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# Shipbuilder BAE honored for embracing green technology



Supervisor Greg Cox (right) presents Bob Koerber, the general manager of BAE Systems San Diego Shipyard, with a certificate from the Industrial Environmental Association of San Diego honoring the company for its environmental achievements. (courtesy Industrial Environmental Association of San Diego)



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**T**he Industrial Environmental Association of San Diego and county Supervisor Greg Cox recognized BAE Systems Ship Repair on Thursday for the company's environmental achievements.

As part of an annual Earth Day celebration, the association singled out the Barrio Logan-based facility for its use

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“Every year, every different company has some program that they think they is special, but this is such a standout,” said Jack Monger, CEO of the association. “This contributes to both San Diego’s environment and San Diego’s economic future.”

The dock, which opened late last year, features two all-electric cranes, air-cooled generators and a 250,000-gallon system for collecting storm water. Its underwater hull paint is non-toxic, and the facility is lit with energy-efficient LED bulbs.

The National City-based Environmental Health Coalition tracked the project closely from its inception. Officials with environmental justice nonprofit recognized the achievements, but said the business could have gone even further to green up the new dock.

“We recommended more stringent requirements like a schedule for electrification of all diesel engines on site, including forklifts, cranes, and stake bed trucks on site and a limit to 5 ships per year at the new dry dock,” said Diane Takvorian, the group’s executive director. “These requirements, which would have significantly reduced air pollution, were not included in the final permit.”

The Industrial Environmental Association of San Diego is a nonprofit trade group representing dozens of manufacturing companies in the region, such as Poseidon Resources Corp., NRG Energy, General Atomics, San Diego Gas & Electric, Chevron Corporation and Qualcomm Inc. The organization is 33 years old and has recognized companies for their environment commitment annual for the last 13 years.

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