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Permits & Compliance

As of Oct. 1, 2018:

Active Permits: **4,001**

Permitted Facilities: **1,251**

July – September 2018

Applications received: **64**

Complaints: **44**

Violation notices: **29**

Certificates of Occupancy: **137**

'A Game Changer'



Members of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's (MDAQMD) Governing Board were treated to a quieter, healthier ride on an electric school bus that could be the future of student transportation in the High Desert.

"Up here we do everything we can to bring new emission-reducing technologies to local schools," said Brad Poiriez, Executive Director of the MDAQMD.

The zero-emission buses get the equivalent of 26 mpg and can go an average of 120 miles before needing to be recharged. Kids can bypass the fumes currently emitted from dated diesel buses as well enjoy a much quieter ride to school.

There are currently 480,000 buses in the United States that, on an annual basis, deliver 26 million kids to school covering more than 260 million miles,

according to Matt Essex, sales director for Adomani, the company that makes the drivetrains for the bus. The new buses will potentially continue to replace the estimated 25,000 school buses currently operating in California and help meet Gov. Brown's plan to make the state completely reliant on renewable energy by 2045.

"Over the next five years, these buses are going to be game changers in the industry," said Jason Songer Sr., sales manager for A2Z Bus Sales. Although none are currently operational in the Mojave River Valley or Palo Verde Valley, future grant funds from the MDAQMD are expected to be released that could help local districts partially fund the purchase of electric buses.

For more information on grant opportunities through MDAQMD, contact Grants Specialist Jorge Camacho at 760-245-1661, ext. 2020 or jcamacho@mdaqmd.ca.gov.

Clean air is everybody's business.



MCLB Barstow lauded for EXEMPLARY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The US Marine Corps is extending their code of excellence to the realm of pollution control and prevention and have won this year's highest honor in air quality excellence.

As a Title V facility holding 86 air quality permits, the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow (MCLB) was honored as the 2017-2018 Exemplar Award winner by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD).

The Exemplar Award is the District's highest honor for outstanding contributions toward the prevention or control of air pollution given to one organization in the MDAQMD's 20,000+ square-mile jurisdiction through a public nomination process.

"MCLB Barstow has not only been compliant, but has been

proactive in seeing what they can do to further reduce emissions, and always preemptively ensuring that they are meeting all current permit requirements," said MDAQMD Executive Director Brad Poiriez, who presented the award to Base Sergeant Major Martinez-Ruiz.

MCLB Barstow is one of only two logistics bases operated by the United States Marine Corps. It serves an important role as a major west coast Marine Corps logistics and maintenance center. Its purpose is twofold: (1) to procure, maintain, store and issue all classes of supplies and equipment and (2) repair and rebuild USMC-owned and other Department of Defense equipment. MCLB furnishes supplies for USMC facilities worldwide and is a direct support provider for all installations.

MCLB Barstow is also responsible for the technical training of Marines, developing and maintaining their skills and job efficiency.

"This award shows that all employees at the base work hard to maintain the high standards of excellence that we require," said Base Sgt. Maj. Martinez-Ruiz, "not just in the area of environmental protection but in all aspects of operation of the base."

Past winners include Cemex Victorville Plant; City of Hesperia; Marine Corps Air, Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms; and Victor Valley Transit Authority among many others. Please visit mdaqmd.ca.gov/outreach/exemplar-award for more information on the Exemplar Award, the nomination process and eligibility requirements.

Grant funds help increase safety for Barstow cyclists

Another recent grant-funded project between MDAQMD and the City of Barstow has led to improved safety measures for residents using bicycles for transportation.

The city was on the receiving end of \$146,399 from the Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Competitive Bidding Program. In enhancing its focus on reducing air pollution

in Barstow, the city has utilized the funding resource to install components and reconfigure traffic striping to accommodate cycling.

The city's project included installing 24 artistic bike racks and two repair stations, and striping a portion of Main Street to allow appropriate space for cyclists along the route.

Main Street was recently included in the Regional Route 66 bicycle path from coast to coast, east to west, and city officials say they're encouraging the public and tourists to enjoy the Route 66 monuments and bike racks. The city's future plans include a continuous bike and pedestrian path on Main Street with essential facilities.



Sparking the Debate

2018 CDAWG Conference to focus on new, evolving regulations of cannabis industry

Get the full agenda and register at MDAQMD.ca.gov/cdawg

The 2018 California Desert Air Working Group Conference is preparing to descend upon Laughlin, Nevada.

Speakers from numerous industries will present to conference goers on Nov. 7 and 8 at the Aquarius Resort Hotel and Casino. CDAWG is the annual conference hosted by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.

This year's conference theme, "Weeding the Regulatory Garden," aims to offer insight into a fairly young and quickly evolving topic in California: Cannabis regulations.

To that end, the conference will feature presentations from two experts on areas within the topic:

- Jason Lamoreaux, president of Coldwell Banker Commercial in Victorville, will shed some light on the real estate industry's adaptation of cannabis businesses and business owners, developers and stakeholders.

- Brooke Staggs, reporter from the Orange County Register and its sister publication, The Cannifornian, plans to share some of her vast knowledge of the cities and counties in California that have been at the forefront of implementing various rules and regulations on recreational cannabis.

Lamoreaux and Staggs will also convene with MDAQMD Deputy Director of Operations Alan De Salvio for a panel discussion and Q&A segment.

Returning as this year's CDAWG keynote speaker is Richard Corey, Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board. He'll provide



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updates on ARB's activities since last November, including continuing efforts to implement AB617.

EPA Region 9 Division Director Amy Zimpfer will update attendees on not only what's happening at the national level but also the priorities at EPA Region 9, which covers California.

"We're very excited for this year's conference," said Brad Poiriez, Executive Director of the MDAQMD. "This has always served as a great

place for industry leaders and air district officials to gather, share ideas and form strategies to ensure we are educating our constituents and permit holders on the best ways to reduce and prevent pollution."

Also returning to CDAWG is Jackie Ferlita, Vice President of Air Quality Consultants, offering a Cap-and-Trade market update and a review of post-2020 amendments.

Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov/cdawg for a full agenda and to register.

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