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Mr. Aaron Jenkins is the Department Head of the Energetics Manufacturing Technology Department at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD). In this role, he provides leadership in the modernization and development of the Navy's Arsenal energetic production strategy, offering expert technical and programmatic advice on all facets of energetic manufacturing, from scale-up and production to the safe disposal of explosive waste. He also directs research, development, testing, and evaluation for new energetic production processes.

With over 17 years of dedicated service at NSWC IHD, Mr. Jenkins brings a wealth of expertise in materials testing, formulation optimization, and explosive safety. He is committed to ensuring that energetic innovations directly translate into a tactical advantage for the warfighter by delivering solutions that are more effective, powerful, and reliable for their mission needs.

Mr. Jenkins has steadily advanced through several key leadership positions within the command. Most recently, he served as the acting and deputy Department Head for the Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) Department, where he had technical oversight of all energetics research, T&E, and CBRD operations. Before that, he was the manager for the Applied Analytical Branch, providing critical chemical testing for manufacturing, engineering, and research programs. He began his career at NSWC IHD in 2008 as a analytical bench chemist, which provided him with a robust foundational understanding of energetic materials.

Mr. Jenkins earned his Bachelor of Science from Salisbury University in 2008. A native of Waldorf, Maryland, he currently resides in Crofton, Maryland with his wife, Katie, and their two children, Colby and Raegan.

