



## **Board Issues 'Green Port' Report Card**

Annual Report details 2005 environmental progress

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Reductions in air emissions, improvements in water quality, increased treatment of contaminated soil and other sustainability projects are among the highlights of the Port of Long Beach's first Green Port Annual Report released this week.

The Green Port Annual Report is a 16-page document detailing the Port's achievements in the first year of the Green Port Policy, a landmark environmental initiative approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners in January 2005.

The Green Port Policy established the Port's aggressive environmental principles, goals and metrics (scientific measurements) to monitor progress. The Green Port Annual Report includes 2005 accomplishments, current projects and upcoming activities in each of the six Green Port programs: wildlife, air, water, soils/sediments, community engagement and sustainability.

"With the Green Port program we brought our environmental protection and enhancement efforts to a new level," said Robert Kanter, the Port's Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs. "The publication of the Green Port Annual Report is part of our commitment to full accountability – letting the public know exactly what we're doing to improve the environment."

The 2005 Green Port Annual Report is available at the Port's Web site, [www.polb.com](http://www.polb.com). Printed copies can be obtained by calling the Port at (562) 590-4121.

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