



Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) is rolling out new, clean-diesel locomotives that will reduce the most harmful air pollutants by 70 percent.

Port Trains Go ‘Green,’ Improve Air Quality

Exciting new locomotives are making their way around the rails of the Port of Long Beach these days, ushering in a cleaner, more environmentally responsible way of moving freight.

Pacific Harbor Line will soon become the most environmentally friendly switching railroad in the country, as it replaces all of its engines with low-emission, clean-diesel locomotives.

The new generation of locomotives – four have been delivered so far and 12 more are on the way – reduce

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Two of the first “green” locomotives rolled into action this month at a special commissioning ceremony. You can view the dedication ceremony at www.polb.com.

harmful air pollutants by as much as 70 percent.

The engines cut smog-forming nitrogen oxides by 45 percent and harmful diesel particulates by 70 percent. And, since the new engines use 30 percent less fuel,

greenhouse gases are also lowered.

“This is a major step forward for ‘green’ port operations,” said Harbor Commission President Mario Cordero. “PHL is to be commended for converting its entire fleet to cleaner-burning engines.”

The cost to replace the entire 16 locomotive fleet is being funded by PHL, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

PHL, based in Wilmington, has served the port complex since 1997.