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AQMD Chairman Burke Announces Initiative Seeking Greater Local Authority to Regulate Mobile Sources

In January, AQMD Chairman William Burke announced the 2007 Mobile Source Fair Share Initiative to secure greater local authority to regulate mobile sources of air pollution in order to speed up progress in meeting federally mandated clean air goals.

"The state and federal governments simply have not acted quickly enough to address the public health crisis precipitated largely by mobile source emissions," said Burke. "Therefore, we must move ahead and obtain the authority to regulate these sources ourselves."

Major elements of the initiative include:

- Seeking a requirement that the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency be legally obligated to adopt all feasible mobile source emission control measures within their authority to meet air quality standards;
- Seeking clarification under the federal Clean Air Act that AQMD may adopt its own rules to reduce mobile source emissions;
- Seeking legislation for U.S. EPA to establish stringent regulations for mobile sources, including locomotives, aircraft, and foreign flag vessels entering U.S. ports; and sulfur content of marine fuels, and
- Creating a new Mobile Sources Division at AQMD to participate more actively in state and federal mobile source rulemaking, and to oversee development of new AQMD mobile source rules.

Reducing mobile source emissions is an urgent priority for two reasons: first, a growing body of scientific evidence demonstrates that health effects of air pollution are worse than previously suspected; and second, the Southland is required by federal law to meet the federal standard for PM_{2.5} in less than eight years. Attaining the PM_{2.5} standard will require cutting smog-forming nitrogen oxide emissions by an additional 40 percent above and beyond current control programs.

Mobile sources, including everything from cars, trucks and SUVs to airplanes, trains and ships, are responsible for more than 80 percent of the Southland's smog-forming emissions.

For more information, contact Oscar Abarca at (909) 396-3242.

Governing Board Update



Orange County Supervisor Bill Campbell will join the AQMD Governing Board in March as its newest member, representing Orange County. He also serves on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission, the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Orange County Council of Governments and the San Joaquin and Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor agencies. Supervisor Campbell served in the California Legislature as an Assembly Member from 1996 to 2002. He will fill the unexpired term of former Orange County Supervisor Jim Silva, which ends on January 15, 2010. Silva was recently elected a member of the California State Assembly.

In addition to Campbell joining the Board, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich and San Bernardino County Supervisor Gary Ovitt were recently reappointed to the Board with terms ending Jan. 15, 2011.

For more information, contact Sandra McDaniel at (909) 396-2821.

GROWING SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE: REDUCED PM_{2.5} LEVELS CAN MEAN MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS

At the January AQMD Governing Board meeting, senior staff of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) updated results of recent studies that examine adverse health impacts of exposure to high levels of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), including the finding that 5,400 South Coast Basin residents die prematurely each year due to PM_{2.5} pollution (based on 1999-2000 air quality data). The report highlighted the growing body of evidence that:

- there are substantial health benefits in reducing levels of PM_{2.5} pollution;
- a greater share of deaths can be attributed to particulate matter than estimated to date; and
- PM_{2.5} is responsible for most of the serious health effects known from exposure to ambient air pollutants, for example, heart disease, and respiratory problems such as asthma.

Richard Bode, Chief of Health and Exposure Assessment in CARB's Research Division, noted "My message is not that more people are dying, but that air pollution appears to be a hidden cause of deaths that were previously attributed to other causes."

The studies also indicate that Californians suffer a disproportionate share, 63%, of total U.S. exposure to unhealthy levels of PM_{2.5}.

For more information, contact Jean Ospital at (909) 396-2582.

Governor Orders New Motor Fuel Standard to Reduce Carbon

Under an executive order issued by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the state Air Resources Board will be required to draft rules to institute a new greenhouse gas emission standard for transportation fuels. The rules, to take effect in January 2010, would reduce fuel carbon content of all passenger vehicle fuels sold in California by 10 percent by 2020.

The new standard is intended to support Assembly Bill 32 emissions targets as part of California's overall strategy to fight global warming. In September 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 32 (Nunez & Pavley), establishing a program of regulatory and market mechanisms to achieve reductions of greenhouse gases.

The standards will require fuel providers to ensure that the mix of fuel they sell into the California market meets, on average, a progressively more stringent standard for greenhouse gas emissions. Providers would be able to choose how they reduce emissions. For example, they may purchase and blend more low-carbon ethanol into gasoline products, purchase credits from electric utilities supplying low carbon electrons to electric passenger vehicles, or diversify into low carbon hydrogen as a product. For more information contact Pom Pom Ganguli at (909) 396-3185.

Update on Selected Community Projects Receiving Settlement Funds

In 2006, the AQMD Governing Board awarded nearly \$6 million towards 21 projects that would improve air quality and public health in the areas served by AQMD. Funds were from part of a penalty settlement reached in 2005 between the AQMD and BP West Coast Products LLC for air pollution violations at the firm's Carson refinery.

Some of the projects include:

- The Children's Hospital of Orange County Breathmobile® Program was awarded \$500,000 to reduce impacts of air quality related respiratory symptoms to underserved children in need of asthma care services in Orange County. The monies will be used to expand asthma treatment and education services. The contract has been executed and health services are underway.
- The San Bernardino County Dept. of Public Health Coordinated Asthma Referral and Education Program (CARE) was awarded \$500,000 to provide education, case management, and equipment and supplies as well as an asthma awareness campaign. Services commenced in January 2007.
- The California Urban Forests Council United Voices for Healthier Communities was awarded \$450,000 to plant 1,000 five-foot trees in each of Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties at approximately 20 different locations on one day to promote reduction of atmospheric air pollutants, and mitigation of urban heat island effects. Planting is expected to happen by spring 2007.
- The AQMD's Smog Advisory for Schools program was awarded \$100,000 to have flags color-coded to the local air quality index, flown daily on school flagpoles to communicate air quality conditions to students, teachers and parents at 50 K-8 schools across the South Coast area. The program will bring greater awareness of poor air quality days to students, teachers, and parents. The program launched in February, 2007.
- The Dry Cleaners Grant Program Extension was awarded \$1,000,000 to replace existing perchloroethylene dry cleaning machines with AQMD rule-compliant machines to lower individual and cumulative cancer risk. As of February 2007, 190 eligible grant applications have been received, and all available funds have been committed.

For more information, call Lourdes Cordova Martinez at (909) 396-3214.

DRAFT 2007 AQMP PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

A series of Public Workshops has been scheduled to discuss the Revised Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan. The Plan aims to define the AQMD's strategy to meet state and federal Clean Air Act planning requirements.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – 2 p.m.

East Anaheim Community Center
8201 E. Santa Ana Canyon
Anaheim Hills, CA

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

AQMD Headquarters, Room GB
21865 Copley Dr.
Diamond Bar, CA

Thursday, March 15, 2007 – 9:30 a.m.

Riverside Convention Center
3443 Orange Street
Riverside, CA

Thursday, March 15, 2007 – 2 p.m.

Rancho Cucamonga Council Chambers
10500 Civic Center Dr.
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

For more information, visit the Public Notices page on the AQMD website at: http://www.aqmd.gov/pub_edu/pubedu1.html



AQMD Participates in Major Air Monitoring Study at Ports

In order to assess the impacts that air pollution is having on local communities, the AQMD has embarked on an air monitoring program in the neighborhoods and communities surrounding the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The air monitoring program began in January as part of the Clean Port Initiative, adopted by the AQMD Governing Board in January 2006, to assess the impact of emissions from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The steady increase in port activities, and associated goods movement, has made these communities subject to the largest source of air pollution in Southern California.

The AQMD's monitoring program includes the formation of an advisory group, the Clean Ports Air Monitoring Partnership, consisting of representatives from the AQMD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, labor organizations, industry, local harbor community groups, and area academic organizations. This working group assisted in developing the sampling protocol, and also cooperates with concurrent CARB, Port of Los Angeles, and Port of Long Beach air monitoring programs.

At the conclusion of the studies, the results will be analyzed and incorporated into a draft report issued by the group. The combined studies are considered to be the most comprehensive air monitoring reports of any local area in the world. Air pollutants to be monitored include: ozone, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulates, air toxics, volatile organic compounds, metals, particle numbers which are an ultrafine particulate indicator, and continuous black carbon, which is a diesel particulate matter indicator.

There will be a total of 9 primary monitoring sites used during the study. There are also four additional monitoring sites being operated concurrently by the Port of Los Angeles, and two additional sites being operated by the Port of Long Beach. The AQMD will be working with the other agencies and organizations in order to have consistency with reporting of air quality information to the public.

For more information, contact Philip Fine at (909) 396-2239.

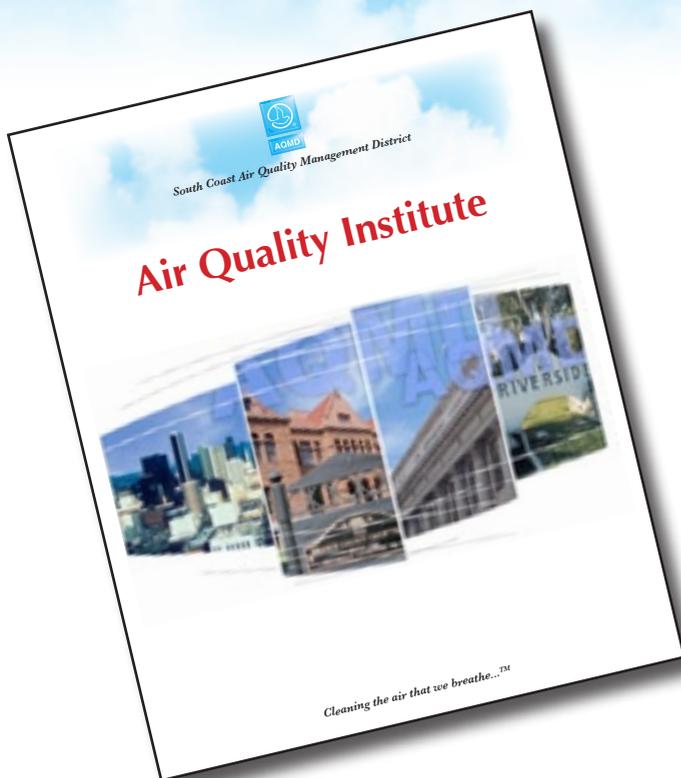
Air Quality Institute Program Expanded to Cover Mobile Source Emission Reduction Issues

In February 2007, the AQMD Governing Board approved a plan to continue the Air Quality Institute, which included conducting a series of educational outreach sessions to discuss critical air quality issues with newly elected and appointed officials, policymakers, and business and community leaders.

A series of eight Air Quality Institute training sessions were held throughout the AQMD jurisdiction from August through December 2006. Each four-hour session covered: 1) Air Quality Overview; 2) Environmental Justice and Public Health; 3) Effects on the Southland Economy and Clean Technology Solutions. Over 160 elected officials, government agency staff, business and community leaders, and representatives from environmental groups participated.

As part of its ongoing community outreach, education, and environmental justice programs, the AQMD plans to offer additional sessions in 2007 to expand the curriculum with topics to include the mobile source emission reductions needed to attain regional clean air goals and the Chairman's Initiative for 2007, which will aim to secure greater local authority to regulate mobile sources of air pollution.

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



GOVERNOR TO DELIVER KEYNOTE SPEECH AT INTERNATIONAL ASTHMA CONFERENCE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is scheduled to address "The Future of Health Care in California" at AQMD's International Conference, "Asthma Is a Small World ... Asthma Impacts of Air Pollution," to be held April 26-27, 2007 at the Disneyland Hotel® in Anaheim. This event will bring together internationally recognized scientists, physicians, public health professionals, political figures and policy makers from around the world to address accelerating policy and technology solutions to improve air quality, and reduce the alarming increase in the incidence of asthma.

Conference topics will focus on:

- The health effects of air pollution; health tracking and management guidelines
- legislative and policy approaches
- current concepts in asthma and respiratory diseases
- health effects of traffic emissions
- pollution exposure and the development of asthma
- impacts of goods movement to respiratory illness
- socioeconomic influences on respiratory disease, a global initiative for asthma;
- the global warming connection.

Among the roster of notable speakers from around the world, Olympic Gold Medalist and asthma sufferer, Jackie Joyner-Kersey will deliver a speech on "Achieving Success with Asthma." Fabian Núñez, Speaker of the California State Assembly is also scheduled to speak on AB32 (Núñez), the Global Warming Solutions Act, and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer will participate via video. To register visit www.aqmd.gov/ej/AsthmaIsASmallWorld.html.

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Asthma Is a Small World ... International Conference on Asthma Impacts of Air Pollution

April 26-27, 2007 - Disneyland Hotel®
Anaheim, California USA

email: AsthmaConference@aqmd.gov or call 909-396-2432 / 1-800-CUT-SMOG for more information.



School Districts Receive Awards from AQMD for Natural Gas Fueling Stations, Buses

Taking another step toward the goal of establishing a diesel-free school bus fleet in the region, the AQMD recently awarded \$22.9 million to help several school districts purchase natural gas-powered buses and install natural gas fueling stations.

Since 2000, AQMD's Governing Board has been a national leader in adopting policies and providing incentives to replace dirty diesel school buses with alternative fuel models. To date, AQMD has approved \$87 million to purchase 513 new school buses – including 427 CNG and 86 lower-emission diesel models – as well as CNG fueling infrastructure and 2,553 particulate traps to reduce emissions from diesel buses.

CNG school buses on average emit four times less smog-forming nitrogen oxides and 10 times less particulate matter than the diesel buses they replace. In addition, CNG buses emit no diesel soot, which is the source of about 70 percent of all air pollution cancer risk in the region.

Funding for AQMD's school bus replacement program comes from the state's Lower-Emission School Bus Replacement and Retrofit Program and the AQMD Chairman's School Bus Initiative. Information on AQMD school bus awards is available at http://www.aqmd.gov/tao/implementation/LE_school_bus_prog.htm.

For more information, contact Fred Minassian at (909) 396-2641.

RECOGNITIONS HELD FOR LONG-TERM AQMD EMPLOYEES

At its January 5, 2007 meeting, AQMD's Governing Board recognized employees who had reached 25, 30 and 35 years of continuous service by 2006. On January 23, 2007, a reception hosted by senior management staff was held where recognition and appreciation were extended to these 26 employees.

The start dates of a majority of the recognized employees preceded the formation of the AQMD; they began their employment with one of the individual-county air pollution control districts that preceded the establishment of the four-county regionally based AQMD beginning January 1, 1977.

Listed below by years of service attained by March 31, 2007 are AQMD employees with 30 or more years of seniority. AQMD appreciates their long-term service and dedication to the agency.

38 YEARS

Gary Heiss – Building Services Manager/Administrative & Human Resources

37 YEARS

Maria Cruz – Principal Office Assistant/Finance

36 YEARS

Leonard Edwards – AQ Data Translator/Science & Technology Advancement

35 YEARS

Ronald Ketcham – Sr. Public Information Specialist/Public Affairs

Kenneth Fisher – Sr. AQ Instrument Specialist/Science & Technology Advancement

Dellena Floyd – Affirmative Action Officer/Administrative & Human Resources

34 YEARS

Moustafa ElSherif – Program Supervisor/Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources

Stephen Perez – AQ Instrument Specialist II/Science & Technology Advancement

David Schwien – Sr. Engineering Manager/Engineering & Compliance

33 YEARS

Gary Dixon – Quality Assurance Manager/Science & Technology Advancement

Russell Juranek – Systems Analyst/Information Management

Robert Stannard – AQ Chemist/Science & Technology Advancement

32 YEARS

Raquel Chavira – AQ Inspector II/Engineering & Compliance

Charles Decker – AQ Instrument Specialist I/Science & Technology Advancement

Linda Jenkins – AQ Inspector II/Engineering & Compliance

Martin Kay – Program Supervisor/Science & Technology Advancement

Linda Koenig – Sr. Administrative Secretary/Information Management

31 YEARS

Fred Lettice – Sr. Engineering Manager/Engineering & Compliance

Paul Chavez – Sr. AQ Instrument Specialist/Science & Technology Advancement

30 YEARS

Nancy Gibson – AQ Inspector II/Engineering & Compliance

Linda Guevara – Sr. Administrative Secretary/Finance

Martha Meyers – Sr. Office Assistant/Finance

Ana Ponce – Sr. Administrative Secretary/Science & Technology Advancement

Salud Songco – Sr. Office Assistant/Finance

Zeyda Turner – Computer Operations Supervisor/Information Management

Darlene Valenzuela – AQ Inspector II/Engineering & Compliance

Registration for Lawn Mower Exchange Program Begins March 20, 2007

Registration for the 2007 Lawn Mower Exchange Program begins March 20, 2007. Exchange events will be held at sites in all four counties. The first 4,000 residents who pre-register for one of these events can turn in their working gas-powered lawn mower and purchase a new cordless rechargeable electric mower for only \$100. The new mower, made by the Neuton Lawn Mower Company, is a \$400 value.

Using a typical gas mower for one year can pollute as much as 43 new cars driven for a year. All the gas mowers that are turned in for this program will be scrapped and the metal recycled.

Pre-registration, with proof of residency within AQMD's 4-county jurisdiction, is required.

For information, or to make a reservation, go to www.aqmd.gov, or call the toll-free Lawn Mower Exchange Hotline at (888) 425-6247.

Board Approves a Leaf Blower Exchange for Landscape Maintenance Professionals

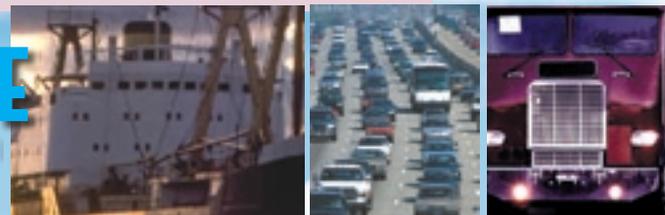
At its February 2, 2007 meeting, the Governing Board approved a Leaf Blower Exchange in 2007. This will be the second year in which the AQMD makes it possible for professional gardeners and landscapers to exchange their old, but still working, backpack leaf blowers for a new STIHL BR500 low-noise, low-polluting leaf blower for just \$200 (suggested retail price is \$469.95).

There are currently no battery-powered electric leaf blowers on the market that can meet the demands of commercial gardeners. Nonetheless, the STIHL BR500 gasoline-powered blower has the lowest engine emissions (about 1/3 the level currently allowed by California Air Resources Board standards) and the lowest noise level, 65 decibels, of any professional-quality backpack blower on the market.

At press time, the dates and locations of the Leaf Blower Exchange had not yet been announced, but it is expected to be scheduled in summer 2007, with exchange sites in all four counties.

For more information, contact Larry Kolczak at (909) 396-3215.

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Cleaner Air, Healthier Air

Two Opportunities to Help Improve Air Quality in the Inland Empire

You are invited to discuss air pollution issues and solutions with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board members and learn what actions you can take to help clean the air during two special meetings in April.

Thursday, April 5

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. -- Community reception to meet the AQMD Governing Board
Mission Inn, 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside

Friday, April 6

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. -- AQMD Governing Board meeting
Riverside City Council Chambers, 3900 Main Street, Riverside

For information, please contact Lourdes Cordova Martinez at (909) 396-2432 or lcmartinez@aqmd.gov

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 Web site 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 Web site at www.aqmd.gov/rules/rules.html or provided by AQMD's Public Information Center, (909) 396-2039.

April

Proposed Rule 445-PM Emissions from Wood-Burning Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

Would reduce PM10 emissions from wood burning fireplaces and wood burning stoves.
For more information, contact Lee Lockie at (909) 396-2390 or llockie@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Regulations IX Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS)

Will update actions by U.S. EPA.
For more information, contact Lee Lockie at (909) 396 2390 or llockie@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Rule 1173-Control of Volatile Organic Compound Leaks and Releases from Components at Petroleum Facilities and Chemical Plants

Will add amendments as necessary to address significant releases from atmospheric pressure relief devices and to address new monitoring technology.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at (909) 396-2575 or lbowen@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Rules 2002-Allocations for Oxides of Nitrogen (NOx) and Oxides of Sulfur (SOx); 2004 - Requirements; 2007 Trading Requirements; 2010- Administrative Remedies and Sanctions

Will clarify emission factors that have been used to determine allocations for white and gray cement and make other minor corrections; help resolve potential problems with fraudulent RECLAIM Trading Credit trades and enhance enforceability of trading requirements; and will clarify responsibilities for prior shortfalls after a business has a change of operator.
For more information, contact Jill Whynot at (909) 396- 3104 or jwhynot@aqmd.gov.

May

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

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

Proposed Rule 314-Emissions Fees for Architectural Coatings

Will establish a fee program for architectural coatings to recover the AQMD cost of that program and facilitate further reductions.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at (909) 396-2575 or lbowen@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Rule 222-Filing Requirements for Specific Emission Sources Not Requiring a Written Permit Pursuant to Regulation II

Will add certain emission sources that are currently exempt from written permits to submit filings to determine rule compliance or improve the emissions inventory.
For more information, contact Lee Lockie at (909) 396-2390 or llockie@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Regulation III-Fees

Amend fee rules in accordance with FY 2007-08 AQMD Budget.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rule 1175-Control of Emissions from the Manufacture of Polymeric Cellular (Foam) Products

Will add an alternate compliance option to demonstrate equivalent emission reductions.
For more information, contact Larry Bowen at (909) 396-2575.

Proposed Amended Rules 1401-New Source Review of Toxic Air Contaminants; 1402-Control of Toxic Air Contaminants from Existing Sources

To be updated to add diesel particulate from internal combustion engines.
For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at (909) 396-3105 or snakamura@aqmd.gov.

Proposed Amended Rule 1472-Risk Requirements for Stationary Diesel-Fueled Internal Combustion and Other Compression Ignition Engines

Will address the health risk from diesel particulate from existing stationary internal combustion engines.
For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at (909) 396-3105 or snakamura@aqmd.gov.

Clean Air PEOPLE

Meet the diversely talented people who work at the AQMD



AQMD Advisor

Mark Henninger

Mark Henninger has based his career on building things, from the ground up or from the desktop up.

A Southern California native born in Lakewood, Mark holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Cal State Long Beach. Prior to coming to the AQMD, he worked at a private laboratory in Huntington Beach to develop energy-efficient clean technologies such as low-NOx boilers. He next joined his father, John Henninger--then working as a mechanical engineer at AQMD, now retired.

Today as a Technology Implementation Manager in AQMD's Information Management division, Mark helps oversee the computer aspects of nearly every work process

that goes on at the AQMD, ranging from basic telecommunication systems to sophisticated data acquisition and analysis.

RECLAIM, for example, is based on a complex network of continuous emissions monitoring and electronic reporting, operating in near-real-time to assure compliance. "At the outset," he says, "it was a big challenge trying to apply automation technology to compile and access solid, meaningful data."

He notes that even brand-new projects usually involve some tried-and-true disciplines. "In building hardware or software or processes, we still use the same underlying skills and steps, just with different components," he says.

Mark says he derives his greatest satisfac-

tion simply from all he must learn each year to do his job well. "We live in a never-ending upgrade cycle," he says, "and my staff and I need to learn the technology aspects and the human aspects, which are just as important. Staying on top of that is really enjoyable to me."

Mark and his wife Judy, an artist-painter, will celebrate their 20th anniversary in August. Their three children are George, 24, Marilyn, 23, and Lauren, 17.

"You can do anything, if you put your mind to it," he maintains. "Believe in yourself and take that first step. You'll be glad you did."

When Stacey Ebner says she made a mistake coming to the AQMD for a job, it isn't quite what you might think. In 1980, after graduating from University of California at Santa Barbara with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Stacey had her then boyfriend, Joe Ebner, bring her by what they thought was Aerojet for a job application. Lucky for AQMD, Aerojet had moved and the air district had taken over the building. So, she did the logical thing, and asked for an application.



Stacey Ebner

Stacey started at the AQMD as an Engineer in 1980. For most of her 27 years with the agency, she has been with what is now called the Coating, Printing & Aerospace Operations Team in the Engineering and Compliance Division. "I review permit applications, answer questions from and provide guidance on rules and regulations to public and applicants," she says. Stacey also spent a small portion of her career in the Combustion, Fees & Data, Landfill, and Metallurgical Units.

On a personal level, with three boys: Sammy, 14; Willie, 13 and Timmy, 9, one can imagine that her play time is spent watching the kids' sports activities -- running, swimming, baseball, basketball, soccer, and scouting activities. She also loves to bake and sew, and has swapped many a dessert recipe with other AQMD employees.

Stacey commented that, "Over the past 26 years I have been able to visit many different types of regulated facilities and see so many interesting things from printing postage stamps, foreign currency and t-shirts, to manufacturing beverage cans, spas, and parts for Harley Davidson bikes. The job is fun; the people I've met make it a great place to work."

In 1976, fresh from high school, Zeyda Turner joined the Los Angeles County Air Pollution District, which became the South Coast Air Quality Management District in 1977.

Zeyda's 30 years of service have given her a unique view of AQMD as it has grown. She was an Intermediate Typist Clerk, Secretary, Data Control Clerk, Computer Operator and is now the Computer Operations Supervisor in Information Management.

As Supervisor of Computer Operations, AQMD's primary computer support, Zeyda and her staff provide ongoing computer maintenance/upgrades, performance monitoring, and operational support for the Central Information Repository database CLASS systems, PeopleSoft, Telemetry System, and Air Quality Modeling servers.

Zeyda and her husband Jim, a former AQMD employee, have two daughters, Stephanie, 15 and Danielle, 12. Stephanie is a freshman at Diamond Bar High School and was recently accepted on the Top Gun Volleyball team, a club team out of Cal Poly. Danielle is a 7th grader at South Point Middle School who loves art and fashion. With two teenage daughters, there's no doubt where all of Zeyda's energy is spent. She is a Girl Scouts leader and a former model, who has learned what's important in life, and has helped mold her daughters' views regarding a healthy outlook on life, self esteem, and the importance of education.

Zeyda stated, "I love to travel and have always wanted to see the world." She has visited Hawaii, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cancun, Jamaica, Bahamas, Cayman Island, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, England, Switzerland, Austria, Spain, and Greece, and she's looking forward to Australia, China and Russia. Zeyda is definitely not all about computers!



Zeyda Turner



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Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

Rule 1403-Asbestos Demolition/ Renovation Activities

- March 14
- April 18
- May 16
- June 13

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

- April 11, University of California, Riverside
- April 25, AQMD Diamond Bar headquarters
- May 16, AQMD Diamond Bar headquarters
- May 30, University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$59.73 per person. Enrollment is limited to 20 students and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, call (909) 396-2777 or e-mail etctraining@aqmd.gov.

Rule 403-Controlling Dust in the South Coast Air Basin

- Every third Wednesday of the month

This half-day class is held at the AQMD's Diamond Bar 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 is 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. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. To register, call toll free 1-866-861-DUST (3878) or email dustcontrol@aqmd.gov.

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