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### **Guidelines and Standards for a WMD Response**

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Effective response to a terrorist WMD attack depends on the capability of local responding agencies to rapidly focus available assets in accordance with valid operational plans to save lives to the greatest extent possible. This will require a portfolio of models based on good science and workable command, control and logistics adapted to local conditions. A portfolio of models is offered and discussed, each outlining preparation, principles, execution, standards of response and projected outcomes. The initial portfolio will be expected to include response to biological, chemical and radiological events. The topics covered in this course include:

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Describe the potential operational environments of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) disaster response.
- Name the operational models for effectively planning consequence management
- Describe the vision of effective WMD response and the role of guidelines and standards in achieving that vision
- Describe the psychological consequences of terrorist weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) threats
- Describe the action phases for minimizing the consequences of potential WMD events
- List the operational components of an effective response system
- Describe the unresolved issues related to preparation for effective WMD response
- Explain the operational models for WMD response in the context of existing planning and preparation shortfalls and challenges
- Recall the recommended prevention initiatives for facilitation of operational planning and effective execution of WMD consequence management
- Describe the recommended guidelines and standards for WMD response in the context of resolving planning shortfalls and improving outcomes

#### **Competencies**

- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action

\* *Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness*

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