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# PORT OF LOS ANGELES IS READY FOR OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> START OF CLEAN TRUCK PROGRAM

L.A.'s Clean Truck Program Fleet Will Roll Wednesday with Numbered ID Decals; Temporary Access Permits Are Now Available Online

**SAN PEDRO, Calif. – September 30, 2008** – Day One of the Clean Truck Program (CTP) at the Port of Los Angeles will take place with more than 500 trucking company concessionaires controlling over 20,000 participating trucks. This number includes 1,500 of the newest, cleanest trucks in service. October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of a landmark, five-year effort aimed at reducing air pollution from the trucks serving the San Pedro Bay ports by 80 percent, while enhancing safety and security.

The Port of Los Angeles has distributed more than 20,000 Clean Truck Program decals to more than 530 trucking firms that applied by September 24 to be licensed concessionaires when the Clean Truck Program launches on October 1. Approximately 150 more applications have been received since September 24 and are being processed.

The numbered decals will come in two colors: Green for 2007 EPA-compliant trucks, and purple for CTP program trucks model year 1989 to 2006. All pre-1989 model year trucks without a replacement exemption and trucks that do not have concessionaire decals will be denied access to Port marine terminals on and after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other components of the Program, including the imposition of fees, will be implemented on a stepped approach in the weeks ahead. These fees will be used to assist in financing more clean trucks at the Port. It is anticipated that the fee collection system will be operational a few weeks after Oct. 1. Until then, the fee will not be assessed to cargo owners.

### **Temporary Access Permits Now Available**

The Port is issuing "temporary access permits" to out-of-state and infrequent Licensed Motor Carriers (LMCs) that do not have a Port concession and make infrequent calls to the Port. The temporary access permits will allow entry of trucks operating under their authority into the Port's marine terminals. They will be provided to LMCs that move cargo less than 12 times a year through the Port of Los Angeles, providing an easy process to gain entry to marine terminals without having to become concessionaires. Temporary access permits will only be made available to 1989 and newer trucks and these trucks will not be exempt from truck tariff fees.

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To obtain a temporary access permit, a LMC will be able to visit the Temporary Access Permit website (<a href="www.cleanairactionplan.org/pass">www.cleanairactionplan.org/pass</a>) or click on the Temporary Access Permit link located on the home page of the Port of Los Angeles website (<a href="www.portoflosangeles.org">www.portoflosangeles.org</a>). There, easy to follow instructions will guide the LMC through the registration process. The LMC will be required to identify which port they will be dropping off or picking up cargo, provide information on the truck being permitted, and pay the \$100 temporary access administration fee using a major credit card.

Once the registration form is complete and the fee has been paid, the LMC will be able to print out their Temporary Access Permit and place it on their dashboard in plain sight of gate operators. Separate temporary access permits must be obtained for terminal access at the neighboring Port of Long Beach.

If there is a problem or a need to reprint the permit, LMCs can instruct the driver to visit the Terminal Access Center at the intersection of Pier S Avenue and New Dock Street on Terminal Island. At that location, staff will assist drivers with their questions, confirm whether the LMC has registered for a temporary access permit, or give the driver instructions on how their permits should be displayed. Commencing October 1, the Terminal Access Center will initially be open 24 hours a day beginning at 7am October 1. While the Port recommends that temporary access permits are obtained by LMCs prior to dispatching a driver to the Port, the Terminal Access Center will have Internet connectivity so passes can be purchased, if necessary.

This Temporary Access Program will be in place until the ports install automated kiosks to dispense day passes, which is expected in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2009. For more information about the Temporary Access program or the Clean Truck Program, call 888-KLN-POLA or email POLA@tetratech.com.

#### Port Police to Assist Enforcement

The Los Angeles Port Police will be assisting with enforcement of the Clean Truck Program requirements near terminal gates. Port Police will be checking that trucks entering the gates are affiliated with a concessionaire, display valid decals or Temporary Access Permits, are not pre-1989 model years, and that the other requirements of the Program are being met. For information on the Clean Truck Program requirements and how to comply, call 888-KLN-POLA.

### About the Port of Los Angeles

The Port of Los Angeles, also known as "America's Port," has a strong commitment to developing innovative strategic and sustainable operations that benefit the economy and the quality of life for the region and the nation it serves. A recipient of numerous environmental awards, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Clean Air Excellence Award, the Port of Los Angeles is committed to innovating cleaner, greener ways of doing business. As the leading seaport in North America in terms of shipping container volume and cargo value, the Port generates 919,000 regional jobs and \$39.1 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.