

## **KISH P & I LOSS PREVENTION CIRCULAR KPI-LP-110-2013** **(Maximum Fuel Sulphur content update)**

Max sulphur content permissible is to be reduced to 0.1% by 2015



The United States Environmental Enforcement Agency ([EPA](#)) has announced that it will initiate trial vessel fly-overs to monitor compliance with MARPOL Annex VI.

Initially undergoing trials in the upper Chesapeake Bay area, it is expected that the fly-over program will be extended to include other areas which fall under the North America Emission Control Area (NA ECA).

The fly-overs will be monitoring and testing emissions from vessels to ensure the fuel oil being used on board contains less than 1%

maximum sulphur content, as required by the [ECA](#).

The North American ECA has been in force since 1st August 2012. The maximum sulphur content permissible is to be reduced even further (to 0.1%) by 1st January 2015. The new fly-over trials support further targeting by EPA and USCG to ensure vessels are compliant with the MARPOL Annex VI rules as the one year anniversary of the ECA implementation approaches.