



South Coast AQMD Autobody Workshop

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Estephanie Garcia

**Air Quality Education & Outreach Associate
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Los Angeles (PSR-LA)**



Estephanie Garcia is an Air Quality Outreach and Education Associate at PSR LA who grew up in Southeast Los Angeles. Estephanie's role encompasses bringing communities together to create livable spaces we all deserve. In her role, she is able to bridge a connection between partner organizations, people, and causes. She attended the University of Southern California and studied Public Policy with a minor in Gender and Social Justice.



South Coast AQMD

Presenting Staff & Background

Michael Krause
Assistant DEO

Heather Farr
Planning & Rules Manager

Sarady Ka
Program Supervisor

Christopher Bradley
Air Quality Specialist

Hemang Desai
Supervising AQ Engineer

Marvin Ignacio
AQ Engineer

Michael Krause

Assistant Deputy Executive Officer South Coast AQMD



Michael Krause is Assistant Deputy Executive Officer in Planning, Rule Development and Implementation. In this role he oversees stationary source rule development for toxics, and criteria pollutant rules, CEQA, and AB617 efforts. Michael started his career at the South Coast AQMD in 1991 as an Assistant Air Quality Engineer in permitting working on a variety of air polluting sources, then progressively promoted to his current position. Over his 34 years he oversaw a number of rule projects, including regulation of refinery equipment, continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS), flares, fenceline monitoring, combustion equipment, toxics, coatings, and adhesives, and upgrades to the Flare Event Notification System (FENS). Michael as the lead for area source control measures for the 2022 AQMP and was instrumental in the development of the 2012 and 2016 AQMPs. Earlier in Michael's career, he wrote dozens of CEQA environmental assessments, as well as leading the effort to create the California Emission Estimator Model used statewide.

Heather Farr

Planning & Rules Manager
South Coast AQMD



Heather Farr is a Planning and Rules Manager for the South Coast AQMD. Heather's current responsibilities include developing rules to reduce NOx emissions from commercial and residential building appliances and toxic solvents used in coatings and solvents. Heather has also worked on reducing NOx emissions from petroleum refineries, refinery flares, non-refinery flares, and commercial bakery ovens; reducing VOC emissions from coatings and solvents; controlling particulate emissions from metal recycling operations; and fenceline monitoring requirements for refineries and related operations.

Michael Morris

Planning & Rules Manager
South Coast AQMD



Mike Morris is a Planning and Rules Manager for the South Coast AQMD. Mike's current responsibilities include developing rules to address NOx from combustion equipment and toxic air contaminants. He is leading the team transitioning RECLAIM into a command-and-control regulatory structure and addressing associated New Source Review issues. Mike has also worked on coatings, adhesives, paint and lacquer thinners, consumer products, and metalworking fluids regulations.

Sarady Ka

Program Supervisor
South Coast AQMD



Sarady Ka is a Program Supervisor for the South Coast AQMD. Sarady's current responsibilities include developing VOC rules focusing on phasing out the use of toxic solvents in coatings and other VOC-containing materials. He also helped lead the implementation of NOx emission reduction strategies at petroleum refineries and related operations. Sarady has also worked on refinery and non-refinery flares, commercial cooking equipment, and mobile fueling operations regulations. Sarady worked at General Electric prior to joining South Coast AQMD.

Christopher Bradley

**Air Quality Specialist
South Coast AQMD**



Chris Bradley is an Air Quality Specialist for the South Coast AQMD. Chris's current responsibilities include developing rules to phase out the use of toxic solvents in coatings and other VOC-containing materials. Chris has also worked on a commercial cooking equipment regulation and was an inspector for the South Coast AQMD prior to joining the rule development team.

Hemang Desai

**Supervising Air Quality Engineer
South Coast AQMD**



Hemang Desai is a Supervising Air Quality Engineer for the South Coast AQMD. Hemang's current responsibilities include supervising the engineering team responsible for processing permit applications for spray booths operating at autobody shops, furniture manufacturing facilities, and metal coating shops. Hemang started his career at the South Coast AQMD in 1991 as an Assistant Air Quality Engineer in permitting working on a variety of air polluting sources.

Marvin Ignacio

**Air Quality Engineer
South Coast AQMD**



Marvin Ignacio is an experienced Air Quality Engineer for the South Coast AQMD's Small Business Assistance Office, dedicated to providing crucial technical assistance to small businesses throughout the South Coast Basin. Marvin's current responsibilities is to serve as a liaison, providing technical assistance to small businesses throughout the South Coast Basin. Marvin's expertise covers permit application assistance, rule interpretation and compliance assistance with air quality rules and regulations. Marvin started his career at South Coast AQMD in 2005. Prior to that, he worked at various chemical companies as an environmental, health and safety specialist.

An aerial photograph of a city landscape. In the foreground, a multi-lane highway with several overpasses and ramps curves through the scene. To the left of the highway, there is a large, green golf course with visible fairways and sand traps. Further back, there are various buildings, including some larger commercial or institutional structures, and more green spaces. The overall scene is a mix of urban infrastructure and natural areas.

Partner Agency Presenting Staff & Background

Partner Agency Presenters



Malay Trivedi
Deputy Health Officer
LA County Fire Dept



Chris Dunne
Automotive Program Supervisor
Bureau of Automotive Repair



Renee Roberts
Senior Regulatory Assistance Officer
Department of Toxic Substances
Control (DTSC)

Malay Trivedi

**Hazardous Materials Specialist III (CUPA)
Los Angeles County Fire Department - HHMD**



Malay Trivedi is an experienced Hazardous Materials Specialist with Los Angeles County Fire Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division, bringing more than two decades of regulatory, inspection, and environmental health experience to the CUPA program. He has conducted thousands of inspections at hazardous waste generators, tiered permitting facilities, and non-RCRA LQGs, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations including HSC 6.5/6.95, Title 22, and the Unified Program standards. A Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Malay previously served as an EHS III in multiple programs including Emergency Response, Recreational Waters, and Housing/Food safety, conducting high-risk investigations, leading ocean water monitoring, and participating in bioterrorism exercises. He has trained new hires. Malay has built a career protecting public and environmental health through various programs.

An aerial photograph of a highway interchange with multiple lanes and ramps. The surrounding area includes green hills, a golf course, and some buildings. The image is darkened to serve as a background for the text.

Chris Dunne

**Automotive Program Supervisor
Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR)**

Chris Dunne is currently an Automotive Program Supervisor II for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), Field Operations and Enforcement Division. He has been with BAR for twelve years. Before BAR, Chris was a Master Diagnostic Technician at a Toyota dealership for 14 years.

Renee Roberts

**Senior Regulatory Assistance Officer
Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)**



Renee Roberts is a Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) with the Department of Toxic Substances Control Regulatory Assistance Office, where she provides regulatory guidance to the households, businesses, and government on California's Hazardous Waste Control Laws and regulations. She has a bachelor's in science with an emphasis in microbiology and chemistry, and has been with DTSC since 2006, and has been providing regulatory assistance to stakeholders since 2013. Renee is also a licensed paramedic, and plays pickleball and rides a mountain bike in her spare time.