

Biography (Dr. Yue Rong)



Dr. Yue Rong (aka, YR) is currently the Environmental Program Manager at the California Environmental Protection Agency, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. He was also the acting Assistant Executive Officer of the Regional Water Quality Control Board, in groundwater division. Dr. Rong is the manager in charge of site assessment and remediation of leaking underground storage tank (UST) sites, and the program of water quality control in oil and gas production fields. The UST program contains large number of leaking UST sites to be remediated in Los Angeles area, which was ranked in top 10 in terms of total numbers of the impacted sites. He has 29-year experience with the Agency in dealing with groundwater contamination problems in the Los Angeles area of California, U.S.A. His expertise includes organic pollutants fate and transport in the subsurface soil and groundwater, environmental analytical chemistry and quality assurance and quality control, environmental statistics, risk assessment, and soil and groundwater pollution assessment and remediation. The projects he worked and involved with include collaboration with USEPA at superfund sites in Los Angeles area, Santa Monica methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) drinking water pollution cleanup, I-710 corridor regional cleanup, and water quality control at oil and gas production fields in Los Angeles area.

Dr. Rong was the recipient of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Outstanding Achievement Award and Supervisory Performance Award. He also received 2011 AEHS Foundation Achievement Award. He is an Associate Editor for the peer-reviewed journal of *Soil and Sediment Contamination* and an Associate Editor for the Journal of *Environmental Forensics*. Dr. Rong is the author or co-authors for about 30 peer-reviewed publications. He is also the editor of the book entitled “Practical Environmental Statistics and Data Analysis” and another book entitled “Fundamentals of Environmental Site Assessment and Remediation”, published in July 2018. Dr. Rong served as chairman for the UCLA Alumni Association Outstanding Graduate Student Nominating Committee in 2004. Dr. Rong was elected in 2006 and re-elected in 2008 as the president of Southern California Chinese American Environmental Protection Association (SCCAEPA), and the president of Chinese-American Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California (CESASC) in 2015, serving the local minority community. He is also the Editor-in-Chief for the peer-reviewed SCCAEP Online Journal. Dr. Yue Rong has his Ph.D. in Environmental Health Sciences from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), M.S. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and B.S. in Earth Science from Beijing Normal University.