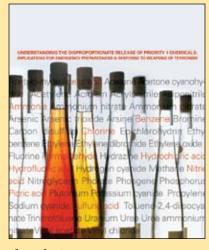
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## **About the Cover:**

It is generally agreed that emergency response plans should address the potential for terrorist events involving chemical releases. But which chemicals? To address that question, this month's feature article, "Analyzing Acute-Chemical-Release Data to Describe Chemicals That May Be Used as Weapons of Terrorism," looks at data from ATSDR's Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) system. The authors found that a small group of chemicals—just 2 percent of all those included in the HSEES data-accounted for 20 percent of the releases. These chemicals, categorized as Priority I chemicals because of their availability, explosivity range, toxicity, or prior use as weapons, were also associated with twice as many victims as the other HSEES chemicals. Their disproportionate impact is represented on our cover by the prominence of two bottles containing intensely colored liquids.

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