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Mr. Edward J. Hecker serves as the Chief, Office of Homeland Security and Provost Marshal, Directorate of Civil Works, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also serves as the Corps' Northwestern Regional Integration Team leader.

Mr. Hecker is responsible for providing leadership in the coordination and facilitation of USACE Homeland Security missions in support of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of the Army (DA), and the Department of Defense (DOD). He is the program manager for all USACE efforts to assist federal, state, and local emergency management and emergency response organizations with mitigation, planning, training, and exercises necessary to build and sustain capabilities to provide protection from and respond to any emergency or disaster, including a terrorist incident involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD) as well as other natural or manmade hazards. Responsibilities also include leadership of the Corps' Homeland Security and Emergency Management community of practice and protection of the Corps critical water resources infrastructure.

Mr. Hecker began his governmental career in the Corps Baltimore District office (Civil Project Management), and transferred to the Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, D.C., before moving to San Francisco, California. In San Francisco he was the Chief, Emergency Management for the South Pacific Division, which encompassed California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and portions of Idaho, Colorado, and Wyoming. He was the program manager for the Corps response to the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989.

In October 1991, Mr. Hecker returned to Washington, D.C. to assume the position of the Chief, Readiness Branch of the Operations, Construction, and Readiness Division, having responsibility for overall management of the Corps disaster preparedness and response missions.

He has a B.S.C.E. from the John Hopkins University and has earned numerous awards for his performance in response to major disasters, from Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972 to Hurricane Hugo/Loma Prieta Earthquake in 1989, Hurricane Andrew in 1992, and the Midwest Floods of 1993.