



News Release

Clear Air Plan Honored by EPA

Award is the Sixth for the Landmark 2 year-old Initiative

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has bestowed a prestigious "Clean Air Excellence Award" on the landmark San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Program (CAAP), marking the sixth time that the plan has been recognized with an award, the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles announced.

Created to reduce emissions in the San Pedro Bay port complex by more than 45 percent by 2012, the CAAP was chosen from among 130 programs submitted to the EPA for its impact and innovation in improving air quality, and its potential as a model for ports worldwide.

The CAAP, adopted by the Harbor Commissions of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach in 2006, includes a number of initiatives aimed at reducing harmful emissions from ships, trucks, trains and other heavy equipment used in the movement of cargo through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The most ambitious initiative is the \$2 billion Clean Trucks Program, which will replace the entire port drayage fleet of 17,000 vehicles with clean air trucks.

"We're very honored to receive a Clean Air Excellence Award for the Clean Air Action Plan," said Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners President Mario Cordero. "We have worked intensely with our partner agencies to create a strategy that would result in major pollution reductions and it's gratifying to see those efforts recognized."

"It is a great honor to receive such a prestigious, highly competitive award with our friends at the Port of Long Beach," said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. "This recognition from such a distinguished group of experts reaffirms that we are on the right track in our work to bring cleaner air to Southern California, as well as other communities where our landmark program is replicated."

The program was recommended to the EPA by the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, a senior-level panel that advises the EPA on policy issues related to implementing the Clean Air Act. The committee consists of 50 members and experts representing state and local government, environmental and public interest groups, academic institutions, unions, trade associations, utilities, and industry.

The CAAP received the top honor in the Regulatory/Policy Innovations category, which recognizes polices that promote public involvement during their development, encourage

compliance beyond applicable laws and regulations and provide flexibility to regulated stakeholders.

Other categories for the Clean Air Excellence Award include clean air technology, community action, education/outreach, and transportation efficiency innovations.

Since 2006, the CAAP has also been recognized by the American Association of Port Authorities; CALSTART, a non-profit organization that works with the public and private sectors to develop advanced transportation technologies that clean the air; Environment Now, a Santa Monica-based foundation focused on protecting and restoring California's environment; the Breath Coalition of Los Angeles County, a non-profit organization dedicated to the future of clean air and healthy lungs, and the City of Los Angeles.