



# U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS ACTIVITY BIOGRAPHY



## Laurence G. Gottschalk

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Mr. Laurence Gottschalk has served as the Acting Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) since July 2020. As CMA's Director, Mr. Gottschalk oversees the organization's mission to manage the Nation's stockpile of chemical weapons, assess and destroy chemical warfare materiel, comply with chemical weapons treaty, and protect people and the environment.

Mr. Gottschalk served as CMA's Deputy Director beginning in January 2020, where he was responsible for the day-to-day operational conduct of the Headquarters in support of its mission. He served as Director of the CMA Recovered Chemical Materiel beginning in July 2013, after serving as CMA's Project Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel (NSCM) since October 2004. In both roles, he was responsible for development and use of technology to safely assess and destroy America's non-stockpile chemical materiel in an environmentally sound and cost-effective manner.

Mr. Gottschalk began working for the Army in 1981. He joined CMA's predecessor organization 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 development of the chemical stockpile demilitarization programmatic cost estimate and contract negotiations for the operations and closure sections of the eight U.S. stockpile demilitarization plants.

In 1995, Mr. Gottschalk moved to the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project (NSCMP), where he first served as the Business Financial Manager, generating the implementation plan, programmatic schedule and life cycle cost estimate required to establish the project as an independent Acquisition program. He subsequently led the NSCMP Equipment Development Team, which developed systems for processing explosively configured non-stockpile chemical materiel. In 2001 he was selected as NSCMP Site Operations Team Chief, responsible for several projects, including construction, testing, and operation of the Munitions Assessing and Processing System at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, destruction of U.S. former chemical weapons production facilities, destruction of the U.S. Chemical Weapons Convention obligation known as Category 3 chemical materiel, and design, construction, testing and operation of mobile equipment that destroys recovered chemical materiel. During his tenure as Project Manager, the organization completed all treaty-obligated missions and transitioned to RCMD in 2013 to continue the Army's mission for 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.

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