

## Grant to reduce diesel exhaust in California

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Foss will use the grant to replace older engines

**Foss Maritime Company** is to receive an air quality grant to re-power two crew boats in their Southern California fleet.

The money is part of a \$4 million air quality grant awarded to the **Port of Long Beach** by the US **Environmental Protection Agency** to replace or retrofit aging technology with more efficient, less polluting technology,.

"Foss is pleased to continue our partnership with the Port of Long Beach and the EPA to improve the air quality of Southern California by re-powering vessels with cleaner burning engines," said Gary Faber, President and COO.

Around \$388,500 will go toward replacing the engines in the Caribe Alliance and Caribe Horizon. Their existing engines, Detroit 12-71 Turbos and GM EMD 12-645-E2s, will be replaced with Tier 2 certified engines.

The grant is part of the \$25 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to reduce diesel exhaust in California.

"We are honoured to receive the EPA award in support of our partnership with Foss. It is projects like the upgrades to Foss' harbor craft engines that help improve air quality in Long Beach and the region," said Robert Kanter, the Port of Long Beach's Managing Director of Environmental Affairs and Planning.

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