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CBRNE Supply Chain Resilience and Challenges

CBRN Fall Quarterly Forum

October 18, 2023 | 9:30 am – 12:00 pm | Alexandria, VA

Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 am
(All times are in EST)

Registration

10:00 – 10:15 am

Welcome & Opening Remarks

BG William King, USA (Ret)

Principal/Director and Senior Fellow, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc.
CBRN Division Chair, NDIA

10:15 – 10:55 am

Panel Discussion

Ian Watson

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Chemical & Biological Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment

Joshua Israel

Director, CBRN Futures, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, & Nuclear Defense

Dr. Robert Kristovich

Director, Chemical & Biological Technologies Department, Research & Development Directorate for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency

10:55 – 11:50 am

Q&A Session

11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Closing Remarks

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Biographies



Ian Watson

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Chemical & Biological Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment

Ian Watson currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Chemical and Biological

Defense (DASD/CBD). In this capacity he is the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD) for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs (NCB) and conducts Department level research, development, and acquisition (RDA) activities from concept and requirements development, through early science and technology, to advanced development, testing and evaluation, and procurement. These efforts focus on reducing risk from emerging threats and fielding sustainable capabilities in accordance with Combatant Command priorities for chemical and biological, and ensuring our warfighters can fight and win in chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) contested environments.

Previously, Watson served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director of the Office of Strategy, Policy, Planning, and Requirements (SPPR), and for Industrial Base Expansion in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this position, Watson was responsible for leading the policy planning life-cycle to ensure that ASPR's preparedness and emergency response capabilities align with the ASPR's mission, as well as broader policy and planning considerations, to support the ASPR in protecting Americans from 21st Century health security threats. Watson was also responsible for the Department's Industrial Base Expansion, supply chain management, industrial policy, and Defense Production Act (DPA) program for the pandemic response.



Joshua Israel

Director, CBRN Futures, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, & Nuclear Defense

As the JPEO CBRND Director of CBRN Futures, Joshua Israel supports the JPEO CBRND Joint Project

Managers (JPMs) and Joint Project Leads (JPLs) on technical acquisition approaches, technology transitions, and industry engagements.

He oversees activities for the Advanced Emerging

Threats Defense (AET DEF) program and builds partnership across industry, academia, and government. He previously completed technical, acquisition, and financial management assignments with the Assisted Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), Army Futures Command (AFC) and U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM)



Dr. Robert Kristovich

Director, Chemical & Biological Technologies Department, Research and Development Directorate for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Dr. Robert L. Kristovich, a Tier 2 member of the Senior Executive Service (SES), is the Director of the Chemical

and Biological Technologies Department, Research and Development Directorate (RD-CB) for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). RD-CB serves as the Joint Science and Technology Office (JSTO), an integral component of the Chemical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP). As Director of DTRA JSTO, Dr. Kristovich leads an office of 200 professionals, including eight divisions of scientists, researchers and administrative staff. He manages the execution of over \$505 million focused on transforming science and technology to prepare for current and emerging chemical and biological (CB) threats to better protect the Joint Force, our allies, and the nation.

Prior to assuming his current position, Dr. Kristovich served as Chief of the Threat Agent Sciences Division of the U.S. Army's Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center (DEVCOM CBC). In that role, Dr. Kristovich directed a team of CBC experts who evaluate emerging chemical threats facing the Joint Force and the nation. Among his

responsibilities, he headed the Forensic Analytical Center, one of only two U.S. laboratories accredited by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

He previously served as a senior adviser to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Chem Bio Defense, in providing a strategic vision for how the CBDP can use science and technology to help the warfighter win in a CB-contested environment.

On January 1, 2022, Dr. Kristovich was appointed as the U.S. representative of the OPCW Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), providing science and technology guidance in overseeing the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) treaty. OPCW is a global body of 193 member states, including the U.S., which seeks to eliminate the production and use of chemical weapons. The SAB is a consortium of 25 preeminent experts chosen from the state parties to the CWC treaty. It provides scientific advice and support to the Director General and the state parties regarding implementation of the treaty and deterrence of chemical weapons use.

Event Information

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