

Fight for Good Jobs & Clean Air at the Ports of LA & Long Beach

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San Pedro Bay Ports

- About 43% of all containerized trade for the whole country (#2 NY/NJ is about 13%)
- Biggest port complex in the Western Hemisphere
- Over \$300 billion in trade annually (and growing); 15+ million TEU annually
- Largest regional industry: one in seven jobs in Southern California is tied to trade

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But all is not so rosy...

- Ports are the largest source of pollution in the region
- Localized community impact is severe
- Occasional bottlenecks and inefficiencies can disrupt flow of goods
- Major safety and security concerns



Why Focus on Port Trucking?



- "Where trucks go to die"
- Trucks are responsible for 30% - 40% of NOx and DPM from Ports
- Disproportionate impact on health because of high exposure rates
- Average truck is over 12 years old, some trucks date to 1941
- New technology and equipment could reduce truck pollution by over 80%

Congestion Problem



An Average Day



A Day During Port Closure



Port Drivers Today

Misclassified as Independent Contractors

Paid by the load

Receive no benefits

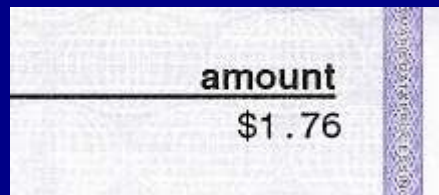


16,800 Semi- & Regular in LALB

Average \$9 to \$12/hour

Work 12 to 16 hours a day

Port Drivers Today



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Social Security Number: XXX-XX-XXXX

Earnings		rate	hours	this period
Regular				656.59
Gross Pay				\$656.59
Deductions		Other		
	Advance			-50.00
	Checking			-1.76
	Fuel			-456.29
	Motor Cargo			-8.21
	Physical Damage			-15.33
	Truck Liab Inc			-125.00
Net Pay				\$0.00

Clean Trucks Program: Key to Port expansion and growth



- Port have proposed Program to replace old truck fleet and improve driver working conditions.
- Program's goal is to reduce pollution (nitrogen oxide and particulate matter) from port trucks by 80%
- First major initiative by Port to reduce pollution from equipment and vehicles.

The Clean Trucks Program

- The CTP would dramatically change the structure of the industry:
 - Access to the Ports limited to trucking companies with signed concession agreements (ie, contracts with the Ports)
 - Companies would have to meet basic standards to qualify
 - Environmental, worker, community issues
- This would shift responsibility to its rightful place:
 - Trucking companies – rather than drivers – would be responsible for maintaining a fleet of clean trucks.
- Goal: only safe, secure, responsible companies, trucks and drivers enjoy the privilege of operating at the Ports.

And the benefits add up

- A recent LAANE report found that over just the initial 5 year period of the CTP, the region would see over \$4.2 billion in benefits through:



- Improved driver income and shifted tax burden(\$360 million annually)
- Reduced reliance on taxpayers for uninsured care(\$45 million annually)
- Reduced cost of health impacts(\$2.2 billion over five years)

Clean Trucks at the San Pedro Bay Ports Mean...

- 87.6 fewer premature deaths
 - 103 fewer hospital admissions
 - 2,449 fewer cases of asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory symptoms
 - 13,140 fewer lost work days
 - 142,350 fewer minor restricted activity days
 - 40,150 fewer school absence days
- ...EVERY YEAR!

Clean Trucks Program: Controversy delayed final passage



- Dispute over who should pay for clean trucks – truck drivers or shippers & trucking companies
 - Coalition pushed to have cost of trucks shifted from drivers to industry by requiring drivers to be hired as employees. This solution will also allow drivers to unionize.
 - Industry wants to prevent drivers from unionizing by keeping them misclassified as independent contractors and have public subsidize purchase of new trucks for drivers.

Clean Fleet, Sustainable Wages are Affordable



- Port Trucking = 2-5% of total transportation costs
- Overall Transportation costs are small fraction of goods on the shelves
- Clean Air, driver standards can be achieved for \$.25 on \$45.00 pair of shoes

Clean Trucks Program TODAY:



- 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on Temporary injunction
- 3,500 Clean Trucks since October 1, 2008 (20%)
- Trucking companies are buying trucks and employing drivers
- ...and the sky has not fallen