



## **Ports Awarded \$98 million Air Quality Grant** **Prop. 1B funds will help fund ports' Clean Trucks Program**

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The Port of Long Beach will share a \$98 million California Air Resources Board air quality grant to help replace or upgrade older diesel trucks that serve the San Pedro Bay ports, the agency announced Thursday, May 22.

The funds are part of \$221 million awarded statewide by the Air Resources Board as part of the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Program. Nearly \$200 million of the awards made statewide Thursday will pay for truck replacement and retrofits.

Proposition 1B, approved by voters in November 2006, includes a \$1 billion fund for projects to reduce emissions and health risks along California's freight corridors. Thursday's awards are the first grants from that fund.

The \$98 million grant will be used by the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles to replace or retrofit some of the 16,800 trucks that the two ports will eliminate to cut truck emissions 80 percent by 2012. Prop. 1B funding is one of the sources of money that will pay for that \$2 billion truck replacement project.

The grant will enable the ports to eliminate more than 9,500 tons of smog-forming nitrogen oxides and 450 tons of diesel particulate matter every year.