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Community Meetings to Solicit Project Ideas

The AQMD recently held three public consultation meetings in Burbank, Garden Grove and Rialto looking for suggestions from the general public and regulated businesses on the allocation of \$6 million from the BP/ARCO settlement funds. The \$6 million was part of a settlement to resolve significant and numerous violations found at the BP/ARCO Carson refinery. The AQMD Governing Board allocated the \$6 million to fund projects and/or programs related to air pollution mitigation, research, public outreach and education, health treatment centers or other projects to help improve air quality and our residents' quality of life. Two additional meetings at Banning on November 28, 2005 and at Carson on November 30, 2005 are scheduled.

After the final consultation meeting, each Board Member will recommend to the Administrative Committee a prioritized list of \$500,000 of activities and programs.

The final recommendations will be brought to the full Board for its approval in January 2006.

The deadline to submit suggested activities and programs for funding is December 5. Please submit your suggestions to projectfunding@aqmd.gov. For additional information, please contact Lourdes Martinez at (909) 396-3214.



CARB Adopts Transit Bus Clean Fleet Rule

In September, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) amended its clean transit bus rule ensuring that new transit buses purchased in the South Coast region will have the lowest possible emissions. CARB also adopted a resolution supporting AQMD's efforts to reduce emissions through its Clean Fleet rules and affirmed the agency's legal authority to do so under state law.

CARB's clean transit bus rule will now require all 18 transit agencies in the South Coast region to purchase only alternative fuel buses starting next year. Prior to CARB's action, six of the 18 agencies had chosen CARB's "diesel bus path." Those six transit districts will now be on an "alternative fuel path" when purchasing new transit buses. The other 12 transit districts in the region previously had chosen CARB's alternative fuel path.

All of the region's transit agencies with fleets of 15 or more buses, including the six affected by CARB's action, are currently in compliance with AQMD's Rule 1192 – Clean On-Road Transit Buses. AQMD's rule requires that transit agencies purchase alternate fuel buses when adding to their fleets.

Today, 68 percent of the region's more than 4,000 transit buses operate on clean-burning alternative fuel. One of the six affected transit agencies already has taken delivery of 14 compressed natural gas buses. The other five transit agencies plan to purchase gasoline-hybrid buses, which also are much cleaner than today's diesel-powered buses.

CARB is expected to submit the state transit bus rule to the U.S. EPA for a waiver of preemption under section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act.

AQMD last year requested that CARB develop and adopt three state fleet rules for school bus, waste hauling and urban transit fleets. CARB's action provides added assurance that Southland transit agencies will purchase the cleanest available buses.

For more information, contact Henry Hogo at (909) 396-3184.

Governor Approves AB 1222 Remote Sensing Pilot Program for Locomotive Emissions

Governor Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 1222 (Jones) on October 6, 2005, setting in motion a Remote Sensing Pilot Program to determine emissions from locomotives using wayside remote sensing devices.

The bill, authored by Assembly Member Dave Jones (9th District - Sacramento), was jointly sponsored by South Coast AQMD, the Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD, and the Modesta Avila Coalition of community-based environmental organizations.

AQMD Governing Board Members and staff had worked throughout the spring and summer to encourage passage of the bill as part of an overall series of efforts to reduce diesel emissions from rail operations. Improved control of emissions from on-road and off-road heavy-duty engines is critical to attainment of state and federal standards for ozone and particulate matter.

AB 1222 received formal positions of support from a wide spectrum of interests, including local elected officials, the statewide League of California Cities, councils of government, chambers of commerce, and approximately 70 Southland cities, along with numerous community health and environmental organizations.

The new law calls for the remote sensing pilot program to be designed and conducted by the California Air Resources Board, under contract with an independent entity and in consultation with an advisory group. The costs of the pilot program will be shared between the South Coast AQMD, Union Pacific, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe. For more information, contact Anupom Ganguli at (909) 396-3185.



Chairman, Vice-Chairman Re-elected to AQMD Leadership Posts

In October, the AQMD Governing Board re-elected William A. Burke to a fourth term as chairman of the Board. The Board also re-elected Riverside County Supervisor S. Roy Wilson as vice-chair. Both will serve two-year leadership terms beginning on January 15, 2006.

Burke was recently re-appointed to a four-year term on the AQMD Board by Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nuñez. Burke, one of the longest-tenured members and chairmen of the AQMD Board, was first appointed to the post in September 1993 by then-Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown, Jr.

During his tenure as chair, Burke has introduced many landmark AQMD programs, including AQMD's Environmental Justice program. Riverside County Supervisor S. Roy Wilson has served on the AQMD Governing Board since 1988 and has been its vice-chair since January 2003.

For more information, contact Sandra McDaniel at (909) 396-2500.



AQMD Governing Board Chairman
William A. Burke



Transportation Staffers Help Lead the Way to Clean School Bus Fleets

As part of AQMD's ongoing efforts to reduce children's exposure to unhealthful emissions, individual school transportation directors have helped lead deployment of the cleanest-running school buses currently available, compressed natural gas (CNG). A natural gas engine emits half the NO_x of a new diesel engine; NO_x is a precursor of both smog and particulate matter.

Among the forward-looking transportation directors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to clean-fuel fleets is Rick Feinstein of Colton Joint Unified School District, where 42 of 50 routes are either on, or soon-to-be on, natural gas.

Current CNG prices are substantially lower than diesel fuel. Feinstein notes that market fluctuations are part of his long-term planning. In the larger economic picture, Feinstein says, "We can measure health benefits to our children, employees and the general public."

When AQMD's Governing Board adopted Rule 1195 Clean On-Road School Buses in 2001, they fully acknowledged the limited budgets of school districts and made compliance hinge on the availability of external funding. Participating school districts can receive \$114,000 to replace a pre-1987 diesel bus, and \$13,000 per vehicle toward alternative-fuel infrastructure.

This past summer, successful passage of AB 923 led to expansion of the Carl Moyer Program and, in turn, greater support for lower-emission school bus replacement. Approximately \$14 million will be available for school districts to apply for early next year.

Since 1999, AQMD has allocated more than \$55.7 million in state and local funding to replace 357 older school buses with 271 CNG-powered models and 86 lower-emitting diesel buses. In addition, the funds have provided particulate traps for 2,101 diesel buses.

For more information, contact either Ranji George at (909) 396-3255, or Fred Minassian at (909) 396-2641.

New Emission Requirements for Small Boilers Being Considered

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is developing amendments to Rule 1146.2 – Emissions of Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) from Large Water Heaters and Small Boilers to further reduce nitrogen oxide emissions. The proposed amendments to the rule would lower the NO_x emission limits for new boilers, water heaters and process heaters. There is no proposed change in the NO_x limit for new pool heaters less than 400,000 Btu/hr.

Staff is seeking input on the proposed limits as well as on a maintenance and record keeping requirement for units greater than 400,000 Btu/hour. AQMD staff is also seeking input on the other rule components including compliance demonstration for the therm exemption for units potentially subject to retrofit requirements. In addition, staff is seeking input on the use of mitigation fees as a compliance option for a new lower NO_x limit and the potential for generating emission credits from the manufacture of new ultra low NO_x units.

The current schedule is for the adoption hearing to be held on Rule 1146.2 early in 2006.

For more information, contact Wayne Barcikowski at (909) 396-3077.

Color My World With Healthy Air - Calendar Contest 2006

Air pollution affects everyone's health, especially kids. AQMD invites students ranging from grades K-12 to create artwork depicting ideas of a world that is healthier with clean air for our 2006 calendar contest. Twelve winning pieces of artwork will be selected, one for each month of the year. Winners will get a \$50 gift check. One grand prize winner will be selected for the cover. He or she will win a \$100 gift check, and a surprise gift.

We're looking for bright-colored artwork with a brief clean air message describing what the picture is about. The words can be in English or Spanish. Students creating their artwork should imagine that they are telling a friend, a parent or other adult their vision of how life could be better if we all were breathing clean air. Students can also create artwork that illustrates why air pollution is bad, and why we need to keep our air clean.

Last year's calendar contest drew entries from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Submissions must be postmarked or delivered to the AQMD headquarters no later than Thursday, November 10, 2005.

For more information, contact Patrician Price at (909) 396-2690 or by e-mail at pprice@aqmd.gov.

Board Actions on Rules 3503 and 1401.1

At the October Governing Board meeting, AQMD adopted Rule 3503 – Emissions Inventory and Health Risk Assessments for Railyards, which will require railroad operators to develop an inventory of criteria and toxic emissions. In addition, this rule requires railroad operators to notify the public regarding the health risks associated with operations at their railyards.

This rule is the first of a series of rules designed to reduce the toxic emissions from railroad operations. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently completed a health risk assessment of a Northern California railyard and found the cancer risk to be in the range of 900 to 1,000 in a million. There are approximately 1 million residents that live near rail lines throughout the state. Rule 3503 will develop emissions inventories and health risk assessments at freight railyards within the South Coast air basin and allow for public notification if the risks from railyards exceed a specified threshold.

The AQMD Governing Board decided to hold over Rule 1401.1 – Requirements for New and Relocated Facilities near Schools until the November Board meeting. Rule 1401.1 would minimize the health risk to children at schools that already exist or from schools that are under construction from new or relocated facilities that emit toxic air contaminants.

The objective of Rule 1401.1 is to reduce the toxic risk level at schools within the Basin to no greater than one in a million. This rule will apply to facilities that are located within 500 to 1,000 feet of a school, and will be more health protective to children by establishing more stringent requirements than other toxic sources. Children are more susceptible to the harmful effects of air pollution due to the development of their bodies and when playing, they take in large volumes of air.

This rule is in response to an AQMD 2003 White Paper entitled "Potential Control Strategies to Address Cumulative Impacts from Air Pollution." The Cumulative Impacts White Paper was part of the AQMD's Environmental Justice Workplan.

For more information contact Elaine Chang at (909) 396-3186.



AQMD APPROVES PROGRAM TO CLEAN UP GROSS POLLUTING VEHICLES

In September, the AQMD Board approved a landmark voluntary program to detect highly polluting passenger vehicles and provide incentives to repair or scrap and replace them.

Remote sensing of 1 million vehicles, followed by repair and scrapping of about 1,000 to 2,000 of the highest-emitting ones, is expected to begin early next year and last about 12 months.

Remote sensing devices measure a vehicle's emissions by projecting beams of both infrared and ultraviolet light across a roadway. As a vehicle passes by, its tailpipe emissions absorb some of the light. A sensor receives the light after it passes through the tailpipe emissions and a computer calculates the vehicle's emissions level. At the same time, a video camera captures the vehicle's license plate number and a computer logs and digitizes the emissions and license plate information.

AQMD's program includes the following components:

Remote Sensing

A remote sensing contractor will be responsible for collecting emissions data from 1 million vehicles. The contractor will develop a detailed plan including multiple remote sensing locations throughout the four-county area. These sites will not be publicized and will be rotated on an unannounced basis to ensure a representative sampling of vehicles.

Testing and Repair or Scrapping

AQMD has selected the Foundation for California Community Colleges to perform the vehicle testing and repair. Using the remote sensing data, the Foundation will contact owners of the dirtiest 1 percent to 2 percent of vehicles tested and offer them the opportunity to receive either up to \$500 in repairs so their vehicle meets Smog Check requirements or \$1,000 to scrap the vehicle. The Foundation will perform all emissions testing and repairs. AQMD will solicit bids for qualified vehicle scrappers.

Vehicle Replacement for Low-Income Residents

Residents who meet state low-income guidelines will be eligible to qualify for additional funding up to \$2,000, for a total of up to \$3,000, if they choose to scrap their vehicle and replace it with a used model meeting the state's certification criteria for a Low Emission Vehicle (LEV). Residents would receive either a voucher or reimbursement upon proof of purchase of a LEV or cleaner vehicle.

For more information, contact Phil Barroca at (909) 396-2409.

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17th Annual Clean Air Awards 2005

17th Annual Clean Air Award Winners Honored

At the 2005 Clean Air Awards, AQMD recognized the outstanding achievements of the individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward improving the air we breathe here in Southern California. This year's winners are:

2005 LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

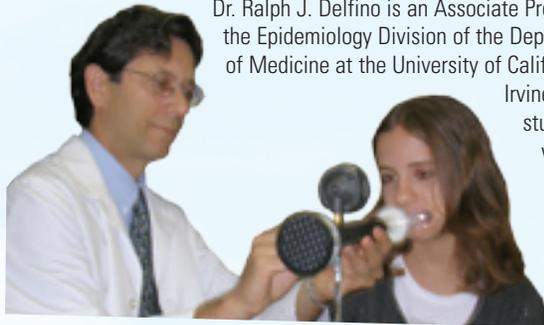
Senator Alan Lowenthal, California Senate District 27

In addition to his leadership at the state level, Senator Lowenthal has single-handedly raised the level of public awareness of air quality problems in the area of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach through his community meetings, newsletters, and legislative proposals. He has been a tireless campaigner in the battle to reduce toxic emissions that come from hazardous materials handled at the ports (such as petroleum coke) and from diesel exhaust from the trucks, trains and ships that come to the busiest port complex in the United States.

2005 ZWEIG MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER

Dr. Ralph J. Delfino, University of California, Irvine

Dr. Ralph J. Delfino is an Associate Professor in the Epidemiology Division of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, Irvine. His studies were among



the first to show the association of the severity of asthma attacks to children's personal exposure to pollutants such as ozone and outdoor fungal spores. Dr. Delfino has expanded his research to include studying the effects of air pollutants on cardiovascular health. He is now studying how airborne particles affect elderly people who suffer from coronary heart disease.

ADVANCEMENT OF AIR POLLUTION TECHNOLOGY

FuelMaker Corporation

FuelMaker Corporation, based in Toronto, Canada, has been a pioneer in alternative fuel technology. They recognized that refueling convenience is a primary interest of consumers when deciding whether to purchase natural gas vehicles. In February, 2005, FuelMaker, in cooperation with American Honda, unveiled a home-based refueling appliance called "Phill" that allows homeowners to use their residential gas supply to fuel their vehicle.



RadTech International

RadTech International is a non-profit trade association which serves to advance conversion to ultraviolet and electron beam curable inks and coatings. This technology virtually eliminates



the emissions of volatile organic compounds from inks and coatings used for producing a wide range of products including magazines, cereal boxes, credit

cards, CDs, DVDs, computer keyboards, wood flatstock, vinyl flooring, pressure-sensitive labels, and metal cans. RadTech has played an important role in converting businesses to this ultra-low-polluting technology which offers significant environmental benefits.

INNOVATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor



The Interstate Clean Transportation Corridor (ICTC) is the first economically sustainable clean fuel corridor in the nation. The ICTC maintains a network of alternative fuel dispensing stations along key roadways serving fleets that haul

freight between major cities in the western United States. It is the nation's most successful public-private partnership dedicated to



accelerating the use of alternative fueled, heavy-duty vehicles for interstate freight hauling. The ICTC is a model for similar projects throughout the United States.

MODEL COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona



The John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies has demonstrated that a community can significantly reduce air pollution by using a number of regenerative technologies. Students and instructors explore and develop self-sustaining technologies by actually practicing them while living at the center. Solar cells provide most of the energy used at the center. Renewable energy is also provided by a programmed tracking solar collector, a strawbale greenhouse with photovoltaic shingles, and a hybrid wind turbine/solar collector.

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PROMOTION OF GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Jonah Ramirez

Jonah Ramirez, now nine years old, has served as an asthma spokesperson for the American Lung Association of the Inland Counties (ALAIC) for over two years. He has spoken before statewide meetings of the ALA, and has presented compelling testimony before state and local air pollution control agencies. His message is simple, "I am a normal kid who likes to play soccer and other outdoor sports. Because of air pollution, I become sick with asthma. We need to change the laws; change the guidelines. We need to change our air." His message inspires adults and kids alike to give voice to concerns about the air we breathe.



SYSCO Food Service of Los Angeles

SYSCO is the largest food service marketing and distribution organization in North America. They operate about 200 trucks within the South Coast air basin. In 2001, SYSCO voluntarily began converting its truck fleet to liquefied natural gas (LNG) and installed a state-of-the-art fueling station at their facility in Walnut, California. Currently, 53 of their trucks are Dual-Fuel LNG. The company plans to have roughly half of their truck fleet operating on LNG in the near future. SYSCO's conversion serves as a model to encourage other environmentally-aware private companies to voluntarily convert to clean alternative fuels.



PUBLIC EDUCATION ON AIR QUALITY ISSUES

Daniel and Courtney Dickerson

Dan Dickerson was until recently an Employee Transportation Coordinator with the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo. Here, he created an innovative, low-cost trip reduction program that serves as a model for military installations around the country. For the past nine years, Dan and his daughter Courtney have traveled to local Southern California



schools, scout meetings, and community events making a presentation called "Clean Air and You." Every year, they set up a popular environmental booth at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Earth Day Fair and Beach Cleanup where they distribute educational information on what children can do to further the cause of clean air.

Gigante USA Supermarket

Gigante USA is a specialty retail supermarket chain with eight Southern California locations, primarily serving the Hispanic community. Gigante has partnered with the AQMD to conduct Clean Air Fiestas at two of their supermarket locations – Anaheim and Arleta. Each of these fiestas drew an estimated crowd of 400-500 people. Health-related information was distributed at both events, and free asthma screenings were conducted at the Anaheim location. AQMD honors Gigante USA for hosting these forums through which members of the Hispanic community learned more about air quality issues.



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.

December



Regulation IX-Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS); Regulation X-National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS)

Various rule amendments to meet the requirements of state and federal laws (e.g. SB 700), address variance issues/technology-forcing limits, or seek additional reductions to meet the SIP short-term measure commitment.

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



Rule 1151-Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Non-Assembly Line Coating Operations (CTS-10)

Proposed amendments aim to achieve additional emission reductions consistent with the technology assessment.

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



Proposed Rule 1316-Requirements for Federal Major Modifications

Will implement the mandatory U.S. EPA regulatory reform requirements for major sources, while ensuring compliance with state law for New Source Review.

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

January



Proposed Rule 410-Odor Abatement for Solid Waste Transfer Stations and Processing Facilities

Will establish odor reduction requirements and best management practices for solid waste transfer stations and processing facilities.

For more information, contact Susan Nakamura at snakamura@aqmd.gov or (909) 396-3105.



Proposed Amended Rule 1309.1-Priority Reserve

Will extend access to the Priority Reserve for qualifying electric generating facilities and adjust the amounts to be paid for credits.

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

AQMD Revises Risk Assessment Procedures

The AQMD has a long and successful history of reducing air toxics and criteria emissions in the South Coast air basin. AQMD has an extensive control program, including traditional and innovative rules and policies. This year, AQMD's risk assessment procedures used for assessing toxic risks pursuant to Rules 1401 and 212 was revised by the AQMD Governing Board on March 4, 2005.

The revisions are a result of changes adopted by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The AQMD developed revised procedures to implement these changes and the revised procedures apply to all permit applications for which final permits have not been issued as of July 1, 2005.

The revised risk assessment procedure, version 7.0, for Rules 1401 and 212 is now available online and can be downloaded from AQMD's website at <http://www.aqmd.gov/prdas/Risk%20Assessment/RiskAssessment.html>. AQMD has developed a spreadsheet to assist companies in determining and calculating the cancer and non-cancer health risk based on the revised guidelines. AQMD plans to also post the spreadsheet on the web in the future.

For more information, contact Mohan Balagopalan at (909) 396-2704.

Recent Events

On October 1, AQMD participated in Pacoima Beautiful's Fifth Annual Family Day at the Pacoima Youth and Family Center. More than 1,000 people celebrated family, community, and health at the day-long event. Family Day focuses on educating and informing families on lead and asthma prevention and other health issues, while introducing them to assistance partners within the community, including the AQMD. AQMD staff was on hand to educate the public on air quality and health related issues and to demonstrate alternative fueled vehicles for everyday transportation uses.

AQMD co-sponsored the Inland Empire Breath of Life Asthma Walk with the American Lung Association in San Bernardino on Sunday, October 2. The purpose of this yearly event is to raise awareness and financial support for the estimated 20 million Americans who have asthma. The AQMD team consisted of 23 staff, family members and friends that collected over \$1,500. Over \$38,000 was raised at this year's walk at Riverside Community College.

For more information, contact Natalia Porche at (909) 396-3218.

AQMD Displays Clean Air Choice Vehicles At Auto Show

AQMD hosted a news conference on the "State of the Fuel Cell Vehicle," and staffed an exhibit at the California International Auto Show from October 5-9 at the Anaheim Convention Center. AQMD exhibited a fuel cell vehicle and several Clean Air Choice vehicles, which are the lowest-emitting cars sold in the state.

For details on the AQMD's Clean Air Choice program, visit www.cleanairchoices.org.

Clean Air PEOPLE

Meet the diversely talented people who work at the AQMD



AQMD
Advisor

Ed Camarena

After spending thirty-three years of service with the AQMD and another ten plus years on the Hearing Board, Ed Camarena has been an icon of pollution fighting experience. Ed held the position of Deputy Executive Officer for Operations for the SCAQMD and among his many accomplishments were the development of a strong enforcement program and implementation of initiatives resulting in better working relationships with the industrial community through cooperative efforts leading to improved compliance.

In addition to being Chairman of the Hearing Board, Ed also serves on the Budget Advisory Committee and has previously served on the Scientific Advisory and BACT

Committees. After retiring from the AQMD, Ed served as an air quality policy and management consultant in Latin America for the World Bank, the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, the Mexico City Metropolitan Environmental Commission, the Mexico City Metropolitan Transportation and Roads Commission and the Honduran Department for Environmental Protection.

He is an avid competitive road cyclist, competing annually in the Huntsman World Senior Games and Senior Olympics. Racing against others in his age group last year at the Huntsman World Senior Games, he took second place in the time trial race and third place in the hill climb. At the Nevada Senior Games

this year, he won the road race. In 1987, he formed a junior racing team for boys and girls ages 12 to 18. He commented, "At the time, I knew little about riding and nothing about racing but I was able to find some valuable training resources for the team." In 1989, he took a team of five boys to Colorado Springs for the Junior National Championships. "They brought home five medals, two gold, two silvers, and a bronze." For several years, Ed's junior teams were among the best in the nation. Three of the boys went on to be professional cyclists. "Today, whenever I go to a race as a spectator, it gives me great pleasure when some of my boys, now men, come up and share some memories of good times on the road."

Energy looms large in John Yee's professional career — and in his personal life, too.

While earning a degree in chemical engineering from Cal Poly Pomona, John interned at Rocketdyne in Canoga Park on propulsion projects including the main engines of the NASA Space Shuttle.

Post-graduation, he joined AQMD in August 1984 as an assistant engineer in the chemical operations unit. In 1994, he joined the refinery/energy permit team, where he serves as a senior engineer working with large "energy plants" such as oil well operations and power generating facilities.

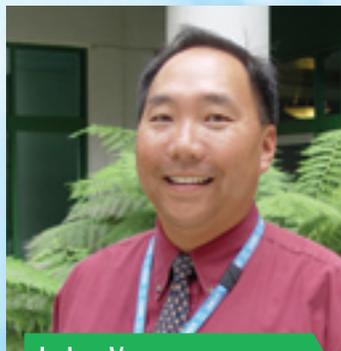
When the 2001 electricity crisis stimulated energy investments, John's team worked long hours to move clean generating projects online and to address emissions from older units with add-on controls and improved monitoring equipment.

"It's challenging to be in an engineering environment that pushes the limits for the lowest emissions possible," he says.

John's wife Sandra works at AQMD as a senior air quality chemist, and they have a son, Kevin, age 11. John is an avid cyclist (road and mountain) as well as skier, angler, and pilot — he flies radio-controlled model planes and a full-sized Beechcraft.

"I was born in Van Nuys and grew up in Northridge in the 1960's, and I know first-hand how bad the air was then. In the summer, you couldn't see the foothills at all, and when you were outdoors you'd get a burning sensation in your chest," he recalls.

Now a resident of Diamond Bar, John says "For me, exercise is part of life and a great stress reliever — and I love spending time outdoors with my family and friends. When we travel outside L.A., part of our enjoyment is fresh air." He looks forward to a day when we all have good air no matter where we live.



John Yee

Mary Houze joined the AQMD family in August 1980 as a typist/clerk in the Finance Department and has been there ever since. Mary said that the agency was still in its formative years when she came on board and has seen a lot of changes in air quality.

Growing up in the San Gabriel Valley, she noted that poor air quality was just a way of life at that time. "But the AQMD's efforts over the past 25 years have made a tremendous change for the better," she stated. "My fear, however, is that with the massive increase in traffic we could again be forced to deal with major poor air quality issues." "That's why," she added, "the efforts made by this agency are so important."

Mary now works as a senior office assistant within the Customer Service unit of Finance focusing on revenue and receiving issues that relate to applications and permit renewals. Among her responsibilities is researching customer issues pertaining to rule amendments.

In her spare time, Mary enjoys gardening at her home in Duarte and sketching landscapes. She also likes to spend time with her two sons, David and Paul, who live in Monrovia.



Mary Houze



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Rule Compliance Promotion Classes

Rule 1403-Asbestos Demolition/Renovation Activities

- December 14

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

- December 7

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

- December 14

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 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.

RULE 461-GASOLINE TRANSFER AND DISPENSING

Pre-registration is required for the following classes. Classes will be held at AQMD's Diamond Bar headquarters from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m., with check-in beginning at 8:00 a.m. *To register, call (909) 396-3058.*

Annual Periodic Inspection

- November 15 & 16

This is a two-day class. There is a \$150 registration fee.

Daily Self-Inspection

- November 18

This is a one-day class. Fee is \$50 per person.

Tester Orientation

- November 10

This is a one-day class, \$100 per person.

AQMD Advisor

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