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Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles

Geraldine Knatz became the first female executive director of the Port of Los Angeles in January 2006. She oversees the daily operations and internal management of the nation's number one containerport.

Moving the Port of Los Angeles forward with an agenda that focuses on responsible Port growth and environmental leadership is an aggressive goal that Dr. Knatz has tackled from day one. Reducing air emissions, eliminating health risks and expanding capital development programs to accommodate the Port's future growth as a premiere Pacific gateway and national economic engine are top priorities at the Port under the leadership of Dr. Knatz.

Dr. Knatz was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan to reduce air emissions from port operations by roughly 50 percent over a period of five years. Her efforts facilitated the first joint meeting of the leaders of the two ports since the 1920s and the first ever public meeting of the two Port Boards on the day the Plan was approved. Since then, the Plan has paved the way for the Los Angeles Harbor Commission to approve two major container terminal expansion projects and a new deep-draft marine oil terminal on Pier 400.

She previously served as the managing director of the neighboring Port of Long Beach. As the number two executive at the Port of Long Beach, she oversaw a \$2.3 billion capital improvement program and spearheaded a number of environmental initiatives, including development of the Green Port Policy. While her impressive tenure at the Port of Long Beach spans two decades, Dr. Knatz began her maritime career as an environmental scientist at the Port of Los Angeles in 1977.

Dr. Knatz earned two degrees from the University of Southern California: a doctorate in biological science and a Master of Science in environmental engineering, where she currently teaches in the Civil Engineering School. She also holds an undergraduate degree in zoology from Rutgers University.