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### Edgewood CB Center Director Receives Presidential Rank Award

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**Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.** – Mr. Jim Zarzycki, Technical Director of the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC), has received the prestigious Presidential Rank Award for 2002, conferred by President George W. Bush. Mr. Zarzycki is one of 293 members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) to receive the rank of Meritorious Executive.

“I am honored and thrilled to receive this recognition,” said Mr. Zarzycki. “I believe it is testimony to the people of ECBC and the work we all do that our leadership has been called out as exemplary among the many federal organizations led by senior executives.”

According to the United States Office of Personnel Management, the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive may be given to 5 percent of the approximately 6,100 career members of the SES. Senior executives are honored for outstanding leadership accomplishments in some of the nation’s most critical programs, including health, commerce, environment and national defense efforts. Winners of the award are chosen via a rigorous selection process that begins with a nomination from their respective agency chiefs. The nominations are then evaluated by boards of private citizens and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results.

Mr. Zarzycki has over 25 years of leadership experience in public and private organizations dealing with toxic and hazardous materials. His leadership of ECBC began in 1998 when he was named Technical Director. Mr. Zarzycki holds responsibility for leading the Army’s non-medical chemical and biological defense program as well as technical efforts in support of several national programs involving chemical demilitarization, the chemical and biological warfare treaties, homeland defense and counter-terrorism.

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