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PORT OF LOS ANGELES TO REPLACE AGED YARD TRACTORS ELIMINATING 480 TONS OF AIR POLLUTANTS



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners today gave approval for the Port to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with APM Terminals on Pier 400 to replace 57 older yard tractors with newer, “greener” tractors as part of the Port’s Air Quality Mitigation Incentive Program. The total cost for APM to replace the yard tractors is approximately \$3 million. The \$185,000 grant from the Port of Los Angeles allowed APM to upgrade the tractors purchased to the reduced emissions version, which will eliminate 15 tons of particulate matter (PM) and 465 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) from the air over the seven-year life of the project.

“Our job is to make the operation of this port as ‘green’ as possible,” said Harbor Commission President David Freeman. “Switching out older, polluting equipment with newer, cleaner equipment just makes sense, and the Port will continue to look for these types of projects in order to improve the air quality for everyone’s benefit.”

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, \$2.3 million in awards have been approved and funded by the Board of Harbor Commissioners. An additional \$2.2 million in project proposals are being finalized for Board approval.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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