

# MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION



## **Dundalk Marine Terminal Norfolk Southern use of the “Loop Track” April 3, 2006**

***As a result of increased rail volumes at Dundalk Marine Terminal Norfolk Southern (NS) will commence use of the DMT loop track to improve rail circulation on April 10th, 2006. The hours of operation for this track are 1900 until 0600 daily. Due to this operation we request those operations in the vicinity of the loop track to please take time and review the below items of attention:***

- Yellow track clearance lines have been painted throughout the terminal in order to provide a visual aid and assist all parties in keeping the tracks clear of cargo or dunnage.
- Vessels in berth 7 with labor start times later than 0600 must not lower their side ramps until after 0600 each day to avoid blocking the rail operation.
- Vessel operations actively working in berths 7 & 8 between the hours of 1900 and 0600 **will not be** impacted by the rail operation as the loop track will be closed for the duration of any vessel operation. It is important that this vessel activity is clearly communicated to MPA Operations.
- MPA operations will verify track clearance and vessel schedule integrity daily to avoid conflicts. For vessel operations scheduled in berth 7 & 8 between 1900 & 0600 NS will be advised that the track is closed. Conversely for vessel dockings scheduled in berth 7 & 8 between 1900 & 0600; with operations not commencing until after 0600 the line or agent must advise the vessel Captain not to lower the side ramp until after 0600.

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