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Chris Diaz is the lab manager of the Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility (NCTRF) Testing and Evaluation Laboratories, which include biophysical, flame, and textile performance labs. Ze joined NCTRF in October 2020 as a physical scientist in both the Organizational and Protective Clothing Group and the Design and Testing Laboratories Group. Chris is now a senior project leader and scientist in the Design and Testing Laboratory Group. Chris has over 10 years of experience in research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) and acquisitions for military clothing.



Chris is the project lead on two Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) research and development projects for Navy Shipboard cold weather clothing, as well as, NCTRF's biophysical testing lead. Chris conducts thermal manikin testing in support of programs from Joint Project Manager (JPM) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Protection, Marine Corps Program Manager Infantry Combat Equipment (PM ICE), Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier, Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) Soldier Center, Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Navy Experimental Diving Unit, US Coast Guard, academic institutions, and commercial companies.

From 2010 - 2020 Chris worked as a textile technologist for Army CCDC Soldier Center providing matrixed technical and programmatic support to Marine Corps PM ICE. As the Marine Corps cold weather clothing project engineer, Chris led research and development efforts for product improvements and new item development for the USMC mountain cold weather and extreme cold weather (ECW) clothing programs. Chris was integral to the PM ICE Clothing and Equipment team by providing statistical data analysis and written durability and user evaluation reports for cold weather, combat, and dress clothing programs, such as the Marine Corps tropical combat uniform, cold weather cap, and female dress blue coat. Chris was also the subject matter expert for insect repellent treatment of Marine Corps uniforms.

Chris has DAWIA certification in Engineering Level III and Production, Quality, and Manufacturing Level I. Chris holds a secret clearance level.

Chris grew up in North Carolina, where ze attended North Carolina State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Mx. Diaz completed their Master of Science in Fiber Science at Cornell University. In their free time, Chris enjoys volunteering and the outdoors.