

## About \$6 Million in Federal Funds Appropriated to Help AQMD Clean the Air

**T**hrough to the efforts of Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressmen David Drier and Jerry Lewis, the 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill contains two earmarks designed to help AQMD clean the air – approximately \$1 million for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) and approximately \$5 million pursuant to the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA).

PHEVs are gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles that can be charged by plugging into an ordinary wall electrical outlet, allowing the vehicle to run on all-electricity for part of the commute and making them even cleaner than conventional hybrid vehicles. The \$1 million funding appropriated for AQMD's PHEV Demonstration Program will enable AQMD to test up to 30 PHEVs, collect important information on the technology and user behavior and ensure the safety and integrity of the vehicles and battery packs. The goal of the PHEV Program is to reduce criteria air pollutants, greenhouse gas emissions, and petroleum dependence, while demonstrating to large automobile manufacturers that the technology and markets exists for the commercialization and sales of the vehicles.

In 2005, the DERA authorized the creation of a national program to fund the cleanup of all types of diesel-powered vehicles, including trucks, buses, tractors, ships, and trains. The 2008 Omnibus Bill specifically appropriates about \$5 million to fund DERA projects within the AQMD. Given the program's flexibility, AQMD will invest the money in those programs that generate the greatest emission reductions.

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

## Hearing Held in Washington D.C. on Marine Vessel Emission Reduction Act

**O**n February 14th, Senator Barbara Boxer convened a hearing in Washington D.C. on her "Marine Vessel Emission Reduction Act" (S.1499) before the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which she chairs. The legislation calls on the federal government to adopt tougher air pollution controls for large marine vessels, including foreign-flagged ships, which are mostly unregulated and a significant source of air pollution. U.S. Senators Boxer and Feinstein jointly introduced S.1499 last May, and Representative Hilda Solis introduced companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R. 2548).

At the February hearing, while reviewing a national map showing premature deaths caused by marine vessel emissions, Sen. Boxer stated: "At least 2,000 to 5,000 premature deaths per year in the continental U.S. are caused by particulate pollution from

ocean-going vessels. This is a fact. And if we do nothing, shame on us."

The hearing was very informative and included three panels of witnesses testifying and answering questions for about two hours. A clear message communicated from the hearing on S. 1499 is that air pollution caused by marine vessels is truly a national problem and is not isolated to any one particular state. In a letter to Senator Boxer, AQMD Board Chairman Dr. William A. Burke wrote "Your leadership in crafting public policy, compassion for the people, particularly children, and foresight in putting the spotlight on this important public health issue and the legislative remedy, is noteworthy... We stand ready to support you as you move S. 1499 forward in the U.S. Senate, and look forward to your continued leadership in the legislative process..."

AQMD Executive Officer Barry Wallerstein testified at the hearing and emphasized the importance and necessity of passing the legislation, due to marine vessels being "the largest uncontrolled source of air pollution in many areas of the country." He added: "This legislation quite simply will save lives. It is feasible and cost effective...and the time to act is now."

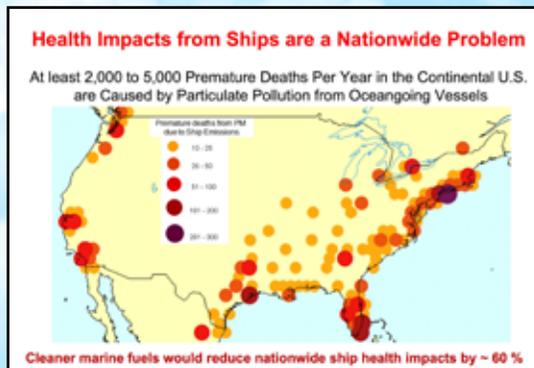
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Cleaning the air that we breathe...



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# AQMD Adopts Work Plan for Climate Credit Exchange Program

**A**t its February meeting, the AQMD Governing Board adopted a work plan that lays the groundwork for the development and implementation of its new climate credit exchange program to provide incentives for local businesses to make voluntary reductions.

"This is the first step in ensuring that regional credits are created to enhance the local economy and local air quality," said William A. Burke, Ed.D., Chairman of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. "Our efforts will complement those of the state Air Resources Board to implement AB 32."

AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, requires the state's greenhouse gas emis-

sions be reduced to 1990 levels by 2020.

The approved work plan calls for the creation of a Technical Advisory Group comprised of representatives from the California Air Resources Board, other agencies, and business and community stakeholders to assist in the development of a series of rules that will establish criteria and guidelines for the program. Key elements will include guidelines for participation, credit certification tools, a credit registration program and mechanisms for tracking credits and managing exchanges.

Program rules are expected to be proposed to AQMD's Board in a two-step process with a pre-hearing in late spring and an adoption hearing

in September.

AQMD also adopted a work plan to implement Chairman Burke's other initiative announced in January that calls for a reevaluation of AQMD's existing emission credit programs. That plan establishes a working group to assist AQMD in evaluating existing credit programs and developing proposed rule changes focused on stabilizing credit prices; encouraging installation of clean technologies and ensuring efficient use of emission credits. A report on findings from the program evaluation is scheduled for May.

*For more information, contact Jill Whynot at (909) 396-3104.*

## FEDERAL COURT RULING UPHOLDS ENFORCEMENT OF AQMD'S CLEAN FLEET RULES



**I**n February, a federal judge signed an agreement ending more than seven years of litigation that will allow the AQMD to continue enforcing its historic clean fleet rules.

"This is a victory for clean air in Southern California," said William A. Burke, Ed.D., AQMD's Chairman. "It means that fleets of transit buses, school buses, refuse trucks and certain other fleets will continue to phase out their dirty diesel vehicles and replace them with clean-fueled models."

The agreement approved in federal court will effectively end a lawsuit jointly filed on Aug. 31, 2000 by the Engine Manufacturers Association and the Western States Petroleum Association claiming that AQMD's clean fleet rules were pre-empted by the federal Clean Air Act. The recent agreement was approved in the Central Division of U.S. District Court by Judge Florence-Marie Cooper, who twice ruled in favor of AQMD in the case.

AQMD's clean fleet rules, adopted in 2000 and 2001, apply to fleets of transit buses, school buses, refuse trucks, street sweepers, city-owned utility trucks, airport shuttles and taxi fleets in the agency's four-county region. The rules require fleet operators of 15 or more vehicles to purchase a clean-fueled vehicle, such as one operating

on natural gas, when they replace or add a vehicle to their fleet.

The effect of the parties' agreement is that AQMD's clean fleet rules will continue to apply to all publicly owned fleets, such as school buses operated by public school districts. In addition, the fleet rules will continue to apply to privately owned fleets under contract to a public entity, such as private school bus companies that provide services to public school districts.

The rules will not apply to fleets that are privately owned and not under contract to a public entity or to fleets operated by the federal government.

*For more information, contact Kurt Wiese, District Counsel, at (909) 396-3460.*

## AIR TOXICS STUDY SHOWS 15 PERCENT REDUCTION IN CANCER RISK

**O**n Jan. 4, AQMD released a landmark study that shows Southland residents' risk of cancer from toxic air pollution has declined by at least 15 percent in the past seven years.

"This reduction in cancer risk shows that we are on the right track in tackling toxic air pollution," said William Burke, Ed.D., AQMD's Chairman.

"However, the remaining cancer risk is completely unacceptable. We must continue to fight for cleaner ships, locomotives, trucks and clean up other sources of toxic air pollution to improve the health of all Southern California residents."

The study, dubbed MATES III (Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study), is the latest and most sophisticated air toxics research effort ever conducted in Southern California. Its chief findings are that:

- On average, Southland residents are exposed to a lifetime cancer risk from toxic air pollution of 1,200 in 1 million. That is a 15 percent reduction from the average risk estimated in AQMD's last air toxics study conducted in 1998-1999, but still one of the highest risks in the country;
- The highest computer-modeled risk level is in the port area with a maximum lifetime cancer risk of up to 2,900 in a million;
- Diesel exhaust accounts for approximately 84 percent of region-wide cancer risk. Mobile sources -- including cars and trucks as well as ships, trains, aircraft and construction equipment -- account for 94 percent of the total risk.

The public review and comment period ends April 4. Send any comments on the MATES III to Dr. Jean Ospital, AQMD Health Effects Officer, at (909) 396-2582 or [jospital@aqmd.gov](mailto:jospital@aqmd.gov). The final report will be presented to AQMD's Board this summer. *For more information, contact Jean Ospital at (909) 396-2582.*



**D**r. Roy S. Wilson, Supervisor, Riverside County, and Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor Los Angeles County, have now both served on the AQMD Governing Board for the past 20 consecutive years each, longer than any other board members since the agency was formed in 1977.

Wilson was first appointed to the Board in January 1988 as the cities of Riverside County representative, where he served on the Board through 1994. He had been a member of the Palm Desert City Council since 1977. In November 1994, he was elected to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, representing the Fourth Supervisorial District. He began representing Riverside County on the AQMD Governing Board in January 1995.

Wilson has served as the Board's vice chairman since February 7, 2003, and currently chairs the Technology

Committee, is vice chairman of the Administrative and Mobile Source Committees, and is a member of the Legislative and Children's Air Quality Committees. He also chairs the AQMD's Home Rule Advisory Group, and is the Board Member liaison to the California Fuel Cell Partnership.

Wilson previously served as professor of journalism and mass communication at the College of the Desert from 1967 to 1995, having previously served as an assistant professor of journalism and assistant to the executive dean at California State University, Stanislaus.

Antonovich, currently representing the Fifth District of Los Angeles County, was elected to his first term as supervisor in 1980, representing the northern half of Los Angeles County. He was first appointed to the AQMD Governing Board in February 1988, to succeed former Los Angeles County Supervisor

Peter Schabarum. Since then, he has been reappointed to the Board for four successive terms.

He currently chairs the AQMD's Finance and Oversight Investment Committees, and is a member of the agency's Legislative Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Paints and Coatings. He is also a member of the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation, and serves as the Board's liaison to the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee.

Antonovich previously served as a member of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees from 1969 to 1973. He was elected to the California State Assembly in 1972 representing the communities of Glendale, Burbank, Sunland, Tujunga, Atwater, Griffith Park, Lakeview Terrace and Sun Valley. He served as a Republican Whip in the Assembly from 1976 to 1978.

## Reappointment of Two Board Members

**B**oard Members Jane Carney and Miguel Pulido were reappointed to terms ending Jan. 15, 2012. Carney was reappointed by the state Senate Rules Committee. She has served on the Board since March 2000. Pulido was unanimously reappointed by the Orange County cities selection committee. Pulido, mayor of Santa Ana, represents the cities of Orange County and has served on the AQMD Board since January 2005.

## New Board Member Representing Cities of Eastern Los Angeles County

**S**outh Pasadena Mayor Michael A. Cacciotti was sworn in at the February 1 Board Meeting as the newest member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Governing Board.

Cacciotti will represent 34 cities in eastern Los Angeles County on the AQMD Board.

Cacciotti is mayor of South Pasadena and a deputy attorney general with the State of California Department of Justice. He joined the city council in 2001 and is currently serving his second term as mayor.

He serves on the Los Angeles County Sanitation District Board, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Cacciotti has served as a deputy state attorney with the California Department of Transportation and an attorney for

the speaker pro tem of the California State Assembly. Before becoming an attorney, Cacciotti taught high school students in Miami.

AQMD Board members serve four-year terms. Cacciotti will serve a four-year term ending Jan. 15, 2012.

# Electric Tow Tractor

**A** QMD has teamed with the Port of Los Angeles to develop and demonstrate an electric tow tractor that can replace existing diesel trucks to transport containers from the shipping terminals to nearby yards or warehouses. Emissions from port-related sources, such as marine vessels, locomotives, trucks,



harbor craft and cargo handling equipment, adversely affect air quality in the local port area as well as regionally. Without substantial control of emissions from

port-related sources, it will not be possible for this region to attain federal ambient air quality standards for ozone or particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). Class 8 heavy-duty diesel trucks, typically used for cargo handling and regional distribution, are one of the largest sources of emissions in the port area.

The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles combined are one of the busiest port complexes in the world, handling more than 12 million containers in 2007. This volume is expected to continue increasing.

To clean up this pollution source, the ports and the District adopted plans that call for significant reductions in truck-related emissions, with a major focus on nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and PM. The District and the ports have partnered on lower-NO<sub>x</sub> liquefied natural gas (LNG) yard hostlers and LNG on-road Class 8 trucks.

To achieve even greater reductions, the District partnered with the Port of Los Angeles to develop and demonstrate an electric vehicle that can accomplish the typical drive cycle of the trucks used today. The goals were to have a street legal vehicle with a 40 mile range, a maximum speed of 45 mph, and the capability of towing up to 60,000 lb.

If this type of zero emission truck is able to successfully provide the transport of containers at the ports, it could be placed into use in a variety of industries. It could drastically reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and particulate matter emissions beyond 2010 standards as well as allow companies that want to expand operations an opportunity to mitigate any increase in emissions

*For more information, contact Naveen Berry at (909) 396-2363*

## (Continued from page one) Hearing Held

Dr. Wallerstein described the growing coalition of support for the bill which includes: national, regional, state and local air quality agencies and associations, representing varied interests from around the country, as well as regional and local government agencies, environmental and business groups, health agencies, environmental justice groups, and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. S. 1499 is also co-sponsored by Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island, and following this successful hearing, Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland added on as a co-sponsor. Furthermore, the House version of the bill, HR 2548 (Solis) currently has 18 co-sponsors representing congressional districts from around the country.

Putting a more personal face to this serious air pollution problem, 12-year old Southern California clean air advocate and asthma sufferer Jonah Ramirez traveled to Washington, D.C. to join Dr. Wallerstein in testifying before the committee. Jonah provided compelling testimony in support of the legislation, stating: "Since I developed asthma, I have learned a lot about the air we all breathe." Jonah continued, "I have learned that we all need to do something because our air is making us sick." Jonah stated, "Our dirty air is shortening our lives. It is shortening the lives of our children. Nearly 5 million Californians suffer from asthma." Multiple hearing participants, both witnesses and Senators alike, were compelled to recount to Jonah about how they themselves knew family members who suffered from asthma. In one particularly telling moment, Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey described how his sister collapsed as a result of an asthma attack and passed away a few days later.

San Pedro emergency physician Dr. John Miller also testified, and gave examples of patients he regularly treats in the emergency room whose acute illnesses he believes are directly linked to air pollution. "Real people are getting sick and dying," he said. "More pollution means more disease, death, and cost to our society."

Ships entering ports burn fuel with sulfur content 1,800 times higher than allowed for on-road and off-road sources in the U.S. As a result, these vessels create 70 percent of sulfur oxides emissions in the South Coast region. It will not be possible to attain the clean air standard for particulates by the federal deadline of 2014 unless these emissions are cut by over 90%. Without effective cleanup programs the marine vessel emission problem and the resulting health impacts such as premature deaths are only expected to worsen since goods movement and cargo throughput in U.S. ports is projected to substantially increase over the next 10 to 20 years.

*For more information, contact Philip Crabbe (909) 396-2632.*

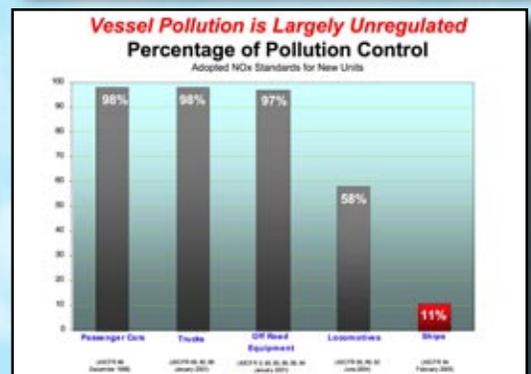
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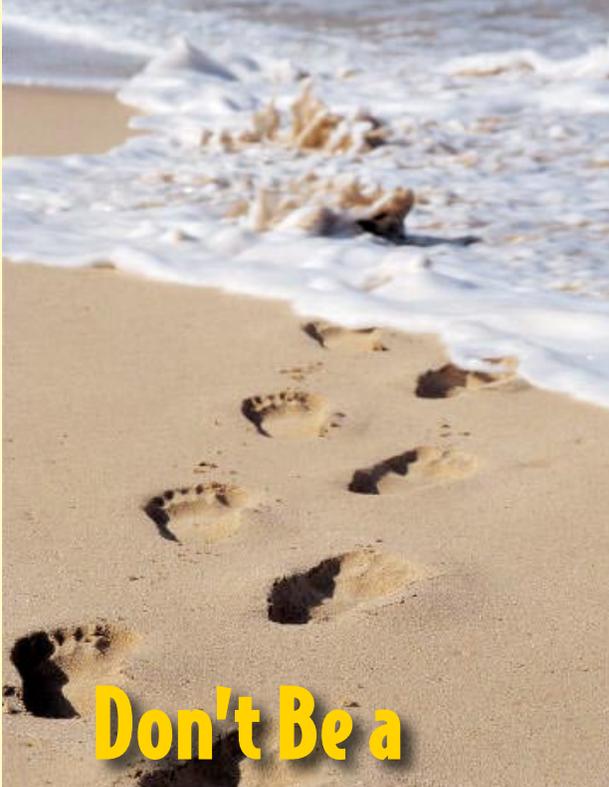
- Increase in container shipping cost: 0.2% - 0.5%
- Cost per 60" plasma TV: 43¢ - 96¢
- Cost per pair of shoes: 0.2¢ - 0.4¢

- U.S. deaths avoided: 1,200 - 3,000 per year (min)
- Monetized benefit: \$7.2 - \$18 billion per year\*

\*Benefit to Cost Ratio:\*\* 4:1 - 11:1

\* Assuming a value of a statistical life of \$6.5 million.  
\*\* Assuming a value of a statistical life of \$6.5 million and a monetized benefit of \$7.2 billion per year.





# Carl Moyer Program Funds Available for Clean-up of Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines



## Don't Be a "Carbon Big Foot"

**D**id you know that there is such a thing as a "carbon footprint"? This relates to the creation of carbon dioxide and other gases that are known as greenhouse gases, which contribute to climate change. Many of our daily activities add to (or subtract from) our "foot print". Individuals, families, businesses, cities, and others can take steps to reduce their impact. Reducing your carbon footprint often benefits the environment in other ways by having benefits for pollution related to smog and toxic chemicals. In many cases you can save money, too.

If each of us took some small steps (no pun intended), our footprints would shrink and we would contribute to solving climate change problems. Here are 3 simple, but very effective things you can do right away that will help:

1. Drive less – take public transit, carpool, combine trips.
2. Reduce your electricity use – turn off lights, switch to compact fluorescent bulbs, unplug electronic devices that have a standby light.
3. Use less water – identify and fix leaks right away, take shorter showers, adjust sprinklers for seasonal needs, water in the mornings – you'll save energy used to heat and transport water.

Thank you for helping and not being a "Carbon Big Foot."

**T**he AQMD has announced that \$15 million in Carl Moyer Program funding is available to help businesses and public agencies clean up their heavy-duty diesel engines beyond what is required by air pollution regulations. The Carl Moyer Program, named in honor of a key figure in developing state air quality measures, provides monetary grants that cover some or all of the cost difference between purchasing a newer cleaner engine/vehicle, and rebuilding the existing engine.

The Moyer funds can be used for a variety of heavy-duty diesel equipment including trucks, buses, harbor craft, construction equipment, locomotives, agricultural engines, forklifts, and airport ground support equipment. An additional \$30 million in Moyer funding is available specifically for large fleets of construction equipment and other off-road diesel vehicles. The application deadline for both of these funding opportunities is May 2, 2008 at 1 p.m. Application forms and additional information can be found on the AQMD web page at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) by clicking on the flashing banner at the bottom of the page.

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

# Clean Air Awards Nominations



The South Coast Air Quality Management District will host its 20th Annual Clean Air Awards in October, recognizing individuals and organizations for significant contributions to cleaner air in the Southland over the past year.

The AQMD invites interested parties to submit nominations of any individual, public and private entities, educational institutions, media organizations, and service organizations who have demonstrated acute awareness of the air quality problem in the South Coast Air Basin, and have taken some exemplary action to improve air quality.

Nominations may be made by an individual or organization, and must be postmarked by Friday, June 13, 2008.

Nominations for Clean Air Awards are accepted in five categories: Advancement of Air Pollution Control Technology; Innovative Transportation Projects; Model Community Achievement; Public Education on Air Quality Issues; and Promotion of Good Environmental Stewardship.

The nomination form is available on the AQMD's web site at [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov).

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

## THE FUTURE IS GREEN

### A Conference and Expo on New and Emerging Clean Air Technologies and Innovations

Save the date for this exciting 3-day conference that will help you reduce air pollution, cut greenhouse gas emissions, conserve energy, and ultimately save money. Panel sessions will cover topics on clean fuel technologies, clean fleet vehicles, green building design, energy efficiency, renewable power generation, green consumer products, and green agriculture. There will also be a half-day workshop on how to develop a green technology business.

The Expo will include over 100 exhibits showcasing the latest green technologies. There will also be special sessions planned for teachers and science-minded high school students, including displays of student environmental projects that have won prestigious awards and competitions. Conference information will be available at [www.capcoagreen.com](http://www.capcoagreen.com).

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

### The Future is Green Conference and Expo: New and Emerging Clean Air Technologies and Innovations

Sept. 14-16, 2008

Long Beach Convention Center

### This year's events are:

April 5, 2008 - Palm Springs  
April 19, 2008 - Long Beach  
April 26, 2008 - Anaheim  
May 3, 2008 - Pasadena

May 10, 2008 - Rancho Cucamonga  
May 17, 2008 - Inglewood  
May 31, 2008 - Riverside

## Registration for Lawn Mower Exchange Program Begins March 18, 2008

Registration for the 2008 Lawn Mower Exchange Program begins March 18, 2008. This program allows residents living within AQMD's 4-county jurisdiction to 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. It operates for 45-60 minutes on a single charge of the battery, and it comes with a rear-mounted bag as well as a mulching kit.

A total of seven exchange events will be held at sites in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, with a total of 4,000 mowers being made available. To participate, residents must pre-register for one of the events. The fastest, easiest way to register is over the internet by going to [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) and clicking on the flashing banner at the bottom of the page announcing the lawn mower program. You can also register by phone during AQMD's working hours (Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) by calling the toll-free number (888) 425-6247.

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



# Clean Air PEOPLE

Meet the diversely talented people who work at the AQMD



Joseph Sanchez

AQMD  
Advisor

**A**QMD's Risk Manager, Joseph Sanchez, who works in Administration Services, has always had a keen interest in the environment and has worked in this field at his previous jobs. Prior to coming to the AQMD in 2006, Joe was the Deputy Executive Officer and Risk Manager for the County of Ventura, and before that he was the Risk Manager for the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

Joe is just passionate about risk management because he says that doing his job at the AQMD is rewarding and feels good at the end of each day knowing that he helped prevent a possible injury to our personnel. Risk Management is about preventing and avoiding unexpected losses to an organization and Joe

is known by his professional peers to do that very well. As an active Board Member in the Public Risk/Insurance Managers Association (PRIMA) and a senior Mentor in the Public Agency Risk Management Association (PARMA), Joe gives back to the Risk Management profession by sharing knowledge, creating training workshops and mentoring others in the field on workers' compensation, liability, health and environmental safety.

Joe received his education at Cal Poly Pomona and his Masters in Public Administration at University of California, Riverside. He and his wife have five children, aged 3-18. His oldest daughter is attending

school in Ireland, studying international relations.

Joe is very active outdoors with kids in Boy Scouts, soccer and many other school activities. But there is a totally different side, where Joe and his wife enjoy music and the arts, and often attend the opera. He has introduced this side of life to his children to give them a more rounded education.

He is passionate about recycling, and boasts that his family generates two cans of recycled items to only about 1/2 can of trash each week. This "kind to the environment" education isn't lost on his kids – since they are all participating members of this recycle clan.

**I**f you've ever had an opportunity to visit the AQMD's Human Resources Department, then you may know the first face of HR – Denise Armstrong, who is seated behind the HR window.

Denise started at the AQMD in January 1990 in HR as an Office Assistant. She stayed in this department and is now a secretary, working for Ron Portnoy. She stated that she has had an opportunity to learn many different aspects of Human Resources, and is currently involved in employee relations, employee benefits, risk management, and recruitment functions.

Before she came to the AQMD, Denise worked at General Dynamics in Pomona as a material release analyst. Then the division closed, and like several others who worked for General Dynamics, Denise applied for and got a job here at the AQMD.

Denise previously attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama and subsequently earned an Associate of Arts degree from Mount San Antonio College. She loves to travel, read and enjoys all types of dancing. She is currently learning to salsa. But, her true passion lays in interior design and one of her favorite aspects is repurposing as in giving new meaning or function to an old piece. She has used faux painting techniques throughout her house and helps coordinate HR's decorations during the holidays.

Denise has two sons, Kyle, 24 and Justin, 19. They both enjoy working on cars and she admits she now knows way more about cars than she ever wanted to know!

Denise commented "I thought I would be at the AQMD for a few years. I never thought this would be a career. But, here I am almost 18 years later surrounded by people I care about."



Denise Armstrong

**D**on Nguyen tells the story himself, saying it's his favorite story on how he met his wife. It's a love story. Born in Saigon, as a young child he and his family fled their beloved country as it was falling down around them. His father, mother, younger sister and Don, along with two uncles, escaped by plane with only a suitcase in their hands.

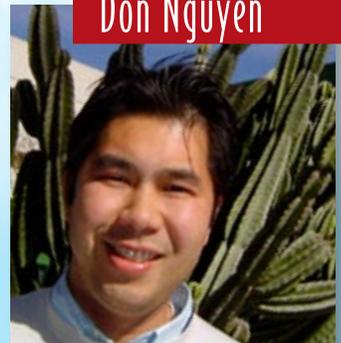
Don grew up in Southern California, earned his civil engineering degree at the University of California, Berkeley with an emphasis on environmental engineering. He then worked in the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. And then it happened.

Encouraged by his family to move back to Southern California, he was introduced to, dated and then married, Thuy, who unbeknownst to him had been a next-door neighbor back in Saigon.

Don started at the AQMD in January 1999 as an Inspector, and then promoted into an Engineer position, working in the RECLAIM program, Engineering and Compliance Division, where he still remains.

Asked about his outside interests, he said "I used to love tennis and volleyball, but I now have a 17-month-old baby boy, Casey, who really takes up all of our extra time." When his son gets a little older, he and Thuy hope to take him traveling, one of their other passions. And from the looks of it, Casey is well on his way, with a cruise to Mexico and a trip to Hawaii already under his belt.

Don is a big fan of the District's carpooling program and said that he is sure that his carpool is the best. He stated that "obviously car pooling is good for the environment, but it's also a great stress reducer. The key to being a good carpooler is to be courteous, on time, and know that what happens in the carpool stays in the carpool."



Don Nguyen



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## Briefly...

### Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

#### Rule 403-Controlling Dust in the South Coast Air Basin

- Every third Wednesday of the month

*This half-day class is held at SCAQMD'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](mailto: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](mailto:dustcontrol@aqmd.gov).*

#### Rule 2202-Employee Transportation Coordinator Training

- March 19, MTA, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles
- March 6, SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters
- March 19, 683 Linden St., Los Angeles
- March 26, UCR, Riverside
- April 2, SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters
- April 9, Marriott Hotel, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills
- April 24, Enterprize, 2861 E. Coronado St., Anaheim
- May 7, SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters
- May 29, OCTA, 600 S. Main St., Orange
- June 5, SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters
- June 11, LAX, Flight Path Museum, 6661 W. Imperial Hwy, LA

*Classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$61.70 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](mailto:etctraining@aqmd.gov).*

#### Rule 461-Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing

*There are no classes scheduled in March or April. All classes are held at SCAQMD's Diamond Bar headquarters from 8:00 a.m. to*

*5:00 p.m. The Daily class cost is \$50, the Periodic class is \$150 and the Tester class is \$100.*

*The Periodic Self-compliance Class is a two - day class. Pre-registration is required for these classes. To register, call 909-396-2583 or email [ebarrera@aqmd.gov](mailto:ebarrera@aqmd.gov).*

- May 8-9 Periodic Self-Compliance Class
- May 16 Tester Orientation Class
- May 30 Daily Maintenance Self-Compliance Class

#### Rule 1403-Asbestos Demolition/Renovation Activities

*Classes are from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., held in CC6 at the SCAQMD's Diamond Bar Headquarters. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required. Please email ([jmoore@aqmd.gov](mailto:jmoore@aqmd.gov)) or phone (909-396-2053) your request with Company Name, Attendee Name, Date of class desired and Contact person's phone number. Following is the schedule:*

- March 12
- April 16
- May 14
- June 11

## SCAQMD Advisor

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