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**EPA PRESENTS TOP GREEN HONOR TO PORT
Agency Hails Port's Environmental Efforts**

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Port of Long Beach, its prestigious 2005 Environmental Achievement Award in recognition of the Port's ongoing efforts to help achieve cleaner air and water. Citing the Port's exceptional work and commitment to protecting the environment, EPA officials presented the award to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners at the Board's public meeting on Tuesday, May 31.

"The Port of Long Beach provides innovative approaches to improve the environmental circumstances of their community, without sacrificing essential economic activity," said EPA Region 9 Administrator Wayne Nastri in presenting the award. "Thanks to their efforts, our air, water and land will be cleaner and safer for generations to come."

In naming the Port as one of this year's awardees, the EPA detailed the Port's continuing and comprehensive efforts to reduce the impacts of port activity on public health and the environment. These include: the Healthy Harbor Initiative, the Green Port Policy Resolution, Air Quality Improvement Plan and the Port's joint effort with BP to "cold iron" oil tankers so they can plug into clean shore-side electricity.

"We are deeply honored that the EPA has recognized the Port's efforts to protect the environment," said Board of Harbor Commissioners President John R. Calhoun in accepting the award. "We look forward to continuing the great environmental work that the EPA has taken note of today."

Using the Healthy Harbor Initiative as a first step toward a comprehensive environmental plan, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the overarching Green Port Policy in January. The Policy formalized guiding principles for the Port's environmental protection efforts while cementing environmental protection as a top priority.

One of the programs cited by the EPA during the award presentation, the Port's Air Quality Improvement Plan has to date generated total annual emission reductions of over 14 tons of diesel particulate matter and 43 tons of nitrogen oxides.

In addition, under the Diesel Emission Reduction Program, the Port has retrofit nearly 600 piece of diesel terminal equipment with oxidation catalysts - a pollution-control device installed in the exhaust system much like a muffler that removes particulates from exhaust. To date, the program has generated total annual emission reductions of over 14 tons of diesel particulate matter and 43 tons of NOx.

The Port is also working with energy giant BP on the development of a cold-ironing system so that ships can turn off their diesel engines while at dock, thereby cutting emissions from idling. The system is expected to be available for use by BP tankers by the end of 2006.

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