



**US Army Corps
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Galveston District

BIOGRAPHY

Joe McMahan

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Joe McMahan has 22-years of service with USACE and was selected as the Chief of the Regulatory Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District in October 2019. Prior to arriving in Galveston, Texas, Mr. McMahan was the Chief of the Regulatory Program in the Omaha District with responsibility of six states in the Mid-West. He started his federal career with USACE in the Nashville District where he served for 13-years. Mr. McMahan leads the Galveston Regulatory Division which handle approximately 3,000 regulatory actions per year under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

Mr. McMahan has served on several detail opportunities at USACE HQ in Washington D.C. Most recently in 2019, he served in the Office of the Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Council where he worked directly with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Cabinet level staff from various Federal agencies addressing streamline permitting strategies and policy. In addition to his vast regulatory experience, Mr. McMahan has supported numerous Emergency Operations such as Hurricane Ike and Katrina, as well as multiple deployments to Afghanistan North District (AED-N) in support of USACE overseas contingency operations and global war on terrorism.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from East Tennessee State University in 1990. Mr. McMahan spent a few years in the private sector as a consultant for an environmental firm working with DOE and EPA specifically related to legacy HTRW waste solutions. He also has 14-years of service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army active and reserve components. The majority of his military service was spent overseas in various locations as an Armor and Civil Affairs officer.

