
John P. Quinn



Deputy Director Chief of Naval Operations Energy & Environmental Readiness Division

As Deputy Director, Chief of Naval Operations Energy and Environmental Readiness Division, Mr. Quinn leads four diverse programs essential to warfighter readiness. The Navy Energy Program promotes energy efficiency in ships, aircraft and shore infrastructure; enhances long term energy security through use of alternative fuels and renewable energy; and reduces costs through energy conservation. The Navy Environmental Program ensures protection of the planet's air, water, land and natural resources in all Navy activities at sea and ashore worldwide. The Navy Encroachment Management Program preserves access to Navy sea, land and air operating areas by promoting compatible land use and development in proximity to these areas. The Navy Radiological Control and Health Program administers the Navy Master Materials License, through which Navy and Marine Corps industrial, research and medical facilities are authorized to possess and utilize certain radiological materials.

Appointed to the Senior Executive Service in April 2008, Mr. Quinn has 10 years of federal civilian service and 26 years on active duty in the Navy JAG Corps and Supply Corps.

Mr. Quinn served as Naval Sea Systems Command's (NAVSEA) senior environmental and occupational health attorney from October 2001 through April 2008, providing advice and assistance to the Headquarters, Program Executive Offices, shipyards and warfare centers nationwide.

While serving at NAVSEA the Secretary of the Navy appointed Mr. Quinn to lead an interagency, interdisciplinary working group to research and advise on issues relating to more than \$6 billion in tort claims filed by the residents of the Puerto Rican Island of Vieques, which alleged physical and mental injury from five decades of military training on the Island. Addressing legal, environmental, public health, political and public relations dimensions of the claims, the working group enabled the Department of the

Navy to deny the claims in good faith, to prevail in subsequent litigation, and to effectively convey the Navy message to Congress and the American people.

Mr. Quinn served as the first Environmental Counsel to the Chief of Naval Research from December 2000 to October 2001, where he guided completion of extensive environmental planning processes in support of the full range of Navy research activities worldwide.

As an active duty JAG Corps officer, Mr. Quinn served as the Executive Assistant and Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the Department of the Navy from April 1999 through November 2000. He retired from this position with the rank of Captain in November 2000.

From 1998 through 1999 Mr. Quinn headed the Navy JAG International and Operational Law Division, providing legal advice and assistance to Navy units worldwide. During this time he was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the International Maritime Organization, protecting Navy interests in the designation of restricted areas at sea.

Serving in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment) from 1995 through 1998, Mr. Quinn led the first ever Endangered Species Act consultation covering significant Navy training at sea. The effort resulted in a biological opinion for the protection of Northern Right Whales, winning the Navy accolades from the Marine Mammal Commission and other environmental stakeholders. During this time Congress enacted the Uniform National Discharge Standards amendment to the Clean Water Act, for which Mr. Quinn was the principal architect and spokesman.

In prior military tours Mr. Quinn served as environmental counsel in OPNAV N45 and at the Pacific Fleet Headquarters. He is a plankowner in the aircraft carrier USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). In the Navy Supply Corps he served in USS FARRAGUT (DDG-37) and as aide to the Deputy Commander, Navy Supply Systems Command. His military decorations include three Legion of Merit medals, the Meritorious Service Medal and three Navy Commendation Medals.

Mr. Quinn holds a bachelor's of arts degree (political science and economics), cum laude, from Duke University; a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from the Georgetown University Law Center; and a master's of laws degree (environmental), with highest honors, from the George Washington University.