

## **Biography**

### **W. Craig Conklin**

Mr. Conklin is Chief of the Nuclear and Chemical Hazards Branch within the Preparedness Division in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate within the Department of Homeland Security. He is the national lead for both the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program. He is the current Chairman of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee and is the Chair of the Consequence Management, Site Restoration, Clean up and Decontamination Subgroup of the Radiological Dispersal Device/Improvised Nuclear Device Working Group.

Mr. Conklin has approximately twenty-five years of experience in emergency preparedness and response programs in the Navy nuclear propulsion program, the commercial nuclear power industry and the Federal government. Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Conklin spent over twelve years with the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air at the Environmental Protection Agency where he served as Chief of the Risk Modeling and Emergency Response Branch, Director of the Center for Radiological Emergency Preparedness, Prevention and Response and Senior Policy Advisor for Emergency Response. He is one of the principal authors of the current Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan. He has represented the United States at meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In addition to his nuclear emergency experience, he has been significantly involved in Continuity of Government and Continuity of Operations activities and counter-terrorism efforts.

Mr. Conklin has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Virginia Tech and a Masters of Science Degree in Health Physics from Georgia Tech.