

Robert E. Acker, MHS, CIH, CSP, CPH, NHDP  
Commander U. S. Coast Guard (retired)  
Maritime Safety & Public Health Professional



Ackcellent  
Consulting  
LLC

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Served as Senior Investigating Officer for the Western Pacific in Honolulu, where he led a team of commissioned and non-commissioned officers that investigated and documented more than 300 marine casualty investigations.
- Provided adjunct instruction for several academic institutions, including University of Houston, Texas Engineering Extension Service, University of Texas-Houston, Wollongong University - Dubai, Northern Arizona University, and Johns Hopkins University.
- Served as the U.S. Coast Guard's Chief of Port Operations and Response for Houston-Galveston.
- Served as EHS Specialist for the Hurricane Katrina/Rita Salvage Group.
- Deep Water Horizon Task Force Leader and Safety Officer.
- Developed procedures and led the nation's contact tracing team that facilitated continuity of operations for all national regions and the National Response Coordination Center during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

Robert E Acker, is an executive level Consequence Management and Maritime Safety professional with extensive domestic and international experience including leadership during all hazards response operations, pandemic risk management activities, accident investigations, preparedness exercises, critical infrastructure protection, and technical professional development for organizational sustainability of public and private sector working environments.

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **Ackcellent Consulting LLC, Owner**

2000-2003 (Texas); 2009–Present (Colorado)

Responsible for providing consulting services for domestic and international clients in occupational safety, public health, industrial hygiene, training support, and infrastructure protection.

#### **Critical National Infrastructure Authority (UAE), Senior Security Advisor**

2008–2009

Responsible for assisting client with strategic implementation of international standards and best practices for protection of its national critical infrastructure.

#### **West Gulf Maritime Association, Director of Safety, Health & Training**

2006–2008

Provided services in support of 5,000+ member labor union and stevedore companies serving nine U.S. Gulf Coast commercial seaports.

#### **Patriot Companies, Senior Manager**

2003–2006

Provided technical consulting services for international ship management company encompassing safety, industrial hygiene, training, regulatory compliance, and environmental response.

- Served as the Safety Advisor or Safety Officer in response to seven Presidentially Declared Major Disasters including historic flooding, severe storms, winter storms, and a pandemic in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington DC and New York.
- Served as task force leader for the Deepwater Horizon High Interest Technology Test Team during the world largest environmental response effort.

Robert E. Acker, MHS, CIH, CSP, CPH, NHDP  
Commander U. S. Coast Guard (retired)  
Maritime Safety & Public Health Professional



Ackcellent  
Consulting  
LLC

## EDUCATION

### **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

2010

Graduate Certificate in Homeland Defense

### **Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene & Public Health**

1987-1989

Master of Health Science Degrees in Environmental Health Sciences; and Industrial Hygiene & Safety Sciences

### **United States Coast Guard Academy**

1976-1980

Bachelor of Science Degree, Management

## CERTIFICATIONS

### **Certified Industrial Hygienist,**

American Board of Industrial Hygienists

**Certified Safety Professional,** Board of Certified Safety Professionals

**Certified Public Health Professional,** National Board Public Health Examiners

**National Healthcare Disaster Professional,** American Nurses Credentialing Center

- Served as technical advisor for the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security (CFATS) standards guidance development and led the team that reviewed critical infrastructure security plans during implementation of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA).
- Developed procedures and led the nation's contact tracing team that facilitated continuity of operations for all FEMA regions and the National Response Coordination Center during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed leadership training program for an international dive salvage company, a comprehensive industrial hygiene certification review training course for an international partner nation's chemical industry candidate, and the maritime standards course for an OSHA-authorized training school.
- Served as consulting expert witness for several high-profile events, including the Dive Boat CONCEPTION fire, the Motor Yacht ANDIAMO fire, the Towing Vessel SAFETY QUEST allision, and the RoRo GOLDEN RAY salvage.
- Provided emergency response services; including; oil and chemical spill technical specialist; Clean Air Act, MARPOL, STCW, ISM, port and flag state standards compliance internal auditor; Qualified Individual for fleet spill contingency and vessel response plans; and ICS training, risk assessments, and safe work practices for inland and offshore work sites.
- Provided technical representation at regional and national forums for industry and government worker safety and health.
- Served as Qualified Individual for several marine casualties and hazardous substance releases.
- Served as inspector for commercial vessels and transportation infrastructure that included technical representation for a ship management company.
- Conducted exercise development and delivery for Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program (HSEEP) and National Preparedness Exercise Program (NPREP).
- Delivered training and audits for maritime inspections, response, quality management, and technical standards.
- Served as EHS Specialist for the Hurricane Katrina/Rita Salvage Group.

Robert E. Acker, MHS, CIH, CSP, CPH, NHDP  
Commander U. S. Coast Guard (retired)  
Maritime Safety & Public Health Professional



Ackcellent  
Consulting  
LLC

- Provided public health support for the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest wildfires, and the Manitou Springs floods.
- Hazardous Materials response trainer for government, seaport, maritime, energy and healthcare.

#### **United States Coast Guard, Commissioned Officer**

1980–2000

Commissioned by the President of the United States to provide leadership and safety support for the coastal zone and jurisdictions encompassed by the 50 U.S. States and Territories.

- Led 85 members in pollution response, port waterway management, waterfront facility examination, and marine casualty investigation activities in the Port of Houston-Galveston.
- Facilitated community partners that devised major updates to area contingency plans.
- Sponsored a regional hazardous materials infrastructure study, mobilized port community partners, and supervised exercise development for a government led NPREP exercise that focused on high-risk navigation sites and critical infrastructure.
- Served as Senior Investigating Officer in Honolulu, where he led a team of commissioned and non-commissioned officers that investigated and documented more than 300 marine casualty investigations.
- Supervised USCG Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay, Louisiana.
- Served as resident marine inspector for three fabrication and repair shipyards.
- Introduced the Coast Guard's risk management approach to workplace safety.
- Implemented the Coast Guard's first occupational Safety & Health training process.
- Developed and delivered the Coast Guard's first HAZWOPER training
- Served as Total Quality Management facilitator and Quality Management Board member.
- Contributed to regulatory standards and guidance document development activities encompassing benzene risk reduction, confined space entry, commercial vessel health and safety programs, recreational boat carbon monoxide risk reduction, passenger vessel safety, vapor recovery systems, cruise ship security, and site safety management processes.
- Trained and qualified more than 150 active-duty officers, enlisted, and reserve personnel in various operational, engineering, investigation, and support functions required to achieve USCG mission objectives.