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Shipping Association Receives Environmental Justice Achievement Award

Award Recognizes Successful Partnership in Clean Trucks Program that Achieves Public Health and Environmental Justice Goals

December 15, 2009 (San Francisco) – The Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) today was among a number of parties to receive the prestigious Environmental Justice Achievement Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as a partner in the Clean Trucks Program at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The Clean Trucks Program has significantly reduced diesel truck emissions, resulting in improved air quality.

“The maritime industry is focused on improving the economic vitality and quality of life of the port communities through thoughtful collaboration – in this case, collaboration with the ports, key stakeholders, regulatory agencies and public health organizations,” said John McLaurin, president of PMSA. “We’re thrilled to be a partner in this successful multi-point effort to address emissions around the ports and goods movement well beyond the ports.”

The Clean Trucks Program works towards using trucks that meet EPA 2007 emissions standards and phasing out trucks built before 1989, and aims to reduce port big-rig pollution by 80 percent by 2012.

Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

PMSA is an independent trade association representing more than 60 operators of marine cargo terminals and owners/operators of U.S. and foreign-flagged cargo and passenger vessels. Its members are primarily engaged in trade between U.S. West Coast ports and ports in Alaska, Asia, Europe, Hawaii, and South America. The association has offices in Long Beach, San Francisco and Seattle.

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