



# National Counterproliferation Center

## Office of the Director of National Intelligence



“The American people face no greater or more urgent danger than a terrorist attack with a nuclear weapon. That is why reversing the spread of nuclear weapons is a top priority.”

U.S. National Security Strategy, 27 May 2010

### What is the National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC)?

To oversee U.S. intelligence efforts to address the threats posed to the United States by weapons of mass destruction (WMD), the National Counterproliferation Center (NCPC) was founded in November 2005 as part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)\*. Its mandate is to work in partnership with all members of the Intelligence Community (IC), other government agencies, the policy community, experts in the private sector, and academia to counter the threats presented by the continued proliferation and possible use of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear weapons by all who would seek to do us harm.

NCPC is the primary organization within the IC responsible for managing, coordinating, and integrating activities relating to weapons of mass destruction, associated delivery systems, materials and technologies, and for providing intelligence support to United States government efforts and policies to impede such proliferation.

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NCPC is reaching across 17 government organizations to synthesize all efforts to track and monitor attempts at WMD proliferation, harnessing all available intelligence resources to discover and deter attempts to buy and sell any component or delivery system related to WMD.

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### How Does the Counterproliferation (CP) Community Deter Threats against America?

The U.S. government takes a robust approach to tackling the issue of counterproliferation, which involves dissuading and preventing the acquisition of WMD, ending or rolling back programs that already exist, deterring WMD use, and managing the consequences of use of such weapons and related delivery systems by rogue states and non-state actors. On a daily basis, the CP intelligence community—comprised of 17 organizations—is delivering critical information to diplomats, policy makers, law enforcement, the military, and clandestine services, gaining them a decision advantage as they seek to counter proliferation.

\*Based on direction from the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 and The Report of the Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (March 31, 2005)





### The NCPC Mission

The mission of the NCPC is to detect current gaps in our WMD knowledge base that may result from collection, analysis or exploitation shortfalls and to design remedies to close or reduce those gaps. Additionally, NCPC seeks to identify and address long-term proliferation threats and requirements so that strategies can be developed to deal with over-the-horizon threats (threats from states and/or terrorist organizations that do not currently possess WMD capabilities but are believed to be actively working towards acquiring them).

NCPC advocates for the needs of its partner agencies, guides their research programs, and holds them accountable for progress against CP objectives.

### Key Accomplishments of the NCPC to date:

- ▶ Strategic policy development and implementation
- ▶ Development and application of performance metrics
- ▶ Synthesis of counterproliferation and counterterrorism efforts



### The 17 Federal Intelligence Organizations Involved in the Counterproliferation Mission

-  Office of the Director of National Intelligence
-  Central Intelligence Agency
-  Defense Intelligence Agency
-  Department of Energy  
(Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence)
-  Department of Homeland Security  
(Office of Intelligence and Analysis)
-  Department of State  
(Bureau of Intelligence and Research)
-  Department of the Treasury  
(Office of Intelligence and Analysis)
-  Drug Enforcement Administration  
(Office of National Security Intelligence)
-  Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(National Security Branch)
-  National Geospatial Intelligence Agency
-  National Reconnaissance Office
-  National Security Agency/  
Central Security Service
-  United States Air Force
-  United States Army
-  United States Coast Guard
-  United States Marine Corps
-  United States Navy



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