



News Release

LMCs Urged to Sign Up for Clean Truck Concessions

Port's landmark air quality program begins October 1

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Beginning October 1, 2008, trucking firms that wish to provide drayage services at the Port of Long Beach will need a Port-approved concession before their trucks can access shipping terminals. With a concession, trucking firms will become part of the Port's landmark Clean Trucks Program, which will reduce air pollution from trucks by 80 percent by 2012.

The concession application is available at <http://polb.com/civica/dynacon/Local%20Settings/Temporary%20Internet%20Files/OLK1B4/www.polb.com/cleantrucks>.

The concession agreement requires drayage trucking firms (licensed motor carriers) to:

- Register their trucks and drivers with the Port
- Ensure that drivers have federal Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC)
- Make available health insurance such as the Port's Healthy Drivers Program (call 800-985-8605)
- Ensure that drivers adhere to local parking and travel restrictions
- Certify that their port trucks comply with Clean Trucks guidelines, beginning with a ban on 1988 and older trucks.
- Pay an application fee of \$250 plus an annual fee of \$100 per truck.

Under the Clean Trucks air quality improvement program, older big-rigs will be phased out of drayage service at the Port of Long Beach starting with a ban on 1988 and older trucks starting on October 1, 2008. By January 1, 2012, trucks with engines that do not meet 2007 federal emission standards will be banned from the Port.

To speed the transition to new, clean trucks, the Port will collect a \$35 per twenty-foot container fee beginning October 1, 2008, to help pay for the \$2 billion replacement of nearly 16,800 trucks that serve the ports. The Port is offering truckers grants and a leasing program to acquire new trucks.

Under the Port of Long Beach Clean Trucks Plan, trucking companies are permitted to hire employees or contract with independent owner-operators.

"We encourage trucking firms to sign up immediately, and join us in this landmark clean-air

program,” said Port Executive Director Richard Steinke. “We need to move quickly to improve air quality while assuring that trade will continue to move smoothly.”

Call 888-KLN-TRUX or 888-556-8789 for more information.