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The Clean Air Action Plan calls for a variety of innovative strategies and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment by the ports and public and private entities. Specifically targeted are the ships, trucks, trains, cargo-handling equipment and harbor craft that serve the ports and help transport goods to businesses and consumers.



Trains are to use cleaner fuels under CAAP.

For more details on the Clean Air Action Plan, please visit the Environment/Air Quality section of the Port of Long Beach web site, at www.polb.com. The site features an overview of the Plan in English and Spanish, complete technical report, fact sheet, news release and PowerPoint presentation.



Green Flags Flying at Port

More ships than ever at the Port of Long Beach will be flying Green Flags for environmental achievements.

The Port awards Green Flags to recognize ships and vessel operators who voluntarily reduce ship speeds in the harbor area. The slower speed limit reduces pollution from visiting ships.

Compliance with the Green Flag program continues to improve, climbing to about 80 percent of all ships, up from about 65 percent in early 2006. The Port's goal is 100 percent compliance, which will reduce smog-forming nitrogen oxides (NOx) by nearly 500 tons a year.

In February, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Green Flag incentive program to encourage compliance with the voluntary ship speed reduction program, which has been in place since 2001.

Under the Green Flag program, ships that observe a 12-knot speed limit within 20 miles of the Port during an entire year of voyages are awarded Green Flags to recognize their contributions to improved air quality. Ocean carriers, who operate the individual ships, can qualify for reduced dockage rates if 90 percent or more of their vessels comply with the speed limit for a year.

"Flying the Green Flag has become a symbol of pride for many vessels," said Harbor Commission James C. Hankla. "And the reduced fees offer a strong additional incentive for ocean carriers to comply with the program."

To see the full results of the Green Flag program, visit the Port's Green Flag web page at: http://polb.com/environment/air_quality/vessels/default.asp.