



Low-Sulfur Vessel Main Engine Fuel Incentive Program

Program Update - March 2009 Increased Reimbursement

On March 23, 2009 the Port of Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners finalized an amendment to the Low-Sulfur Vessel Main Engine Fuel Incentive Program (Program) that will increase the amount of reimbursement by 50% for each participating vessel trip at the Port of Long Beach. The increase is intended to cover the fuel cost incurred during transitioning to low sulfur fuel before vessels enter the 20- or 40-nm Program boundary. To determine the new, increased reimbursement, a multiplier of 1.5 will be applied to the reimbursement calculated under the original reimbursement level. Participating calls at the Port of Los Angeles will continue to be reimbursed at the original reimbursement level.

(Original Reimbursement) x (1.5 Increase) = New Reimbursement

Example: Under the recently approved change a vessel that previously would have earned a \$500 reimbursement for a particular arrival would now receive a \$750 reimbursement for that same arrival.

All other aspects of the Program will remain the same, including the following:

- Vessels may choose to participate from either 20 nm or 40 nm from the Port and may participate during arrival, departure, or both
- Operators may choose to use either 0.2% Sulfur Marine Gas Oil (MGO) or 0.2% Sulfur Marine Diesel Oil (MDO)
- Vessels must be enrolled in the Program to receive the reimbursement
- Participants will report their participation electronically on a monthly basis
- Reimbursement checks will be processed and mailed quarterly

The increase will take effect April 1st and will remain through June 30, 2009. On July 1, 2009, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) rule mandating the use of low sulfur fuel near the California coast will come into effect.

Enrollment in the Program can be completed quickly and easily. More information about the Program and the enrollment process is available at:

Program Website: <http://www.cleanairactionplan.org/strategies/vessels/fuel.asp>

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