

## **Mr. Eric Avila**

Eric Avila is the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) national weather representative. In his position, he collaborates with his FAA counterparts on numerous NextGen weather programs such as NexGen Weather Processor. Working together, they are developing weather products that will aid air traffic controllers and air traffic managers in their daily operations. In 2022, Eric was recognized as the Raytheon Controller of the Year.

Prior to his transition to this position, Eric worked at the Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) as an air traffic controller for 9 years. His previous experience includes working as a meteorologist for the National Weather Service (NWS) for 9 years including 5 years at Houston ARTCC. In 2011, during his time as a meteorologist at Houston ARTCC, he was awarded the NOAA Administrator's award for his work in developing a web based tactical decision aid to visually display the Terminal Aerodrome Forecast. His experience working directly with air traffic management as a meteorologist gives him a unique perspective when helping to design NextGen weather systems.