

News Release

NEW SERVICE TO OPEN AT THE PORT OF GALVESTON

Cruise Homeporting Attracts Additional Business

Galveston, Texas...October 30, 2000...AmeriTech Resource Recovery, Inc. has signed a lease with the Port of Galveston to offer government-approved waste disposal services at the Port of Galveston making Galveston the only site on the Gulf of Mexico offering similar services.

“We feel that the establishment of spin-off businesses at our facilities is an additional benefit to having attracted a major partner like Carnival Cruise Lines to Galveston,” stated Katherine D. O’Neal, Port Director. “The development of additional services throughout the port complex not only contributes to the ancillary services offered the cruise line, but also offers these same services to all customers of the Port of Galveston. This service will benefit each and every steamship line transacting international business at the Port and will provide an additional marketing benefit for potential cruise and cargo customers considering using the Port of Galveston.”

All vessels dealing in international trade must properly dispose of shipboard waste by federally mandated methods when reentering U.S. territorial waters. The most common method of handling the foreign waste is steam sterilization.

AmeriTech will create an on-site disposal facility with the installation of a steam sterilization unit, operated under the supervision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Food-based surplus will be the primary product handled at the facility.

Presently, waste by-products are trucked to Center Texas for appropriate sterilization procedures. Customers of the Port of Galveston are responsible for the additional costs generated by present disposal procedures. On-site sterilization facilities reduce special containerizing and transportation costs for users, enhancing the ability of the Port of Galveston to attract new customers.

Establishment of this federally regulated business will not only benefit cruise and cargo customers of the Port of Galveston, but will also benefit area organizations that deal with plants and animals not indigenous to the U.S. This service results in immense benefit to customers of the Port of Galveston resulting in additional marketing possibilities for future business.

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