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Dr. Eppert is the Superintendent of the Marine Geosciences Division and Head, Office of Research Support Service at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) at Stennis Space Center , Mississippi. He directs a broadly based, multidisciplinary program of scientific research, advanced technology development and applied research in marine geosciences, geodesy, geospatial information and systems and related technologies directed towards Naval, DOD and other national applications. He leads a team of 84 scientists, engineers and technical and support personnel which provides new understanding of seafloor processes in littoral, riverine and inland regions; advanced techniques and technology for hydrographic surveying, navigation and acquisition, distribution and display of geospatial and environmental information; and new techniques to exploit tactical sensors on Navy combatants, unmanned underwater vehicles and unmanned airborne systems for environmental characterization of the battlespace in near real time. As Head, Office of Research Support Services, he provides facilities, health and safety, information technology and network, public affairs and high performance computing support to Naval Research Laboratory Stennis Space Center (NRLSSC).

Dr. Eppert was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in September, 1982 and has 43 years of Service.

Dr. Eppert serverd as the Associate Technical Director and Director, Ocean Sciences Directorate, Naval Oceanographic and Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NOARL) from January, 1983 to September, 1992.

He directed a broadly based, multidisciplinary program of scientific research, advanced technology development and applied research in marine geosciences, mapping, charting and geodesy (MC&G), physical and chemical oceanography, marine biology, air-sea interactions and ocean measurement systems in support of Naval, DOD and other national applications.

Dr. Eppert served as Director, Ocean Science and Technology Laboratory, Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA) from September, 1982 to January, 1983. Dr. Eppert was responsible for basic research, technology development and applied research in oceanography,

ocean acoustics, marine biology, marine geosciences, mapping, charting and geodesy (MC&G) and ocean engineering supporting Naval, DoD and other national applications.

The Navy established the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA) located at Stennis Space Center, MS in 1976. Dr. Eppert was selected as Head, Seafloor Geosciences Division, responsible for basic and applied research in marine geology and geophysics supporting Naval, DoD and other national applications.

In 1973, Dr. Eppert was selected Director, Ocean Floor Analysis Division, Naval Oceanographic Office and was responsible for basic and applied research in marine geology, geophysics and geochemistry in support of Navy operational oceanography program.

Dr. Eppert received his Bachelors degree in geology from the University of Florida in 1961 and his master's degree in geology from the University of Florida in 1963. Dr. Eppert received his doctorate in geology from Tulane University in 1967.

Most recently, Dr. Eppert received the Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal in 2006. He was recognized by the Naval Research Laboratory with the NRL Award of Merit for Group Achievement in 2006. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, he received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives in 2004. He was recognized by the Department of the Navy Superior Civilian Award in 1980. Dr. Eppert is still active in eight professional scientific societies including American Associates for the Advancement of Science, American Geophysical Union, Society for Exploration Geophysicists, Oceanography Society, Marine Technology Society, American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Society for Counter-Ordinance Technology and Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists.