SUBJECT: Department of Defense (DoD) Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Policy

(b) Section 113 of title 10, United States Code
(c) National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction, December 2002
(e) through (i), see Enclosure 1

1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues Reference (a) under a new title to establish policy, assign responsibilities, and formalize relationships among the DoD Components under the DoD mission to combat WMD according to Reference (b).

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

3. DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this Directive are defined in Enclosure 2.

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1 Copies may be obtained via the Internet at http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/12/WMDStrategy.pdf
2 Copies may be obtained via the Internet at http://www.defenselink.mil/pdf/NMS-CWMD2006.pdf
4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. The Department of Defense will combat WMD to dissuade, deter, and defeat those who seek to harm the United States, its citizens, its Armed Forces, and its friends and allies through WMD use or threat of use, while maintaining the ability to respond to and mitigate the effects of WMD use, and to restore deterrence.

4.2. DoD combating WMD efforts will focus on achieving the following strategic goals:

4.2.1. U.S. Armed Forces, in concert with other elements of U.S. national power, must defeat and deter the employment, and subsequent use of WMD.

4.2.2. U.S. Armed Forces must protect against, respond to, and recover from WMD use.

4.2.3. U.S. Armed Forces, in concert with other elements of U.S. national power, must defend against, dissuade, or deny WMD proliferation or possession.

4.2.4. U.S. Armed Forces must contribute as appropriate to national efforts to reduce, destroy, or reverse WMD possession.

4.3. The Department of Defense shall: have a strategy for combating WMD that supports the National Strategy to Combat WMD (Reference (c)) and related national strategic guidance; have the supporting military force planning and doctrine to organize, train, exercise, and equip U.S. Armed Forces to combat WMD; and prepare appropriate plans to address the defense-related aspects of combating WMD.


5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) shall:

5.1.1. Develop, coordinate, and oversee the implementation and integration of DoD combating WMD policy through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Global Security Affairs (ASD(GSA)) and as the policy pertains to homeland defense activities, through the supervision of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and the Americas’ Security Affairs (ASA(HD&ASA)). The ASD(GSA) is the single point of contact for the Office of the USD(P) for combating WMD.
5.1.2. Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)) on combating WMD planning and programming priorities.

5.1.3. Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)) on combating WMD medical force health protection policy priorities.

5.1.4. Oversee development of international partnership capacity to combat WMD. Consistent with Security Cooperation Guidance (Reference (e)), build international partnerships for combating WMD to facilitate execution of policy, strategy, and guidance.

5.1.5. With advice from the Joint Staff and U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), represent and advocate DoD combating WMD requirements and capabilities, when required, in the interagency process.

5.1.6. Integrate combating WMD policy with other DoD and national policies and strategies. With ASD(HD&ASA), develop and coordinate policy and procedural guidance for all matters pertaining to the roles, missions, capabilities, and employment of the DoD Components (excluding Special Operations Forces (SOF)) in support of domestic civil authorities engaged in combating WMD.

5.1.7. Support Combatant Commander combating WMD planning and execution activities. Provide expertise, policy guidance, long-range planning, and analysis in support of DoD efforts to prevent proliferation of WMD, related materials, and means of delivery. Provide guidance for, and review of, contingency plans related to combating WMD.

5.1.8. Develop, coordinate, and oversee the implementation of policy on all matters pertaining to the roles, missions, capabilities, and employment of SOF in combating WMD. Review and evaluate policies, processes, and programs of DoD Components that affect the capability to plan, resource, prepare forces for, and execute combating WMD Special Operations activities with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

5.2. The USD(AT&L) shall:

5.2.1. Develop a comprehensive research, development, and acquisition strategy for the eight mission areas to combat WMD (paragraph 4.4.) in coordination with the USD(P), the USD(P&R), and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5.2.2. Oversee DoD research, development, and acquisition programs to ensure they support combating WMD policy efforts; enable the U.S. Armed Forces to operate successfully in a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) environment; and are consistent with DoD Components’ requirements and implementation of the Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

5.2.2.1. Through the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), under the Director, Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), pursue imaginative
and innovative research and development efforts to counter WMD and their means of delivery, in coordination with the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs (ATSD(NCB)).

5.2.2.2. Through the Director, Missile Defense Agency, support development of ballistic missile defense technologies to combat WMD, in coordination with the ATSD(NCB).

5.3. The Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence shall:

5.3.1. Represent the Department of Defense in U.S. Government activities and other forums pertaining to planning and implementation of intelligence for assessing and countering WMD threats.

5.3.2. Provide guidance and oversight to Defense Intelligence organizations. Ensure that the Defense Intelligence organizations respond to the direction and priorities of the Director of National Intelligence, the Secretary of Defense, and DoD Components with respect to WMD threats.

5.3.3. Measure and evaluate the effectiveness of Defense Intelligence capabilities in identifying and assessing WMD threats.

5.3.4. Ensure that statutory or Executive Branch requirements for assessments pertaining to WMD threats are properly directed to, and the required assessments are produced by, the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

5.4. The USD(P&R) shall:

5.4.1. Ensure implementation of DoD combating WMD Force Health Protection (FHP) policy, training, and readiness and establish procedures and standards governing DoD FHP programs. In support of the Under Secretary’s role, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs is the single point of contact for the Office of the USD(P&R) for combating WMD.

5.4.2. Recommend changes and/or revisions to policy and issue instructions as necessary for the implementation of DoD FHP policies, programs, and activities related to CBRN consequence management and passive defense measures.

5.4.3. Ensure the readiness for combating WMD is integrated into DoD priorities and programs in coordination with ATSD(NCB).

5.5. The ATSD(NCB), under the USD(AT&L), shall:

5.5.1 Serve as the single point of contact for the Office of the USD(AT&L) for combating WMD, consistent with 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) 142 (Reference (f)) and 50 U.S.C. 1522 (Reference (g)). In that capacity, the ATSD(NCB) shall oversee, coordinate, and integrate the combating WMD efforts of DoD laboratories and coordinate with DDR&E on...
laboratory combating WMD efforts and with USD(P&R) on medical laboratory efforts to combat WMD.

5.5.2. Oversee the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) in the management of research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) needed to counter the threat and use of WMD; support to Combatant Command planning to combat WMD; assistance in the development and integration of capabilities to support DoD combating WMD efforts and activities; and support to nonproliferation, counterproliferation, and WMD consequence management tasks and activities.

5.6. The Director, DTRA, under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(AT&L), shall serve as the Director, USSTRATCOM Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction, pursuant to Secretary of Defense Memorandum of January 31, 2006 (Reference (h)).

5.7. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall:

5.7.1. Organize, train, equip, and otherwise prepare their respective forces to combat WMD, means of delivery, and related materials.

5.7.2. Coordinate combating WMD capabilities needs with the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.

5.7.3. Support the Commander, USSTRATCOM, and other Combatant Command missions to advocate for military capabilities to combat WMD.

5.7.4. Ensure combating WMD RDT&E laboratory activities are coordinated with USD(AT&L), ATSD(NCB), DDR&E, DTRA, and DARPA.

5.8. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

5.8.1. Serve as the principal military advisor to the President, the National Security Council, and the Secretary of Defense regarding combating WMD activities. In support of the Chairman’s role, the Director of the Joint Staff will serve as the Joint Staff’s single point of contact for combating WMD.

5.8.2. Provide combating WMD planning guidance, with the USD(P), and as approved by the Secretary of Defense, to the Combatant Commanders.

5.8.3. Identify, in coordination with the Combatant Commanders, combating WMD capabilities and shortfalls. Validate and prioritize combating WMD requirements for the eight mission areas (paragraph 4.4.).

5.8.4. Provide assessments to and advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which the program recommendations and budget proposals regarding combating WMD conform with
the priorities established in strategic plans and with the priorities established for the requirements of the Combatant Commands.

5.8.5. Build international military-to-military partnerships for combating WMD to facilitate execution of policy, strategy, and guidance.

5.9. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall:

5.9.1. Be prepared to perform combating WMD missions in permissive, uncertain, and hostile environments and coordinate efforts with other U.S. Government agencies, partners, friends, and allies, as directed. Execute assigned combating WMD missions in accordance with the Unified Command Plan (Reference (i)).

5.9.2. Coordinate with the Commander, USSTRATCOM, for the development and implementation of combating WMD military capabilities to address shortfalls.

5.9.3. Integrate and routinely exercise combating WMD forces and capabilities and coordinate with the Commander, USSTRATCOM, for applicable support.

5.10. The Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), shall develop and maintain an outside the continental United States WMD counterproliferation capability, and shall develop and implement special operations to combat WMD military activities, in coordination with the appropriate geographic Combatant Commanders (GCCs) and Commander, USSTRATCOM.

5.11. The Commander, USSTRATCOM, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall:

5.11.1. Serve as lead Combatant Commander for integrating and synchronizing DoD combating WMD efforts.

5.11.2. Plan, integrate, and synchronize DoD combating WMD efforts with efforts of other U.S. Government Departments and Agencies, as directed.

5.11.3. Integrate USSTRATCOM global missions to support DoD Components’ efforts to combat WMD.

5.11.4. In coordination with the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM), develop and make recommendations to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff regarding joint force integration, exercises, and training to combat WMD.

5.11.5. Be responsible to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for identifying and assessing the readiness of U.S. Armed Forces combating WMD capabilities, the adequacy of partner combating WMD capabilities, and the WMD capabilities of potential adversaries.
5.11.6. Advocate combating WMD capabilities for all Combatant Commanders.

5.11.7. Support GCCs and Commander, USSOCOM, in combating WMD planning and execution.

5.12. The Commander, USJFCOM, shall support the Commander, USSTRATCOM, in joint concept development, joint force integration, and joint force training and exercises pertaining to combating WMD.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

Enclosures - 2
   E1. References, continued
   E2. Definitions and Terms
E1. ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES, continued

(e) Security Cooperation Guidance, November 22, 2005
(f) Section 142 of title 10, United States Code
(g) Section 1522 of title 50, United States Code
(h) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Appointment of the Director, United States Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (SCC),” January 31, 2006
(i) Unified Command Plan 2006, May 5, 2006

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3 Copies may be obtained via the SIPRNET at http://webhost.policy.osd.pentagon.smil.mil/strategy/assets/refdocs/doc_uploads/security_cooperation_guidance.doc.
4 Copies may be obtained from the Executive Secretary, Office of the Secretary of Defense.
5 Copies may be obtained via the SIPRNET at http://j5.js.smil.mil/sp/organization/links/2006%20UCP.pdf
E2. ENCLOSURE 2

DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

E2.1. Combating WMD. The activities of the Department of Defense across the full range of counterproliferation, nonproliferation, and consequence management efforts to counter WMD and related materials.

E2.2. Counterproliferation. Actions to defeat the threat and/or use of WMD against the United States, U.S. Armed Forces, Allies, and partners.6

E2.3 Nonproliferation. Actions to prevent the proliferation of WMD by dissuading or impeding access to, or distribution of, sensitive technologies, material, and expertise.7

E2.4. WMD Active Defense. Military measures to prevent, deter, or defeat the delivery of WMD. Measures include offensive and defensive, conventional, and unconventional actions to detect, divert, and destroy an adversary’s WMD and/or delivery means while en route to its target.

E2.5. WMD Consequence Management. Actions authorized by the Secretary of Defense to mitigate the effects of a WMD attack or event and restore essential operations and services at home and abroad.

E2.6. WMD Elimination. Military operations to systematically locate, characterize, secure, disable, and/or destroy a state or non-state actor’s WMD programs and related capabilities in hostile and uncertain environments.

E2.7. WMD Interdiction. Operations to stop the transit of WMD and their delivery systems and associated technologies, materials, and expertise between states, and between state and non-state actors of proliferation concern, in any environments.

E2.8. WMD Offensive Operations. Military attack operations to deny, degrade, disable, damage, or destroy fixed and in-transit WMD targets, in order to defeat, neutralize, or deter a WMD threat or subsequent use of WMD.

E2.9. WMD Passive Defense. Measures to minimize or negate the vulnerability and effects of WMD employed against U.S. and partner/allied armed forces as well as U.S. military interests, facilities, and critical infrastructure.

E2.10. WMD Security Cooperation and Partner Activities. Activities to improve partner and allied capacity to combat WMD across the eight mission areas through military-to-military contacts, burden sharing arrangements, combined military activities, security assistance, and activities in support of treaties and agreements.

6 This definition modifies the current definition and is approved for inclusion in the next edition of JP 1-02.
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E2.11. **WMD Threat Reduction Cooperation.** Activities undertaken with the consent and cooperation of host-nation authorities to enhance physical security and reduce, dismantle, redirect, and/or improve protection of a state’s existing WMD program, stockpiles, and capabilities.