



RECOVERED CHEMICAL MATERIEL DIRECTORATE BIOGRAPHY



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Mr. Laurence G. Gottschalk has served as Director of Recovered Chemical Materiel, U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity, since July 2013. Prior to leading the Recovered Chemical Materiel Directorate (RCMD), Mr. Gottschalk served as CMA's Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel since October 2004. He is responsible for development and use of technology to safely eliminate America's non-stockpile chemical materiel in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner.

Mr. Gottschalk began working as an Army engineer and manager in 1981. He joined CMA in 1984 as a project engineer, where he assessed and evaluated the performance of chemical agent monitors and alarms used in storage and destruction operations. From 1987 to 1992, he was lead project engineer for systemization, operations, and closure of the demilitarization facility for the incapacitating agent BZ at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas. From 1992 to 1995, Mr. Gottschalk was lead estimator and project manager for the development of the chemical stockpile demilitarization programmatic cost estimate, and the contract negotiations for the operations and closure sections of the eight stockpile demilitarization plants.

In 1995, Mr. Gottschalk moved to the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP), first as the Business Financial Manager, responsible for the generation of the implementation plan, programmatic schedule, and life cycle cost estimate required to establish the project as an independent Acquisition program; and later as leader of the Equipment Development Team, where he led the development of systems for processing explosively configured non-stockpile chemical material.

In 2001 he was selected as Site Operations Team Chief for NSCMP, where he was responsible for the execution of several projects, including the construction, testing, and operation of the Munitions Assessing and Processing System at Aberdeen Proving Ground, the destruction of the remaining U.S. former chemical weapons production facilities, the destruction of all remaining U.S. Category 3 chemical materiel, and the design, construction, testing, and operation of mobile equipment used to destroy all declared recovered non-stockpile chemical materiel. He was selected as NSCMP Project Manager in 2004, seeing the organization through completion of its treaty obligated missions, and its transition to RCMD in 2013 to continue the safe, effective assessment and destruction of recovered chemical warfare materiel.

Mr. Gottschalk holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg Virginia, and a Master of Science degree in Program Management from The Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

