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PORT APPROVES SIX PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO ELIMINATE MORE THAN 430 TONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS

Port's Air Quality Mitigation Fund Subsidizes a Variety of Equipment Improvements on Port Land and Water



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners has approved Memorandums of Agreement with five companies operating in the Port to purchase or repower maritime equipment that will ultimately eliminate an estimated 120 tons of diesel particulate matter (PM) and 313 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) from the air. The agreements provide more than \$800,000 of funding for these projects out of the Port's Air Quality Mitigation Program.

"We are very happy with the results of this program so far," said Port Interim Executive Director Bruce E. Seaton. "The grants have gone to companies large and small for cleaner equipment. Without this grant program, some of these companies would not have been able to afford cleaner operating equipment – a benefit for everyone concerned."

As part of a 2003 stipulated judgment, the Port 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, \$2.2 million in awards have been approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners and an additional \$2.3 million in project proposals are being finalized for Board approval.

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Air Quality Mitigation Awards

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The five companies signing Agreements in this round are:

- ♦ **Jankovich Company** - will purchase and install diesel particulate matter filters on seven supply trucks
- ♦ **L.A. Harbor Bait Company** - will repower two older commercial fishing vessels and one bait barge with newer, cleaner engines
- ♦ **South Sound Fishery** - will repower its commercial fishing vessel and power skiff with reduced emissions engines
- ♦ **Traylor Bros.** - will repower its construction barge engines, and other related equipment, with new, cleaner engines
- ♦ **Westoil Marine Services** - will repower the auxillary engines on one harbor vessel and four fuel barges with lower emissions

In addition, APL will replace 24 existing yard tractors with new, Tier 3 on-road engines as part of an agreement signed by the Port's Executive Director.

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