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### **NO NET INCREASE/AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE WILL COMPLETE TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS THIS MONTH** *Panel Reconvenes March 2-3*



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – The next meeting of the No Net Increase Task Force, focused on a comprehensive plan to reduce harmful air emissions at the Port of Los Angeles, has been rescheduled for March 2-3. The rescheduled meeting will allow more time for the panel's Technical Working Group to complete its complex review and final assessment of all potential emissions reduction measures that will be considered in order to meet Mayor Jim Hahn's mandate of no net increase in Port of Los Angeles air emissions beyond 2001 emissions levels.

"Each of the proposed emissions reduction measures represents considerable operational impacts," said Harbor Commissioner Tom Warren, who serves as task force co-chair with Commissioner Camilla Townsend. "Our next step is to weigh those measures against their projected benefits, implementation costs and policy considerations. With this final and comprehensive analysis of emissions data from ships, trucks and yard equipment, we will have the clearest possible overview of our options for lowering harmful air emissions at the Port of Los Angeles.

"This is a landmark effort and we needed to give appropriate time to carefully review and analyze the data."

The task force -- made up of environmental consultants and representatives of regulatory agencies, the maritime industry, labor unions, environmental organizations, and the community -- has been collecting and analyzing data since late last year. In December, the task force received an initial list of 73 air emissions control measures that included regulatory

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actions, ongoing Port air quality programs and new technology considerations.

Since then, the task force's Technical Working Group of experts from the Port of Los Angeles, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have collected input from stakeholders on each of the proposed measures and have incorporated new data for rail and ship emissions.

The Technical Working Group is now finalizing all measures and completing calculations of emissions reductions from each measure as part of its efforts to deliver a findings report for consideration when the task force reconvenes early next month.

In March, policy and economic considerations will be factored in. At that time, the task force will seek consensus on immediate, secondary and long-term steps toward achieving the goal of no net increase in air emissions based on a 2001 benchmark.

A draft plan is expected to be presented to the Mayor by the end of March.

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