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Dr. Catherine Marsh serves as the Director of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA). As IARPA's fifth full-time Director, she is responsible for implementing high-risk, high-payoff, technically viable research programs to address the Intelligence Community's most challenging intelligence gaps and provide our nation with an overwhelming intelligence advantage. Prior to this assignment, Dr. Marsh was chief scientist for the CIA's Directorate of Science and Technology (DS&T), where she ensured that leading-edge science and technology was integrated into all mission capabilities. She also served as the dean of the CIA's technical tradecraft school. When she initially joined the CIA in 2001 as a battery technology expert, Dr. Marsh developed innovative power solutions for the Intelligence Community. While in private industry, she led the team at Yardney Technical Products that put lithium-ion battery technology on numerous platforms, including NASA's MARS exploration rovers Spirit and Opportunity. Dr. Marsh is a Director of National Intelligence Fellow and member of the DS&T's distinguished expert cadre. She holds a bachelor's degree and doctorate in inorganic and analytic chemistry from Brown University.

