



# DoD Strategic Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Priorities

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# WMD Security Challenge

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“In a strange turn of history, the threat of global nuclear war has gone down, but the risk of a nuclear attack has gone up.”

-President Obama  
April 2009



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# DoD's Four Strategic CWMD Priorities

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- Increase barriers to WMD proliferation and use
- Improve ability to identify and mitigate emergent WMD threats
- Develop layered, integrated WMD defense
- Manage WMD threats emanating from failing, fragile states/ungoverned territories



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# DoD Strategic Priorities in CWMD

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## Increase barriers to WMD proliferation and use

- Establish climate unfriendly to WMD (non-proliferation treaties, agreements, and professional codes of conduct)
- Reduce availability of weapons, materials, and delivery systems
- Inhibit/reduce/reverse proliferation where it occurs; break proliferation networks
- Detect and intercept the movement of WMD, missiles, and related materials



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# DoD Strategic Priorities in CWMD (cont'd)

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- Improve ability to identify and mitigate emergent WMD threats**
  - Detect, strike, and counter emerging threats
  - Deter escalation and use
  - Defeat emerging WMD threats



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# DoD Strategic Priorities in CWMD (cont'd)

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## Developed layered, integrated WMD defense

- Deny adversaries the benefits they seek through threatened possession and use of WMD
- Prepare the homeland to defense against, respond to biological, chemical, or nuclear attacks
- Detect and intercept threats before they reach the homeland
- Respond and mitigate the effects of WMD attacks



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## DoD Strategic Priorities in CWMD (cont'd)

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- ❑ **Manage WMD threats emanating from failing, fragile states/ungoverned territories**
  - Prevent establishment of WMD-safe havens in ungoverned areas
  - Ensure WMD and materials are under responsible control
  - Prevent loss or transfer of WMD and materials
  - Respond to instability and/or loss of control in a WMD-armed state



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# Global WMD Contingencies

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- ❑ **WMD crises can easily become large scale, complex, global WMD contingencies**
  - Large scale domestic attack with WMD
  - Collapse of a WMD-armed state – loss, transfer of WMD
  - Multiple, simultaneous terrorist attacks using chemical, biological, nuclear weapons
- ❑ **WMD use or loss of control will quickly involve a global response. It will:**
  - Require whole government solutions involving NGOs, corporations, etc
  - Require global and regional planning for DoD – emphasizing response options for attacks that defy conventional retaliatory options
  - Demand synchronization across AORs, within the DoD and within the interagency
  - Require sophisticated, regularly exercised capabilities in every phase of operational planning
  - Demand more military and domestic specialized response capabilities than currently exist – result in multiple geographic and mission demands on the same units
  - Require the USG to more effectively harness the resources of the private sector





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# Way Ahead

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- Addressing CWMD in DoD Quadrennial Defense Review**
- Developing plans to implement Presidential and DoD priorities**
- Engaging interagency and international community**