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Dear Commissioned Corps Officers,

Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed Chief Professional Officer (CPO). This officer will now serve as an integral part of our Commissioned Corps leadership team. As CPO, RADM Edward M. Dieser will offer guidance and advice to the Surgeon General and administrative committees on matters such as recruitment, retention, and career development of officers within his professional category.

Chief Engineer Officer

RADM Edward M. Dieser

I have included biographical information and photo so that you may get to know RADM Dieser as he begins his transition.

As we move forward, I am confident this dedicated officer will certainly play a vital role in implementing our mission and vision for the future of the Commissioned Corps.

Sincerely,

Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH
VADM, USPHS
Surgeon General

Chief Professional Officer for the Engineer Category
Rear Admiral Edward M. Dieser, P.E.
U.S. Assistant Surgeon General



RADM Edward M. Dieser became the 14th Chief Engineer Officer of the U.S. Public Health Service on January 1, 2018. As the Chief Engineer, RADM Dieser advises the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on policy, resourcing, staffing, and leading professional affairs for engineers and architects serving in the Commissioned Corps. He will also be responsible for advising the Office of the Surgeon General on the recruitment, retention, training, readiness, deployment, and career management of the Corps.

RADM Dieser began his Commissioned Corps career in 2005 as a Lieutenant Commander with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Office. His next assignment with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) included service as CDC's Environmental Manager, Environmental Protection and Radiation Safety Team Lead, and Environmental Management System Developer. His most recent role was the Deputy Associate Director for Emergency Management, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Prior to joining the Commissioned Corps, RADM Dieser's career included seven years as a consultant and eight years as a Medical Service Corps Officer with the U.S. Army rising to the rank of Captain. He served in three positions, including the Chief of the Environmental Engineering Division at the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in Landstuhl, Germany, predecessor to the Army Public Health Center (Europe). He commanded the 172nd Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine) at Hunter Army Airfield, GA and Fort Ord, CA. He was also the Interim Commander and Executive Officer for Company C, 232nd Medical Battalion at Fort Sam Houston, TX. RADM Dieser continued his service in the U.S. Army Reserve until 2003 as a Major.

RADM Dieser's career includes a ship-board humanitarian deployment to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Marshall Islands, multiple deployments to Saudi Arabia and Bosnia, consulting in Kuwait and Korea, health response operations in Liberia, as well as various disaster response missions across the U.S. RADM Dieser received many PHS and Army awards for his outstanding service including the Meritorious Service Medal, Ebola Campaign Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation. He is also the recipient of the 2012 RADM Jerrold Michael and the 2010 Engineer Responder of the Year Awards.

RADM Dieser is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a Master's of Science in Environmental Engineering and the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He is a life member of the Society of American Military Engineers, the Interagency Institute of Federal Healthcare Executives, and is a licensed professional engineer (North Carolina).

RADM Dieser draws inspiration and support from his wife of 20 years, Avril, and their two teenage children, Edward and Adèle.