

# BOARD BIOGRAPHIES



U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

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### **William E. Wright**

Mr. Wright previously served as Chairman of the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board from 2001 until his appointment by President Bush to the U.S. Chemical Safety Board in 2006. During this time, he worked closely with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment Safety and Occupational Health to effect a safe, rapid elimination of U.S. chemical stockpiles. Prior to this, he served as Commander, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group ONE, responsible for dealing with hazards ranging from civil war ordnance to chemical and nuclear incidents. Earlier in his career, Mr. Wright served as Head of the Ordnance Branch for the Chief of Naval Operations. He later retired as Captain in the United States Navy after having served for 30 years. Mr. Wright earned his bachelors degree and Masters of Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound (Tacoma, WA). He also earned a Master of Arts degree in

National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College (Newport, RI).