



Committee Member Profile

Mahesh Albuquerque

In December 2008, Mahesh Albuquerque was appointed as the Director of the Division of Oil and Public Safety at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The Division of Oil and Public Safety, through its various sections, administers laws and regulations aimed at ensuring environmental protection, safety and consumer protection.

As Director of the Division of Oil & Public Safety, Mr. Albuquerque oversees the Release Prevention, Inspection, Remediation and Reimbursement Fund sections, as well as the Public Safety Programs, which include Boiler Inspection, Explosives, Amusement Rides and Devices and Conveyances.

Mahesh has over 20 years of public and private management experience in public safety programs, addressing issues of environmental protection, consumer protection, public safety and regulatory compliance. After earning his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Geology from the University of Bombay in 1986 and 1988, Mr. Albuquerque completed postgraduate studies in economic and environmental geology at the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Albuquerque then spent several years as a Project Manager and Senior Hydrogeologist with geotechnical engineering companies in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan prior to founding his own environmental consulting company.



Following his successful career in private industry, Mr. Albuquerque joined the Division of Oil and Public Safety in July 1999 as an Environmental Protection Specialist, and since then he has been assigned increasing program management responsibilities within the Division.

Mr. Albuquerque served as Program Manager for the for the Division's Oil Inspection and Public Schools Construction programs. In this role, he ensured the implementation of regulations governing underground and aboveground storage tanks containing refined petroleum and other regulated substances, weights and measures regulations pertaining to the sale of petroleum products and the construction of public school projects for all K-12 and community colleges statewide.

Mr. Albuquerque also previously served as the Program Manager for the Division's Explosives and Amusement Rides and Devices Programs, which involved regulating individuals or businesses that use, manufacture, possess, sell, store, transport or dispose of explosives or blasting agents and the registration of carnivals, amusement parks and other amusement rides.

In addition to his work as Division Director, Mr. Albuquerque serves on several national technical committees and workgroups striving to improve codes, standards and regulations in the areas of environmental protection, consumer protection and public safety.