



## Past NTSS President, Dr. William K. Boyes named as a Finalist for Career Achievement in Public Service (the “Sammie Award”)

[William K. Boyes, Ph.D.](#), a Past President of NTSS and an employee of EPA's Office of Research and Development, is a finalist for a 2019 [Samuel J. Heyman Service Award](#) in the category of Career Achievement. The Sammie Award (or “Sammies”), is a premier honor considered the “Oscar” of government service and is bestowed to individuals through a rigorous selection process. Dr. Boyes’ nomination is based on a lifetime of research on the neurotoxicity of environmental pollutants and their contribution to the national and global disease burden. His 38+ years of federal service has contributed to occupational and environmental standards for exposure to pesticides, organic solvents, biofuels, fuel additives, and engineered nanomaterials.

Dr. Boyes is a neurotoxicologist at the EPA in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. He has a PhD in Environmental Health from the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, and received postdoctoral training in neurotoxicology as a National Research Council Associate at EPA. He is the author/coauthor of over 150 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and federal government reports such as Reports to Congress and Research White Papers on a range of topics. His current research focuses on potential effects of environmental exposure to engineered nanomaterials.

The recognition of Dr. Boyes for this award reflects the overall importance of neurotoxicology research as published in Toxicological Sciences and the critical role this scientific field plays in protecting public health.