

William Sanders, PhD

Dr. William Sanders was appointed Director of the National Center for Environmental Research (NCER) on October 1, 2007, in EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). NCER's mission is to support high-quality research by the nation's leading scientists that will improve the scientific basis for decisions on national environmental issues and help EPA achieve its goals.

NCER is one of three national laboratories and two national centers that mirror the National Academy of Sciences' risk assessment paradigm by focusing on exposure (National Exposure Research Lab), effects (National Health and Environmental Effects Research Lab), risk assessment (National Center for Environmental Assessment) and risk management (National Risk Management Research Lab). NCER supports leading-edge, extramural research in each of these areas of national environmental concern. The technical staff who work for NCER have backgrounds in engineering, ecological and health sciences, communication and information management.

Prior to this assignment, Dr. Sanders served as Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances. During that period, from March 1, 2004 to October 1, 2007, he served as the Acting Director, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, in the Office of the Administrator. Before assuming responsibilities as the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Dr. Sanders served as the Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), appointed on May 1, 1995. From 1979 to 1995, Dr. Sanders served as the Director of EPA Region 5's Environmental Sciences Division, and as the Deputy Director of Region 5's Water Division from 1976 to 1979.

Dr. Sanders holds the following degrees:

- University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Dr. P.H. Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, 1992.
- DePaul University, Chicago, M.S. in Management of Public Service, major in Quantitative Methods, 1974.
- University of Illinois at Chicago, B.S. in Civil Engineering, Structural Design, 1969.