

John L. Henshaw
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As Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, John L. Henshaw heads the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Henshaw has more than 26 years' experience directing environmental, safety and health programs in the chemical industry. Most recently he served as director of environment, safety and health for Astaris LLC, a joint venture between Solutia and FMC Corporation. Previously, he held a similar position for Solutia.

Henshaw received his master's degree in environmental health administration and industrial health from the University of Michigan in 1974 and his undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University. He served as president of the 12,000-member American Industrial Hygiene Association from 1990 to 1991 and chaired the AIHA Foundation's endowment campaign in 1996.

He has served on the EPA National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Advisory Board, on the University of Michigan and St. Louis University advisory boards, the Registrar's Accreditation Board and the joint RAB-ANSI (American National Standards Institute) board for environmental programs.

Henshaw has authored articles on safety and health management as well as chapters in industrial hygiene and management textbooks. He also served three and a half years in the Air National Guard as a bio-environmental engineer with the rank of Captain and was honorably discharged in 2000.

Named by President George W. Bush to head OSHA on June 13, 2001, Henshaw was confirmed by the Senate on August 3, 2001.

He and his wife have four grown children and four grandchildren. Henshaw enjoys sailing, golf and other outdoor activities.