



**Rear Admiral
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Rear Admiral Peter Neffenger is the Director of Strategic Management and Doctrine for the United States Coast Guard and most recently served as the Deputy National Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill – the largest and most complex oil spill in the nation’s history.

Previous to this he served as Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District from May 2008 to April 2010. In this capacity he led nearly 7,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women serving throughout the five Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence Seaway.



A native of Elyria, Ohio, Rear Admiral Neffenger was commissioned in 1982 at Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia. He has had a diverse career of operational and staff assignments across the spectrum of Coast Guard missions. Notable among these, he was Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator and Commander of Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles – Long Beach, California; he served as engineer on U.S. Coast Guard Cutter GALLATIN (WHEC721); he was the Coast Guard Liaison Officer to the Territory of American Samoa, he served two years as a Coast Guard Fellow on the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee; and was Chief of the Office of Budget and Programs at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, where he was the principal budget advisor to the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Neffenger has earned three Master’s degrees: in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island; in Public Administration from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government; and in Business Management from Central Michigan University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio.

Rear Admiral Neffenger has received numerous military and civic awards, including recognition by the Coast Guard Foundation for his accomplishments in American Samoa and by the Department of Justice for his assistance in prosecuting environmental crimes in Northern California.