

AQMD Hosts Landmark Conference on Asthma in Los Angeles

Prominent local and state policy makers, air quality officials and medical health experts met February 17, 2006 in a landmark conference to discuss potential policy solutions to address the impacts of air pollution on asthma sufferers, particularly children. "Asthma is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States, and here in Southern California 1 in 12 children are afflicted," said William Burke, Ed.D., Governing Board Chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. "This conference highlights scientific findings that poor outdoor air quality is a preventable asthma trigger and reinforces the need to do everything we can to reduce the risks."

AQMD hosted the one-day conference titled "Asthma Impacts of Air Pollution-Healthier Solutions Today for our Children's Tomorrow" at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, that drew about 400 people. The conference brought together an unprecedented breadth and depth of policy makers and health experts ranging from Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez to medical researchers responsible for the region's largest study on air pollution and children's health. Afternoon panel discussions included state Senator Alan Lowenthal and state Assembly Members Ron Calderon, Karen Bass, and Lloyd Levine discussing current policies and legislation addressing both asthma and air pollution.

Current research being conducted in Southern California shows strong ties between air pollution and increased symptoms among asthmatics. In 2004, USC researchers published the Children's Health Study, a 10-year study that followed lung health of children in the Southland. Results showed that the lungs of children growing up in smoggy areas are underdeveloped and will likely never recover. A subsequent study published in 2005 showed a link between childhood asthma and freeway pollution.

For more information, contact Pom Pom Ganguli at (909) 396-3185.



Faster Freight/Cleaner Air Conference Focuses on Greening the Goods Movement Industry

AQMD co-sponsored and participated in the 3-day Faster Freight/Cleaner Air Conference and Expo to discuss the challenge facing the Southland with increasing trade and its potential environmental impacts. The conference highlighted the innovative programs, policies and technologies now being implemented in ports around the nation to improve efficiency and reduce air pollution. The event was held January 30 through February 2 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Over 600 participants attended more than 100 educational sessions on topics focused on industry sectors including

Marine, Rail, Trucking, Off-Road and Infrastructure. In addition, an opening breakout session entitled Goods Movement 101 was offered to the public at no charge, featuring a variety of background briefings and interactive opportunities with regulatory, governmental, environmental, and shipping representatives.

Among the goals for the conference was to showcase solutions and resources for improving operations and reducing emissions from the goods movement industry while creating healthy communities. Another goal was

to offer numerous networking opportunities to share ideas and best practices with colleagues and peers.

Speakers included state Senator Alan Lowenthal, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, CalEPA Secretary Alan Lloyd, and Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, Southern California Association of Governments, and the Port of Los Angeles also co-sponsored the event. *For more information, visit the conference website at www.ffca2006.com.*

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AQMD ADOPTS RULES TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION FROM IDLING TRAINS

To further reduce air pollution and better protect public health, AQMD's Governing Board on Feb. 3 adopted two groundbreaking rules requiring railroads in the region to eliminate unnecessary locomotive idling.

The regulations are more stringent than requirements in a 2005 voluntary statewide agreement between major railroads and the California Air Resources Board.

"CARB's agreement with the railroads simply does not go far enough to reduce emissions and protect public health, especially for those living near rail yards," said AQMD's Chairman William Burke.

Rule 3501 – Recordkeeping for Locomotive Idling and Rule 3502 – Minimization of Emissions from Locomotive Idling – will establish recordkeeping and idling requirements for diesel freight locomotives operating in the Los Angeles Basin. The rules take effect in August and affect the four freight railroads operating in the region. Passenger locomotives are exempt.

Under Rule 3501, railroads will be required to keep records of all locomotive idling lasting more than 30 minutes. Locomotives equipped with an anti-idling device, or alternative technology such as liquefied natural gas fuel or a battery-hybrid system, are exempt from the requirement.

Rule 3502 is designed to eliminate air pollution from unnecessary idling by prohibiting unattended locomotives from idling more than 30 minutes if they are:

- Stopped for a crew change or meal breaks;
- Within or queuing in rail yards; or
- Performing maintenance or testing that does not require the locomotive to operate.

The new rules go beyond provisions in the voluntary statewide agreement between CARB and Union Pacific Railroad Co. and BNSF Railway Co. in the following ways:

- AQMD's Rule 3501 requires recordkeeping and weekly reporting;
- AQMD rules limit idling to 30 minutes compared to 60 minutes in the statewide agreement; and
- CARB's agreement allows broad and vaguely defined exemptions.

For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at (909) 396-3105.



BOARD ACTIONS

Priority Goals Set Base to Craft 2006-07 Budget

Each year as part of AQMD's budget development process, the executive officer offers a proposed set of Program Goals and Objectives for the coming fiscal year.

This year's proposed goals were accepted by the Governing Board at its February 3 meeting and will now be used to develop next fiscal year's draft work program and budget request. The full text of the goals is available on AQMD's website at www.aqmd.gov/hb/2006/February/060237.html.

During public comment on the agenda item, the Board heard testimony encouraging particular attention to permit streamlining efforts.

The Board set a public hearing for June 3, 2006 to adopt the eventual FY 2006-07 budget, to be prefaced by a public workshop tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2006. The draft budget and work program is expected to be available for public review in early April.

"It's important for as many interested parties as possible to have early input into our budget process," says Barry Wallerstein, AQMD's executive officer. "We try to involve all stakeholders as partners in reducing air pollution, and an annual budget is a very important tool to implement programs that are sound financially and sensitive to business, environmental, and community interests."

For more information, contact Rick Pearce at (909) 396-2828.

DRAFT Budget coming soon...

AQMD to Host Conference on Ultrafine Particles

Research is indicating that ultrafine particles (less than 0.1 micron in diameter) may be more harmful to health than either PM10 or PM2.5. These findings could affect future air quality standards, engine designs, fuels and emission control technologies. To help better understand the research, the AQMD will host a conference on "Ultrafine Particles--the Science, Technology and Policy Issues" from April 30 through May 2, 2006.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the conference to join health researchers, government policy makers, engine manufacturers, emission control manufacturers, and technology experts in lively and informative discussions of what needs to be done to reduce this currently-unregulated air pollutant. The conference steering committee is composed of international experts on the subject.

The conference will be held at the Wilshire Grand Hotel at 930 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

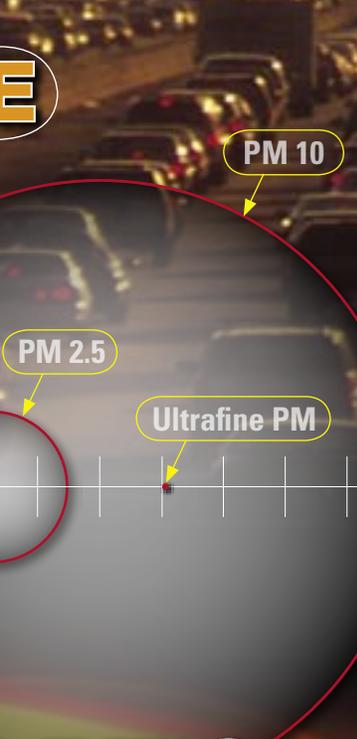
Pre-Conference Workshop (Sunday, April 30)

- An Introductory Overview of the Science, Technology, and Policy Issues Related to Ultrafine Particles

Main Conference Topics (Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2)

- Health Effects of Ultrafine Particles
- Emission Sources -- Vehicular and Stationary
- Measurement Methods, Ambient Levels and Trends
- Technologies for Reducing Ultrafine Particle Emissions
- Policy Issues -- Where Do We Go From Here?

For registration fees and information, visit the conference web page at www.aqmd.gov/tao/UltrafineParticleConf.htm or contact Larry Kolczak at (909) 396-3215.



New Staff Appointments

Oscar Abarca, Deputy Executive Officer, Public Affairs

At its January 2006 meeting, the AQMD Governing Board appointed Oscar Abarca as Deputy Executive Officer for Public Affairs. Since 2000, he held the position of Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for the Office of Public Affairs. As head of the Public Affairs department, he oversees the agency's community outreach, environmental justice, small business assistance and legislative affairs activities. Oscar joined AQMD in 1990 as Intergovernmental Affairs Director for Local Government, responsible for the AQMD's outreach and liaison with city, county, regional and other governments in Los Angeles County. He holds a masters degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in sociology. He also attended the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and the Graduate School of Business Management at UCLA.



Pom Pom Ganguli, Assistant Deputy Executive Officer, Public Affairs

Also at the January meeting, Anupom "Pom Pom" Ganguli, Ph.D. was appointed to the position of Assistant Deputy Executive Officer for Public Affairs. Since May 2002, he has been the agency's Public Advisor, a function that he will continue. Pom Pom is responsible for keeping open lines of communication and coordination with the public, elected officials at all levels, the business community, as well as community groups. His office also provides support for policy and legislative affairs that affect air quality and public health. He holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Northwestern University, a master's degree from the University of Windsor, and a bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Southern California Leadership Program.



Philip Fine, Atmospheric Measurement Manager

On January 31, 2006, Philip Fine, Ph.D. joined the AQMD as Atmospheric Measurement Manager in the Monitoring and Analysis department. Prior to joining the AQMD, he served as Research Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles where he conducted extensive research on particulate pollution and its health effects, resulting in over 35 peer-reviewed scientific publications. He also taught courses in "Environmental Pollution: Monitoring and Risk Assessment" and "Air Pollution Fundamentals." He received his Ph.D. from California Institute of Technology in Environmental Engineering Science, and his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science from the University of California, Berkeley.



HYDROGEN FUELING STATIONS OPENED AS PART OF FIVE CITIES PROJECT

Riverside and Santa Ana have officially kicked off AQMD's Five Cities Project with the opening of their municipal hydrogen fueling stations and the unveiling of Toyota Priuses converted to run on hydrogen.

Santa Ana and Riverside are two of five Southland cities partnering with AQMD to demonstrate five hydrogen fueling stations and a total of 30 hybrid Priuses with internal combustion engines that have been modified to burn gaseous hydrogen. The other cities include Burbank, Ontario, and Santa Monica. Each city and AQMD will operate five hydrogen-fueled Priuses for five years. The stations also will be able to refuel fuel cell vehicles.

The Five Cities program is aimed at stimulating demand for hydrogen fueling, accelerating the expansion of the region's hydrogen fueling network, and educating the public on hydrogen-fueled vehicles. The total cost for the project is more than \$7 million.

Each fueling station will be capable of filling 10 vehicles per day and in the future could be expanded to fill up to 20 vehicles per day. Each hydrogen-fueled Prius has a compressed gas fuel cylinder that holds up to 1.6 kilograms of hydrogen, giving the vehicles a range of up to 80 miles per fill. (One kilogram of hydrogen is roughly equivalent to the energy content of one gallon of gasoline.)

The Five Cities' hydrogen fueling sites add to a growing network of hydrogen stations in the Southland. Three other stations -- at AQMD headquarters in Diamond Bar, LAX and Sunline Transit Agency in Thousand Palms -- now are operational. An additional two stations, at UC Irvine and in Torrance, are expected to be completed by the end of the year. All 10 stations will provide hydrogen for fuel cell and internal combustion engine vehicles.

For more information, contact Matt Miyasato at (909) 396-3249.

2006 Carl Moyer Memorial Air Quality Standards Attainment Program



Incentives for Purchasing Lower-Emission Heavy-Duty Engines



South Coast Air Quality Management District

Agricultural Assistance / Carl Moyer Funding

The AQMD Board approved on February 3, 2006 a Request for Proposals for the Carl Moyer Program and the Agricultural Assistance Program (AAP). Created through the provisions of AB 923 (Firebaugh), the AAP authorizes AQMD to use funding from motor vehicle registration fees to help agricultural facilities comply with AQMD rules. The AQMD Board is making available up to \$3.9 million in funding to help agricultural facilities comply with AQMD Rule 1110.2, which requires stationary agricultural engine emissions to be controlled in two phases, starting on July 1, 2008.

Agricultural facilities may receive funding to replace their existing engines with new natural gas engines with emission controls, or replace them with electric motors. Replacing engines with electric motors is particularly attractive right now because electricity costs are lower than diesel fuel and until August 1, 2007, Southern California Edison Company has a special rate, TOU-PA-ICE, with additional savings for electrifying diesel, gasoline and propane engines. Applications for funding are due to AQMD by May 3, 2006.

The first recipient of AAP funding will be Scott Brothers Dairy Farms in Moreno Valley, California. This farm has qualified to receive over \$114,000 to replace two engine-driven pumps with electric pumps. In addition to the energy savings, the Scott Brothers Dairy Farms can look forward to no longer needing AQMD permits for the engines, and not having to worry about compliance with engine emission limits.

For further information, contact Martin Kay at (909) 396-3115.

Recent Studies on Health Effects of Air Pollution

In 2005, several studies were published that directly correlated exposure to air pollution and impacts on health.

Two studies found connection between atherosclerosis and air pollution exposure. One University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine study, Ambient Air Pollution and Atherosclerosis in Los Angeles, found that fine particles damage more than just the lungs—the effects reach all the way to the inner lining of the arteries. The other study conducted at New York University School of Medicine found that long-term air pollution exposure accelerated the beginning of atherosclerosis and vascular inflammation in animals.

A Loma Linda School of Public Health study indicates that women may be at greater risk than men of fatal coronary heart disease as a result of exposure to airborne particulate pollution and the risk increases when ozone is also present.

Finally, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) identified second-hand smoke as a toxic air contaminant (TAC) that may cause and/or contribute to death or serious illness. CARB's action to list second-hand smoke as a TAC was based on a comprehensive report on its exposure and health effects. The evaluation also found links between second-hand exposure and increased incidences of breast cancer in non-smoking, pre-menopausal women. Second-hand smoke had already been linked to adult incidences of lung and nasal sinus cancer, heart disease, eye and nasal irritation, and asthma.

For more information, contact Ron Ketcham at (909) 396-3213.

Leaf Blower Exchange for Landscape Maintenance Professionals

Lawn care professionals and people who employ commercial/residential gardening services are encouraged to help publicize the remaining three events in AQMD's Leaf Blower Exchange program. Through this program professional gardeners/landscapers can trade in their old (but operational) backpack leaf blower to get a new STIHL BR500 leaf blower for only \$200 (these normally sell for \$459).

There are currently no electric battery-powered leaf blowers that can meet the demands of commercial gardeners. Nonetheless, this gasoline-powered blower has the lowest engine emissions (about 1/3 the level currently required by CARB standards), and the lowest noise level (65 decibels) of any professional-quality backpack blower on the market. Reducing engine emissions from commercial leaf blowers is very cost-effective because the equipment is used for several hours a day, 5 or 6 days a week. Participating gardeners will also be given information explaining the proper way to operate a blower to minimize the amount of dust blown into the air.

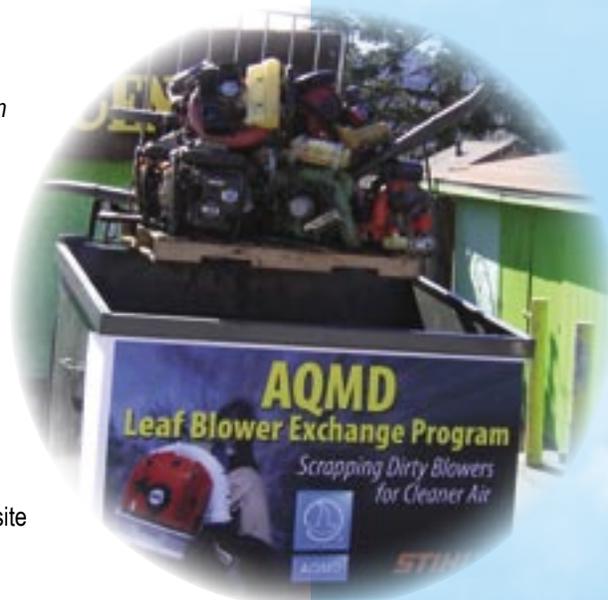
The program is only available to professional gardeners and landscapers who live and work within AQMD's 4-county jurisdiction. Up to ten blowers per business can be exchanged. Participants must pre-register for the event they plan to attend. Three events were held in February in La Crescenta, Riverside, and Chino. The remaining events will be held:

- March 7th in Norwalk
- March 8th in Inglewood
- March 9th in Santa Ana

The toll-free registration number to call (between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Tuesday through Friday) is (888) 425-6247.

Electric Lawnmower Exchange Expected to Be Approved

In a related equipment exchange program, at press time, at the March 3, 2006 Governing Board meeting, the Board was expected to approve a program to be held in late spring wherein residents of the South Coast Basin can exchange their operable gasoline-powered mower for a cordless electric lawnmower. As details of this program are confirmed they will be available on the AQMD web site at www.aqmd.gov/tao/lawnmower2006.html.



RULE UPDATE

The following proposed and amended rules and regulations are tentatively scheduled for hearing at upcoming Governing Board meetings. To verify whether scheduling changes have occurred, visit the AQMD website at www.aqmd.gov/hb/gb_cal95.html and check the Rule and Control Measure item on the Governing Board meeting agenda or call the Clerk of the Board's Office at (909) 396-2500.

Copies of AQMD rules and regulations can be downloaded from the website at www.aqmd.gov/rules/rules.html or provided by AQMD's Public Information Center, (909) 396-2039.

April

Proposed Amended Rule 1113-Architectural Coatings

Amendments to adjust VOC limits, requirements and procedures to achieve additional emission reductions.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rule 1146.2-Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Large Water Heaters and Small Boilers

Lowers the NOx emission limit for new boilers, water heaters and process heaters subject to Rule 1146.2.
For more information, contact Joe Cassmassi at jcassmassi@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3155.

Proposed Amended Rule 1178-Further Reductions of VOC Emissions from Storage Tanks at Petroleum Facilities

The proposed amendment addresses the requirements for primary and secondary seals for internal floating roof tanks.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

May

Proposed Amended Rule 219-Equipment Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Will exempt certain categories from the permitting requirement, and will require permits for some other emission categories.
For more information, contact Lee Lockie at llockie@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2390.

Proposed Rule 223-Facility Permit – Agricultural Facilities (SB 700)

Will establish a framework for a master permit for agricultural facilities and crop operations, and provide a vehicle for emissions inventory and reductions required pursuant to SB 700.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rule 1132-Further Control of VOC Emissions from High-Emitting Spray Booth Facilities

Adjusts the emission factors applicable to the composite industry using spray application techniques for gelcoats.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rule 1146-Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen from Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters

Proposes to lower the NOx emission limits for boilers, steam generators and process heaters subject to AQMD Rule 1146.
For more information, contact Joe Cassmassi at jcassmassi@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3155.

Proposed Amended Rule 1186.1-Less Polluting Sweepers; Proposed Amended Rule 1196-Clean On-Road Heavy-Duty Public Fleet Vehicles

Extends sunset dates to allow acquisition of non-rule compliant vehicles due to lack of a refueling station within five miles of vehicle storage or maintenance yards.

For more information, contact Henry Hogo at hhogo@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3184.

Proposed Amended Rule 1195-Clean On-Road School Buses

Reinstates an exemption for alternative fuel refueling stations within five miles to allow for rule compliance flexibility.
For more information, contact Henry Hogo at hhogo@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3184.

Proposed Amended Rule 1302-Definitions

Amend definition of Essential Public Service to include publicly-owned or operated biosolids processing operations.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rules 1304-Exemptions; 1306-Emission Calculations; 1315-NSR Tracking System

The amendment to Rule 1304 clarifies the exemptions from specified rule requirements. The amendment to Rule 1306 implements an emission tracking system required by U.S. EPA.

For more information, contact Larry Bowen at lbowen@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rule 1309.1-Priority Reserve

Extends access to the Priority Reserve for qualifying electric generating facilities and adjusts the amounts to be paid for credits.
For more information, contact Joe Cassmassi at jcassmassi@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3155.

Recent Events

- AQMD hosted a Clean Air Congress fair at the Mercado La Paloma market place in Central Los Angeles on January 14. Over 100 community members attended the fair, which featured alternative vehicle displays, interactive air quality experiments, air quality information, and activities for children

- AQMD staff also participated at the Los Angeles Auto Show in January, staffing an information booth and displaying hybrid and fuel cell vehicles.

- Staff from AQMD took part in the annual Asian American Expo, one of the largest Asian cultural and business tradeshows in North America. The event was held January 14 and 15, at the Pomona Fairplex. The show was an opportunity to provide outreach to a community the AQMD is specifically targeting as part of its environmental justice program.



Clean Air PEOPLE

Meet the diversely talented people who work at the AQMD

AQMD Advisor



Rudy Eden

Rudy Eden began his AQMD career as an Assistant Chemist in 1980 after receiving a degree in chemistry from UC Riverside and a brief stint working for Unitek Corp in Monrovia. He is Senior Manager over Laboratory Services and Source Test Engineering, directing the activities of over 50 staff members. "I have been a part of all 3 MATES (Multiple Air Toxics Exposure) studies and seen tremendous changes in the AQMD in general and the lab specifically as a result of staff innovation and scientific instrumentation advancements." He is also AQMD's unofficial "Clean Air Scientist," conducting laboratory experiments and smog demonstrations for classes of students each year.

Rudy, who lived in Barstow as a young child, first became aware of smog while visiting his grandfather in Los Angeles. "By the time we got to the Brew 102 building in LA the air pollution was so bad that my eyes would water." Later on, while living in Riverside, Rudy remembers that his high school tennis and water polo teams' practices were cancelled and games postponed due to high smog levels.

Rudy's wife Carol is a kindergarten teacher. They have 2 boys. Their oldest son is an Eagle Scout and was selected as the leader of all scouts for the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade. He just received his private pilot's license and is on the Mt. SAC flying team.

Their youngest son is in high school where he is on the tennis and soccer teams. Fortunately, due to the improvements in air quality, he will likely never have a game or practice cancelled.

Rudy and the boys enjoy classic automobiles and have restored a car from the 60s for each of them. They also enjoy salt water fishing and they each have caught a tuna over 100 pounds. The entire family enjoys vacations involving water skiing and wakeboarding. Rudy is active in their church, and he and the family have been involved in construction projects in Mexico and last year went on a "vacation" to China where Rudy, Carol and the boys taught English at a middle school in a rural part of central China for two weeks.

Elsa Gutierrez has been with the AQMD for 21 years; seventeen of which she says she was "blessed and honored to work in the Chemical/Mechanical Operations unit within the Engineering & Compliance Division."

In June, 1985 Elsa began working in the Clerk of the Board's office. She later transferred into the Engineering Division as a Stenographer and was promoted to Secretary, in Enforcement. From there she transferred back to Engineering.

She currently provides assistance in processing RECLAIM and Title V permits, handles priority assignments and interacts with a variety of AQMD staff including an Air Quality Analysis and Compliance Supervisor, engineers and other clerical staff. She said "this position provides an interesting variety of challenges."

Prior to working for the AQMD, Elsa worked in sales at an auto dealership in Pasadena, sold telephone related products for Telecom Communications, and was a bartender for the Hilton Hotel in Pasadena. She also worked for Doctor Oettinger, a renowned physician who specialized in the field of neurological disorders in children.

She has one son, Rey, and a very precocious 12 year old daughter, Kathryn. Elsa said that she has been married for 15 interesting years to the best cook - Abbie Gutierrez.

Asked about how she decided to apply to the AQMD for a job, she explained, "After receiving my administrative degree from Pacific Coast College, about three days thereafter, I spotted a white car with a blue emblem on it. I went to the library to do research on the South Coast Air Quality Management District. I called the next day, and asked a few questions about the District. The person explained that there were two positions available right then, so I applied, and thanks to the person I spoke to on the phone, I have enjoyed 21 years of learning and expanding my skills here at the AQMD."



Elsa Gutierrez

When asked what one thing are you most proud of, Matt Miyasato answered easily, "you mean other than my three beautiful children?, I would say it's leaving a legacy that we can all be proud of."

Matt Miyasato, Ph.D is the Manager of Technology Demonstrations, in the AQMD's Technology Advancement Office (TAO). Matt received his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, and both his MS and Ph.D. in Engineering, all from University of California, Irvine. He came to work for the AQMD as a program supervisor in June of 2002, and was soon promoted to his current position. His group funds and manages projects to help accelerate clean, advanced technologies which include: natural gas, hydrogen, and fuel cell vehicles, plug-in hybrids, alternative fuel heavy-duty engines, clean stationary burners, and stationary fuel cells, or as Matt puts it "all kinds of exciting stuff."

Prior to his work at the AQMD, Matt was with Southern California Edison in the Nuclear Engineering Department; and a Research Staff Engineer at the UCI Combustion Laboratory and National Fuel Cell Research Center; and a subsidiary of GE called Energy and Environmental Research. Matt stated, "I feel like I've been training my entire academic and professional career for working at the AQMD, especially in TAO. How cool is that?"

In his spare time, Matt has been known to enjoy martial arts--he holds a 2nd degree black belt in traditional Japanese Karate, playing the guitar, working with computers and playing golf. For right now, however, with a two year old daughter and 6 month old twin boys, he prefers sleep, and spending time with his family.

Matt says that the work he did in computational fluid dynamic modeling and designing burners pales greatly in comparison to the challenges and responsibilities he now faces in raising his children. But his "clean air" legacy takes on special meaning and urgency for him, knowing that all kids will benefit.

Matt Miyasato





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Briefly...

Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

Rule 1403-Asbestos Demolition/Renovation Activities

- March 15
- April 12
- May 17

The classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at AQMD headquarters. There is a \$32.75 class fee. . *To register call (909) 396-2381 or send e-mail to jmoore@aqmd.gov.*

Rule 2202-Employee Transportation Coordinator Training

- March 22, Getty Center, Los Angeles
- April 5, OCTA, Orange
- April 26, AQMD, Diamond Bar
- May 18, Walt Disney Studios, Burbank

Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration fee is

\$57.63 per person. Enrollment is limited to 20 students and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. *To register, call Lisa Patterson at (909) 396-2283 or e-mail lpatterson@aqmd.gov*

Rule 403-Controlling Dust in the South Coast Air Basin

- March 15
- April 19
- May 17

This half-day class is held at the AQMD Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required *To register, call toll free 1-866-861-DUST (3878) or email dustcontrol@aqmd.gov.*

Rule 403.1-Controlling Dust in the Coachella Valley

- Every third Thursday of the month

This course will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (Room 119), 73-710 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA, 92260. *To register, call 1-866-861-DUST (3878) or email dustcontrol@aqmd.gov.*

Please note the following corrections to the 2006 Compliance Deadlines listed in the January edition of the AQMD Advisor:

Architectural Coatings (Rule 1113)

On or after July 1, 2006, additional coatings that may be averaged under the averaging compliance option are: bituminous roof primers, interior stains, waterproofing concrete/masonry sealers, varnishes and sanding sealers. The exemption for clear wood finishes that includes varnishes, sanding sealers, lacquers and pigmented lacquers in containers having capacities of one quart or less shall no longer be exempt effective July 1, 2006.

Less Polluting Sweepers (Rule 1186.1)

Corrected compliance deadlines: July 1, 2002 and January 1, 2003.

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