

## **PLENARY SESSION**

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### **U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development Introduction**

Wayne Cascio, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science for the Office of Research and Development | *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Dr. Wayne Cascio thanked the Organizing Committee for the introduction and extended a welcome to participants. He expressed gratitude and pride for ORD scientists' outstanding work and efforts to identify risks and decontamination measures pertaining to SARS-CoV-2.

Dr. Cascio remarked that remaining vigilant to the risks to our society and institutions, whether they be chemical, biological, or cyber in nature, is critically important for our international community of scientists who are working to bring to practice the means to protect us from such threats. Dr. Cascio was pleased to help kick off the 2021 Decontamination Conference and provide an opportunity for collaboration. He then introduced U.S. EPA Deputy Administrator, Dr. Janet McCabe.

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