



Chris Henry

Deputy Director, Naval Warfare

Office of the Secretary of Defense – Director, Operational Test and Evaluation

Mr. Chris Henry was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in 2021 as the Deputy Director, Naval Warfare for the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E), Office of the Secretary of Defense. In this capacity, he is directly responsible for the adequacy of operational test (OT) and evaluation for naval warfare systems, including submarines, warships, unmanned vehicles, missiles and torpedoes, within the Department of Defense. His responsibilities include oversight for the conduct of major weapons system assessments and reporting to the Secretary of Defense and Congress.

Mr. Henry received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Commissioned as a naval officer in 1991, he instructed at the Naval Nuclear Power School. In 1994, he transitioned to the submarine force and served on four fast attack submarines; including the USS *Trepang* (SSN 674), USS *Albuquerque* (SSN 706), USS *Los Angeles* (SSN 688) and USS *Buffalo* (SSN 705). He served his final two years conducting operational test and evaluation of naval warfare systems at Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation. He retired from the Navy in 2012 with 22 years total service.

Mr. Henry began a career in government service at the Director, Operational Test and Evaluation in 2012. He completed 8 years as the primary analyst for undersea warfare programs; including airborne, surface, and subsurface systems. He oversaw operational test programs for 14 military acquisition systems. He additionally directed the Joint Test and Evaluation Program from 2021 to 2022.