

Speaker Bios

Jorge Garcia
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Mr. Garcia is a former employee of the U.S. Customs Service and is now part of the Customs and Border Protection office at the Los Angeles International Airport. Mr. Garcia has 26 years of federal service in International Trade compliance and enforcement. Mr. Garcia's supervisory experience covers entry processing, revenue collection, merchandise classification, examination, detention and seizure.

Mr. Garcia presently serves as the Trade Enforcement Coordinator to the Los Angeles International Airport and as a Supervisory Liaison to Customs and Border Protection Headquarters on matters of policy and procedures.

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Maya Kamar
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Maya Kamar started her career with Customs in 1998 as a Customs Inspector at the port of LAX. Since then she has held positions as an Entry Supervisor, Import Specialist Team leader and currently Supervisory Import Specialist. This has allowed Ms. Kamar to gain a wealth of knowledge in multiple disciplines within Customs and Border Protection. Ms. Kamar is also an ACE ambassador for the port of LA/Long Beach. She has conducted this collateral duty for six years now. Ms. Kamar is also an ACE trainer for the port of LA/Long Beach.

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Alonza E. Cruse
District Director
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Alonza E. Cruse is the Director, FDA's Los Angeles District Office where his responsibilities includes providing executive leadership to one of the largest District Offices within FDA's-Office of Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Cruse implements, manages and evaluates FDA's regulatory operations within the District which is comprised of the state of Arizona and southern California including the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and an Int'l Mail Facility; and provides the Executive leadership and technical direction to a

multidisciplinary staff in the execution of investigations, enforcement and compliance programs and in the District's day-to-day management.

Mr. Cruse assumed his current position in October 2000. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Cruse was the Director, Import Operations in FDA's-New York District Office. He serves on numerous committees within FDA including the Medical Device Field committee, the Import Programs committee and the Human Resources committee. He is the past Chair to the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board and past President to the Western Association of Food & Drug Officials (WAFDO). Mr. Cruse holds a B.S. Degree in Medical Technology from York College and is a graduate of USDA's Graduate School - Executive Leadership Program.

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Dan Solis
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Mr. Solis started his career with FDA in 1998 as a Microbiologist. Aside from accomplishing many Microbiological awards, such as his involvement with Radioactive tagging of ETEC strains and his publications of the effect of irradiation on Microbiological Growth on Sandwiches, he also set up the IT Infrastructure for the FDA Pacific Regional Laboratory Southwest. He then was promoted as a Compliance Officer in 2004, and worked for the Los Angeles District Imports Branch. He was a Compliance Officer for 5 years and then spent 2 Years as the Supervisor for Field Operations in the Branch. Mr. Solis also served as a Watch Commander at the Prior Notice Center in 2005.

He next took a position with FDA's Division of Imports Operations Systems Branch, which is an FDA HQ position overseeing all FDA Import Offices and Operations. One of his main accomplishments in DIOP was the implementation and roll out of the PREDICT/MARCS National Application. Recently, Mr. Solis was selected to be the New Director of the Los Angeles District Imports Operations Branch on November 2009. He now directs one of the Largest FDA Import Offices, nationally and oversees the Largest Port in the United States.

Mr. Solis specialized in Imports Operations and gave local as well as national training on Imports Investigations. He is a member of the New Hire Training Cadre in Los Angeles District, and also served as a mentor for the Federal Executive Board in Los Angeles. He also has had numerous roles in FDA Operations with other Federal Agencies. He has been involved with Mail Center Surveillance, Food Protection Plan Surveillance, Dietary Supplement Interdiction Team, Counterfeit Vitamin Task Force, DEA Task Force, LAPD and LA City Attorney Field Task Force and CBP Task Force. Mr. Solis holds a Master's Degree in HealthCare Administration from the University of LaVerne and a Bachelor's Degree from the University California of Irvine.

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J.D. Lloyd has worked as an investigator for the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) since the agency's inception and separation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) in 2003. He previously served for 11 years as an investigator for ATF. In his capacity as an investigator, J.D. works to ensure the integrity of alcohol and tobacco products, both domestic and imported. This primarily involves verification that products are properly labeled and produced in compliance with the standards of both the United States and/or the country of origin. J.D.'s duties also require him to assure that domestic producers and importers are properly qualified to conduct alcohol and tobacco operations and that excise taxes are properly paid. J.D. regularly coordinates his investigations with and provides technical expertise to personnel from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and various other federal and state agencies. He has on multiple occasions provided training to CBP, FDA and State of California personnel regarding TTB's mission and regulatory responsibilities.

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