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Geoffrey Donahue is the Director of Emergency Preparedness & Response for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and serves as Maryland's designated State On-Scene Coordinator (SOSC) under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). He began his tenure with MDE in 2004 as the Division Chief of Emergency Response, and previously served with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, in the Office of Domestic Preparedness.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Donahue has led responses to numerous complex incidents, including major oil spills, hazardous materials releases, and fires, at industrial facilities as well as in all modes of transportation (highway, rail, air and maritime). Notably, he served as a key member of the Unified Command for high-profile operations including the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, the grounding of the *M/V Ever Forward*, and the recent explosion aboard the bulker *W Sapphire*. Committed to public safety and emergency response, he also serves as a part-time field instructor for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute, teaching courses in firefighting, hazardous materials, rescue, and management disciplines.