



Clean Trucks Concession Applications Available **Trucking agreements outline pollution-reducing requirements**

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Concession applications are now available for trucking firms that wish to provide drayage services at the Port of Long Beach. With a concession from the Port, trucking firms will become part of the landmark Clean Trucks Program, which will reduce air pollution from trucks by 80 percent by 2012.

The application is available at 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)
- Ensure that drivers adhere to local parking and travel restrictions
- Certify that the trucks they dispatch to terminals comply with Clean Trucks emissions guidelines.

The concession agreement is the core of the Clean Trucks Program insuring that trucking firms adhere to pollution-reducing requirements at the risk of losing their right to operate in the Port.

Under the Port of Long Beach Clean Trucks Plan, trucking companies are permitted to hire employees or contract with independent owner-operators. Licensed motor carriers are required to pay a one time application fee of \$250 plus an annual fee of \$100 per truck.

"We encourage trucking firms to sign up quickly 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."

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 that do not meet 2007 federal emission standards will be banned from the Port.

To speed the transition to new, clean trucks, a \$35 per twenty-foot container fee will be collected on all trucked cargo beginning October 1, 2008, to help pay for the \$2 billion

replacement of nearly 16,800 trucks that serve the ports. The Port will be offering truckers grants and a leasing program to acquire new trucks.

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