

James Kish

James R. Kish “Jim” is a native of Palmdale, California. He attended the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. Mr. Kish was assigned as the Director, Technological Hazards Division (THD) at the Federal Emergency Management Agency in April 2008. Concurrently with his THD position, and until it was filled in July 2008, Mr. Kish continued to serve as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the National Integration Center, where he managed efforts to develop and implement various homeland security preparedness programs. Now as the Director, Technological Hazards Division, he is responsible for overseeing preparedness activities related to radiological and chemical hazards in coordination with Federal, State, local, tribal and key private sector partners inside the United States. Prior to his current position, Mr. Kish also served at the Office for Homeland Security, Executive Office of the President as the Director of Training and Exercises. Highlights from his military career include serving as the Chief of Civil Support for the National Guard Bureau; Director of Operations for the Army National Guard; and in a variety of staff and leadership positions in both State and Federal status as an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) full time member during a 25 year career in the Army National Guard, retiring from military service as a Colonel, Special Forces branch in 2004.