




PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA - POLICY AND STAFF BRIEFING

Date of Meeting February 10, 2009

DATE: January 21, 2009

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SUBJECT: Briefing on Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy Implementation Status

The purpose of this briefing is to present an update on the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy implementation. This briefing will include an overview of the At-Berth Clean Fuels Vessel Incentive Program, cargo-handling equipment retrofits, development of a Clean Truck Program, and stakeholder outreach.

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 and port-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.

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.