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Mr. Torcolini

The most recent accomplishments shared at the Port of Los Angeles Air Quality Monitoring update meeting held for the public on October 24, 2023, was appreciated, as are the major investments made to provide our community data for public understanding of air quality within San Pedro Bay. The Air Quality Monitoring Programs equipment for data collecting, transmitting, and reliability with backup equipment is commendable. The user-centric design of [San Pedro Bay Ports Air Monitoring Site](#) and [Annual Monitoring Reports](#) published is also helpful to see what is possible.

However, we are writing now to request a public Application Programming Interface (API) so that there is open programmatic access to Air Quality Monitors data. An open or public API would enhance the usefulness of the data for academics, researchers, developers, and other users, allowing for additional monitoring, streamlined analysis and sharing the data more effectively.

The advantages of offering an open API are numerous:

1. **Community Engagement:** It fosters a sense of community and collaboration, enabling environmental justice activists, enthusiasts, and professionals to create innovative applications and tools, further promoting San Pedro Bay Ports Air Monitoring Site.
2. **Increased Reach:** By allowing third-party applications to access the data, you expand the reach of San Pedro Bay Ports Air Monitoring Site's services to new audiences and platforms who can make data more understandable and useful.
3. **Feedback and Improvement:** A broader user base often leads to more feedback, helping enhance and refine the data to real-world use cases.
4. **Transparency and Trust:** Offering an open API can also enhance transparency, fostering trust among users who value open data practices.

We understand that creating and maintaining an open API involves resources and commitment. However, we genuinely believe that the long-term benefits for both San Pedro Bay and our community would be substantial. So we would like to request that POLA approve open public API.

Thank you for your time and for the outstanding work done to date. We eagerly await your response and hope to see San Pedro Bay Ports Air Monitoring Site take another step in empowering its community to be better informed and healthier.

Sincerely,

Dillon Clark, President
On behalf of the Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council
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