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Dr. Augustus Way Fountain Appointed Senior Research Scientist at Edgewood Chemical Biological Center

Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md— Dr. Augustus Way Fountain III was recently appointed by the Secretary of the Army as the Senior Research Scientist for Chemistry within the Research and Technology Directorate of Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC). In this Senior Technologist position, he is responsible for planning, leading, and conducting cutting edge research in chemical defense related to the Research and Technology Directorate, ECBC, Department of the Army and Department of Defense missions.

Army senior scientists divide their time between conducting research in their own disciplinary areas and serving the Department of Defense as scientific reviewers, program advisors, and mentors of young scientists and engineers. Dr. Fountain is an internationally recognized expert in chemical defense and provides advice to government agencies for developing schedules and milestones for analytical chemistry and nanoscience projects to ensure appropriate emphasis on emerging technologies.

Dr. Fountain was brought to ECBC as part of the Experimental Personnel Program for Scientific and Technical Personnel in 2006 as an eminent expert in electro-optics as it pertained to the chemical and biological standoff detection program. He retired from the Army after 22 years of active duty service that concluded at the U.S. Military Academy, where he was a Professor of Chemistry and served as the Director of the Photonics Research Center. In 2003, he served as the United States Military Academy Fellow to the U.S. Army War College. Dr. Fountain's Army service began in 1985 serving in various capacities related to chemical defense, including active participation in Operations Just Cause with the U.S. Army Rangers in Panama and Desert Shield and Desert Storm in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. .

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) 436-3610.

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