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As Chief of the Atlanta Field Office for Department of Homeland Security's Chemical and Nuclear Preparedness and Protection Division's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (Formerly Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region IV Technological Services Branch), Conrad "Buck" Burnside oversees off-site preparedness around 25% of the nation's commercial nuclear power producing facilities representing over 30% of the production capacity.

Mr. Burnside's duties include management of a 20 person staff focused on off-site emergency preparedness efforts surrounding the 17 commercial nuclear power plants in the Southeast and off-site preparedness and planning for new plants forecast at 7 new facilities over the next 5-7 years.

The Pennsylvania native began his FEMA career in 1989 as a National Security Emergency Preparedness Planner at the agency's Thomasville, Georgia, office. In 1992 he transferred to the Atlanta office as part of the National Preparedness Division. He assumed his position as the Technological Services Branch Chief in 2000, until its transfer to the Department of Homeland Security in June 2006. Mr. Burnside has supported all major disaster responses in Region IV since Hurricanes Hugo serving as Operations Section Chief for Regional disaster activations since 1996.

Mr. Burnside's federal career spans 30 years, including more than 11 with the U.S. Army, as a Special Forces officer (Green Beret), a commander in Europe, and a civil-military operations officer.

He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Southern College.

Mr. Burnside, a single parent, resides with his two sons, Sean and Ryan, in Suwanee, Georgia.