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PORT OF PORTLAND EARNS CLIMATE REGISTERED™ STATUS

Port of Portland measures carbon footprint on way to meeting ambitious reduction targets

The Port of Portland recently demonstrated outstanding environmental leadership by achieving Climate Registered™ status. Climate Registered status is awarded to Members of The Climate Registry who measure, publicly report and third party verify their greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory (also called a carbon footprint) according to The Registry's robust voluntary reporting program. The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization governed by states, provinces and territories that was established to develop common, accurate and transparent GHG reporting standard in North America.

As part of its commitment to promoting clean air and reducing impacts to global climate change, the Port signed on as a founding reporter of The Climate Registry in 2008. As a founding reporter, the Port voluntarily committed to conduct a comprehensive inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from its aviation, marine, and industrial development activities and to have the inventory verified by an independent third party.

Based on the internationally recognized GHG measurement standards of the World Resources Institute and World Business Council on Sustainability, the inventory calculates all Port-controlled sources of greenhouse gases generated on-site and those generated off-site for the Port's use.

"Becoming Climate Registered isn't easy," said Diane Wittenberg, Executive Director of The Climate Registry. "The Port of Portland has measured its GHG footprint with accuracy, transparency and to verified international standards. No greenwashing here; that's real environmental leadership."

The Port has measured its air emissions for several years, but The Climate Registry's reporting protocols provide a consistent, high quality framework to further those efforts in a common context with other Registry members. The Port's inventory was verified by independent verification body NSF-ISR, ensuring the data is credible and in turn assisting with accurate industry- and region-wide calculations.

"We've set ambitious goals for minimizing the port's impact on air quality," said David Breen, environmental air quality program manager at the Port of Portland. "Our goals are to reduce the port's direct and indirect green house gas emissions by 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2020 and

to reduce diesel particulate matter from Port-controlled operations by 25 percent from 2000 baseline levels by 2015. The Registry really helps us measure our progress using internationally recognized standards.”

The verification process also helps the Port with prioritizing emission reduction activities. The Port has implemented numerous energy conservation strategies, retrofitted equipment to be more energy efficient, and purchased renewable power.

The largest single source of Port-controlled greenhouse gas emissions—about 52 percent Port-wide—comes from purchased electricity. In 2009, the Port increased its purchase of certified renewable electricity from 10 percent to 58 percent, and plans to increase the purchases to 100 percent certified renewable power by 2011.

To find out more about the Port’s air quality and other environmental programs go to:
http://www.portofportland.com/PDFPOP/Newsroom_Environmental_Fact_Sheet.pdf

A link to the Port’s GHG inventory is here:

<http://cris.theclimateregistry.org/eats/tcr/index.cfm?fuseaction=reportsv2.home&clearfuseattribs=true>

About the Port of Portland

Established in 1891 by the Oregon legislature, the Port today owns four marine terminals, three airports (Portland International, Hillsboro and Troutdale) and seven business parks. The mission of the Port is to enhance the region’s economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets.

About The Climate Registry

The Climate Registry is a non-profit organization that operates the only voluntary carbon footprint registry in North America supported by states, provinces, territories and tribes. The Climate Registry helps hundreds of public and private organizations measure, report and reduce their GHG emissions with integrity. For more information see www.theclimateregistry.org

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