

What Our Regulated Businesses Say

About Us...



“Recently we have had to work very closely with MDAQMD regarding some permit issues, a task I initially thought quite daunting. However, my greatest fears quickly dissipated thanks to the reassurance, speedy help and assistance we received from everyone we worked with. From the AQ Specialists to the Engineers, they all made the undertaking a most pleasant experience, simplifying the process, which enabled us to resolve each and every issue, getting the permits issued, in the quickest possible time. It was an absolute pleasure to deal with a Government agency whose sole mission appeared to be to help gain the compliance we needed. A big thanks to everyone involved.” *Martin Chapman, GM, California Operations—United Furniture Industries—Victorville*

“Working with the AQMD was amazing and made my job easier. The inspectors and engineers did a fantastic job in helping me, and my company, stay compliant and up to date with all the necessary reporting!”

Alfonso Figueroa, Safety Manager, Duffy Boats—Adelanto



The High Desert has a well-deserved reputation as one of California’s most business-friendly regions. With plenty of available building space, abundant room for goods movement and expansion, and optimum air quality conditions, the High Desert is truly ground-zero for businesses that are serious about long term growth and success.

If you’re looking for an affordable, progressive, business - friendly location with optimum air quality to site your business, look no further than the High Desert. And if you’re looking for an air district that prides itself on balancing environmental protection with common-sense and sustainable economic growth, the MDAQMD would like to do business with YOU!



Contact us today!

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 YOUR Business!**



“Clean Air is Everybody’s Business!”

Who we are...



As the local air pollution control agency for San Bernardino County's High Desert and Riverside County's Palo Verde Valley, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District has primary responsibility for controlling emissions from stationary sources of air pollution. This can include equipment located at cement facilities, power plants or the corner gas station. There are over 1,600 such businesses operating under MDAQMD permits within the agency's 20,000 square mile jurisdiction.



Our unique approach to regulation...



California's air quality regulations have garnered a reputation for being some of the most challenging in the nation. With the advent of AB32 and increasingly stringent regulatory standards, flexibility can mean the difference between success and failure for some businesses. Hence, the MDAQMD's mission statement—to attain and maintain a healthful environment while supporting strong and sustainable economic growth—is exactly how we approach the regulatory process. The MDAQMD understands that when our residents have to spend most of their time commuting to out of area jobs because they cannot find work locally, both our economy and air quality suffer. Thus, regulatory flexibility is key to economic and environmental sustainability, and to how our agency operates.

The MDAQMD difference...



The MDAQMD is California's final frontier for businesses seeking to locate in the Golden State, based largely on the legendary working relationships we have developed with our regulated community.

Throughout its 20-plus year history, the MDAQMD has succeeded in breaking down barriers which have historically existed between regulatory agencies and regulated industry, and replaced them with a unique common-sense approach to air quality regulation.

We believe that eliciting ideas from all possible sources is the best way to find mutually beneficially solutions, and to the fullest extent possible, industry is our partner in the development of common sense air quality rules and plans which benefit local air quality and the economy. As a result, local industry has more flexibility in meeting environmental mandates than their counterparts in neighboring air districts and even some nearby states.



In a sea of regulatory agencies, MDAQMD is proud to say that we're not "just another air district..."

As such, here are some key points to consider when contemplating your businesses' relocation:

- MDAQMD application fees are minimal in comparison to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (\$261 vs up to several thousands of dollars) and boasts some of the lowest permit costs anywhere in the state;
- MDAQMD processing times are minimal in comparison to SCAQMD (MDAQMD averages 20 days from application receipt to permit issuance, vs possibly months or years for SCAQMD);
- MDAQMD works closely with its applicants to cut through red tape instead of adding to the bureaucracy;
- Less restrictive regulations and control measures = increased operational flexibility in meeting federal mandates;
- MDAQMD permit engineers work with our permittees right at the front counter;
- Generous grants available for projects that reduce emissions from mobile sources through our AB2766 Program and for projects that reduce NO_x emissions from heavy duty engines through our Carl Moyer Program.

