

# James O. Simmons

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## Biography

James O. Simmons is currently the Hazardous Materials Program Manager in the Western Service Center located in Denver, Colorado of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration within the US Department of Transportation.

While in Washington, DC, he served as the Acting Chief of two offices within the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. He was the acting Chief of the Research and Development Office within the Engineering and Research Division at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, a position he has held from August 2010 to April 2013. His office is responsible for providing the scientific, technical and analytical research needed to address risks associated with HM transportation. He was also the Acting Chief for the Program Development, Risk Management and Data for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration where he focused on the development of key rulemakings and program systems to analyze data to address specific risk associated in the transportation of hazardous materials.

James also served as the Chief of the Hazardous Materials Division in Washington, DC for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) from 2005 to 2010. In that job he provided leadership to the FMCSA's Hazardous Materials Division; accomplished the agency's hazardous materials serious incidents goal in 2008; developed performance measurement tools to increase productivity and resources as much as 40%. He provided policy direction and guidance to over 400 Federal personnel and over 12,000 State law enforcement personnel during his tenure at FMCSA.

James has held and served in several positions within the Department of Transportation, including: Transportation Specialist, Hazardous Materials Specialist, Safety Investigator, Computer Specialist, State Program Specialist, Federal Program Specialist, and Acting Office Director of Enforcement and Compliance.

He was detailed to the Office of the Secretary as a Policy Analyst where he developed, coordinated and evaluated Departmental policy to address legislative and regulatory issues affecting Departmental safety initiatives.

James has been in public service for over 21 years and began his career as a Dwight D. Eisenhower Fellowship Recipient. He holds a degree in Physics with a minor in Mathematics.

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