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"Al Qaeda can be expected to attempt an attack on the United States in the next three to six months, senior U.S. intelligence officials told Congress Tuesday.

The terrorist organization is deploying operatives to the United States to carry out new attacks from inside the country, including "clean" recruits with a negligible trail of terrorist contacts, CIA Director Leon Panetta said. Al Qaeda is also inspiring homegrown extremists to trigger violence on their own, Panetta added.

The annual assessment of the nation's terror threats provided no startling new terror trends, but amplified growing concerns since the Christmas Day airline attack in Detroit that militants are growing harder to detect and moving more quickly in their plots."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/02/02/intelligence-officials-warn-attempted-al-qaeda-attack-months-away/>

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## **PERSONNEL ISSUES FOR ARMED CONTRACTORS PROTECTING WEAPONS-GRADE NUCLEAR MATERIAL, SAYS GAO**

By Louis Chunovic

Government Security News

February 02, 2010

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How well is DoE doing?

The answer varies from SNM site to SNM site, according to GAO.

Contractors provide “armed security” at six sites that “store and process Category I SNM,” GAO notes. “DOE protective forces at each of these sites are covered under separate contracts and collective bargaining agreements between contractors and protective force unions. As a result, the management and compensation -- in terms of pay and benefits -- of protective forces vary.”

The full article can be found at:

[http://www.gsnmagazine.com/article/20011/personnel\\_issues\\_armed\\_contractors\\_protecting\\_weap](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/article/20011/personnel_issues_armed_contractors_protecting_weap)

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## **2011 HANFORD BUDGET BUMP PROPOSAL INCLUDES INCREASE FOR VIT PLANT**

By Annette Carey

The TriCity Herald

February 02, 2010

“The fiscal 2011 budget for the Hanford nuclear reservation would increase at least \$22 million from the current year’s budget to about \$2.1 billion under the Obama administration’s proposal released Monday.

That money would be in addition to \$1.96 billion in federal economic stimulus money being spent on Hanford cleanup from spring 2009 through fiscal 2011.”

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“The focus of the increased spending would be Hanford’s vitrification plant and its tank farms.

The vitrification plant, which would treat some of Hanford’s worst wastes for disposal, would receive \$740 million. That would be up from the \$690 million on which the Department of Energy has based long-range construction planning. Some years the plant has failed to receive the full \$690 million.

At the tank farms, where 53 million gallons of radioactive waste is managed and work is continuing to empty leak-prone single shell tanks, the budget would increase from \$408 million to \$418 million.”

The full article can be found at: [http://www.tri-](http://www.tri-cityherald.com/kennewick_pasco_richland/story/886021.html)

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“Specific initiatives mandated by Defense Secretary Robert Gates are:

- Opening of a "Joint Task Force Elimination Headquarters" that would be used to prepare and train for and conduct anti-WMD activities and provide enhance "nuclear disablement, exploitation, intelligence and coordination capabilities";
- Augmenting resources for research and development of countermeasures against "nontraditional chemical agents" that might be used against military personnel from the United States or allied nations;
- Improvements to U.S. capabilities in nuclear forensics, the scientific capability to identify the source of nuclear material that is seized in transit or used in an attack (see related GSN story, today). "Improving the ability to determine the source of material will strengthen deterrence. Additional resources will enhance DOD's air and ground sample collection mission and well as augmenting current laboratory assessment capabilities," the report says;
- Safeguarding nuclear materials around the world by "working with interagency partners to identify countries that could benefit from site upgrades, security training facilities, and the disposition of weapons grade materials";
- Broadening the scope of the biological threat reduction program to involve countries beyond the former Soviet Union in monitoring and responding to outbreaks of disease; and
- Producing new technologies for monitoring compliance with global nonproliferation regimes”

The full article can be found at: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20100201\\_1754.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20100201_1754.php)

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## ***Chem-Demil News***

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The Pueblo Chieftain  
February 03, 2010

“The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Army’s Chemical Materials Agency reported back to U.S. District Court this week that they had made progress in working out an agreement on monitoring chemical weapons at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The state sued the Army last year asking for closer monitoring of the igloos at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, where 780,000 weapons containing mustard agent are stored. The Army checks igloos quarterly for any leaking gas but state officials said that was not often enough.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2010/02/03/news/local/doc4b6910e82c5c1846002667.txt>

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## **CHEM DEMIL FUNDS IN OBAMA BUDGET**

By John Norton  
The Pueblo Chieftain  
February 03, 2010

“President Barack Obama’s fiscal 2011 budget calls for \$511 million to fund research and development and construction work for the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternative Program.

ACWA oversees the planned destruction of chemical weapons at the Pueblo Chemical Depot and the Bluegrass Army Depot in Kentucky.

Of the allocation, \$240.2 million will go to continue construction and install equipment at the Pueblo facility with a goal of completing weapons destruction here by 2017.”

The full article can be found at:

<http://www.chieftain.com/articles/2010/02/03/news/local/doc4b6913595646c141407312.txt>

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