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Samuel (Sam) Coleman is the Deputy Regional Administrator (February 2012) and most recently served as the Director of the Superfund Division with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 in Dallas, Texas. Samuel Coleman has had a distinguished career at the Environmental Protection Agency and joined EPA in April 1989.

Samuel Coleman has had a distinguished career at the Environmental Protection Agency. In particular, in August 2005 he served as EPA's Senior Federal Official in New Orleans to guide the response to Hurricane Katrina. That category 4 storm brought severe damage and destruction to thousands of residential and commercial properties. When the levees broke in New Orleans, the situation became disastrous with entire communities of homes sitting in contaminated floodwater up to 25 feet deep. Sam put together the EPA team tasked with fulfilling the emergency response and recovery missions assigned to EPA by the state and FEMA. For these efforts, Sam was awarded a Meritorious Presidential Rank Award in 2009.

Mr. Coleman held several positions at EPA prior to his current position, including Superfund Director, Director of the Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division in Region 6 and Deputy Director of the Office of Site Remediation Enforcement at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

As Superfund Director, he was responsible for hazardous waste site assessment and ranking for the National Priorities List; cleanup and promotion of reuse of abandoned hazardous waste sites through the brownfields program; other activities related to clean-up of hazardous materials; emergency response and removal of oil spills and other hazardous material spills; and the emergency readiness and counter-terrorism program in the Region.

Before coming to EPA, Mr. Coleman held several positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Dallas/Fort Worth area and in Seoul, Korea. The Corps of Engineers experience primarily involved design and construction of civil works and military construction projects.

Mr. Coleman received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Prairie View A & M University and is a Registered Professional Engineer.