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### PORT OF LOS ANGELES REPORTS A RECORD 23-PERCENT INCREASE IN ON-DOCK RAIL USAGE DURING 2005

#### *NATION'S LARGEST CONTAINER PORT LOGS MORE THAN ONE MILLION RAIL LIFTS IN 2005*



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – More than one million on-dock rail lifts took place at the Port of Los Angeles in 2005, moving nearly a quarter of all containers passing through the port last year-- an increase of more than 23% over 2004 rail moves.

“We’re moving in the right direction,” said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., executive director of the Port of Los Angeles. “Our customers are doing a fantastic job of making rail usage a priority, as the numbers clearly show. We’ve nearly doubled the number of on-dock lifts in three years – and we’re not slowing down.”

Port of Los Angeles on-dock rail usage has steadily increased since 2002:

2002:	549,062 lifts	16.3% of all lifts
2003:	760,764 lifts	19.2% of all lifts
2004:	823,620 lifts	20.4% of all lifts
2005:	1,010,267 lifts	24.5% of all lifts

“It’s real simple: efficient rail service is critical to the future of this Port,” said S. David Freeman, Los Angeles Harbor Commission president. “Moving cargo by rail instead of by truck cuts down on air pollution. It’s a good story that will get better as our Port and cooperating shippers implement the use of cleaner-burning to serve this region.”

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## **Record On-Dock Rail Lifts**

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There are four on-dock facilities serving six of the seven operational container terminals at the Port through a 57-mile network of tracks. Ten to twelve trains leave the Port every day, taking the equivalent of 2,500 trucks off the roads.

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 jobs and \$8.4 billion 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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