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Plans for the 'greenest' tugs in Canada
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Canadian towing company **Ocean Group** has announced plans to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 20%.

The Montreal-based company has ordered eight new tugs as part of its fleet renewal plan. All the tugs are fitted with a new generation of Tier 1 engines (see [library page for details](#)).

Ocean recently welcomed the fifth of the eight tugs, the *Ocean Georgie Bain* that will be operating in the **Port of Montreal** as part of the daily harbour towing activities.

Ocean's founder Gordon Bain said his plan is to have the 'greenest' tugs in Canada.

"Water is at the core of all marine activities and is the very reason for Ocean's existence. Like the air we breathe, it is a critical part of our collective wealth as human beings and must be cared for and protected," said Ocean Group.

"For this reason, the new series of tugs acquired by Ocean over the past two years meets the highest environmental standards in North America, and it is why Ocean will continue to strive in all its activities to maintain the most environmentally sensitive practices possible," it added.

Ocean Group is a member of the **Green Marine** environmental programme that was set up by business along the St Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes to help implement environmental programs that "go beyond regulatory requirements" within the Canadian and US marine industry.

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