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**Air District Awards \$5 Million for Shore Power Projects at the Port of Oakland**  
***Additional \$20 million available for shore power projects***

**SAN FRANCISCO** – Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Board of Directors approved the allocation of \$5 million to fund three projects to reduce vessel emissions at the Port of Oakland by providing shoreside electric power as part of the Air District’s Spare the Air initiatives.

Shore power is the process of turning off a ship’s diesel generators while at berth and connecting instead to cleaner electric power from the grid. This enables ocean-going vessels to maintain power in port while eliminating exhaust emissions.

“Shore power is one of the most effective ways to reduce emissions from vessels at the Port of Oakland,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “These projects will significantly reduce pollution and improve air quality.”

Installation of shoreside power technology will occur at three berths at the Port of Oakland, and will reduce an estimated 33 tons of ozone forming pollutants and particulate matter from Bay Area skies per year. The three terminals are among the busiest at the port and receive more than 500 vessel visits per year.

These projects are being funded through the Air District’s Mobile Source Incentive Fund, which is collected from a \$2 registration surcharge fee on vehicles registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles in the District’s jurisdiction.

An additional \$20 million in funding is now available for shore power, and cargo handling equipment projects through the Air District’s Goods Movement Program. Applications are available online at: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/goods>. Applications are due by March 15, and will be reviewed, evaluated and ranked by Air District staff.

Grant funding is available for projects that have greater emission reductions than those required by State regulations, mandating the use of shore power at California Ports which will take effect in 2014.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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