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PORT OF LOS ANGELES WINS PRESTIGIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AWARD

Agency's Southwest Region Environmental Achievement Award is the Second EPA Honor Bestowed on the Port of Los Angeles this Month



425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90731 Tel: 310/732-3508 After 5:00 p.m.: 310/732-3500 **SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – The Port of Los Angeles has won the District 9 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2006 Pacific Southwest Region Environmental Achievement Award. The award recognizes the Port of Los Angeles for a variety of environmental initiatives, including Vessel Speed Reduction, Yard Tractor Modernization, Gateway Cities Truck Fleet Modernization, Locomotive Fleet Modernization, and Clean Marinas programs.

This award comes two weeks after the Port was awarded the 2005 Clean Air Excellence Award from the EPA in Washington, D.C. The Port won the award for its Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) program, which significantly cuts air emissions by turning off diesel-burning container ship engines while at dock and plugging them into clean electrical power instead.

"To receive this recognition from our local district EPA office is very gratifying," said Geraldine Knatz, the Port's executive director. "We are extremely proud of our broad-based platform of environmental programs. We are setting the bar high for ourselves and the entire industry, and we thank the EPA for recognizing our hard work."

The Port is one of 38 winners selected from more than 160 entries in the California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and Pacific Islands region. The award recognizes those working throughout the western United States to protect and preserve the environment.

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 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.