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Robert S. Palermo, M.S., Sc.D., is a professional engineer, industrial hygienist and safety professional with over thirty years of experience in professional practice. He has been providing emergency preparedness, disaster response and incident response training for the past twenty-five years. He has been retained by a number of research facilities, laboratories, and colleges and universities to assist them in the preparation of their emergency response and emergency preparedness plans. He is nationally recognized for his expertise in incident and emergency response management. He has obtained certification through the American College of Forensic Examiners (ACFE) in homeland security (in NIMS and CBRNE) and earned by qualifications and written examination the certification of Certified in Homeland Security-Level V and Diplomat Status the highest certification levels currently offered in professional practice. He has been providing Incident Commander (IC), 24-Hour HAZMAT Technician/Specialist, and 40 Hour HAZWOPER training since 1984 to emergency response personnel throughout the U.S.

Dr. Palermo has held several key senior executive management positions over the past 30 years with direct reports to the Board of Directors, CEO and President. His current position is President of RSP Associates, Inc. a health based research and applied science consulting firm located in Reading, Massachusetts. He is a former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) employee and EPA Superfund contractor with over fifteen years of experience. He has been instrumental in training emergency and disaster response personnel, federal and state agency emergency response personnel.

He is a former Captain/06 in the U.S. Navy, Medical Service Corps (Reserve Component). He was mobilized under Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom in 2003 and took charge of the Preventive Medicine Department at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in the Capital District. In that capacity, CAPT. Palermo was responsible for overseeing infectious disease surveillance, managing the smallpox immunization program, West Nile Virus surveillance and working with the hospital in the development of their disaster response and emergency preparedness plan and emergency response procedures to address weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and mass casualty incidents for the Capital District. He worked with the U.S. Public Health and local hospitals in the Capital District in the design and implementation of a joint response training exercise involving a mass casualty and chemical-biological incident response. CAPT Palermo was also a member of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) Disaster Rapid Response Unit- Crisis Assessment Team formed after Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Palermo's is a member of the Advisory Board at the University of Massachusetts, The New England Consortium (TNEC) where he provides HAZMAT/HAZWOPER instruction and training support to safety organizations throughout New England. He is also a training instructor at the Keene State College, OSHA Training Institute in Manchester, NH. He is adjunct faculty at Keene State College, Keene, NH in the Graduate School of Occupational Health and Applied Sciences and at Merrimack College, Andover, MA in the Civil-Environmental Engineering Department and is a guest lecturer at the University of Massachusetts in the Work Environment Program. Dr. Palermo instructs both undergraduate and graduate coursework in industrial hygiene, occupational health and safety, hazardous materials management, environmental sustainability and environmental and chemical engineering.