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EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) was created in 1985 in response to the Bhopal incident. CEPPO provides leadership, builds partnerships, and offers technical assistance to prevent and prepare for chemical emergencies; respond to environmental crises; inform the public about chemical hazards in their community; and share lessons learned about chemical accidents.

Deborah Dietrich, director of CEPPO, joined the Environmental Protection Agency in 1986. She holds several positions of leadership including Agency Emergency Coordinator and Chair of the National Incident Coordination Team (NICT), a multi-office team that coordinates EPA's activities during national and international environmental incidents. She is also the chair of the National Response Team, an organization of 16 federal agencies that coordinates federal planning, preparedness, and response actions.

Ms. Dietrich is not new to the emergency management community as she made many contributions to the Superfund Program in EPA's Office of Emergency and Remedial Response from 1986 through 1995. Within that organization, she held a variety of positions including Director of the Emergency Response Program.

From 1995 through June of 2002, Ms. Dietrich worked in the Office of Resources Management and Administration in EPA's Office of Research and Development. Earlier in her career she spent 10 years at the Department of Energy where she held several positions in the management and budget fields. Ms. Dietrich has earned two Bachelor Degrees, one from the University of Maryland (business) and one from Salisbury State University (education).