

Jim Blankenhorn

President and Program Manager



Jim Blankenhorn is President and Program Manager of United Cleanup Oak Ridge (UCOR), which is performing cleanup operations under the \$8.3 billion Oak Ridge Reservation Cleanup Contract for the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management.

Jim leads a 2,300-strong workforce that is safely eliminating more than 200 Manhattan Project and Cold War era excess production facilities on the footprints of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 National Security Complex. This effort provides land for cutting edge science missions, nuclear deterrence modernization, and continued economic growth in East Tennessee.

This effort has delivered more than 2,500 acres of federal land for establishing a commercial nuclear innovation hub that has attracted \$16 billion in next-generation nuclear investments, preserved 3,500 acres for conservation, and established key facilities for the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.

Before joining UCOR, Jim was Amentum Senior Vice President for Operations, leading the North America Business Line. He was responsible for a profit and loss portfolio of over \$1.5 billion in revenue annually. He also served as Chairman of the UCOR Board of Managers.

He has more than 38 years of experience in nuclear safety, nuclear facility operations and processes, decontamination and decommissioning, engineering, and project management supporting Department of Energy Environmental Management and National Nuclear Security Administration and Department of Defense programs.

Jim earned an active duty commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a Distinguished Military Graduate in the Chemical Corps. He attended the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning Georgia, and completed Officer Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and the U.S. Army Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Jim served in a variety of roles with the Army Reserve, including Assistant S-2 for the 415th Chemical Brigade in Greenville South Carolina; Assistant S-3 for the 4013th Garrison Support Unit at Fort Polk, Indiana; 457th Chemical Battalion Commander in Pelzer, South Carolina; New Mexico Emergency Planning Liaison Officer in Santa Fe, New Mexico; and 3rd Brigade Commander with the 75th Gulf Division, in Birmingham Alabama.

In 2014, Jim was selected as a Brigadier General and assigned as the Deputy Commanding General of the 335th Signal Command (Theater) in East Point Georgia, responsible for Army Reserve Chemical and Signal assets. He was next selected as the Deputy Commanding General of the 76th Division (Operational Response) at Fort Douglas, UT. In that role, he also served as the Deputy Commanding General for Task Force 76 and as the senior Army Reserve Chemical Officer and the Army Reserve Chemical Corps Personnel Advisor.

In June 2017, Jim was assigned as the Commanding General for the 76th Division at Fort Douglas, Utah, and Commanding General for Task Force 76 at Westover, Massachusetts, until his retirement later that year.

Education

Master of Strategic Studies

U.S. Army War College,
Carlisle Pennsylvania

Master of Science, Hazardous Waste Management

National Technology University
Fort Collins, Colorado

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry

Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Florida

Previous Positions

Senior Vice President for Operations

Amentum
Aiken, South Carolina

Deputy Project Manager and Chief Operating Officer

Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)
Carlsbad, New Mexico

Chief Operating Officer

Perma-Fix Environmental Services
Atlanta, Georgia

Deputy Project Manager

West Valley Environmental Services
West Valley, New York