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Immediately after separation from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1992, Ron was hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service in Washington, D.C. He now works for the office of Scientific and Technical Support Staff, which is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating chemical and radiological emergency programs for HQs, USDA. He administers the USDA and FSIS responsibilities under the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan, the National Response Plan, the Federal Response Plan, the National Contingency Plan, the USDA Radiological Emergency Response Plan, the USDA Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Plan, and other applicable plans and regulations. Ron has a significant role in defining food safety protective action recommendations for the Lead Federal Agencies, State, local, and tribal governments while assigned as a member of the Advisory Team for Environment, Food, and Health. And lastly, he represents USDA on several key Federal inter-governmental sub-committees that develop and coordinate guidance for training, exercises, and post-emergency response. Many of these sub-committees and working groups are under the Department of Energy's Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center and the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee.

Ron recently retired as a U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Programs Center. Prior to retiring he spent a year on active duty overseeing the construction of the Third U.S. Army and U.S. Central Command's Forward Command Center at Camp As Sayliyah, Doha, Qatar.