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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 11, 2007 2:28 PM  
**To:** Maes, James (Seaport)  
**Subject:** RE: Ethics Question/Golf CBI

James,

Thank you for your question. If you decide to play in the golf outing, you should definitely report, even if the value of the round does not reach the \$100 gift threshold. There is nothing in the county ethics ordinance that strictly prohibits you and Denise from accepting the invitation. It really boils down to whether you would feel comfortable being part of this outing given you positions at the Port and Cliff Berry's business operations there. Do you or Denise have any oversight responsibilities of the work that the company does at the Port. In other words, assuming there was a problem with Cliff Berry's hazardous materials cleanup contracts, would you be involved? If the answer is yes, then I would decline the offer if I were in your shoes.

If you wish to discuss, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Maes, James (Seaport)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 9:30 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Subject:** Ethics Question/Golf CBI

Robert, two of us at the Seaport Safety and Security Division have been invited by friends at Cliff Berry Inc, to play in a golf outing with them at Doral on June 21st. Denise Minakowski and I are both former Coast Guard officers and know these folks from our Coast Guard days and military vessel visits. We have played golf with them before. Cliff Berry has a permit to do business on the seaport for hazardous materials cleanup contracts with our tenants and their shippers. I'm balancing my relationship with these folks from before we started with the seaport and where we are now. Is it OK to accept the invitation and report it? Or, should we decline? Regards,  
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