



# *Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense*

## Threat Awareness

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### Objective

Provide panelists with holistic sense of the potential risks and opportunities to address vulnerabilities posed by biological and chemical threats that can inflict potentially catastrophic consequences.

### Schedule

- 9:30**      **Closed Session: Study Panel Discussion**
- 10:30**      **Panel One: Congressional Perspectives on areas of particular concern and topics of interest that the Study Panel can explore during its proceedings**  
*Congress's current concerns, priorities and potential legislation concerning biological and chemical threats, preparedness and response.*
- Senator Richard Burr
- 11:00**      **Panel Two: WMD Commission Perspectives on its previous work and areas for further consideration by the Study Panel**  
*The relevance of the WMD Commission's past work and its assessment of the potential threat(s) and its evaluation of U.S. preparedness efforts.*
- Former Senator James Talent
  - Colonel Randy Larsen
- 12:00**      **Break**
- 12:15**      **Working Lunch: Guest Speaker**
- The Honorable Richard Danzig

**1:00**

**Panel Three: Executive Branch Perspectives by former US Government officials on the nature of the current threat and areas for improvement**

*Contemporary insights on the potential risk from chemical and biological threats and the ability of the Department of Homeland Security, Intelligence Community and Congress to define the risks.*

- Dr. Tara O'Toole
- Dr. Mike Moodie
- Dr. George Poste

**2:15**

**Panel Four: Non-Government Perspectives on the historical and contemporary risks of biological and chemical warfare and terrorism**

*The potential enabling role modern technology affords states, non-states and individuals to conduct biological and chemical terrorism.*

- Dr. Peter Roman
- Dr. Seth Carus
- Dr. Keith Wells

**3:30**

**Conclusions**