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Dr. Reiter joined the EPA Health Effects Research Laboratory (HERL) in 1973. From 1978 through 1988 he served as the first Director of EPA's Neurotoxicology Division, establishing a major research program in neurotoxicology. In 1988, he was appointed as Director of HERL with responsibility for EPA's health research program. From 1995 to 2005, Dr. Reiter was the Director of the National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory (NHEERL). The NHEERL develops methods, models and data to assess the health and ecological effects of pollutants and other anthropogenic stressors.

Dr. Reiter serves on the advisory panels of numerous organizations, both within EPA as well as in the scientific community, including the World Health Organization and the National Academy of Sciences.

He is the recipient of a number of awards, including the Presidential Distinguished Executive Award for leadership in defining and strengthening the vital role of science at EPA, as well as the Presidential Meritorious Executive Award, both presented by the White House in recognition of outstanding achievement in public service. He has served on the editorial boards for a number of toxicology journals, held adjunct appointments in toxicology at several universities (e.g., University of North Carolina School of Medicine), and has been elected to various positions in national scientific organizations.

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