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America's Busiest Port to Report Climate Change Emissions with California Registry

Port of Los Angeles is First Port to Participate in Unique Program

LOS ANGELES, California – The Port of Los Angeles (Port of LA) has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. The Port of LA is the first port to participate in this rigorous program. As a member, the Port of LA will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming. The Port will also report all of the emissions associated with port activities, including tenant operations and vessel activities within the South Coast Air Basin.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's busiest port with record volumes of cargo moving through its 7500 acres. Current programs and policies focusing on improving air quality and protecting the environment include:

- Alternative Maritime Power™ (AMP), a one-of-a-kind air quality program that reduces emissions from docked container vessels. The Port of LA is the first and only port in the world to plug container ships into clean electrical power while at dock.
- An alternative fuel vehicle policy that has spurred the replacement of nearly 35 percent of the Port's equipment inventory with alternative fuel-powered equipment.
- Vessel Speed Reduction Program for ships while sailing within the boundaries of the South Coast Air Basin, reducing speeds from 20 to 12 knots for a savings of tons of air emissions
- Partner in the "Clean Diesel Locomotives" program – a \$23 million program to replace the fleet of 18 harbor locomotives with "clean-diesel" and alternative-fuel locomotives.

"The Port has a simple three-word philosophy: Grow. Green. Greatness. We are confident that we can accomplish all three," said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., the Port's executive director. "By working with the Registry, we clearly show our commitment to the environment and an open process in achieving our goal of growing in an environmentally responsible manner."

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"The Port of LA is making history with its rigorous policies to protect the environment and air quality here in California" said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry. "Now the Port will be able to quantify the progress it is making on GHG reductions for all the world to see."

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles.

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The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 75 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org

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