

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA – STAFF BRIEFING

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DATE: August 10, 2009

TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Wayne Grotheer, Director Seaport Professional and Technical Services
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SUBJECT: Clean Air Update

Staff will update the Commission regarding the development of the Clean Truck Program under the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy. This update will include status of lease amendments with marine terminal operators under the Customer Recovery Package, Puget Sound Clean Air Agency buy-back and scrap program for pre-1994 trucks, and drayage truck programs at Port of New York/New Jersey, Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, Port of Tacoma, Port Metro Vancouver, and Port of Oakland.

BACKGROUND

On January 22, 2008, the Port of Seattle Commission adopted the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy, a voluntary and collaborative effort of the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver (B.C.) to reduce maritime and port-related emissions that affect air quality and climate change in the Pacific Northwest. Developed in close collaboration with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, Washington Department of Ecology, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Environment Canada with input from stakeholders, customers, and citizens, the Strategy will result in emission reductions to further improve air quality throughout the region.

The strategy has three primary emissions reduction objectives:

- Reduce maritime related air quality impacts on human health, the environment and the economy;
- Reduce contribution to climate change through co-benefits associated with reducing air quality impacts; and
- Help the Georgia Basin-Puget Sound region continue to meet air quality standards and objectives.

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The Strategy builds on the significant efforts the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver, BC have invested in emission reductions and establishes common short-term (2010) and long-term (2015) performance measures for further reducing emissions from cargo-handling equipment, rail, harbor vessels, ocean-going vessels, and trucks.