

Kansas City Commodity Office

Vacant, Director

The Office of the Director (OD) has the mission to manage the acquisition, handling, storage, transportation, and disposition of agricultural commodities in order to carry out Commodity Credit Corporation program commitments and to administer the United States Warehouse Act.

Kansas City Commodity Office Deputy Directors and Divisions:

[Steven P. Miteff](#), Deputy Director

- **Dairy and Domestic Operations Division**

Patricia A. Jennings, Chief

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Dairy and Domestic Operations Division (DDOD) participates in the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) operational planning involving concentration and reconcentration of dairy products, purchase and distribution of various processed products, making recommendations from the standpoint of merchandising outlets, inventory management, taking into consideration storage availability and past performance by warehouseman and vendors in complying with shipping instructions and orders, and in completing other services.

- **Export Operations Division**

Nelson Randall, Chief

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The Export Operations Division (EOD) purchases and delivers agricultural commodities to foreign countries under the Food for Peace Program (Title II and III); Food for Progress Program, Section 416, through voluntary agencies, World Food Program, and the Agency for International Development. EOD also arranges for survey of cargo at destination ports and delivery locations for a number of non-governmental organizations.

- **Planning and Analysis Division**

Khristy Baughman, Chief

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Planning and Analysis Division (PAD) is responsible for analysis and evaluation of Processed Commodity Inventory Management System (PCIMS), Grain Inventory Management System (GIMS), Cotton On-Line Processing System (COPS) applications, coordinating software and hardware needs for KCCO, user assistance for personal computer applications, coordinating with KCMO on software development, and assisting in the development of strategic plans for KCCO.

[William E. Turbitt](#), Deputy Director

- **Bulk Commodities Division**

Jerry Cornell, Chief
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The Bulk Commodities Division (BCD) markets and manages the inventories of several commodities such as cotton, grain, rice, oilseeds, sugar and peanuts owned by Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and regularly analyzes the location, condition, and quantity of these stocks.

They also administer the contracting and compliance for storage with warehouses under the terms of various storage agreements such as the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement (UGRSA), Cotton Storage Agreement (CSA), Peanut Storage Agreement (PSA), and Sugar Storage Agreement (SSA).

In accordance with program objectives and authorized directives, determines and posts applicable county prices, buys or otherwise acquires, sells, exchanges or disposes of grain, oilseeds, cotton, seeds, rice, sugar, peanuts, and empty bags. Prepares and issues announcements for the purchase and sale of assigned commodities. Coordinates Ocean Freight bookings for bulk grain donation programs.

- **Contract Reconciliation Division**

Gregory M. Borchert, Chief
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Administers the Bioenergy program and the Extra Long Staple Cotton and Upland Cotton Domestic User/Exporter agreements. Authorizes payment for domestic transportation, Export Enhancement and Dairy Export Incentive Programs, Sunflower-seed and Cottonseed Oil Assistance Programs, and surveys of cargo discharged in foreign countries. Assures compliance for the End-Use Certificate Program and financial compliance for the Uniform Grain and Rice Storage Agreement, Cotton Storage Agreement, and Processed Commodities Storage Agreement. Monitors the transportation of commodities shipped under CCC sponsored humanitarian programs and provides oversight of private voluntary organizations (PVO's) with respect to handling export commodities while in the PVO's care and custody. Pursues and adjudicates debt by and against CCC resulting from export and domestic transportation, stevedore, warehouse, and vendor losses.

- **Warehouse License and Examination Division**

Tim Mehl, Chief
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Warehouse License and Examination Division (WLED) performs warehouse examinations in support of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Uniform Storage Agreements and the United States Warehouse Act (USWA). Such examinations ensure the integrity of agricultural commodities stored in approved/licensed facilities and that the facilities meet established approval standards.

**Deputy Director,
Kansas City Commodity Office**

Steven P. Miteff



Steve Miteff currently serves as Deputy Director, KCCO. His duties include overseeing the functional responsibilities of the Export Operations Division, Dairy and Domestic Operations Division, and the Planning and Analysis Division.

Mr. Miteff performed his normal duties and served as the Acting Director, from April 1996 through February 1997, to oversee the office mission of managing the disposition of food commodities acquired under a variety of farm and food assistance programs administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Prior to his move to Kansas City in January 1996, Mr. Miteff served as Chief, Contract Management Branch, Procurement and Donations Division, in Washington, D. C. His responsibilities included the development of program policies, commodity and packaging specifications, and contract terms and conditions for commodities procured by KCCO under domestic and foreign food assistance programs.

Mr. Miteff began his government career in 1980 as the FSA Packaging specialist. His primary responsibility was to provide the Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations with recommendations on matters pertaining to the delivery of commodities acquired under government price support programs and commodities purchased under food assistance programs. These assistance programs include the National School Lunch Program domestically and the Food for Peace Program overseas.

He was born in Lansing, Michigan, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Packaging from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, in 1979. Mr. Miteff has served as National President of the National Institute of Packaging Handling, and Logistics Engineers (NIPHLE) and now serves that organization in an advisory capacity. In addition to his extensive involvement in domestic programs, he has evaluated food distribution systems in Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Haiti, India, Ivory Coast, Senegal, and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Miteff has received numerous awards during his career including a number of FSA Administrator's Awards for enhancing the integrity of food assistance and commodity price support programs, NIPHLE's John C. Wilford Memorial Award for extraordinary contributions to the field of packaging, and USDA's William A. Jump Award for noteworthy service in public administration.

**Deputy Director,
Kansas City Commodity Office**

William (Bill) Turbitt



Bill Turbitt serves as Deputy Director, KCCO. His duties include overseeing the functional responsibilities of the Bulk Commodity Division, Contract Reconciliation Division, and Warehouse License and Examination Division.

Mr. Turbitt began his government career in 1980 with the Federal Grain Inspection Service in Houston, Texas. He transferred to FSA in Kansas City in 1982 and worked as a marketing specialist dealing with CCC inventories and warehouse storage agreements. In 1992 he became branch chief of the Dairy Procurement and Inventory Branch. His primary responsibilities were to supervise the operations of the Milk Price Support Program and to oversee the procurement and delivery of dairy products under food assistance programs, including the National School Lunch Program.

He was born in Warwick, Rhode Island, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Plant and Soil Science and a Master of Science degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Rhode Island. He also received a Master of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in Finance, from the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

Mr. Turbitt is married and has two children, a girl and a boy.