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Dr. Henry Falk serves as the Director of the Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention (CCEHIP), which is one of four Coordinating Centers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CCEHIP includes a critical core of the Department of Health and Human Services' work in environmental health, the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR), and also includes the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). Dr. Falk served as Director for both the NCEH and ATSDR from 2003, when these two entities consolidated to form NCEH/ATSDR, until February 2004. Dr. Falk came to the CDC in 1972, and he is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. His service with the Corps culminated with his being named Rear Admiral and an appointment as Assistant U.S. Surgeon General. While at NCEH, Dr. Falk led the Center's national effort to prevent and control environment-related diseases, illness, and deaths. He also served NCEH for 14 years as Director of the Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects. At ATSDR, Dr. Falk led the federal agency, whose mission is to protect public health from hazardous releases of toxic substances, from 1999 to February 2005.

Dr. Falk earned his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1968. He received a Master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1976, and he is board-certified in Pediatrics as well as Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. Throughout his career at CDC, Dr. Falk has lent knowledge and leadership to many public health projects around the United States and the world. His work includes contributions to the federal responses to Three Mile Island, Mount St. Helens, Hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, and Katrina, and the September 11th attacks. During the 1980s, Dr. Falk was instrumental in developing the injury prevention programs at CDC. Dr. Falk has authored or coauthored more than 100 publications in a variety of subjects, including vinyl chloride-induced liver cancer, prevention of lead poisoning, and the health effects of environmental hazards. During his career, Dr. Falk and his work have been recognized many times. His honors include the Vernon Houk Award for Leadership in Preventing Childhood Lead Poisoning and the Homer C. Calver Award from the American Public Health Association. He also has received CDC's William C. Watson Jr. Medal of Excellence, as well as the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Public Health Service.