



# News Release

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## Commission Approves Clean Engine Research Funding

Port commits \$250,000 to next-generation, natural gas fueled truck project

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A project to develop a new, low-emission, liquefied natural gas-fueled truck engine will receive a \$250,000 grant from the Port of Long Beach.

The Port's grant will help fund a project by Westport Power Inc. to create, test and certify a heavy-duty LNG engine by late 2008 to meet strict 2010 emissions limit on smog-forming nitrogen oxides. Westport estimates that each LNG truck will cut nitrogen oxides by half a ton a year compared to diesel trucks of the same model year.

The Port's grant comes from part of the Clean Air Action Plan's Technology Advancement Program fund, which supports the development of low-emission goods movement technologies. The Port of Los Angeles also approved an equal grant for the Westport project.

As part of the Clean Air Action Plan approved in 2006, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have each pledged \$1.5 million a year for five years for technology advancements.

Among Westport's goals is to develop an LNG engine that can be produced in large quantities at a high-volume truck manufacturer.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District has contributed \$1.25 million toward the Westport LNG engine project. Most of the \$9.8 million cost will be paid by Westport Power, a subsidiary of Cummins Westport of Vancouver, B.C. Cummins Westport won the AQMD's Clean Air Award for Advancement of Air Pollution Technology in 2007.

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