



**Dr. Jere L. Dick** was appointed Associate Administrator in October 2013. In this position, he works closely with Administrator Kevin Shea, ensuring the smooth day-to-day functioning of APHIS. Dr. Dick leads APHIS' Business Process Improvement efforts, supports APHIS' emergency response community, and focuses on the work of Veterinary Services (VS), Wildlife Services (WS), and International Services (IS).

Before becoming Associate Administrator, Dr. Dick was the Associate Deputy Administrator and Chief of U.S. Field Operations for VS for four years. In this critical position, Dr. Dick led Agency efforts to protect, sustain, and improve the productivity, marketability, and health of the nation's animals, animal products, and biologics. He also played an integral role in protecting the nation from the introduction of dangerous and costly pests and diseases. Dr. Dick cooperated closely with States, foreign governments, industry, and other organizations to ensure that APHIS fulfilled its vital mission of safeguarding American agriculture.

Dr. Dick began his VS career as a field Veterinary Medical Officer in Helena, Montana, in 1988, after owning and operating two private veterinary practices in the State of Washington for nearly 10 years. He went on to hold a variety of critical positions in VS, including Associate Deputy Administrator for Veterinary National Animal Health Programs and Policy Staff, Eastern Regional Director, Area Veterinarian in Charge, Area Epidemiologist, field veterinary medical officer, as well as Incident Commander and Regional Incident Commander on two different disease eradication campaigns.

Dr. Dick received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University and his Bachelor of Science degree from Northwest Nazarene University.