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William Werkheiser is currently the Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior and is serving as Chair of the Department of the Interior's Chronic Wasting Disease Task Force. Prior to joining the Secretary's Office, Mr. Werkheiser spent more than 30 years at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Nation's largest water, earth, and biological science, and civilian mapping agency. He served in a number of technical and leadership positions, including Deputy Director and acting Director. Prior to his selection as Deputy Director, Mr. Werkheiser was the Associate Director for Water where he was responsible for all aspects of water science programs in the USGS, which is the largest provider of hydrologic information in the world. Before becoming Associate Director for Water, Mr. Werkheiser served as the Eastern Regional Director where he oversaw 41 Science Centers across a complex region encompassing the 26 States east of the Mississippi, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As Regional Director, he led over 3,000 people supported with budgets of over \$380 million in appropriated and partner funding. He led the USGS in delivering tools and technologies to support the President's Executive Order for the Chesapeake Bay and for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the largest single partner-funded effort ever conducted by USGS. Mr. Werkheiser began his 30-year Federal career with the USGS as a scientist investigating issues including the impacts of development on water supplies, the movement and fate of pollutants, and the effects of rising sea level on coastal aquifers. He has held a number of leadership positions, including Director, USGS Pennsylvania Water Science Center, lead of the Natural Hazards Initiative, and lead of the Long-term Hurricane Katrina Response and Recovery Team for USGS.