



CAPT Alan Echt USN (Ret.), MPH, PhD, CIH

Board Position: Retired

CAPT Echt retired in 2020 after a 30-year career in USPHS. Prior to joining PHS, he worked as an industrial hygienist for BP Oil Company. CAPT Echt earned a BS in psychobiology in 1981 from the University of California at Riverside, an MPH in industrial hygiene from the University of Michigan in 1985, and a DrPH from the University of Kentucky in 2012. He has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 1989.

As an Environmental Health Officer (EHO), CAPT Echt spent his entire USPHS career at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Cincinnati, Ohio. In his last position, he was the senior research industrial hygienist with the Office of Construction Safety and Health. His research at NIOSH focused on silica dust control in the construction industry.

CAPT Echt served on the COA Legislative Affairs committee for several years and most recently as committee chair. His advocacy at the state level has focused a lot on Ohio and he has developed a state advocacy guide for PHS officers. He has also created a guide for state taxes for retired officers. He continues to assist COA with the federal legislative agenda.

CAPT Echt's awards include the USPHS Distinguished Service Medal, the EHO Professional Advisory Committee's Moran and Todd awards, and the COA Brutsche award.

CAPT Echt and his wife Lisa Cope live in Mason, Ohio with two cats. They have three children: Daniel, a veterinarian; Joseph, an engineer; and Hannah, an industrial hygienist.