



# San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan

## News Release

### Ports' Technology Program Receives EPA Award

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A groundbreaking clean air technology program at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach has earned the U.S. EPA's Pacific Southwest Region's 2010 Environmental Achievement Award, officials announced today.

The Technology Advancement Program, or TAP, is a jointly created and funded initiative launched in November 2006 to accelerate the commercialization of port-related emission reduction technologies through testing and demonstration projects. The program is a key component of the San Pedro Bay Ports' Clean Air Action Plan — a landmark initiative aimed at developing mitigation strategies to reduce air emissions and health risks while allowing port development to continue.

"Our Technology Advancement Program is an excellent example of what can be achieved when entities join forces and embrace innovation to better the environment," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "We're grateful to be recognized for seeking out and bringing the most promising green technology to fruition."

"We've nurtured some of the most exciting new air pollution control technology in the world with the Technology Advancement Program – hybrid tugboats, energy-saving cranes, natural gas trucks ... and more is on the way. It's a forward-thinking program that takes green goods movement ideas and puts them to work," said Richard Steinke, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach. "This award is greatly appreciated by port staff and harbor commissioners."

TAP focuses on identifying, demonstrating and evaluating new and innovative technologies that have significant potential to reduce air pollutants, including diesel soot, nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides. The program is also aimed at facilitating the commercial availability of air pollution technology and finding new ways to help meet the CAAP's emission reduction goals. Technologies demonstrated under the TAP often have the additional benefit of reducing greenhouse gases and fuel consumption as well. For more information on the TAP, visit the Clean Air Action Plan website at [www.cleanairactionplan.org](http://www.cleanairactionplan.org).

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Both the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have each contributed \$1.5 million annually since 2007 to the TAP. The funds have helped develop, among other projects, the world's first hybrid diesel-electric tug and a unique pollution control device that attaches to a container ship's boiler and auxiliary engine stacks to reduce emissions while at berth.

The EPA's Pacific Southwest Environmental Achievement Awards program recognizes those working throughout several western states to protect and preserve the environment. The ports won the award for in the "Clean Air Technology" category. The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach were honored along with 11 other environmental leaders of the Pacific Southwest on December 2, 2010 at an event hosted by the federal agency at Union Station near downtown Los Angeles.

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