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Mark W. Beddoes is the Acting Director, On-Site Inspection and Building Capacity Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) located on Fort Belvoir, Virginia. DTRA enables the Department of Defense, the U.S. Government, and international partners to counter and deter weapons of mass destruction and emerging threats.

Mr. Beddoes oversees the planning and implementation of U.S. arms control activities under numerous bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements. He also provides oversight of international CWMD security cooperation and building partner capacity activities that advance DoD, interagency, and partner nation capability to counter WMD proliferation and prepare for and respond to CBRNE events.

Mr. Beddoes is a retired U.S. Navy Commander and Naval Aviator with over 20 years of active service. He served in a variety of operational and staff assignments in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. His final active duty assignment was to DTRA where he served as a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty inspection team chief and as the Chief of the START/Nuclear Branch.

Following his military retirement in 2008, Mr. Beddoes returned to DTRA as the Deputy Chief of the Security Cooperation Branch, and from 2009 to 2014 was the Chief of the START/Nuclear Policy Branch. From 2015 to 2022, he served as the Chief of the Interagency Liaison and Treaty Support Department, where he oversaw a team of arms control and building partner capacity experts that advised the interagency policy community, conducted arms control training and support activities, and assisted with the planning and preparation for future agreements.

He holds a Master of Science in Operations Research from the Naval Postgraduate School and a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Mr. Beddoes is married to the former Luz Villanueva of Chesapeake, Virginia. They have three children and reside in Gainesville, VA.

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