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Jeff Lantz is Director, Commercial Regulations and Standards for the Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship. His responsibilities include the development of U.S. national maritime safety, and environmental protection regulations and policies and overseeing U.S. initiatives in the development of international maritime safety, security and environmental protection standards.

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Mr. Lantz was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in June of 2006. Previously he retired from active duty with the Coast Guard at the rank of Captain in 2003 after numerous assignments in marine safety, including Chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards and Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Center. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the University of Michigan, where he obtained advanced degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.