

API Tanker Conference

Marine Transportation Issues Panel

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Challenging Environment

- Election Year**
- Congress**
- Executive Branch Agencies**

Election Year

- **Uncertainty**
 - No matter who wins Presidency
 - New administration = new players
- **Increased Democratic Majority**
 - Both House and Senate
- **“Filibuster Proof” Senate?**

Congress

Tighter Democratic Control

- More Intrusive Legislation
- Environmental Focus
- Readiness to Tax Businesses

Executive Branch Agencies

Two Areas of Focus:

- **Safety**
- **Security**

SAFETY

- **Responsible Carrier Program – 1994**
- **Coast Guard-AWO Safety Partnership - 1995**
- **Towing Vessel Inspection - 2004**

Safety

- **Previously: Cooperative Efforts**
- **Today: Marine Safety Performance Plan**

Security

- **Industry Response on 9/11**
- **Development of Security Plans**
- **Today: TWIC Cards**

What Do We Do?

- **Become More Effective Advocates**
- **Leverage Our Strengths**
- **Strengthen Our Coalitions**

Bottom Line?

- More – and better -- advocacy