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ECBC Celebrates Milchling's Induction into the Senior Executive Service, the First Female in Center's History

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. — The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) celebrated the induction of the Center's Director of Program Integration Suzanne Milchling into the Senior Executive Service (SES), a dedicated corps of executives committed to public service and democratic values of the Constitution, May 25. Milchling's induction marks a significant milestone at ECBC, as she is the first female promoted to SES in the Center's history.

"Suzanne's promotion speaks not only to her past performance, but also to the quality of her character," said Gary Martin, executive deputy to the commanding general at the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. "She proactively mentors others on what it means to be a leader and exemplifies how to retain a team focus. There's no doubt she'll succeed as a leader within ECBC, but also a great asset for Team Aberdeen."

Martin ceremoniously pinned Milchling symbolic of her accession to the SES and administered her service oath. Milchling joins an elite group of approximately 6,800 SES members that represent 0.02 percent of the federal workforce. They serve in key positions just below top presidential appointees and are the major link between the appointees and the federal workforce.

As director of program integration, Milchling manages the business activities and operating processes at ECBC, a research and development (R&D) organization of more than 1,800 scientists, engineers and technicians with the primary core competency of safely handling chemical and biological agents for defensive R&D purposes.

Her responsibilities include chemical and biological surety and policy, Center-wide strategic and business planning, infrastructure support and financial systems integration. Additionally, Milchling directs interagency activities with agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, as well as various state and local government and commercial entities with chemical and biological protection homeland security responsibilities.

"Suzanne has a reputation for bringing people from different parts of the organization, and even across many organizations, together and achieving results," said ECBC Technical Director Joseph Wienand. "She cares about people, she helps people. I'm very proud to know her and we think she's very deserving of SES."

Milchling began her civilian career with the U.S. Army as a chemist nearly three decades ago and has since continued to excel and build her leadership skills in the areas of engineering and chemical and biological defense. Milchling holds a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from Westhampton College at the University of Richmond.

ECBC is the Army's principal research and development center for chemical and biological defense technology, engineering and field operations. ECBC has achieved major technological advances for the Warfighter and for our national defense, with a long and distinguished history of providing the Armed Forces with quality systems and outstanding customer service. ECBC is a US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command laboratory located at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. For more information about the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, please visit our Web site at <http://www.ecbc.army.mil> or call (410) 436-7118.

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