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Under the agreement, the ports authority will conduct an emissions inventory of existing facilities within 18 months and evaluate the use of fuels, such as biodiesel and ultra-low-sulfur diesel, at the Port of Charleston.

DHEC also will designate an individual to coordinate air-quality consultation for new and existing port facilities, the ports authority said. *Transport Topics*

Automakers File Suit on Global Warming Rules

General Motors Corp. and other automakers have asked a federal judge in Vermont to block emissions reduction rules, in the first trial over states' rights to regulate pollutants linked to global warming, Bloomberg reported.

In opening arguments last week in Burlington, Vt., attorneys for GM, the world's largest auto maker, DaimlerChrysler, the world's largest truck maker, and two auto industry trade groups said Vermont rules forcing 30% cuts in carbon dioxide and other emissions would increase prices and are preempted by federal law, Bloomberg reported.

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