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Operators earn the ESI incentive by using cleaner technology and fuel that reduce emissions. ESI assigns clean ship ratings to vessels and ports can provide incentives to reward top performers.

- **Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) Points** are based on tested NOx emissions for the vessel’s main and auxiliary engines, as shown on the vessel’s EIAPP Certificate.

- **Sulfur Oxides (SOx) Points** are based on the amount and fuel sulfur content per bunkering event for heavy fuel oil, marine gas oil (MGO) and/or marine diesel oil (MDO). Additional points are given if ship is equipped with Onshore Power Supply.

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**OGV5 Incentive**

Focuses on the early introduction and preferential deployment of vessels meeting the IMO Tier 2 and Tier 3 NOx limit for main engines that call at the Port of Los Angeles. Vessels that have these newer main engines qualify to receive the incentive.

**OGV6 Incentive**

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All these incentives are aimed at reducing NOx, DPM, and SOx.
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ESI Incentive

Vessels registered in ESI that call the Port of Los Angeles and meet incentive criteria will receive an incentive on a quarterly basis. The Harbor Department will pay incentives to vessel operators for ship calls only after the date they have:
- registered for ESI
- enrolled with the Harbor Department

On a one-time basis only for the first quarter of the program, the Harbor Department will pay incentives for qualifying ship calls from July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012, provided the vessel operator is both registered for ESI and enrolled with the Harbor Department by September 30, 2012.

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