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Ban on Dirty Trucks Back on Commission Agenda

Progressive ban would cut truck emissions, improve air quality

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A proposal to progressively ban the dirtiest harbor drayage trucks will go for consideration to the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners at its next meeting, on Monday, November 5. The board meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

The port tariff would achieve an 80 percent reduction in truck emissions within five years. The dirty truck ban would start October 1, 2008, by excluding pre-1989 trucks. By January 1, 2012, trucks that do not meet the 2007 federal standard would be banned from Port service.

"The Port is proposing this tariff to meet the aggressive air quality goals of our Clean Air Action Plan," said Robert Kanter, the Port's managing director of environmental affairs.

The Los Angeles Harbor Commission approved a similar tariff at its November 1 meeting.

The tariff's ban will rely on electronic identification technology known as RFID – Radio Frequency Identification. RFID tags will be placed in trucks and RFID tag readers will be installed at Port terminal gates to ensure access only for clean trucks.

The Harbor Commission has special meetings scheduled Monday morning, November 5, on personnel matters and to confer with counsel, so the board's meeting will not begin until 2 p.m. instead of the regular meeting time of 1 p.m.

For more information or to view a live web cast of Monday's meeting, go to www.polb.com. The commission meets in the board room of the Port Administration Building at 925 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach.

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