

## **Shankar Prasad**

Shankar Prasad, as Deputy Secretary for Science and Environmental Justice in California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), provides advice and guidance on California environmental health and scientific issues related to water, air, pesticides and waste. He also coordinates and oversees the Cal/EPA's activities related to children's health and environmental justice. When Dr. Prasad was Health Advisor at the California Air Resources Board, he played a key role in the Board's adoption of the environmental justice policies and actions as well as recent revision of the health-based PM standards. He serves on many federal and state scientific and policy review panels and is a member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee's Working Group on Cumulative Impacts. Prior to his current position, he worked as Health Effects Officer at the South Coast Air Quality Management District for five years.

Dr. Prasad is a physician by training, and has spent five years as a clinician, three years conducting air pollution health effects research, and 14 years in planning research and environmental health policy development. He has worked in India and South America, and has lived in the United States for the last 20 years.