

# Cruise Industry Meets & Exceeds Standards

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<u>Stream</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>International or Federal Requirements</u>	<u>Lines Embarking from Charleston</u>
Gray Water	drainage from showers, washbasins, laundry and dishwashers	must be discharged outside of 3 miles, unless the vessel meets certain criteria and requirements.	discharged outside of 12 miles
Black Water	water from urinals, toilets and medical facilities	must be treated by Marine Sanitation Device <u>or</u> discharged outside of 12 miles	treated by MSD <u>and</u> discharged outside of 12 miles
Waste	paper, plastics, packaging, other refuse	no discharges allowed inside three miles; disposal of plastics prohibited anywhere	not discharged -- landed as compacted recyclables, donations, incinerator ash, or landfill waste
Bilge Water	mixture of liquids, primarily fresh water, collected from machinery spaces	oil content limited to 15 parts per million; discharge allowed 'en route'; no treatment required for landside discharge of sludge	oil content limited to 5 parts per million (3 times cleaner); discharge >12 miles; sludge recycled by approved waste handler
Ballast Water	sea water taken on by the ship for safety	required reporting on discharges; USCG/EPA considering regulations	open ocean exchange and reporting; experimenting with treatment