

Ali Mirzakhali



PROFILE:

Innovator, problem-solver, and leader with 30 years of experience with state government in areas including: policy development, program delivery, legislation, regulatory development, strategic planning, public consultation, and enforcement.

KNOWLEDGE AREAS

Air quality
Energy
Pollution prevention
Environmental protection
Governmental collaboration
(Federal/state/local)

Compliance and enforcement/Permitting
Communication
National and Regional organizations
(ECOS, NACAA, OTC, MARAMA)
Quality Management Systems
Value Stream Mapping

EXPERIENCE

Administrator – Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, Portland, OR April 2018 to present

Responsible for the overall administration of air quality programs in the State of Oregon. Work closely with the Agency Director and the rest of the leadership team as well as the Environmental Quality Commission, legislators and external stakeholders.

Director – Division of Air Quality, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover, DE July 2010 to March 2018

Responsible for strategic direction and management of the Division of Air Quality. Advise the Cabinet Secretary, Governor's office and Congressional delegation on policy matters. Provided expert testimony before U.S. Congressional committees and local legislature. Responsible for collaboration and negotiation on legislative and regulatory issues with elected officials, government and industry executives and advocacy groups.

Administrator – Air Quality Management Section, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover, DE May 2001 to June 2010

Responsible for administration of the statewide air quality program, including regulatory development, SIP planning, permitting, enforcement, air monitoring, asbestos abatement, mobile sources, personnel

management and budget development and management. Served as the Delaware's representative on regional organizations; interacted with local community leaders and state legislature. Coordinated activities with other state agencies and non-governmental organizations. Developed Delaware's first GHG inventory and regulations to implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Developed and adopted Delaware's multi-pollutant regulations for power plants in 2006. Sponsored the Delaware's Air Toxics Assessment Study to determine statewide toxics exposure risk and developed mitigation plans. Developed plans that brought Delaware into attainment with the two previous ozone standards and fine particle standards.

**Manager—Office of Business and Community Services, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover, DE
April 2001 to May 2001**

Responsible for all programmatic, administrative and budgetary aspects of the Office consisting of the Pollution Prevention Program, Environmental Justice/Community Involvement Program, Permitting Assistance, Climate Change/Energy Efficiency and the Clean Air Act Ombudsman.

**Manager – Engineering & Compliance Branch, Air Quality Management Section, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, New Castle, DE
June 1991 to April 2001**

Managed permitting, inspection and enforcement activities which covered all major and minor industrial and commercial facilities. Developed the format for Title V permits issued under a new Clean Air Act authority. Successfully concluded a number of multi-million dollar enforcement cases as well of many environmentally significant but smaller cases. Developed a dry cleaner permitting and inspection program. Streamlined the gasoline station stage II permitting and inspections with the underground storage tank activities. Taught courses to Taiwanese, US federal and various state government agencies and presented papers at national and international symposia of industry experts.

**Environmental Engineer – Engineering & Compliance Branch, Air Quality Management Section, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, New Castle, DE
June 1984 to May 1991**

Air quality engineer responsible for permitting, inspection and enforcement activities for the assigned facilities which ranged from small paint shops to PVC manufacturing and refineries. Worked with environmental protection officers in enforcement of odor and opacity regulations for smaller sources.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Environmental Planning and Management, Johns Hopkins University, Whiting School of Engineering, Baltimore, Maryland

B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS and CERTIFICATIONS

Past President - Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR)
Past President - National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA)

Co-Chair – Permitting and NSR Committee – National Association of Clean Air Agencies
Voting Member - Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)
Delaware Association of Professional Engineers – License # 7682

Previous Appointments:

Board of Directors-Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA)
-Ozone Transport Commission (OTC)
-Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU)
Chair-Stationary & Area Source Committee of Ozone Transport Commission