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ECO-FRIENDLY FUN

Green Port Open House Educates, Entertains

What's big, green and packs a punch with the public? Not the Incredible Hulk — although some of the kids at the Port of Long Beach's Green Port Open House may have asked for the comic hero's features at the face painting stall.

The event opened the Port to the public and did so in style, as more than 2,200 people flocked to the Port Administration Building to learn how the Port is getting greener.

"We want everyone to know that nothing is more important at the Port of Long Beach than protecting the public and the environment," Long Beach Harbor Commission President Doris Topsy-Elvord told the gathering. "For the sake of everyone who works here at the Port, for our neighbors, for the community and all of the children here today — we are going to make this the best and most environmentally friendly port in the world."

The Open House on October 1 provided an interactive opportunity for the public to learn about the Port's Green Port Policy — a sweeping new framework for how the Port is addressing environmental impacts and changing the very way it does business. There were more than 30 exhibits, booths and displays, including presentations on the Port's air, traffic, water, soil/sediments, wildlife habitat, community engagement and sustainability programs.

Environmental Cruises

A free 45-minute harbor cruise took more than 1,000 visitors out on the water to see many of the Port's environmental programs in action. Demonstrations provided a look at clean air technology. Clean-burning Port vehicles and equipment were on display with staff explaining how they worked. Other booths demonstrated to visitors how high-tech

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HEARINGS SET ON LNG REVIEW

What do you think? Public officials are gathering comments and questions about a draft environmental impact report for a proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility at the Port of Long Beach.

In an unprecedented effort to solicit community input, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have extended the required public review period from 45 to 60 days. Four public hearings are being held to gather public comment on the environmental documents.

"We want to make it easy for our citizens to let their voices be heard," said Harbor Commission President Doris Topsy-Elvord.

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Green Port Celebration

Public Gets Close Look at Port Operations and Programs



Welcome to the Green Port Open House!

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 instruments are used to identify polluted soil and water samples in mini-laboratories. The Port's Mobile Command Unit was also on hand to showcase the Port's newest security efforts.
 An additional spotlight of the event was "sustainability" programs such as conservation or recycling efforts that the public can implement at home. Attendees were able to dispose of their old electronics gear at an Ease-E-Waste Recycling Station.

Festivities were available for the entire family, including entertainment, food and activities for children.

Given the celebration's overwhelming success, Long Beach Harbor Commissioners have said that the Green Port Open House is likely to be an annual event.

EDUCATION



GREEN HARBOR CRUISES



FOR KIDS



ENTERTAINMENT

