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CAPT Martin Sanders PhD, CSP, received his commission into the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) in 2002. CAPT Sanders is the Director of Safety, Emergency Management, and Environmental Compliance for Federal Occupational Health (FOH), Program Support Center (PSC), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA). In his role he oversees department-wide safety, environmental compliance and emergency response policy in the Department's only non-appropriated, shared services provider, while supporting strategic business growth and management initiatives for PSC and is responsible for the HHS regulatory oversight related to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

CAPT Sanders served as Chief Scientist for the United States Public Health Service from 2013 to 2017.

Appointed by the Surgeon General of the United States,

CAPT Sanders supported the Office of the Surgeon General in developing and implementing strategic health policies and leading the USPHS Commissioned Corps in recruitment, readiness, retention, mentoring, and many other strategic policy areas.

Prior to joining FOH, CAPT Sanders served as the Director (Acting) and Deputy Director of the Office of Safety, Health, and Environment at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He also served as a Biological Safety Officer and Chief of the Community Health Branch for the National Institutes of Health Division of Occupational Health and Safety Bethesda, MD. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served as a virologist at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and as Chief, Biological Threat Assessment for the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory. He worked as a field epidemiologist for the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where he led infectious disease outbreak investigations.

CAPT Sanders has been heavily involved in biosafety and biosecurity issues nationally and internationally. He was part of the executive steering committee overseeing the issuance of the 5th edition of "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories," the cornerstone document for biosafety guidance in the United States. He served on the Senior Advisory Panel for the International

Council for the Life Sciences to help oversee the development of international biosafety infrastructure in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East.

CAPT Sanders received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Davis in 1990. He obtained his PhD from the Department of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1997. He earned his Certified Safety Professional certification in 2019.

CAPT Sanders is the recipient of numerous decorations from both the US Army and the USPHS. He was the Derek Dunn Memorial Senior Scientist Officer of the Year in 2007.