

Robert E. Acker

Commander Bob Acker, U.S. Coast Guard (retired), owner of Monument, Colorado-based *Ackcellent Consulting* LLC, has over 30 years experience in safety, security, preparedness, infrastructure protection, contingency planning and emergency response in the public and private sectors.

During his active-duty career, he applied preparedness and planning skill sets in complex operating environments, including port operations, transportation security, casualty investigations, environmental crimes task force casework, collaborative partnerships, and coastal zone contingency planning. He advised more than 50 senior officers assigned as coastal zone Federal On-Scene Coordinators under the National Contingency Plan, and developed productive partnerships with state and local stakeholder groups in the response community. He co-chaired a project team that initiated development of a user-friendly, streamlined, electronically searchable regional area contingency plan for oil and hazardous materials response that has been available to the public for more than a decade. He conducted a successful three-year community outreach effort to integrate an all-hazards approach into area planning committee processes.

Bob served as the Coast Guard's Safety and Occupational Health Coordinator for a twenty-two state region encompassing more than 7,000 miles of navigable waterways. He contributed technical content to the development of several U.S. Coast Guard regulatory projects and guidelines, and adapted a risk management approach to enhance commercial maritime workplace safety.

As a commercial consultant, Bob has conducted International Safety Management Code audits & plan revision; International Ship and Port Facility Security training & audits; work site safety program development; hazard assessments; Incident Command System training; environmental health exposure studies; Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards protocol development; and pipeline hazard surveys. He has also provided numerous regulatory outreach sessions for public officials, corporate managers, company, facility, community stakeholders and professional responders. He recently completed a project as transportation security advisor for a government agency in the United Arab Emirates, and served as Safety Officer for the Deepwater Horizon response High Interest Technology Test Team.

Bob holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, two Master of Health Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University, and a Graduate Certificate in Homeland Defense from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. He is a board Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH), Certified Safety Professional (CSP), and Certified Public Health Professional (CPH).