

Air Quality Testing Goes Online



Sophisticated air monitoring stations, being installed at the Port, will provide a more complete picture of air quality.

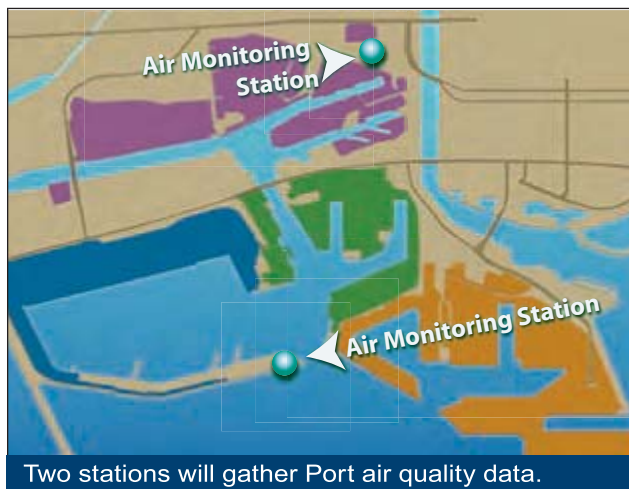
Real-time air quality information will soon be available online, on the Port of Long Beach website, as part of the Port's comprehensive efforts to track emissions and improve air quality.

Two air monitoring stations were installed at the Port in August; one at the northernmost section of the Port on Canal Avenue, near Anaheim Street, and another at the southernmost area at the Navy Mole.

The project will compliment local monitoring by the Port of Los Angeles, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board, providing the public with a full picture of air quality in the port region. The ports' methods are compatible with those used by state regulatory agencies.

The ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles agreed to coordinate their monitoring systems earlier this year.

The projects were later incorporated into the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan.



“This system will provide us with a more complete picture of the quality of air in and around the ports,” said Harbor Commission President James C. Hankla. “At the same time it will give us the data to better manage our air quality improvement efforts as we move forward with the Clean Air Action Plan.”

The air quality information will be available on the Port's

web site, www.polb.com, beginning in October. The web site will offer information on six different types of air pollutants, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides, along with weather information at the two stations. Historical comparisons will also show the air quality data on past dates and times.