



News Release

Enrollment Forms Posted for Fuel Program Incentives provided to vessel that use low-sulfur fuel

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The ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have posted details including enrollment forms for the Vessel Main Engine Fuel Incentive Program on their Clean Air Action Plan web site ([click here](#)).

Also, the ports will host a workshop on their Vessel Fuel Incentive Program at 1 p.m. May 21, in the Port of Los Angeles Board Room, 425 S. Palos Verdes St., San Pedro. ([Agenda](#).)

To listen by phone, call (310) 519-7248,

To view a live webcast, [click here](#).

To submit questions during the workshop, call (866) 230-1127 (passcode: 7075528).

The incentive program is aimed at accelerating cargo vessel operators' use of cleaner-burning fuel when transiting within 40 miles of San Pedro Bay and at berth in either port. As part of the program the ports will earmark nearly \$19 million dollars to pay vessel operators to use cleaner-burning, low-sulfur fuel in their main propulsion engines. Sulfur oxides, which contribute to the formation of health-threatening soot or particulate matter, will be cut by as much as 11 percent and particulate matter by 9 percent.

Under the program, the ports will pay the difference between the price of bunker fuel and more costly low-sulfur distillate fuel for vessel operators who make the fuel switch within at least 20 miles -- and as far as 40 miles -- from the ports.