



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
 - E. Kaplan
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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