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**PORT APPROVES THREE PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO
ELIMINATE NEARLY 240 TONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS**

*Wilmington and San Pedro Companies will Repower Equipment with
Grants from the Port's Air Quality Mitigation Fund*



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved Memorandums of Agreement with three local companies to repower their maritime equipment and ultimately eliminate an estimated 18 tons of particulate matter and 221 tons of nitrogen oxide from the air. The agreement grants more than \$363,000 to these projects from the Port's Air Quality Mitigation Program.

Wilmington-based International Cargo Equipment will use the funds to replace older, higher polluting engines on nine pieces of cargo handling equipment with newer, cleaner, reduced-emissions engines.

Southern California Bait Company of San Pedro, will replace older, higher polluting engines on two bait boats and three of its bait barges with newer, reduced-emissions engines. And San Pedro Pride of San Pedro will replace the older, higher polluting engine aboard its fishing vessel with a cleaner engine.

"The Port is working with all our customers, large and small, to find ways to reduce air emissions in their operations," said Port Interim General Manager Bruce E. Seaton. "Our goal is to partner with more companies like these to update operations and clean the air in the process."

The Port has created a five-year, \$20 million Air Quality Mitigation Program that provides financial incentives to harbor-area businesses that find ways to reduce air emissions in their operations. To date \$1.4 million in

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Air Quality Mitigation Awards

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awards have been approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and an additional \$3.1 million in project proposals are being finalized for Board approval.

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