



# Defense Health Board

## Biowarfare Countermeasures A Report

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## Background

- DoD Directive 6205.3, DoD Immunization Program for Biological Warfare Defense
  - Provide the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD(HA)) with advice and recommendations regarding biological warfare countermeasures
  - Research
  - Acquisition
  - Execution
- Workgroup Members
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## Background

- April 10, 2008
  - Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)
  - Force Health Protection and Readiness
  - Medical Logistics (MEDLOG)
- April 23-24, 2008
  - Military Vaccine Agency (MILVAX)
  - Vaccine Health Care Centers (VHCs)
- July 11, 2008
  - Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
  - Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)



## Format

- Update from DARPA
- Significant and impressive science base
  - Chemical
  - Radiological
  - Nuclear
- Less current activity in the biologics arena



## Chairman's Threat List

- Movement toward a matrix-type list that incorporates:
  - Intelligence
  - Capability
  - Intent
  - Changes over time



## Overall Assessment

- Concern re: current activity in biologics science base within DARPA
- Timeliness of the Chairman's Threat List Updates
- DHB – Infectious Diseases Control Subcommittee will write new biowarfare countermeasures recommendations



# DISCUSSION