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U.S. EPA Clears March Global Port and Terminates Debarment

Earlier this week, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency terminated the debarment of [March International Logistics Center](#) and [Global Port Fueling Services](#) prohibiting the companies from doing business with the federal government.

The debarment was a result of the EPA's response to legal infractions incurred by March International Logistics Center and Global Port Fueling Services arising from a spill of less than one gallon of jet fuel nearly four years ago at a temporary fueling facility at [March Inland Port](#).

Although the three quarts of spilled fuel were fully contained and cleaned up, Global Port Fueling Services' managers failed to report the spill within the required 24-hour reporting period. Global Port Fueling Services paid more than \$100,000 in fines for the infraction.

However, in April 2009, the U.S. EPA notified March Global Port and the [March Joint Powers Authority](#) that March International Logistics Center and Global Port Fueling Services were debarred, blocking the companies from doing business with federal entities.

The EPA's decision earlier this week to terminate the debarment comes after a nine month-long, in-depth and comprehensive appeal process concluding that debarment of March Global Port was not necessary.

"We appreciate the U.S. EPA staff and thank them for their time and efforts in correcting this unfortunate issue. We also appreciate the March JPA Commissioners and Staff and their support and patience while we worked through this difficult issue. Now we can all get back to the business of recruiting aviation businesses to March and creating jobs for our community," said Aaron Knox, co-manager of March Global Port.

Since the initial fueling episode in 2006, Global Port Fueling Services safely pumped more than 4 million gallons of fuel without incident and even passed a surprise and arduous FAA inspection of its facilities and operations. Subsequently, Global Port Fueling Services closed its doors when DHL reduced its North American operations and ended flights out of March on December 24, 2008.

March Global Port is the master developer of the 350-acre aviation-based industrial business park located on the [March Inland Port](#) Airport at the south end of March Air Reserve Base. The base's 13,000-foot runway is one of the longest runways on the West Coast and is located along the I-215 freeway in the industrial corridor between the cities of Moreno Valley and Perris, Calif.

The March Global Port development team is a coalition of local business interests with more than one and a half centuries of combined service to the Riverside County region and an international airport developer involved with more than a dozen aviation facilities operating around the world.

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