



County of Volusia

Environmental Management

123 West Indiana Avenue • DeLand, Florida 32720-4621
Telephone: (386)736-5927 • (386)254-4612 • (386)423-3303
Suncom (386)377-5927 • Fax (386)740-5193

Dear Marine Supply Business Owner/Manager,

The Environmental Management Department for Volusia County will be distributing sample bilge socks, which are a type of fuel/oil absorption device that is placed within the bilge of a boat, to participating marine supply businesses throughout Volusia County. The socks along with educational literature will be given free of charge to each participating business for display. The sample socks may also be given away as promotional gifts to customers. We are providing educational literature and this quality absorption product for these reasons:

- 1) To raise awareness in the boating community of the cumulative, detrimental effects of bilge water laden with fuel and oil on the marine environment.
- 2) To encourage boaters to use absorbent bilge socks, pads or pillows to capture the oil and fuel before it is discharged into the waterway.

The sample product that we are providing also has the additional benefits of:

- 1) Ease of installation – the sock is a convenient size for even small bilge compartments.
- 2) Ease of removal – this sock is filled with a polymer that bonds molecularly with oil and fuel, forming a solid that will never drip or leak contaminants back into the water when removed.
- 3) Ease of disposal – the ENVIRO-BOND sock, which was competitively selected for this program, has been certified by a Florida State Laboratory for landfill disposal and can be put out with household garbage.
- 4) Added safety – the ENVIRO-BOND polymers trap fuel vapors and reduce dangerous off-gassing by 80% within the first 5 minutes, which reduces the risk of spontaneous combustion and fire.
- 5) Non-toxic – the polymers in this sock are FDA Food Grade and are non-toxic, non-corrosive and non-carcinogenic, they are also harmless to fish and wildlife.

We hope that you will participate in the program by displaying the educational materials and sample bilge socks. The benefits to your marine supply operation will be:

- 1) Giving added value to your customers by giving away a few socks, through whatever means you decide (contest, raffle etc.)
- 2) Added sales of fuel absorption devices.
- 3) Showing customers your business' concern for the environment and desire to help keep Volusia County beautiful.

This project is funded through a grant with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Natural Resource Damage Restoration Program. To participate, or for more information, please call Georgia Zern at 904-736-5927 xt. 2839.

