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APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR PORT OF BALTIMORE'S CLEAN-DIESEL PROGRAM

Technology Will Reduce Diesel Emissions and Pollutants in Daily Operations

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- A federal program designed to help clean the air in and around the Port of Baltimore is now accepting applications from private sector owners of heavy-duty equipment used in daily port operations to install clean-diesel technologies in an effort to reduce diesel emissions and pollutants. Dray trucks, harbor craft, locomotives, and on-dock cargo handling equipment are all examples of port machinery that are eligible to use the cleaner technologies.

In August, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded the Port of Baltimore \$3.5 million under the Recovery Act and the National Clean Diesel campaign. The purpose of the grant is to promote early, voluntary actions to reduce emissions related to the movement of international goods and cargo handled at the Port of Baltimore. The clean diesel projects would also help to reduce premature deaths, asthma attacks and other respiratory ailments. Diesel- powered equipment, locomotive, vessel and truck owners can play an important role in improving local air quality and helping to establish the Port of Baltimore as one of the nation's premier "Green Ports".

The Port of Baltimore was selected from projects competing for a share of \$16.1 million. EPA's mid-Atlantic region received 40 grant applications. The Port of Baltimore was one of seven applicants that won funding.

Along with the EPA, the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) is partnering with Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Environmental Services, the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, the Maryland Motor Truck Association, and the Baltimore Port Alliance to implement this program.

For clean diesel requirements, eligibility, and applications, go to www.marylandports.com and click on the link to the clean diesel program.

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