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Richard W. (Rick) Murray is Senior Scientist Emeritus at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, where he previously served as Deputy Director and Vice President for Science and Engineering. Earlier, he was Professor of Earth and Environment at Boston University and held leadership roles as department chair and director of the BU Marine Program.

A marine geochemist whose research has advanced understanding of ocean chemistry, climate, volcanism, and the seafloor biosphere, Dr. Murray has also shaped national science policy. He served as Director of the Division of Ocean Sciences at the National Science Foundation and co-chaired the White House Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology.

As Vice Chair of RECOSS, he advocates for sustained federal investment in ocean research, education, and infrastructure. He also chairs the Sea Education Association Board of Trustees and a National Academies committee on seabed critical mineral resources.

Dr. Murray earned degrees from Hamilton College and the University of California, Berkeley, and completed postdoctoral research at the University of Rhode Island.

Editor's note: Add major scientific awards, fellowships, and a brief statement summarizing publication and research impact.