SUBJECT: Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Civil Support (ATSD(CS))

References:  (a) Title 10, United States Code
             (b) Presidential Decision Directive 39, "U.S. Policy on Counterterrorism (U)," June 21, 1995
             (c) Presidential Decision Directive 62, "Protection Against Unconventional Threats to the Homeland and Americans Overseas (U)," May 22, 1998

1. PURPOSE

Pursuant to the authorities provided in reference (a), this Directive establishes the position of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Civil Support (ATSD(CS)) with the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities, as prescribed herein.

2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").
3. **DEFINITIONS**

Terms used in this Directive are defined in enclosure 1.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS**

The **Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Civil Support** shall serve as the principal staff assistant and civilian advisor to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for the oversight of policy, requirements, priorities, resources, and programs related to the DoD role in managing the consequences of a domestic incident involving the inadvertent, accidental, or deliberate release of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear material or high yield explosives (CBRNE). In this capacity, the **Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Civil Support** shall:

4.1. Develop, evaluate, coordinate, and oversee the implementation of DoD policy for domestic CBRNE consequence management (CM) activities.

4.2. Provide policy guidance and review, evaluate, coordinate, and oversee domestic DoD CBRNE-CM plans, requirements, programs, and resources to ensure adherence to approved policy and planning guidance.

4.3. Coordinate and review regulations, as appropriate, for the DoD Components' domestic CBRNE-CM activities.

4.4. Provide civilian oversight for the development and implementation of planning guidance, policies, and procedures for the Joint Task Force for Civil Support, a headquarters element subordinate to the Commander in Chief Joint Forces Command.

4.5. Represent the Secretary of Defense on all domestic weapons of mass destruction CBRNE-CM matters outside the Department in accordance with Presidential Decision Directive 39 (reference (b)) and Presidential Decision Directive 62 (reference (c)).


4.8. Serve, in conjunction with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD(SO/LIC)), as the Secretary of Defense representative to the Counterterrorism Security Group of the National Security Council for all matters concerning a domestic CBRNE incident.

4.9. Co-chair with the ASD(SO/LIC), the DoD Crisis Coordination Group for all matters concerning a domestic CBRNE incident.

4.10. Serve as the OSD office of primary responsibility for the review, evaluation, and coordination of all Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff CONPLANs and Instructions or portions thereof related to domestic CBRNE-CM operations, exercises, and plans.

4.11. Provide policy oversight for DoD CM support to other Federal Agencies in the event of a domestic CBRNE incident.


4.13. Participate with the ASD(SO/LIC)) and Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer) (USD(C/CFO)) in the preparation of an annual Congressional Justification Book to the Congress that details the Department’s combating terrorism activities.

4.14. Provide civilian oversight on behalf of the Secretary of Defense for the development and implementation of DoD domestic CBRNE-CM planning guidance, policies and procedures for appropriate DoD Components.

4.15. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

5. RELATIONSHIPS

5.1. In the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities, the ATSD(CS) shall:

5.1.1. Report directly to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.
5.1.2. Coordinate and exchange information with other OSD officials, the Heads of the DoD Components, and other Federal officials having collateral or related functions.

5.1.3. Coordinate domestic CBRNE-CM actions, policies, and programs with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)) and the other DoD Officials, as appropriate.

5.1.4. Coordinate with the USD(C/CFO) and the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation on program and budget issues that impact on domestic CBRNE-CM activities.

5.1.5. Coordinate with the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness on manpower, readiness, medical, and Reserve affairs issues that impact on domestic CBRNE-CM activities.

5.1.6. Coordinate science and technology requirements for CBRNE-CM with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and the ASD(SO/LIC).

5.1.7. Promote coordination, cooperation, and mutual understanding concerning domestic CBRNE-CM activities and issues within the Department of Defense, the Congress, and other Federal Departments and Agencies.

5.1.8. Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal Agencies, whenever practicable, to avoid duplication and to achieve an appropriate balance among modernization, readiness, sustainability, efficiency, and economy.

5.1.9. Participate with the ASD(SO/LIC) in appropriate USD(C/CFO) and Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation budget and POM reviews.

5.2. The USD(P) will coordinate all international CBRNE-CM actions with the ATSD(CS) that may affect domestic CM forces, readiness, and/or operations.

5.3. Other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the ATSD(CS) on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions cited in section 4., above.
5.4. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to interpose the ATSD(CS) in the operational chain of command prescribed by Section 162 of reference (a), to affect, subsume, and replace the functions and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Commanders of the Combatant Commands that are prescribed by law or DoD Directives.

6. **AUTHORITIES**

The ATSD(CS) is hereby delegated authority to:

6.1. Issue DoD Instructions, DoD Publications, and one-time directive-type memoranda, consistent with DoD 5025.1-M (reference (d)), that implement policy approved by the Secretary of Defense in assigned field of responsibility. Instructions to the Military Departments shall be issued through the Secretaries of those Departments. Instructions to Combatant Commands shall be communicated through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

6.2. Obtain reports, information, advice, and assistance consistent with DoD Directive 8910.1 (reference (e)), as necessary, in carrying out assigned functions.

6.3. Communicate directly with the Heads of the DoD Components. Domestic CBRNE-CM policy oversight may be directly undertaken with CINC Joint Forces Command, CINC Pacific Command, CINC Southern Command and Commander, Joint Task Force Civil Support. The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff will be apprised of all appropriate matters concerning the coordination with these commanders. All other communications to the Commanders of the Combatant Commands shall be transmitted through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

6.4. Communicate with other Government officials, representatives of the legislative branch, members of the public, and representatives of foreign governments, as appropriate, in carrying out assigned functions.
7. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Directive is effective immediately.

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Deputy Secretary of Defense

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DEFINITIONS

E1.1.1. Crisis Management. The process of identifying, acquiring, and planning the use of resources needed to prevent or respond to a potential or actual terrorist incident. The crisis management response incorporates and emphasizes prevention, crisis mitigation, and criminal prosecution of terrorists. Crisis management activities include proactive measures for prevention, immediate incident response and post-incident response, including command of the operational response as the on-scene manager for an incident.

E1.1.2. Terrorism. The calculated use of violence or threat of violence to inculcate fear; intended to coerce or to intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious, or ideological.

E1.1.3. Consequence Management (CM). Preparedness for dealing with, and responding to, the consequences of an incident involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosives (CBRNE). Consequence management activities include measures to alleviate damage, loss of life, hardship or suffering caused by the incident, protect public health and safety; restore essential government services; and provide emergency relief to affected governments, businesses and individuals.

E1.1.4. Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD). Any weapon, device, or material that is intended or has the capability to cause death or serious bodily injury to a significant number of people through the accidental or deliberate release, dissemination or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors; a disease organism; or radiation or radioactivity, to include large scale high explosives.

E1.1.5. Domestic. The 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the former trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the District of Columbia, or any political subdivision thereof.

E1.1.6. CBRNE-CM. Incorporates the consequence management activities for all deliberate and inadvertent releases of chemical, biological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives.