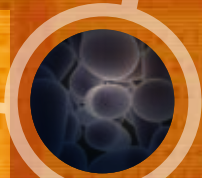




# Countering Proliferation

17 Agencies—One Common Cause

- Department of Homeland Security
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Defense Intelligence Agency
- National Security Agency
- National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
- National Reconnaissance Office
- Air Force Intelligence
- Marine Corps Intelligence
- Army Intelligence
- Naval Intelligence
- Department of State
- Department of Energy
- Department of Treasury
- United States Coast Guard



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**WHAT IS THE BIGGEST SECURITY RISK  
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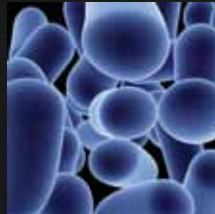
“The American people face no greater or more urgent danger than a terrorist attack with a nuclear weapon”

*U.S. National Security Strategy, May 2010*





Our enemies have proven time and again that they will go to any lengths to harm Americans both at home and abroad. Thus far those attacks have included both conventional and limited asymmetric weaponry and warfare. It is clear based on intelligence gathering and the stated intentions of rogue regimes and terrorist groups, however, that those enemies are also actively pursuing weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and associated missile delivery systems and will seek to deploy them against U.S. and allied targets. The nation has sought to counter and neutralize the threats posed by WMD for decades. However, in the wake of the events of 9/11, as well as subsequent terrorists attacks and foiled plots, we know that our enemies are undeterred and increasingly innovative and sophisticated in their efforts to produce mass casualty weapons and actively seek any and all capabilities to do so.





“We are helping the Intelligence Community take a minute-to-minute pulse on the efforts of nefarious states and non-state actors to obtain WMD and related delivery systems and countering those efforts at every turn, paving the way for a more peaceful and secure world for our children and grandchildren.”

*Ambassador Joseph DeTrani  
Director, National Counterproliferation Center*

## WHAT IS THE NCPC?

The National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC) was founded in 2005, under the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), based upon direction from the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and The Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (March 31, 2005). It was created to help counter threats against the United States caused by the proliferation of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons and missiles capable of delivering them.

NCPC is the Intelligence Community’s (IC) manager for counterproliferation (CP). It is responsible for managing, coordinating, and integrating activities relating to weapons of mass destruction and related delivery systems and for providing intelligence support to United States government efforts and policies to impede such proliferation. The NCPC is accountable to the Director of National Intelligence for the IC’s progress against this critical U.S. national security goal.





## WHAT CP POLICIES DOES THE NCPC SUPPORT?

The US Government focuses on five counterproliferation objectives in its efforts to eliminate or reduce the threats caused by the development and spread of WMD. The NCPC has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the Intelligence Community supports the United States Government efforts to:

- ▶ Discourage states and terrorists from acquiring, developing or mobilizing resources for WMD purposes
- ▶ Prevent state, terrorist, or other efforts to acquire WMD capabilities, as well as efforts by suppliers to provide such capabilities
- ▶ Roll back or eliminate WMD and related programs of concern
- ▶ Deter weapons use by those possessing nuclear, radiological, biological, and chemical weapons and their means of delivery
- ▶ Manage the consequences of any use of WMD against the United States or its allies



## HOW DOES THE NCPC ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION?

The NCPC leads the IC's efforts to develop integrated strategies and actions both to counter current weapons of mass destruction threats and to anticipate and counter future WMD proliferation. It does so by:

**Implementing Counterproliferation Strategies.** Developing strategies to strengthen the CP mission. NCPC is providing direction and focus for the efforts of the Intelligence Community to address current and looming WMD proliferation issues.

**Emphasizing Motivations, Intentions, and Disincentives.** Breaking new ground. By moving beyond the traditional approach of treating WMD proliferation as primarily a technical problem, NCPC is instead promoting a multi-disciplinary approach to assessing and addressing the political, economic, cultural and other security issues related to counterproliferation.

**Countering Proliferation: Beyond Just Reporting It.** Encouraging CP professionals to go beyond simply reporting on proliferators' progress. By identifying opportunities for decision makers to reverse that progress, the NCPC is enhancing the IC's contribution to countering proliferation.

**Ensuring Action and Results.** Consistently evaluating the CP IC's performance. NCPC effectively and efficiently determines what is working and what is not, allowing a refocusing of efforts and resources accordingly.

**Looking "Over-the-Horizon."** Partnering with senior policymakers, NCPC is leading efforts to develop collection and analytic strategies for emerging, over-the-horizon WMD threats, positioning the Intelligence Community to warn stakeholders of such threats and provide the insights needed to counter them as early as possible.





**Focusing on the WMD and Terrorism Nexus.** Working closely with the National Counterterrorism Center, NCPC is ensuring that all resources are leveraged within the respective communities to deny terrorists and rogue states access to chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear capabilities.

**Working to Close Gaps.** NCPC is developing strategic plans and consistently applying performance metrics to eliminate critical intelligence gaps on the U.S. Government's highest priority WMD proliferation concerns.

**Enabling Real Information Sharing.** NCPC's "Responsibility-to-Provide" Initiative is ensuring WMD analysts and collectors are receiving access to the full set of technical and non-technical information needed to understand and counter WMD proliferation.

**Involving Outside Experts.** NCPC is collaborating with experts outside of government to advance the counterproliferation mission. It created, for example, the Biological Sciences Experts Group to tap the expertise of our nation's scientific talent in academia and industry to address bio-threats.

**Developing Our Nation's Newest Counterproliferation Tools.**

By creating a Research, Development, and Integration (RDI) Fund (formerly known as the Innovation Fund), the NCPC is ensuring that the Intelligence Community can explore the newest and most innovative technologies and methodologies to tackle our toughest problems. This provides "seed money" for creative, multi-agency solutions to WMD intelligence challenges allowing NCPC to develop and promote new ways to solve hard problems.



"By developing new approaches to the nation's most vexing security challenge, that of WMD, NCPC is taking a 360 degree approach to detecting and deterring the spread of WMD."

*James Clapper  
Director of National Intelligence*



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