



# Environmental Justice Achievement Awards



*Recognizing Successful Partnerships  
Achieving Public Health and Environmental Justice Goals*

## The Clean Trucks Program



James C. Hankla, Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioner President (left), and S. David Freeman, Port of Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners President, shake hands at a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Clean Trucks Center.



A port truck driver beams from his new truck purchased with Clean Trucks Program funds.



Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (left) and Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster stand against a backdrop of clean trucks as they address the crowd.

### **EPA is pleased to present a 2009 Environmental Justice Achievement Award to the **Clean Trucks Program (CTP)** for significantly reducing the impact of diesel truck pollution on economically disadvantaged people living near port facilities.**

The CTP is the largest, most aggressive air quality program at any port complex in the world. The goal of the CTP is to reduce port big-rig pollution by 80 percent by 2012, and bring cleaner trucks to port communities faster than required by law. The ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, California, have made grants and subsidized leases available to truckers who could not otherwise purchase new cleaner trucks or retrofit existing ones.

On October 1, 2008, the CTP banned the most polluting trucks—those built before 1989—from entering port terminals, resulting in significant air quality benefits to neighboring communities. The CTP will progressively phase out older trucks until 2012, when only the cleanest trucks—those that meet EPA 2007 emission standards—will be allowed to enter the port, resulting in immediate and ongoing environmental benefits delivered to nearby Environmental Justice communities.

The ports aggressively took measures to ensure early and frequent public input. During the CTP's formation, communication included public meetings, workshops, direct distribution of flyers, a one-stop-shop Clean Truck Center, and a 24-hour information line.

The CTP Partnership includes the Port of Long Beach, the Port of Los Angeles and the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) Stakeholder Group. The formation of the CAAP Stakeholder Group, which includes environmental and community-based organizations, added valuable public input to the ports' clean air efforts and plans to clean up port sources, including older, more polluting diesel trucks. The CTP sets the environmental bar worldwide for other port facilities to improve air quality to neighboring communities.

### Partners

The Port of Long Beach  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Coalition for Clean Air  
Port of Los Angeles  
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice  
The Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice  
The Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma  
The Coalition for a Safe Environment  
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
American Association of Railroads  
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Waterfront Coalition  
Future Ports  
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International Brotherhood of Teamsters  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
California Air Resources Board  
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