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Dr. Erik Svendsen is the Founding Director of the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP) in CDC's National Center for Environmental Health. In 2018 Dr. Svendsen was selected to lead DEHSP after the two former programmatic divisions were strategically realigned. Dr. Svendsen has since built strong and diverse DEHSP leadership and developed the inaugural division strategic plan. He has initiated secondary strategic planning to update and align the division with new Agency and Administration priorities and opportunities. DEHSP holds the CDC Climate and Health Program, Tracking Program, and environmental justice is woven into all that we do. These have been recently elevated within our strategic planning. Environmental health hazards include both non-infectious (e.g., lead, radon) and infectious disease threats (e.g., viruses in air, food or drinking water; like norovirus on a cruise ship). Therefore, DEHSP collaborates across CDC on many infectious and chronic diseases while supporting environmental public health professionals across the USA through our funding mechanisms. DEHSP is helping lead the current CDC-wide environmental justice and climate change and health strategic initiatives. Our VSP collaborates with DGMQ to lead the Maritime Unit within the COVID EOC.