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
  - E. Kaplan
  - J. Silva
  - M. Oxman
  - G. Poland
  - P. Gardner
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)
• 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