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Rochelle J. Lipsitz: Director, Office of International Affairs

Rochelle J. Lipsitz was appointed director of the Office of International Affairs within the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in June 2004. In that position, she is responsible for coordinating FEMA's interactions with the emergency management officials of countries from around the world and coordinating with the department's international affairs officials.

Before joining FEMA, Ms. Lipsitz was a managing partner of Border Crossings, L.C., a strategic and implementation group that assists companies in expanding or entering international markets. Previously, Ms. Lipsitz served as group vice president of international business at The Mills Corporation, as senior managing director at Border Solutions, L.L.C., and as vice president and corporate secretary at Hills Enterprises, Ltd., a Washington D.C.-based international merchant banking firm.

Ms. Lipsitz's career has included business interactions in most regions of the world, including Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, and has involved various industries as well as trade policy, institutional investing, and manufacturing and distribution. Ms. Lipsitz began her career as director of international affairs at various U.S. law firms. She has also worked in strategic planning and market analysis and has been a guest lecturer at George Mason University.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Ms. Lipsitz holds a B.A. in Spanish and German Literature and Language from the University of Missouri and an M.S. in International Business from American University. She is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, The World Affairs Council and Women in Foreign Policy Group.

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