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### LOS ANGELES 'CLEAN TRUCKS PROGRAM' OUTPERFORMS LONG BEACH PROGRAM IN LONG-TERM

**Port of Los Angeles Program Safer, More Efficient, More Sustainable, Study Finds**

**LOS ANGELES March 19, 2008** – A controversial program that is up for a vote at the Port of Los Angeles tomorrow clearly surpasses the one put in place at the Port of Long Beach last month, according to a study produced by Beacon Economics, an independent economic research and consulting firm, and funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

The 50-plus page analysis concludes that the Clean Trucks Program being considered at the Port of Los Angeles:

- **Is more sustainable** – The system in Long Beach will likely require that Port to provide ongoing subsidies to truckers. Independent truckers will almost certainly fall behind the curve in terms of changing emissions technology and it will fall to the Long Beach Port to subsidize the purchase of new trucks.
- **Will result in a more efficient system** – The system being proposed in Los Angeles will increase the speed, predictability, and efficiency in which containers flow through the Port. Although drayage rates will likely rise somewhat, the Los Angeles system has significant long-run efficiency advantages over the Long Beach system.
- **Is more cost-effective** – Although there will be short-run cost advantages that encourage some port traffic to divert to Long Beach, the long-run efficiencies in Los Angeles will very likely reverse that trend.
- **Is safer** – The system being proposed in Los Angeles incorporates significantly more safety and maintenance accountability than the system in Long Beach.

“The L.A. program would significantly alter the functioning of the industry,” says the report’s lead author Jon Haveman, an economist and founding principal of Beacon Economics. “But the changes it calls for would, one, significantly reduce emissions and, two, have the potential to dramatically enhance long-term efficiency at the Port – leading to more emissions reductions.”

Beacon Economics report, *Clean Trucks Program: An Economic Policy Analysis* can be found on the Beacon website: <http://www.beaconecon.com/products/Reports/CleanTrucksProgram.pdf>

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