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U.S. EPA, PORT OF LOS ANGELES AND PORT OF LONG BEACH COLLABORATE ON HYBRID YARD EQUIPMENT PROJECT

*Project is Estimated to Reduce Air Emissions
by More than Ninety-Percent*



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a collaborative project of the agency's West Coast Collaborative, the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach to develop and test hybrid technology yard tractors for use on container terminals. The new equipment is estimated to reduce air emissions by ninety-three percent, equating to 19 tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) and 200 pounds of particulate matter (PM).

The two-year project will cost \$1.2 million. Both ports will contribute \$375,000 each, the EPA will contribute \$300,000 through its West Coast Collaborative, and the Long Beach Container Terminal will contribute \$150,000.

Yard equipment is one component of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, an action plan developed by both ports to significantly reduce health risks and air emissions from port operations in the next five years. This project falls under the Plan, and could significantly improve the yard tractor "green" technology.

The yard tractors will be tested at the Long Beach Container Terminal facility, but could ultimately be in operation at both ports in the future.

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 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion 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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