

**115.1701 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Application.** For purposes of sections 115.1701 to 115.1707, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Agency.** "Agency" means the Pollution Control Agency.

Subd. 3. **Ballast water.** "Ballast water" means water taken on board a vessel to control trim, list, draft, stability, or stresses of the vessel, including matter suspended in the water, or any water placed into a ballast tank during cleaning, maintenance, or other operations.

Subd. 4. **Ballast water management.** "Ballast water management" means mechanical, physical, chemical, and biological processes used, either singularly or in combination, to remove, render harmless, or avoid the uptake or discharge of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens within ballast water and sediment.

Subd. 5. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency.

Subd. 6. **Constructed.** "Constructed" means a state of construction of a vessel at which the keel is laid, construction identifiable with the specific vessel begins, assembly of the vessel has begun comprising at least 50 tons or one percent of the estimated mass of all structural material of the vessel, whichever is less, or the vessel undergoes a major conversion.

Subd. 7. **Foreign vessel.** "Foreign vessel" means a vessel of foreign registry or operated under the authority of a foreign country.

Subd. 8. **Sediment.** "Sediment" means matter that has settled out of ballast water within a vessel.

Subd. 9. **State waters of Lake Superior.** "State waters of Lake Superior" means the surface waters of Lake Superior and waters that discharge, flow, or otherwise are transferred into Lake Superior that are under the jurisdiction of the state.

**History:** 2008 c 357 s 27