

Commander Jerry Butwid reported as the Chief, Operating and Environmental Standards at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. in June 2021. In this position, he leads the development of operational safety and environmental protection standards for the nation's marine transportation system, commercial shipping, and offshore oil and gas activity.

Throughout his career, he was assigned to several field and staff tours specializing in vessel inspections, marine casualty investigations, waterways management, and pollution response. His previous assignments include serving as the Prevention Department Head of Sector Corpus Christi, TX; Executive Officer of Marine Safety Unit Duluth, MN; Office of Marine Environmental Response at Coast Guard Headquarters; Marine Inspector at Marine Safety Detachment Sturgeon Bay, WI; and Marine Safety Unit Galveston, TX.



A native of The Colony, TX (north of Dallas), Commander Butwid enlisted in the Coast Guard after graduating high school. After five years, he separated to attend college full time. While attending college, he served three years in the Texas Army National Guard in Corpus Christi, TX. Following graduation, he worked with NASA in Houston, TX training astronauts at the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory. He returned to the Coast Guard and received his commission in 2001 through the Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in New London, CT.

Commander Butwid holds a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and a Masters of Science in Environmental and Energy Management from the George Washington University in Washington, DC. He earned the Coast Guard Marine Safety Professional Insignia and his Coast Guard awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (five awards) and Coast Guard Achievement Medal (four awards).