

## **Dr. Duane Boline, Kansas Public Health Laboratory Director, Visits NPHL**

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Dr. Duane Boline, Director of the Division of Health and Environmental Laboratories for the State of Kansas, visited NPHL to participate in a review of the chemical terrorism preparedness activities on May 20 and 21. The visit, hosted by Dr. Doug Stickle, Associate Director for the Chemical Terrorism Section at the NPHL, noted that, “Dr. Boline is an expert in analytical spectrometry and has established chemical testing laboratories in both the private and public sectors, and therefore is very knowledgeable about many of the challenges we are facing”. In meetings with Dr. Stickle and other members of the laboratory, Dr. Boline discussed his experience with the various assays being introduced by the CDC for the chemical terrorism preparedness program. During his seminar, Dr. Boline emphasized the importance of understanding the relative risk of the various chemical agents to laboratory workers. In addition to his seminar regarding the laboratory response to terrorist acts involving chemicals, Dr. Boline toured the microbiology and special pathogens laboratory sections. Dr. Boline said, “this is a great opportunity for our states to work together and I am happy to share what we have learned with my colleagues in Nebraska”.

*Pictured below are Dr. Duane Boline (center) with Dr. Douglas Stickle (left) and Dr. Steven Hinrichs (right).*

