst others. The port is also involved in dry and liquid bulks handling, petro-chemical processing and ferry traffic; as a result of all these, major environmental issues arise, such as the quality of air and port-area water.

Furthermore, the operations associated with container handling, conventional cargo handling, services to coastal shipping and to cruise ships all represent potential hazards especially in terms of noise, waste and spillage (particularly bunkering and vehicle servicing).

Th.P.A. S.A. acknowledges the significance of environmental issues related to air, soil and water quality as well as resource consumption and endeavours to achieve long-term sustainable development by minimising air, land and water emissions in all its operations.

Th.P.A. S.A. is also aware of the environmental issues concerning the construction phase of the quay extension. The issues of sediment disposal and water quality are actively being addressed.

DECLARATION

Sustainability and environmental protection are recognized as being amongst the most important and complex concepts of our time, especially concerning maritime transportation and related port activities. Integration of environmental imperatives into the everyday organization of the port's

activities is a high priority of the strategy of the port. This approach is emerging as the core of efforts both to build a vision of sustainability and to accelerate progress towards that objective. Th.P.A. S.A. recognizes that the challenge is to demonstrate how this ambition is being translated into practical reality.



INDICATION OF PRIORITIES OF ACTION

Th.P.A. S.A. acknowledges that in order to be successful, the port must carry out its activities in such a way that its commercial operations are seen as integral components of the social and economic resources of the national, regional and local communities.

In operating as a successful port business, Th.P.A. S.A. is committed to ensuring that its activities are conducted in an ecologically sustainable way with a high standard of environmental performance. This will be achieved whilst ensuring that the needs of the community and the values attached to natural resources are taken into account in corporate planning and the way in which business is conducted.

To achieve environmental performance consistent with this policy, Th.P.A. S.A. will follow the principles outlined below:

✓ Environmental improvement

Integration of environmental considerations of sustainable development into the port's planning and decision-making processes.

✓ Environmental management systems

Implementation of appropriate EMS procedures so that the functional organization of the port's activities, products and services result in continuous improvement of the port's environment.

✓ Legal compliance

Establishment of organization and procedures necessary to deliver conformity with all relevant international and national legislation, and contribution to meeting compliance with other relevant policies and guidelines. Th.P.A. S.A. endorses the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) Environmental Code of Practice.

✓ Nature conservation

Effort to sustain natural resources and enhance nature conservation through integration of these objectives into any port development projects.

✓ Communication – Consultation

Enrichment of the port's own scientific knowledge through external partnerships (e.g. the local academic community), providing procedures to communicate environmental information both internally within the port and externally within the local community, general public and government bodies. Th.P.A. S.A. is in contact with port stakeholders (in addition to consultation activities) and it initiates community consultation efforts when any action plans are envisaged to have external impacts.

✓ Training – Awareness and Skills

Development of opportunities for dedicated port staff at all levels to receive training in order to raise awareness of the importance of environmental issues and to develop the appropriate skills to fulfill their environmental responsibilities and obligations.

✓ Safety, Health and Environment

Commitment to high standards of health and safety within the workplace in order to safeguard the well being of those working at, visiting or living near our operations.

✓ Energy use – Technology

Efforts to make improvements to its energy efficiency and resource consumption and apply of best practice and technology whenever possible.

✓ Pollution prevention

Application of appropriate management techniques to conserve and protect water resources, promote clean air, minimize noise and reduce and recycle the waste generated by the port's operations and ships.

✓ Coastal zone management

Support of procedures related to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).

✓ Environmental monitoring

Monitoring, evaluating and reviewing of both the port's environmental management performance (Policy, action plans, EMS etc) and the environmental quality of the port area with special reference to its significant environmental aspects, and to identify appropriate performance indicators.

✓ Emergency response

Providing effective management of accidents and incidents with significant environmental impacts through an Environmental Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.

✓ Publishing

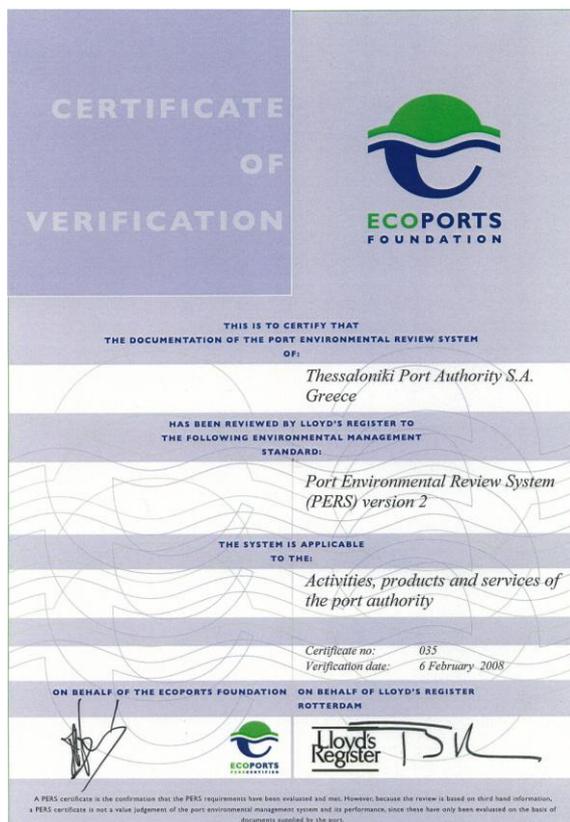
Publishing periodically an Environmental Report that will reflect Th.P.A. S.A.'s commitment and progress in improving the port's environmental performance.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OVERVIEW

Th.P.A. S.A. has a well established Environmental Management System (EMS) in place. The EMS documents the port's Environmental Policy, environmental aspects, legislative requirements, responsibilities and accountabilities for environmental management within the port and provides details of how environmental performance is to be measured against internal and external standards.

The system is based on PERS (Port Environmental Review System) and has been continually improved by Organization's staff since its inception to reflect best port practices.



Th.P.A. S.A. was the 5th port in Europe and the 1st in Greece and Mediterranean to receive PERS accreditation in October 2002 by Loyds Register. PERS provides the basis for developing an efficient environmental management system, as it is based on requirements similar to ISO 14001, and is favoured by European Sea

Ports Organization (ESPO) and ECOPORTS network.

Moreover, Th.P.A. S.A. is the only Hellenic port organization which is a full member of the ECOPORTS network.

Following its success, Th.P.A. S.A. has continued to seek and implement the necessary environmental management tools and actions to be at the forefront of Port Environmental Management.

EXECUTIVE

Th.P.A. S.A. has established in 2004 the Department of Environment, Health & Safety, seating up in parallel a small environmental group, driven by an Environmental Officer. The Department has as main aim, among others, to ensure corporate governance in managing the port environmental priorities. The Environmental Officer may reports directly to the CEO to ensure a high level of environmental accountability in the Organization.

Th.P.A. S.A. has set up the appropriate organisational structure and designated staff to deal with the objectives specified in the policy statement. The key personnel responsible for the environmental aspects within the port are identified by name and workplace.

Consultants are used to provide specialized advice and to carry out specialist tasks, such as environmental monitoring. Valuable collaborator to this effort remains the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), mainly through the drwaing up of various research projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

Th.P.A. S.A. has established and maintains a procedure to identify the environmental aspects of its activities, operations and services, in order to determine those which may have significant impacts on the environment. Th.P.A. S.A. has ensured that the aspects related to these significant impacts are considered in setting environmental objectives.

The significance of the aspects is primary based to the:

- Location of the activity (distance from the residential area)
- Frequency (routine, occasional, hourly)
- Severity (closely related to frequency, evaluation of the compliance with the relevant limits and impacts on environment, health and city).

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The major environmental issues facing Th.P.A. S.A. are:

- Ensuring sustainable operation on port land
- Ensuring sustainable use of the port by shipping, lessees and operators
- Ensuring effective responses to port incidents

The major environmental aspects that concern Th.P.A. S.A. are:

- Dust
- Port waste
- Ship-generated waste
- Sea water quality
- Resources consumption
- Emergencies

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Th.P.A. S.A. has established and maintains a procedure to identify and have access to those legal requirements, such as codes, agreements, and regulatory and non-regulatory guidelines that are applicable to the environmental aspects of the port. Legal requirements may include laws, memorandums of agreement, regulations, permits, contracts, consent orders, etc. Other requirements may include voluntary programs or code of practices (e.g. ESPO Environmental Code of Practice).

All legal requirements relative to the port are appropriately categorized. Whenever changes in environmental legislation influence, indirectly, the way in which Th.P.A. S.A. conducts its activities, are recorded and communicated to relevant employees to ensure compliance.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS

Th.P.A. S.A. requires the preparation of an Impact Assessment for projects proposed for port land and water.

For major projects, according to the relevant laws, an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and approved by the competent local and national authorities.

For smaller projects, Th.P.A. S.A. carries out an Environmental Management Plan before the starts of the works, identifying relevant environmental terms and limits.



GOALS AND TARGETS

General targets for improving the environmental performance are developed almost every two years and regularly reviewed to ensure adequate progress. The performance targets for the current report are documented in the Environmental Performance section.

INCIDENT REPORTING

Although there is very few incidents in the port, capturing any incidents and learning from them is an important component of the EMS to ensure continual improvement.

Any environmental or safety incidents are reported on an incident form. The outcomes of the investigation and recommendations to prevent their recurrence are also reported and followed up.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The Environmental Report enables Th.P.A. S.A. to present qualitatively and quantitatively the effectiveness of its environmental management programme, year by year.

Th.P.A. S.A. strives for excellence in environmental performance and seeks to set the highest benchmarks. The performance of the Authority during 2007-2010 continued to be high.

AWARD

Th.P.A. S.A. is committed for the sustainable protection of the environment in all the range of its activities and operational policy.

The conformance with the legislative framework and the continuous effort for improvement of our environmental records, are fundamental axes of the environmental strategy, aiming at the more general viable growth and the better quality of life of society.



The business and the moral reward of sustainable operation of Th.P.A. S.A. and its continuous effort in promoting environment, friendly technologies and activities, resulted to an “Award of Environmental Performance” in 2007.

It was granted by the Prefecture of Thessaloniki, due to the “particular sensitivity demonstrated and effort invested for the environment”.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Th.P.A. S.A., in order to facilitate monitoring of the port’s environmental performance, has identified relevant Environmental Performance Indicators.

The indicators selected relate to Th.P.A. S.A.’s environmental objectives and are based upon risk analysis.

They enable Th.P.A. S.A. to track its progress towards achieving the targets set to reduce the most significantly impacting processes.

Dust

- To minimise the fugitive dust from the bulk cargo handling.
- To ensure compliance with current relevant legislation.

Port waste

- To ensure compliance with relevant Hellenic legislation on common and recyclable waste management

Landscape quality

- Continue to assess the quality of land and reclaimed areas

Ship-generated waste

- To ensure compliance with all relevant legislation (MARPOL, 2000/59/EC, Hellenic)

Sea water quality

- To minimise water contamination from port activities

Noise

- To minimise the fugitive dust from the bulk cargo handling.
- To ensure compliance with current relevant legislation.

Risk / Emergencies

- To prevent and minimise the impacts of oil and hazardous substances spills
- To prevent risks related to health and safety

Resources consumption

- To monitor and reduce resources (water, oil, electricity) consumption

Air quality

- To ensure compliance with current health and safety standards

Dredging and dredging disposal

- To minimize the impacts of dredging on the ecosystems during and after the operation.

Compliance with regulations

- To comply with all relevant environmental legislation

The performance against these objectives is reported below:

Dust

Emissions of dust from dry bulk cargo handling in the port can be a source of air pollution, affecting residential areas around the port, port personnel and other port users.

Th.P.A. S.A. takes a series of practices and actions to tackle with any negative impact.

Initiatives taken so far include:

- Periodical watering and sweeping of the port's roads and docks mainly at the areas where dry bulk cargo is handled
- Covering the bulk cargo piles with tarpaulins and screens
- Enclosed of bulk cargo stockpiles in perimetric screens made of portable blocks of concrete or containers
- Measurements of PM concentrations at certain places of the port
- Use of a fog cannon system
- Re-vegetation at certain areas and tree planting
- Use of all appropriate means of personal protection for the dockworkers



Port waste

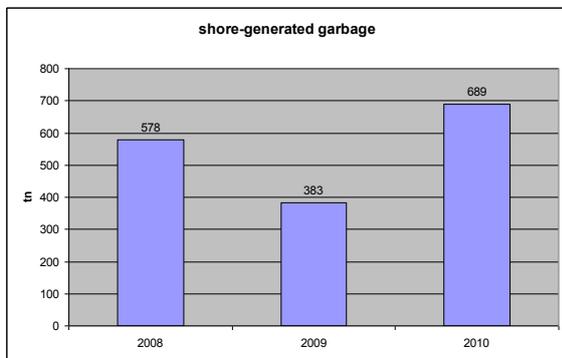
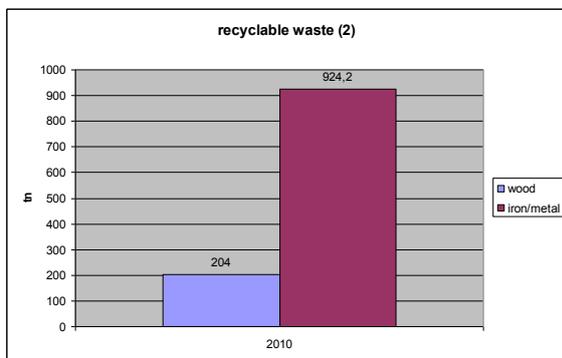
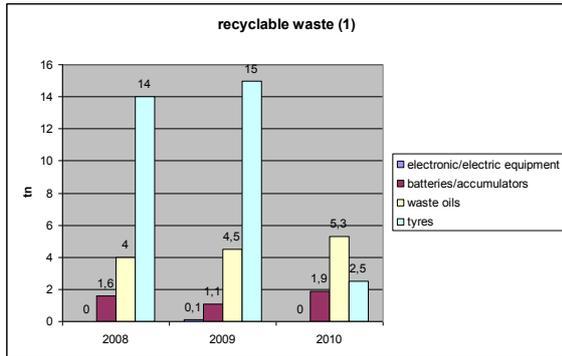
The shore (port land) waste collection and handling is done by Th.P.A. S.A., which has all appropriate licences, means and equipment.

Regarding the recyclable waste, Th.P.A. S.A. has defined specific procedures for the collection, temporary storage, management and delivery of all recyclable waste, such as paper, waste oils, used batteries and accumulators, waste electrical and electronic equipment.

During the past years Th.P.A. S.A. has continued to undertake audits to monitor the success of initiatives to minimise its waste production and improve the recycling efficiency.

It has also introduced initiatives such as provision of additional recycling bins, employee awareness programme,

relocation and provision of additional bins to meet changes in high-use areas.



The activities of the port provide services rather than products, thus its activities are not likely to result in any land contamination.

However, port land is leased to private companies whose activities may have the potential to contaminate land if adequate controls are not in place. To prevent land contamination, environmental management plans are required for new establishments.

Whenever any land contamination has been identified on port land, the appropriate actions have been determined and applied to protect the environment.



The reclamation of the polluted base of the port's 6th Pier done in the past, is an actual good practice, as pioneer practices and methods have been used.

Regarding the aesthetic image of the port, in the past months Th.P.A. S.A. landscaped additional areas with a series of trees and shrubs.

The results of Th.P.A. S.A.'s actions so far are quite encouraging, although more extensive presentation and evaluation will be done in next report.

Landscape quality

The major part of the port is covered with concrete and asphalt. Only a small area on Pier 1 is stone-covered, where the Th.P.A. S.A.'s Main Offices, the Harbour Master's Office and buildings used for cultural activities are located.



Ship-generated waste

According to the MARPOL 73/78, the Directive 2000/59/EC and the relevant Hellenic law, Th.P.A. S.A. has established an integrated “Waste reception and handling plan” for ship’s generated waste.

After an open and public bid, the providing of all reception facilities in the port for the ship-generated waste has been assigned to a private company, which has all appropriate licences, means and equipment.



The waste management plan was developed by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and has been commended by EMSA for its functionality and effectiveness.



Sea water quality

The values of the physico-chemical and biological parameters of the sea-water are, in general, representative of the quality of the Thermaikos gulf, which for many years was affected by polluted loads coming from

sewage pipes, streams, river flows and coastal installations.

Current port operation is environmentally friendly to the sea environment, due to a series of preventive actions taken in the past years:

The toxic antifouling paints (e.g. TBT based) used on ships have been prohibited and replaced with environmentally friendly ones.

All ship-generated waste are delivered to the appropriate port reception facilities.

Each year oil spill accidents are almost zero and of minor severity, due to the proactive actions and prompt response.

The airborne dust, coming from dry bulk cargo handling, settled on the sea surface have been further eliminating due to fugitive dust preventive measures.



Th.P.A. S.A. takes all appropriate measures to prevent any marine pollution from its operation, transforming the port operation environmentally friendly to the marine environment.

Towards this direction, Th.P.A. S.A. has established a floating monitoring station for continual measuring of water physical data, such as pH, temperature, conductance, salinity, dissolved oxygen and turbidity.

Noise

The residential area is located relatively far from the noisy port's activities, such as the container terminal; therefore, no noise complaints from neighbouring residents or the port staff were documented.

The main noisy activity that may exceed target levels concerns the trucks and rail wagons access/exit to/from the port gates.

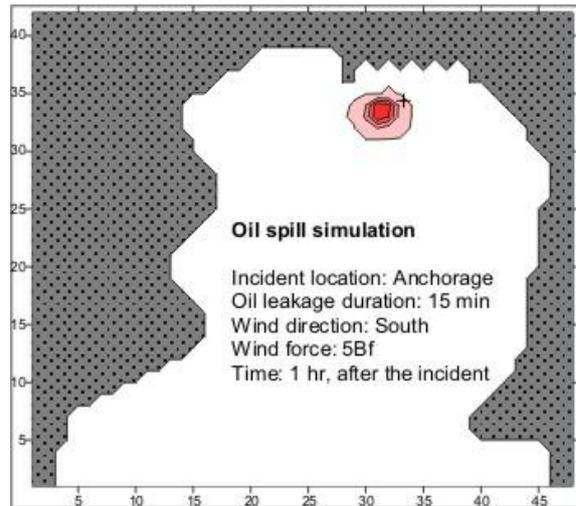
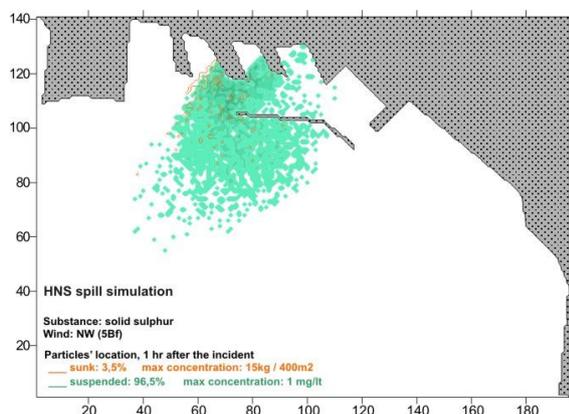
Sporadic noise measurements done in "hot" spots around the port have shown so far that typical noise levels were <60 dBA at the closest residences (lower than maximum target: 65 dBA).

Risk / Emergencies

Th.P.A. S.A. acknowledges that port activities may lead to emergencies either for people or the environment.

Spills in port waters could result from a variety of sources including on-shore industries, groundings-collisions of vessels, illegal discharges from ships, accidents when transferring waste oil to facilities and accidents when refuelling vessels. For such risks, Th.P.A. S.A. has developed, in cooperation with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, a spill contingency plan on oil and HNS, according the OPRC 1990 and OPRC/HNS international conventions, which are both plans regularly reviewed and updated.

Marine pollution incidents occurred in the past years within port area were all considered minor in nature and none resulted in environmental harm.



After an open and public bid, the spill cleanup in the port has been assigned to a private company, which has all appropriate licences, means and equipment. In times of spillage, the company implements anti-pollution procedures and has equipment in place as part of the national spill response plan.



Th.P.A. S.A. has also developed an Emergency Response Plan for accidents occurred on land, covering situations such as fire, explosion, fatalities etc. The response plan is organised and executed by the Security Office.

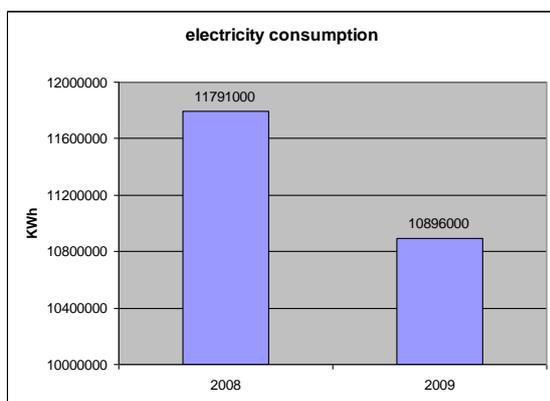
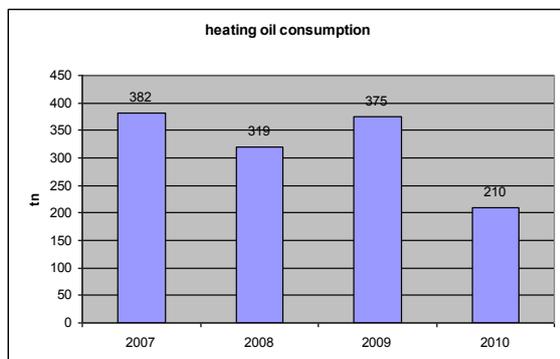
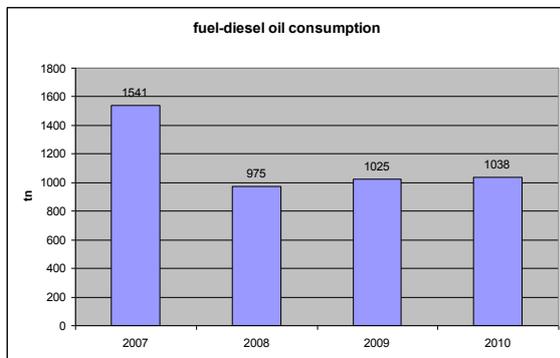
Moreover, Th.P.A S.A. implements a port facilities security plan in accordance with the ISPS Code requirements. Th.P.A. S.A. applies all security arrangements for detecting security threats and taking preventative measures against security incidents affecting ships or port facilities.

Resources consumption

Th.P.A. S.A. recognizes that the resources consumption should be used in an efficient way across the port sector.

According to the results and outcomes of the energy auditing carried out in 2006 on electricity and oil consumption, Th.P.A. S.A. gradually invests in certain energy conservation actions.

In the following diagrams, the annual amount of electricity, heating oil and fuel consumption are presented. The trends display a remarkable reduction in resources consumption since 2006.



The reduction of the electric energy amount reflects partially the introduction of natural gas use in the buildings of the Pier I.

Besides the environmental awareness campaign and the supply of the buildings of the 1st Pier with natural gas, Th.P.A. S.A. is planning further methods and practices to reduce resources consumption and improve energy use, such as:

- the extension of the natural gas network in the rest building areas,
- the use of photovoltaic systems in buildings' roof and other areas,
- the implementation of a series of technical interventions on buildings, for energy improvement,
- the gradual replacement of old type vehicles with hybrid ones.

Air quality

The port is an area characterized by a wide range and variety of workplaces and workstations, electronic and mechanical equipment and machines, working methods and cargo-type distribution, thus potentially it may distribute to the local area's quality.

As no manufacturing is carried out on port land and based on the whole port activity, the airborne dust from bulk cargo storage and handling seems to be so far the main possible source of air pollution.

Other air pollutants such as CO, CO₂, NO_x, hydrocarbon odour or fume has not been reported as an issue with any neighbouring residents or controlling authorities, thus no special air pollution abatement strategies have been required to-date.

Nevertheless, a more detailed presentation on air pollutants will be done in next reporting editions, as an integrated impact assessment study for the whole port area is under final elaboration. For this reason, a comprehensive meteorological station has been established in port, in order the measures to be correlated with the weather conditions.



Regarding the health & safety at work issues, Th.P.A. S.A. applies a comprehensive relevant management plan, including, among others, the monitoring of the air quality where the port employees may be exposed, the use of the appropriate personal protective means, job rotation, etc. According to the measurements taken so far for various air agents such as TSP, NOx, benzol, hydrocarbons, chloroform, carbon tetrachloride, phosphine, ethyl alcohol, CO, CO2, the values does not, in general, exceed the exposure limits set.

Health and Safety

The company's sensitivity to the personnel and cargo safety as well as its respect for the environment protection plays a paramount role in the company's operation.

The Organization is constantly striving to minimize accidents and, generally, negative effects both in health and safety of workers, which could result from inefficient planning and application of port's services.

Th.P.A. S.A. has achieved systematically a large improvement on occupational safety and health conditions, thanks to a series of technical, organizational and medical measures taken so far, such as:

- Elaboration of a risk assessment study
- Placement of all appropriate safety signs for all the workplaces
- Set up of precautionary medical check up for port personnel
- Monitoring of chemical and physical exposures and risk
- Removing of all devices and installations containing PCBs and asbestos

Thanks to the regular measuring of radiation, noise, chemical factors and other elements, the Department of Environment, Health and Safety (set up in 2004) has contributed to the improvement of occupational safety and health conditions. The results of the above systematic efforts are reflected in the significant reduction of the relevant port workers accident frequency and severity indicators in the recent years.

As part of the relevant ongoing efforts of Th.P.A. S.A., is the drawing up and publication of the "Regulation of Health and Safety at Work", which describes and specifies for the port of Thessaloniki, all the relevant safe working practices that should the personnel apply.



No significant incidents were reported during the past years.

Th.P.A. S.A. will continue to work with all employees, contractors, port users and interested parties to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation.

Dredging and dredging disposal

Dredging is an aspect of minor significance for the Thessaloniki Port, as it is not affected by tidal movements or runoff from rivers or surrounding land areas. As almost no build-up of sediments is produced, the depth of berths and navigation channels is kept steady. In case of works where dredging activities are necessary, the relevant legal requirements are applied (impact assessment, terms, measures etc).

Compliance with regulations

The compliance of the port with all relevant regulations and legal requirements is one of the main environmental policy's priorities.

Port legal professionals have reviewed legislative changes to confirm that Th.P.A. S.A. is addressing them appropriately.

Consistent with the port's Environmental Policy, Th.P.A. S.A. expects all port users to comply with all national and local regulations that are applicable to the operations and activities being conducted.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY

AN OPEN PORT

The port of Thessaloniki is a traditional Mediterranean city-port with strong historical ties between the city, the sea and the port.

Th.P.A. S.A. has opened the port to the city making facilities available at the port to develop various forms of activities.



A series of warehouses on Pier 1 have been renovated into modern, functional multi-purpose spaces suitable for conferences, seminars, exhibitions, cinema and receptions, while the traditional style facades have been preserved.



Use of these facilities and the running of three Museums at the port (Museums of: Cinema, Photography and the Center of Contemporary Art) and hosting of the Thessaloniki Film Festival have transformed Pier 1 into a cultural hotspot familiar to everyone in the city and making the traditional port an attraction for visitors.



Within the framework of the development of its real estate, beside the use of the warehouses, Thessaloniki PA S.A. has created and operates successfully open car parking facilities.

The parking facilities located near the commercial centre help mitigating the city traffic problem and upgrading the quality of life of the inhabitants.

In cooperation with the competent bodies, Th.P.A. S.A. is examining further systematic ways of exploiting and introducing the port areas in the daily life of the city.

Its objective is to conjugate any further use of those areas with the respect of the environment and the most beneficial effect for the inhabitants and the city.

INTERFACE

As Th.P.A. is a society anonyme with governmental influence, it has increased capacity to meet national and local responsibilities, as well as has an obligation to act as a good neighbor.

The main Th.P.A. S.A. motto towards a harmonious neighbourhood, a creative partnership and a sustainable common route is the operation and development of a port which:

- (a) respects the city without being a burden to,
- (b) is open to residents with areas for recreational and cultural activities,
- (c) provides modern and competitive services to travellers and businesses, serving in parallel as a platform of greater local development and creativity.

The port of Thessaloniki can be a key tourist gateway for the city and the wider region, strengthening both the local

economy and its image as a tourist destination. The port is located in the heart of the city, thus tourists can move easily and visit the local shops and museums, as well as to make excursions to nearby tourist destinations such as Olympus, Vergina, Dion, Pella, Halkidiki etc.

PORT AND CITY COMMUNITIES

Th.P.A. S.A. respects the aspirations and concerns of the city, port users and stakeholders, through activities aiming to (a) build awareness and understanding of its operations, (b) be inclusive and consultative in its dealings, thereby encouraging support within government, industry, port users, local authorities and the wider public, (c) protect the wellbeing of the city.

Th.P.A. S.A. gives high priority on consultation activities with the local community, when an environmental issue associated with port activities and operations arises.

The contacts with the local community have been maintained and whenever any port action plan is believed to have environmental impacts, a consultation process is initiated.

Contact with port stakeholders has continued to take place via a number of formal and informal means, in addition to consultation and meeting activities.



Because of the broad scope of its operations, Th.P.A. S.A. will exam the development of a list of “preferred suppliers” for particular services, based on their environmental performance, practices and records. Companies with poor environmental records will not be considered as a suitable supplier.

Moreover, Th.P.A. S.A. has planned to include more aspects of environmental terms in the agreements done with port users.

INFORMATION OFFICE

Th.P.A. S.A. has established a special information office to providing direct feedback on port issues, to its clients, users and the public.

The Information Office (info office) operates all day and any interested part can ask for any information as well as for submitting their complaints.

There are three ways to communicate with the info office:

- by calling at +30-2310-593393
- by e-mail at marvanitidis@thpa.gr
- by completing the online form at <http://www.thpa.gr>



RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The participation of ThPA S.A. to research contributes to the transfer of know-how and to the follow-up of modern safe and quality ship service trends while improving the performance of the port activities (Programs SPIN, TRAPIST IONAS, e-LOGMAR-M, NAYTILOS, EFFORTS, FREIGHTWISE, MIRTO). Such environmental research programs (GREENPORT_h, PCP, SEKAN, GILDA. NET) ensure the port environmental protection policy and to the acquisition of significant know-how, information and good practices.

The port personnel participate regularly in Conferences and Meetings, presenting scientific and technical papers, demonstrating its high level of skills and environmental concern.

Th.P.A. S.A. places great emphasis on cooperative research and education, organising informative and educational students tours within the port area, in an annual basis, in cooperation with the local University and other interested parties.



According to the “Framework Agreement” signed with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Th.P.A. S.A. encourages and facilitates the undertaking of Ph.D., M.Sc. and Diploma thesis, concerning the port environmental improvement. The results are available to the port management and support the understanding of the environmental issues in the port area. The students are given the opportunity to study and work on practical problems and are supported by the port personnel and resources.

FUTURE PLANS AND ACTIONS

The ongoing goals and targets for 2011/13 reflect the strong commitment of Th.P.A. S.A. on environmental protection:

- Undertake environmental awareness training for employees and contractors working at all port sites.
- Drawing up of a manual on good environmental practices at work, for port personnel.
- Identify and implement of “industry best practices”. Th.P.A. S.A. will continue to share its knowledge and experience with others through publications and conferences, as well as to learn from others to continue improvement.
- Renew progressively of the “old technology” vehicles with hybrid ones.
- Improve the energy efficiency of the buildings through specific technical interventions, in order to achieve the “green building” operation.
- Expand the natural gas network in the rest port buildings, where appropriate.
- Th.P.A. S.A. will continue its extensive monitoring program on health and safety issues.
- Establishment of monitoring stations on marine water and air quality, in cooperation with the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- Improve its current system on waste minimization and recycling.
- Examine further the possibility to develop photovoltaic systems on certain port areas, such as buildings’ roof.
- Improve the landscape quality and the aesthetic image of the port, mainly through planting of trees and shrubs, in annual basis.
- Provide reduced port dues on ships and vessels which apply good environmental practices, mainly through the Environmental Ship Index (ESI).
- Evaluation of the results of the Self Diagnosis Method, in annual basis.
- Strict application of PERS requirements and further assessment on ISO 14001 implementation.
- Active cooperation with the ECOPORTS network and ESPO’s activities.



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