

# Karen S. Evans

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## **Karen S. Evans, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator**

Ms. Evans serves as the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Beginning her federal career as a GS-2, Ms. Evans' dedication and leadership propelled her to senior roles across multiple federal departments, where she led major organizational realignments and national initiatives. In her current role she led FEMA's response to Winter Storm Fern, one of the most expansive and severe winter weather emergencies in recent history, as it simultaneously impacted 30+ states.

She joined the FEMA Office of the Administrator as Senior Advisor in July 2025, following her tenure as Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Prior to her service at CISA, Ms. Evans made significant contributions at the Department of Energy (DOE), where she established the Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) and served as its first Assistant Secretary.

In this capacity, she led federal efforts to strengthen the security and resilience of U.S. energy infrastructure against all threats and hazards. She directed national energy emergency response operations, including coordination under Emergency Support Function 12, rapid restoration efforts during hurricanes, wildfires, winter storms, and cyber incidents, and provided real-time situational awareness for governors, utilities, and federal partners. Her leadership expanded DOE's capability to deploy field responders, conduct damage assessments, support fuel and power restoration, and maintain continuity of critical energy systems during major disasters.

Earlier in her career, she served as Chief Information Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and as Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology at the Office of Management and Budget during the George W. Bush administration, overseeing approximately \$71 billion in federal IT spending.

Ms. Evans holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a Master of Business Administration degree from West Virginia University. She resides in Martinsburg, West Virginia with her husband, Randy.



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