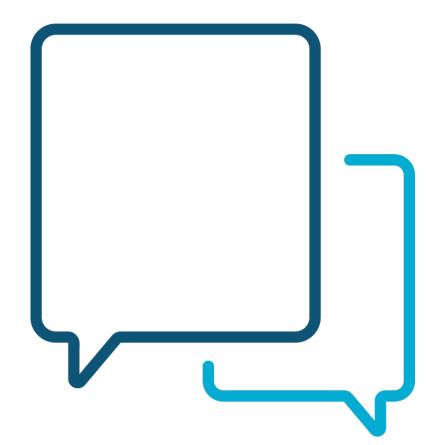
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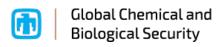
## Major Hazards Exist in Many Industries



"On the subject of disasters, it is very common...to say 'this won't happen'. I have sympathy with this. What they really mean is, it's highly improbable. And they're right: it is highly improbable...This creates a kind of vacuum in terms of what to focus on so it's easier to say, either out loud or in your private thoughts, 'this won't happen'.

The way to avoid this trap is to say, yes, it will happen. It will happen to somebody, somewhere, at some point in time. That's all but guaranteed. Now, what are we going to do to make sure it doesn't happen to us? It's a subtle but profound shift in thinking."

Kevin Lacy, "The Road to High Reliability"



## Toxic Release Video



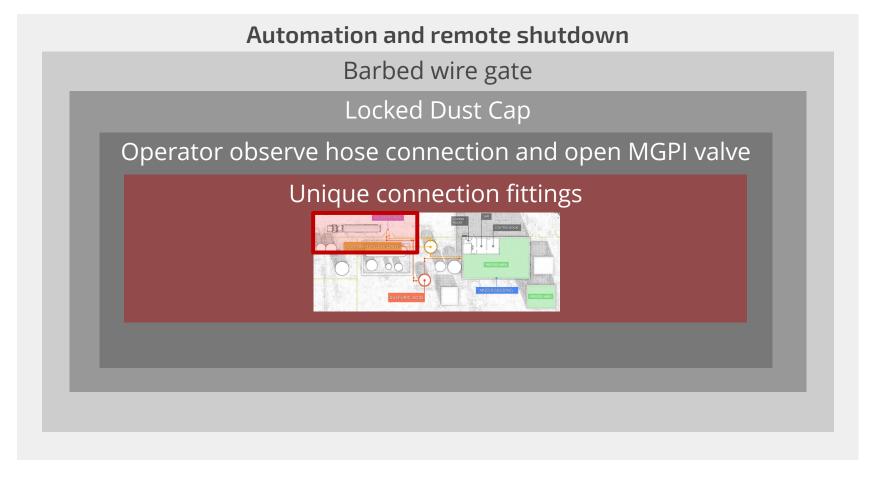


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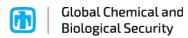


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### Layers of Protection



- What if the wrong connection was an intentional act?
  - How might your analysis change?



#### Toxic Release Video

"Each year, people around the world lose their lives due to the lack of proper training and recognition of chemical **process safety**. These incidents also result in injuries and environmental and facility damage. Although international recognition of the importance of chemical process safety is growing, only a few centers of expertise exist." – Purdue Process **Safety and Assurance Center** 

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## A variety of threats can attempt to misuse chemicals



























IMPACT

**THREAT** 



INDIVIDUAL (Poisoning, assassinations, etc.)



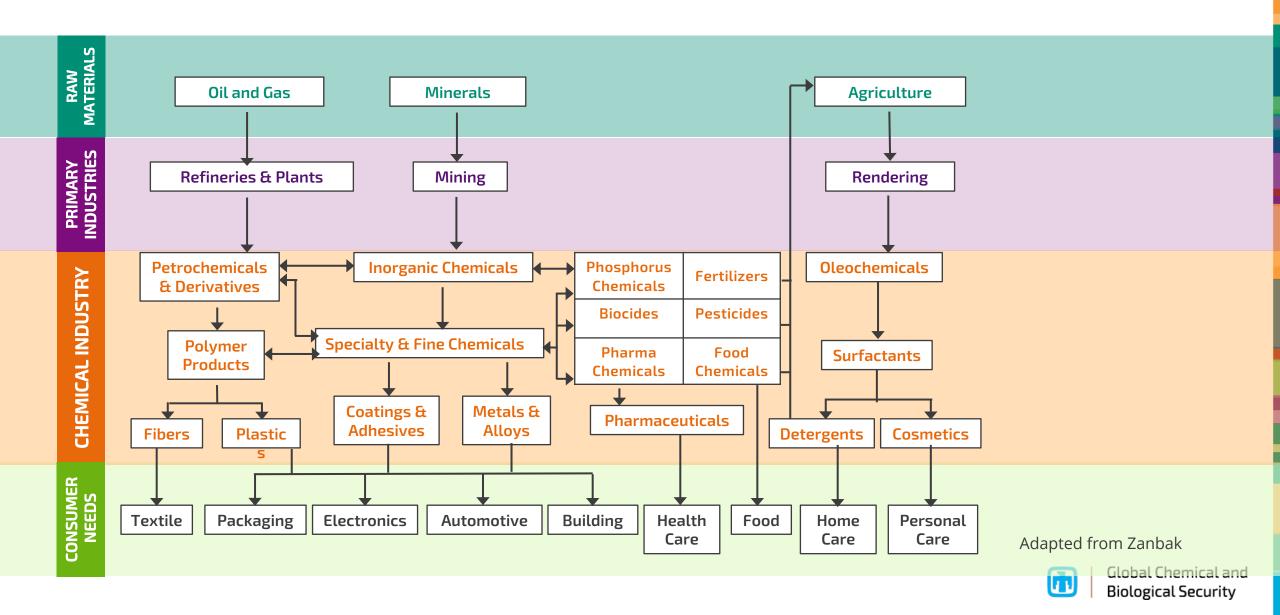
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**WIDESPREAD** 

#### Relation Between Chemicals and Certain Industries









## Learning from Other Sectors: Introduction to Chemical Security











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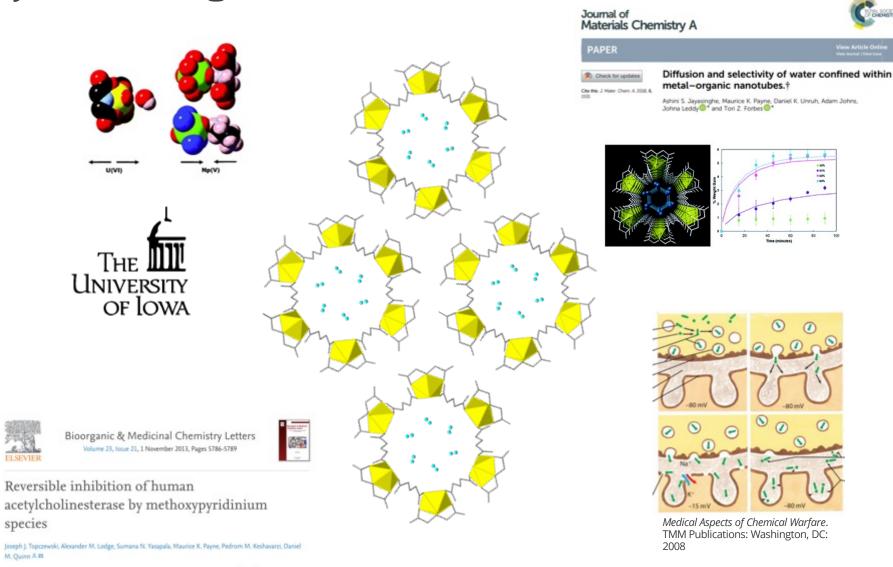


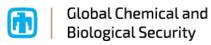
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## Dr. Payne's Background







## Dr. Mulcahy's Background



Highschool Teacher Ph.D., University of Colorado at Boulder

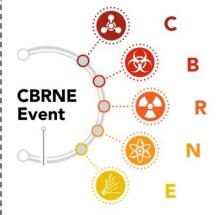
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US Chemical Safety Board Major Accident Investigations



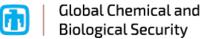
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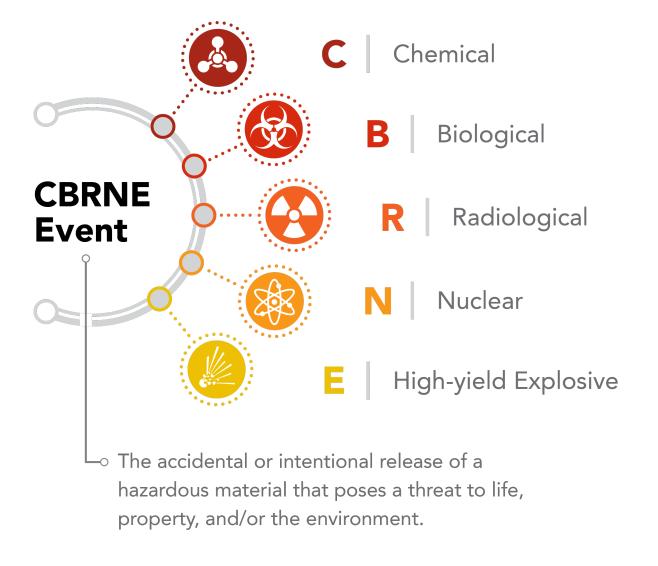


### Sandia National Laboratories Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA











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### Global Chemical and Biological Security (GCBS)

Innovative solutions for countering chemical and biological threats

Reduce the risk of intentional removal (theft), release, or sabotage of a valuable or hazardous chemical or biological material

- Implement comprehensive security program
- Support safety and security best practices







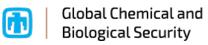




## **Global Experience**



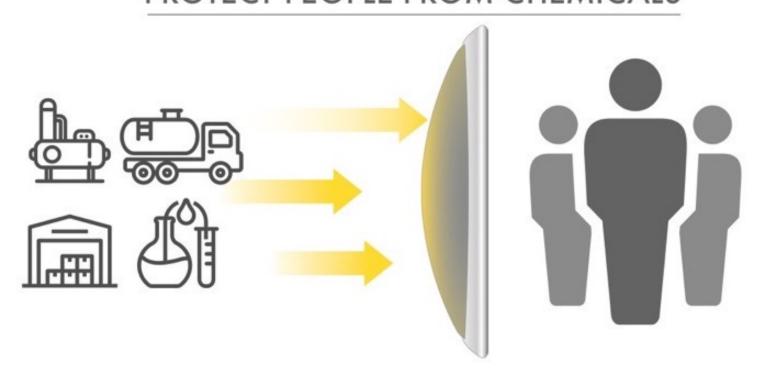




## Chemical Safety—Unintentional



## CHEMICAL SAFETY PROTECT PEOPLE FROM CHEMICALS

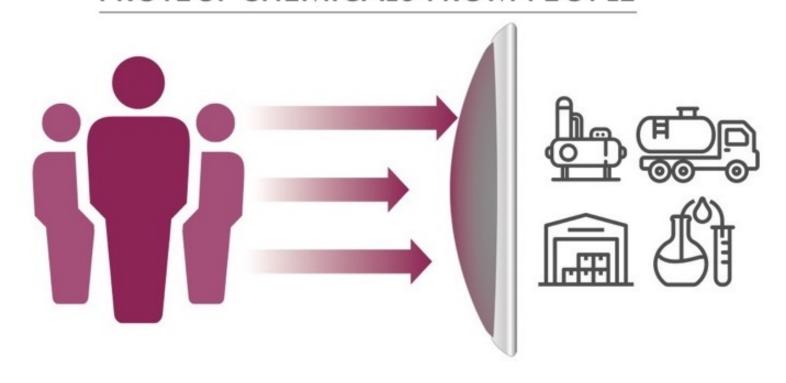




### **Chemical Safety vs Chemical Security**



## CHEMICAL SECURITY PROTECT CHEMICALS FROM PEOPLE











600 BCE

Athenian military poisoned the water supply of Kirrha with hellebore plants.

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Peloponnesian army used sulfur fumes against the city of Plataea.

1845

French troops force more than a 1,000 Algerian Berbers into a cave and used smoke to kill them.

1861-1865

Both sides in the American Civil War proposed using poisonous gas against each other.

## **Chemical Weapons**



Chemical storage area

#### **Advantages of chemical weapons**

- Chemical precursors and toxic industrial chemicals often are readily available and relatively inexpensive
  - Access to precursors may not be regulated in some countries
- Technology to make traditional and improvised chemical weapons is available in open literature

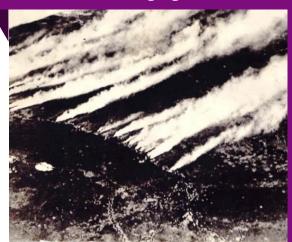
### **Disadvantages of chemical weapons**

- Require significant quantities to produce mass casualties
- Risk of exposure of personnel during manufacture and/or weapon delivery





#### **Choking Agents**





#### **SIGNS** AND **SYMPTOMS**

Range from irritation of eyes, nose, and throat to airway constriction and fluid accumulation in the lungs



#### **SIGNS** AND **SYMPTOMS**

Range from skin and eye irritation and rapid/deep breathing to convulsions, loss of consciousness, and death.









#### **SIGNS** AND **SYMPTOMS**

Includes blisters; eye, nasal, and sinus pain; tissue damage

**Blister Agents** 

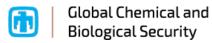


#### **SIGNS** AND **SYMPTOMS**

Range from contraction of pupils and excessive salivation to convulsions and death by asphyxiation



**Nerve Agents** 





Allied casualties from mustard gas

Photo credit - United Kingdom Government

#### World War I

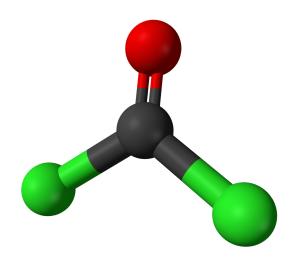
French troops use tear gas grenades against the Germans.

German military uses nearly 170 tons of chlorine gas at Ypres, Belgium. 1,100 troops killed and 7,000 injured.

Mustard gas is used for the first time by the German military. This caused more than 2,100 Allied casualties.

## **Results of Chemical Weapons During WW1**

At the conclusion of WWI (Nov. 11, 1918) there were 1.3 million casualties from chemical weapons and between 90,000 and 100,000 deaths. These deaths were mainly from the industrial chemical phosgene.



Used to make plastics and pesticides.

A gas at room temperature (70 F).

Its lethal concentration of 0.1% can be visible as a green cloud in the air.

Causes noncardiogenic pulmonary edema.



1939-1945

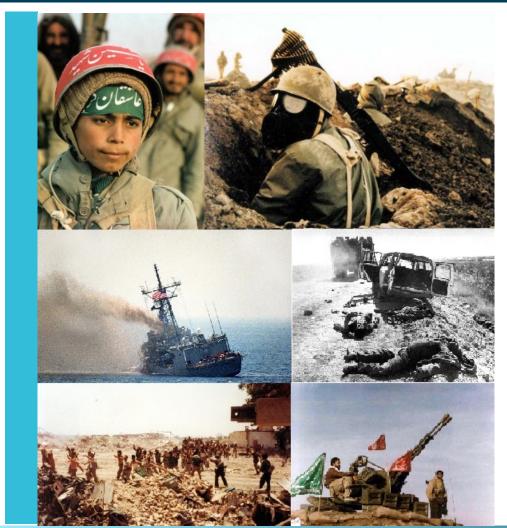
During WWII the Germans use poison gases as chemical weapons at Nazi concentration camps to kill civilians.

The Japanese also use chemical weapons against Chinese military forces and civilians.

Auschwitz Birkenau concentration and extermination camp

Photo credit – Wikimedia Commons

1914-15 1917 1918 1925 1935-36 1939-45 1962-67 1980-88 1993 1994-95 2013-



1980-1988

During the Iran-Iraq war the Iraqi military forces use tabun (nerve agent) and mustard against Iranian forces and Iraq's Kurdish minority.

Over 100,000 Iranian troops and significant numbers of civilians became victims of chemical weapons.

This period was the largest chemical weapon attack against a civilian population.



1994-95

Aum Shinrikyo was a doomsday cult that began in Japan in the 1980's and grew to amass up to \$1 billion in assets by the 1990's.

The group spent upwards of \$30 million to research chemical and biological weapons.

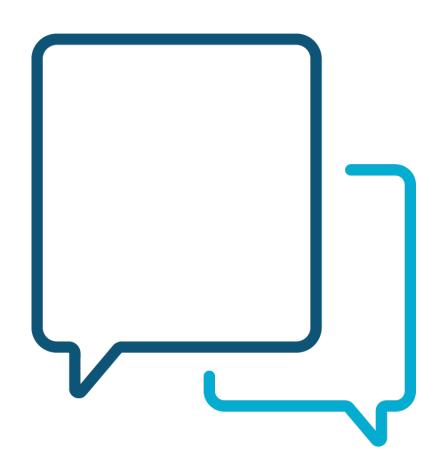
They successfully synthesized many chemical weapons.
Ultimately their efforts led to nerve gas attacks in Matsumoto (1994) and the Tokyo Subway System (1995).

Subway cleanup after deadly Aum Shinrikyo sarin attacks in 1995

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## Flashback to Aum Shrinrikyo Sarin attacks of 1995



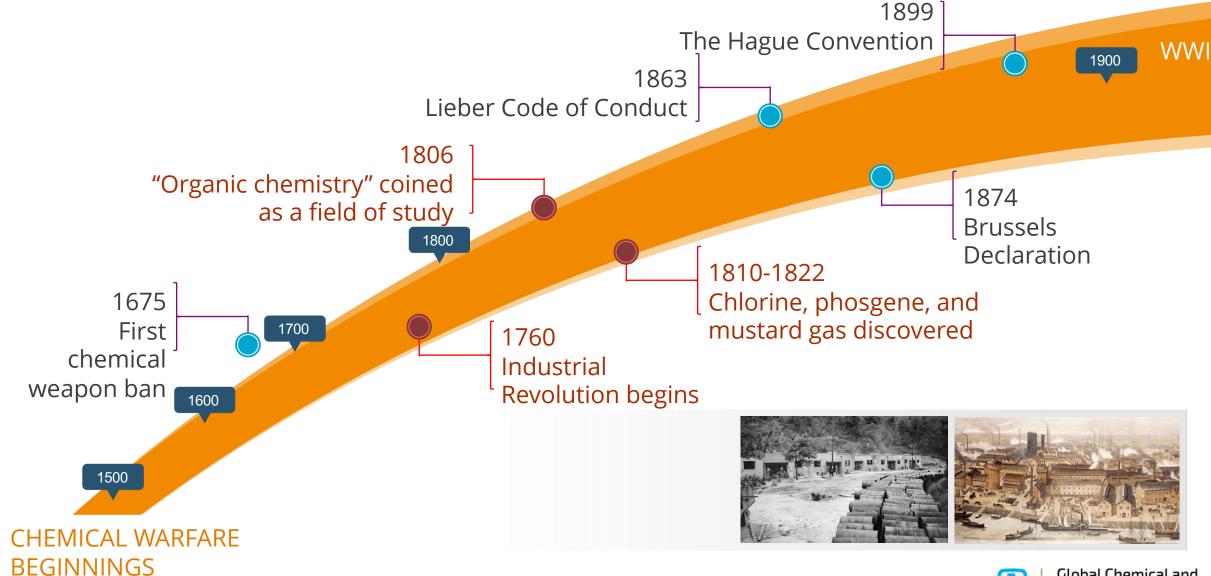


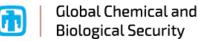
When would you guess the first chemical weapons ban between two counties was implemented?

- 1. 1675
- 2. After WWI
- 3. After WWII
- 4. 1980's

## Chemical Weapons From 500 Years Ago to WWI

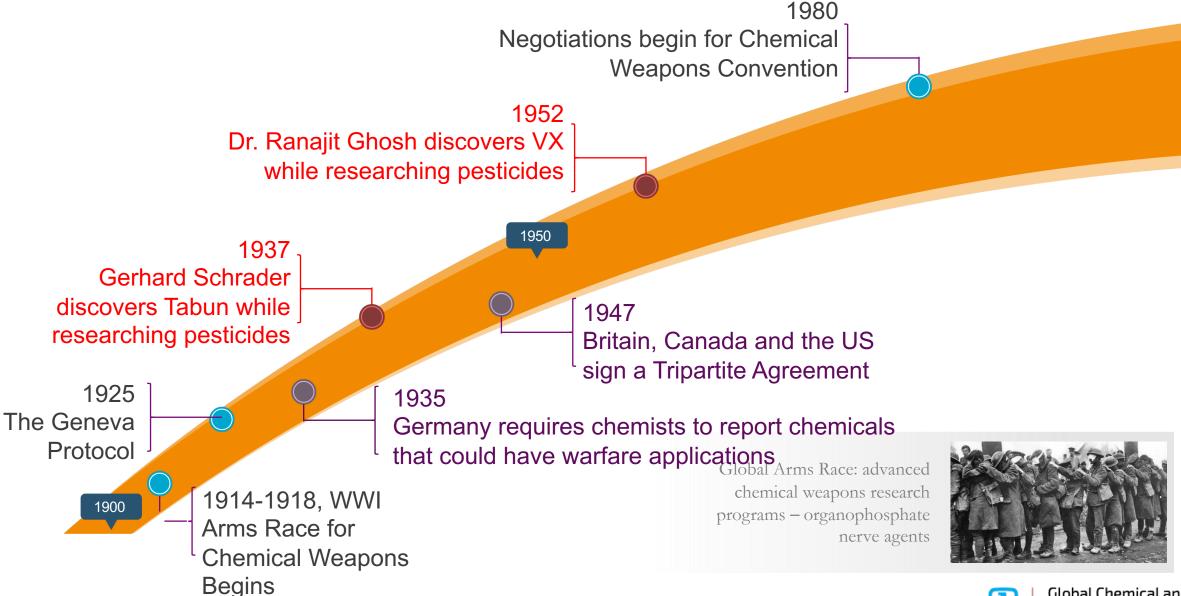


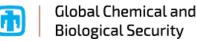




## Chemical Weapons: WWI to 1980

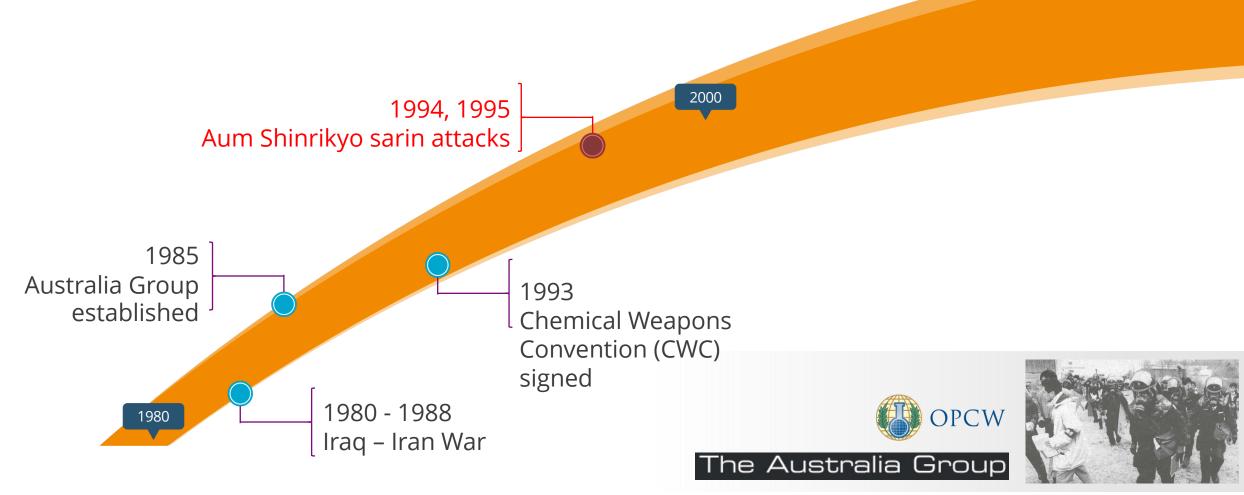


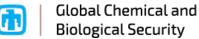




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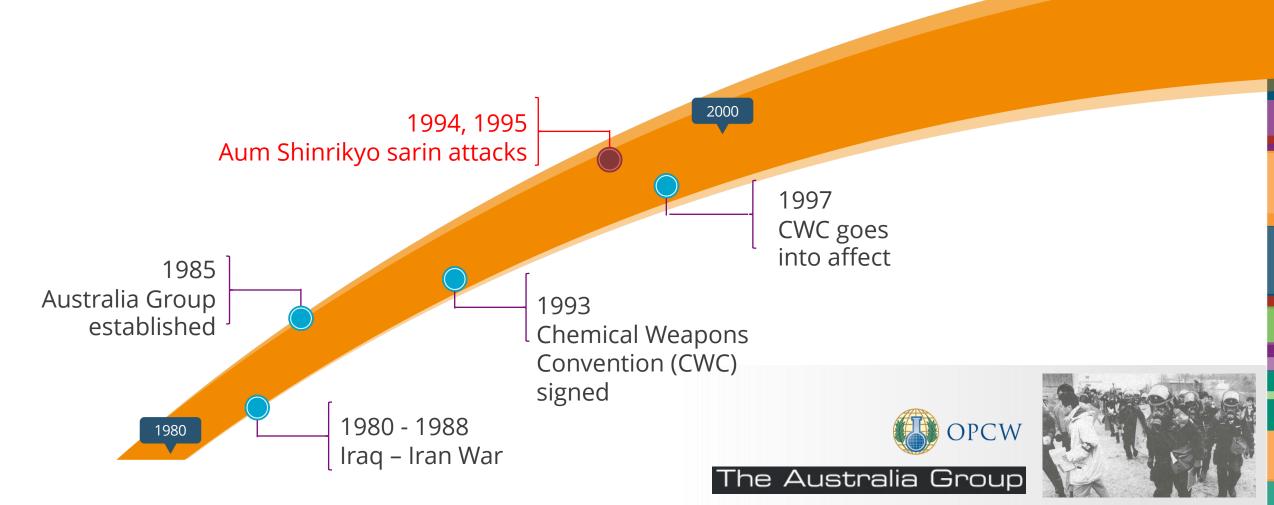


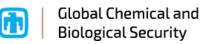




## Chemical Weapons: Iraq-Iran War to Early 2000s







## The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons OPCW

Current Membership:

State Parties to the Convention: 193

Signatory States: 1

Non-signatory States: 3

Percent of World Population Protected:



Chemical Weapons Production Facilities

Declared: 97
Destroyed: 74

Converted for peaceful purposes: 23

Declared stockpiles destroyed: **99%** 



Industry Facilities Subject to Inspection:

4,916



## US signed the CWC in 1993 and ratified in 1997



- The United States declared a large chemical arsenal of 27,770 metric tons to the OPCW after the CWC came into force in 1997
- Along with Russia, the United States received an extension when it was unable to complete destruction of its chemical stockpiles by 2012
- We are scheduled to complete destruction in 2023

## Army continues work to dispose of chemical weapons

By James Campbell January 18, 2022













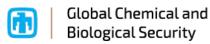
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — Destruction of the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile located in two states has reached the 75% completion mark, with a combined total of more than 2,352 U.S. tons of chemical agent destroyed as of Jan. 14, 2022.



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# CHEMICAL WEAPON AGENTS AND PRECURSORS Three lists ("Schedules") of chemicals subject to monitoring and verification

Schedule	Criteria	Commercial Uses	Chemical Weapon Proliferation Risk
1	<ul> <li>Historically used as a CW</li> <li>Closely related to other schedule 1 chemical</li> <li>Final stage precursor to schedule 1 chemical</li> <li>Lethal or incapacitating properties</li> </ul>	Few	High Risk
2	<ul> <li>Final stage precursor to schedule 1A or 2A chemical</li> <li>Lethal or incapacitating properties</li> </ul>	Moderate	Significant Risk
3	<ul> <li>Precursor to schedule 1B or 2B chemical</li> <li>Historically used as a CW</li> <li>Lethal or incapacitating properties</li> </ul>	Extensive	Risk

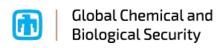




## SCHEDULED CHEMICALS UNDER THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION

Three lists ("Schedules") of chemicals subject to monitoring and verification

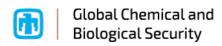
SCHEDULE	
1	A. Nerve and blister agents: sarin, tabun, sulfur mustard, lewisite B. Final step nerve agent precursor chemicals (binary precursors)
2	A Insecticide and nerve agent Amiton and incapacitating agent BZ B Arsenic trichloride and select phosphorous and nitrogen compounds
3	<ul> <li>A. Choking and blood agents: phosgene and hydrogen cyanide</li> <li>B. Select phosphorous and nitrogen compounds like phosphorous trichloride and triethanolamine</li> </ul>



### **SCHEDULE 1** TOXIC CHEMICALS AND PRECURSORS IN INDUSTRY

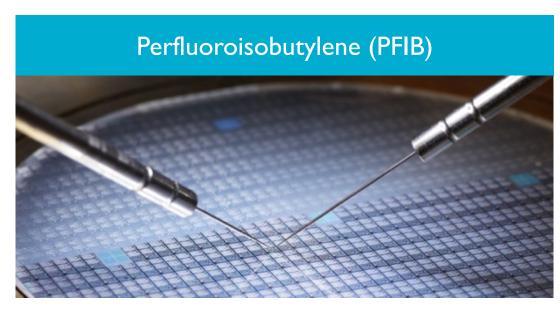


There are very limited legitimate uses for chemicals found on Schedule 1 (A or B). Generally you should not encounter these chemicals in modern industry.





## SCHEDULE 2 TOXIC CHEMICALS AND PRECURSORS IN INDUSTRY



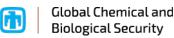
is an example of a schedule 2A toxic chemical

- Colorless odorless gas
- Acutely toxic
- Used in chemical synthesis and semiconductors



is an example schedule 2B precursor chemical

- Viscous, colorless liquid
- Odor of rotten eggs
- Used in ink manufacturing and as a solvent for dyes
- Not very toxic, only mildly irritating





## SCHEDULE 3 TOXIC CHEMICALS AND PRECURSORS IN INDUSTRY

Cyanides like hydrogen cyanide (HCN) and cyanogen chloride (CNCI)



are examples of schedule 3A toxic chemicals

- Colorless gas or liquid with pungent odor
- HCN was main ingredient of Zyklon B, the chemical weapon used by the Nazis in WWII gas chambers
- HCN used in production of nylon, plastics, and paints
- CNCI used in metal cleaners, ore refining, and herbicides

#### Phosphorous trichloride (PCl<sub>3</sub>)





is an example schedule 3B precursor chemical

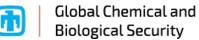
- Clear fuming liquid
- Acutely toxic and corrosive
- Found in flame retardants, pharmaceuticals, and textile finishing agents
- Amount traded in 2020: \$90,000,000+



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## CHEMICAL WEAPON AGENTS & PRECURSORS SUMMARY

Weapon Agent	Common Types of Precursors	Industry Uses
Choking	Chlorine compounds	Water treatment, plastics, pharmaceuticals, dyes, pesticides
Blood	Cyanide compounds	Mining, metallurgy
Blister	Nitrogen, sulfur, arsenic compounds	Plastics, rubber, dyes, textiles, batteries, pharmaceuticals, lubricants, detergents, cosmetics, ceramics
Nerve	Phosphorous and fluorine compounds	Pesticides, flame retardants, lubricants, water treatment, cleaning, plastics, semiconductors





### CWC SCHEDULED CHEMICALS ARE USED IN NUMEROUS INDUSTRIES.

This document is updated every few years



Most traded scheduled chemicals **2022** 



**1 January 2022** 



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## CWC scheduled chemicals are used in numerous industries. Worldwide trade of this chemical was over \$270,000,000 in 2020

Chemical Name: Triethanolamine

CAS RN: 102-71-6

Schedule: 3B17

HS code: 2922.15

Molecular Formula: C6H15NO3

CAS Index Name: Ethanol, 2,2',2"-nitrilotris-

IUPAC Name: 2,2',2"-Nitrilotriethanol

Synonyms: Trolamine

Tis-(2-Hydroxyethyl)amine Tris(beta-hydroxyethyl)amine Tris(2-hydroxyethyl)amine

Triethanolamin

TEOA

TEA (amino alcohol)

TEA Sting-Kill Sterolamide Nitrilotriethanol Daltogen

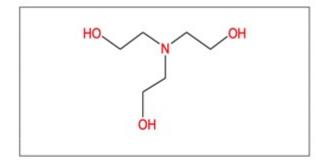
Alkanolamine 244

2,2',2"-Nitrilotris[ethanol]

Used as corrosion inhibitor; used in gas purification processes, metal working, mining, petroleum and coal, polymers, textiles, pigment dispersion, pesticides and herbicides.

Applications include: coating technology, metal coating preparations, glass coating (shatter proofing, anti-frosting, antifogging and-dirt resistant films on glass and plastics); also used as accelerator for photo-polymerisation coating (improves thermal properties and reduces cracking in prepared wire coatings).

#### **Chemical Structure**



#### Commercial Applications & Industrial Uses

Used in production of emulsifiers, detergents, textile and leather chemicals, drilling and cutting oils (impregnating materials, soaps, cosmetics and toiletries, agricultural products, pharmaceuticals).

Used in production of: cleaners (all-purpose cleaners, cleaners that involve skin contact because of mildness of this chemical, waterless hand cleaners), cement and concrete (as s milling additive) and adhesives.

Used in wax formulations: cream waxes and polishes used for furniture, floors and automotive car wax.



### Toxic Industrial and Agricultural Chemicals















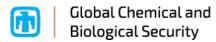
- Have widespread legitimate uses
- Dual-use and multi-use chemicals
- Available in large quantities
- Pose a variety of acute exposure hazards



### Pharmaceutical-Based Agents

- These agents are an emerging threat
- Chemicals initially developed for legitimate uses
- Toxicity can be very high even at very low doses





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## Pharmaceutical-Based Agents Moscow Theater Attack

In 2002 violent separatists held 800 people hostage in a Moscow theater.

- Russian special forces used an opioid to incapacitate the terrorists
- Over 120 hostages died with 600 more requiring hospitalization



"The agent whereby people could be incapacitated without risk of death in a tactical situation does not exist and is unlikely to in the forseeable future. In such a situation, *it is and will continue to be almost impossible to deliver the right agent to the right people in the right dose without exposing the wrong people or delivering the wrong dose.*" – British Medical Association Board of Science, The use of drugs as weapons: The concerns and responsibilities of healthcare professionals, London: BMA, May 2007



### **Principles of Physical Security**





#### **DETECT**

The ability to identify adversaries attempting to access the facility.



#### **DELAY**

Barriers designed to slow down an adversary until responders can assess and intervene

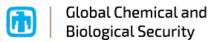


#### **RESPOND**

Respond and stop an adversary or to protect workers and the surrounding community.



Other important aspects of physical security are **Access Control** and **Deterrence**.



## **Security Posture**



Security Posture	Exemplar Descriptions	Accessibility Ranking
Low:	No Security Measures Implemented.	High
Medium:	Notable security gaps allow opportunity for adversary to be successful; detection and delay do not provide sufficient time for response to arrive OR no response plan has been developed.	Medium
High:	Security gaps are minimal; detection and delay may allow for sufficient time for response to arrive under ideal conditions AND/OR response force probably has sufficient skills and resources to neutralize the threat	Low
Very High:	Security is robust; there are minimal gaps; detection and delay allow for sufficient time for response to arrive under extraordinary conditions AND response force is more likely than not to neutralize the threat	Very Low

















# What are the risks to selling chemicals? Illicit sorbitol case study

- Sorbitol is a white solid or concentrated clear solution.
  - often used as a sugar substitute in sweets
  - used in cosmetics and some medical applications
  - Also a main ingredient in solid rocket propellant
- ISIS procured tons of sorbitol to use in rockets
  - many provinces in Iraq have seen sorbitol used this way







# WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T TRACK NORMAL BUSINESS PRACTICES Illicit sorbitol case study

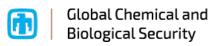
Sorbitol manufactured by French company 'Tereos' in 2015

Lot numbers on ISIS bags associated with the following companies who purchased from Tereos:

- **Ceremony**, confectionary manufacturer in Turkey
- Kent, chewing gum production facility in Turkey
- Eurosweets GmBH, sugar based liquid manufacturer in Germany
- Animal Lovers, Dutch pet food maker
- Sinerji, official Tereos distributor in Turkey
  - Sinerji shipped 78 tons to two Syrian companies

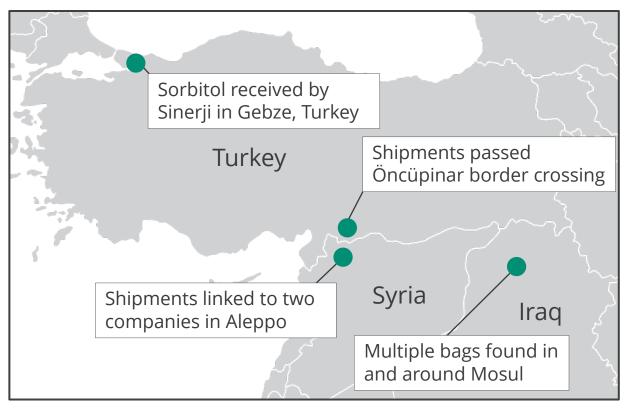


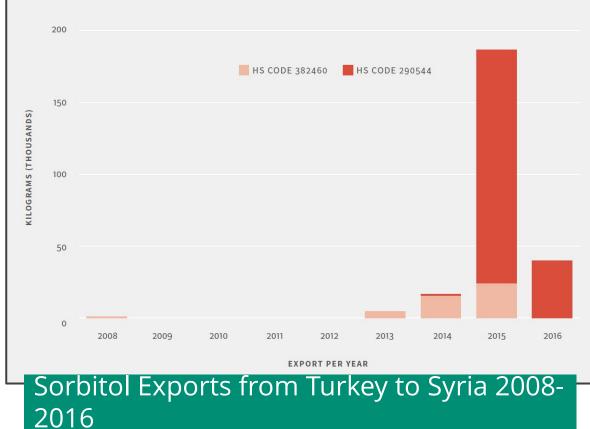
Sorbitol found at ISIS weapons site in Tal Afar, Iraq (Sept 2017)

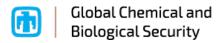


## What can happen if you don't track normal business practices? Illicit sorbitol case study







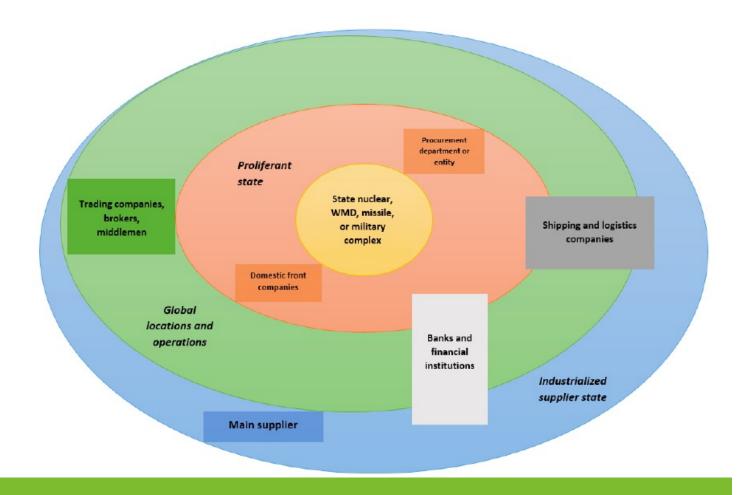


### Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks



#### Network structures will vary

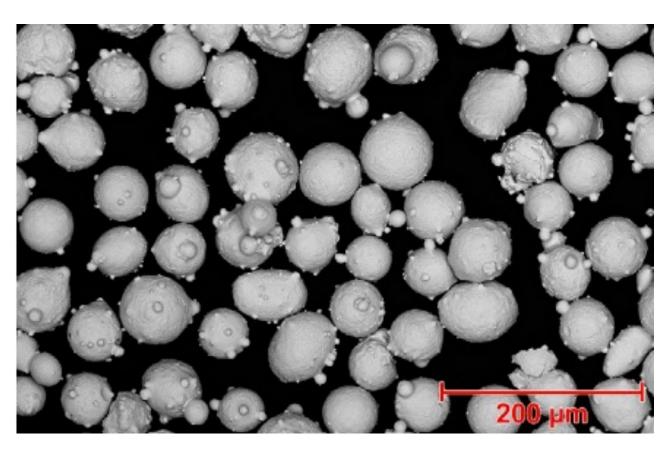
- They exist to circumvent the frameworks in place to prevent chemical proliferation
- They are always made up of many entities and individuals
  - Entities may exist only very briefly



The bad actors are always trying to find ways to procure chemicals



# Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks Metal Powders Case Study



Quick Facts		
Classification	Alloys, cobalt-based	
Chemistry	Co 32Ni 21Cr 8Al 0.5Y or Co 29Cr 6Al 2Si 0.3Y	
Manufacture	Gas atomized	
Morphology	Spheroidal	
Purpose	Oxidation and / or hot corrosion resistance	

#### 1.1 Typical Uses and Applications

Generally used as a thermal sprayed coating for:

- Oxidation and hot corrosion resistance on gas turbine components such as airfoils, turbine buckets, turbine blades and shrouds
- Corrosion resistant bond coat layer for thermal barrier coatings and ceramic clearance control coatings
- Exhaust manifolds, ducts and components used in flue gas and fly ash systems

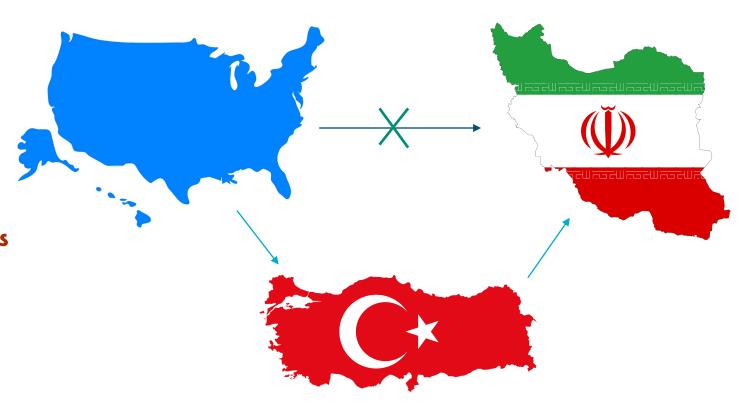


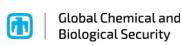
# Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks Metal Powders Case Study

#### What happened?

- The export of the metal powders was a violation of U.S. sanctions on Iran
- The transaction was disguised to avoid raising suspicions

The CEO of a U.S. company that completed a sale pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 57 months in prison







Global Chemical and

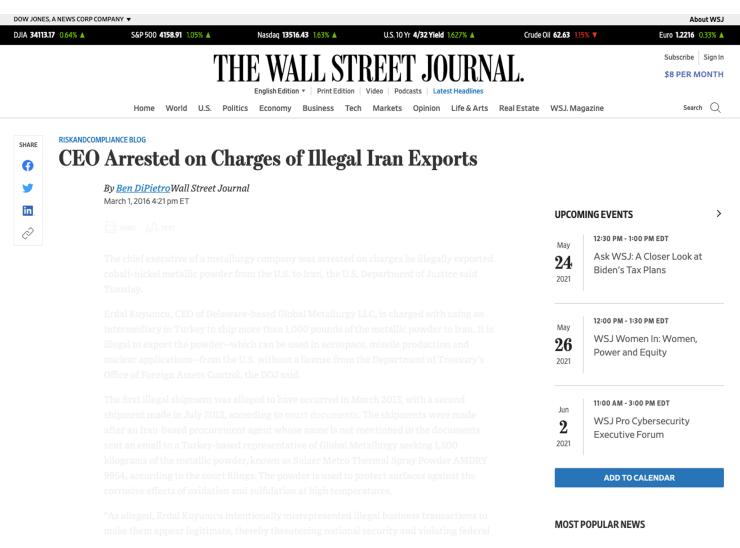
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# Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks Metal Powders Case Study

How did the network facilitate the sale?

- The CEO of U.S. company Global Metallurgy LLC was a key perpetrator
- Middlemen at companies in Turkey and Iran were also involved

The Turkish company had initial difficulties acquiring the dual-use goods and in emails used coded language, calling Iran "The Neighbor".



# Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks Metal Powders Case Study

**CEO Arrested on Charges of Illegal Iran Exports** 四==, Company A Ohio "Civilian Purpose" Iranian Procurement Agent Turkish Representative End user? Steel Company D Global Metallurgy LLC Iran Delaware False End User Company C Turkey Iranian Entity on OFAC List International Bank B New York Global Chemical and **Biological Security** 

# Illicit Chemical Procurement Networks Metal Powders Case Study

How might we disrupt this type of illicit acquisition?

How else might a state proliferator go about acquiring dual-use goods?







Global Metallurgy LLC Delaware

International Bank B New York



Turkish Representative

False End User Company C Turkey





Steel Company D

Iranian Entity on OFAC List



## Chemicals with Identified Security Concerns What other resources exist?

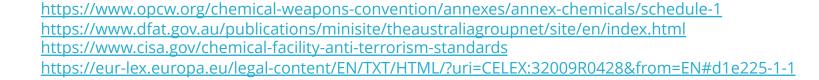
- Lists of chemicals and equipment with security concerns have been published:
  - Chemical weapon agents and their precursors
  - Toxic industrial chemicals
  - Explosives and their precursors
  - Dual-use chemical manufacturing equipment



The Australia Group



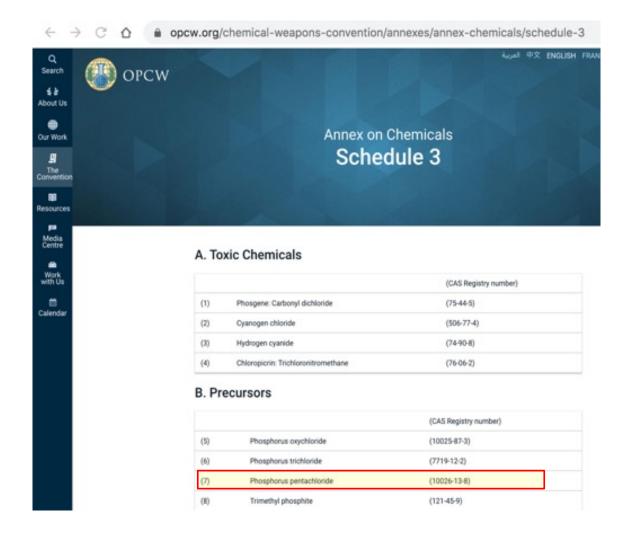






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## Chemicals with Identified Security Concerns CWC: Phosphorus Pentachloride

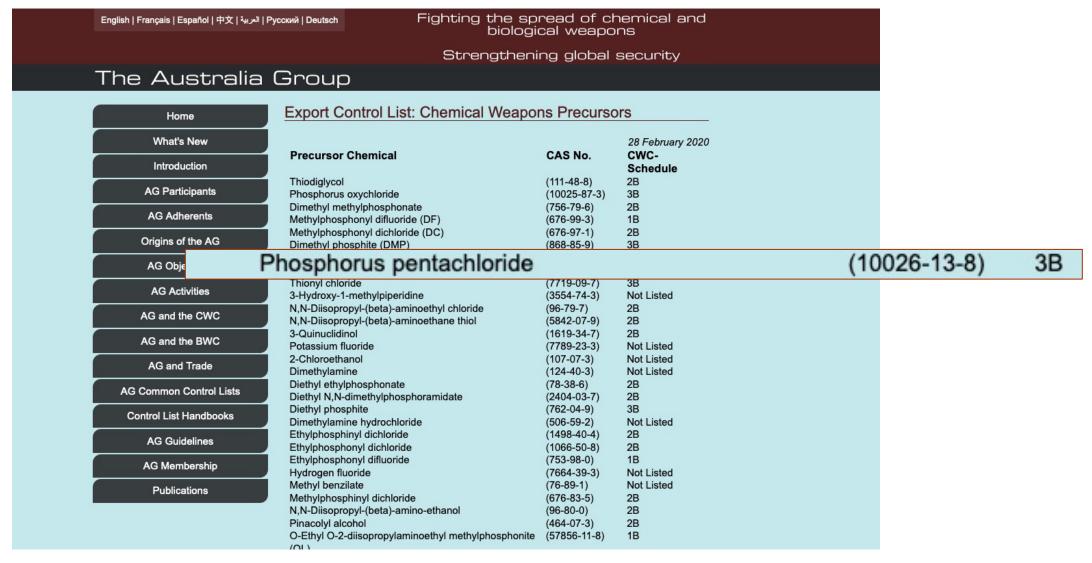


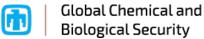
#### Schedule 3

- Used/stockpiled as a chemical weapon;
- Schedule I or 2 chemical precursor;
- Lethal or incapacitating properties that could enable its use as a chemical weapon

#### Chemicals with Identified Security Concerns Australia Group: Phosphorus Pentachloride

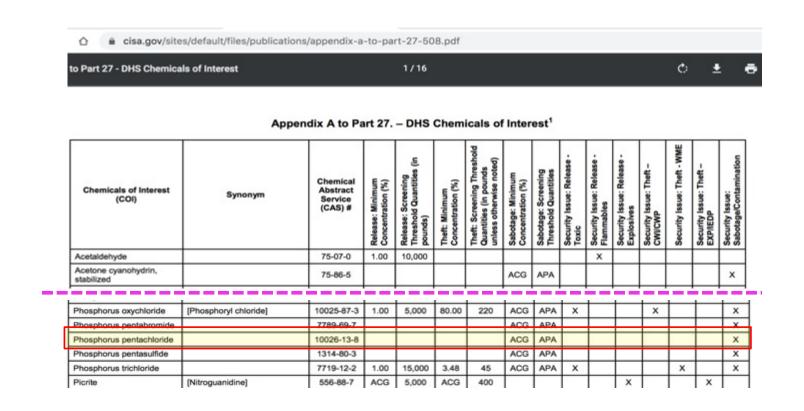




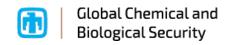


### Chemicals with Identified Security Concerns Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards: Phosphorus Pentachloride





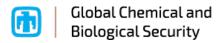
Note: this is an excerpt of the CFATS list. The full list is available: <a href="https://www.cisa.gov/appendix-chemicals-interest">https://www.cisa.gov/appendix-chemicals-interest</a> (accessed 2 May, 2022)



## Chemicals with Identified Security Concerns E.U. Council Regulation 428/2009: Phosphorus Pentachloride

#### N.B.: SEE ALSO MILITARY GOODS CONTROLS AND 1C450.

- 1. Thiodiglycol (111-48-8);
- Phosphorus oxychloride (10025-87-3);
- Dimethyl methylphosphonate (756-79-6);
- 4. SEE MILITARY GOODS CONTROLS FOR Methyl phosphonyl difluoride (676-99-3
- Methyl phosphonyl dichloride (676-97-1);
- Dimethyl phosphite (DMP) (868-85-9);
- 35. Ethyl phosphinyl difluoride (430-78-4);
- Methyl phosphinyl difluoride (753-59-3);
- 37. 3-Quinuclidone (3731-38-2);
- Phosphorus pentachloride (10026-13-8);
- 39. Pinacolone (75-97-8);
- 40. Potassium cyanide (151-50-8);
- 41. Potassium bifluoride (7789-29-9);

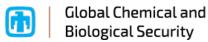


### **Chemical Security Risk Assessment**

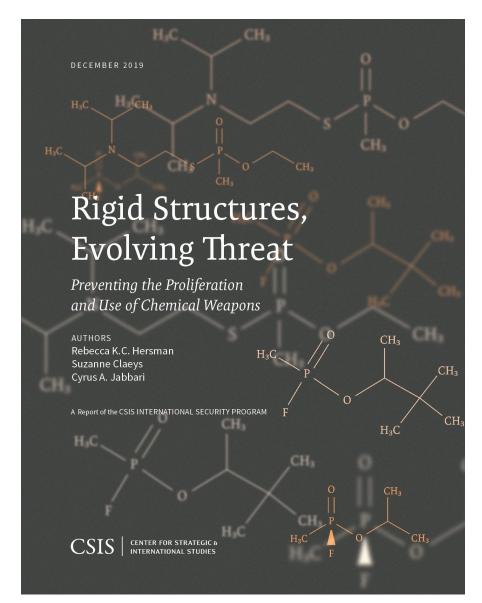




Systematically prioritize risks so that resources are used most effectively for improving or adding controls



### Current Challenges to Chemical Security



- Small, one off uses of CW
- Enforcement and accountability
- New CW acquisition trends
- New and emerging threats
- Disinformation
- Open-source investigation and verification
- Lack of knowledge or interest in CW

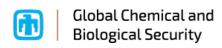
## Are Social Norms Around Chemical Weapons Eroding?



**Pessimistic View**: CWs have been used multiple times in the last 5-10 years and their use and sharing of techniques may increase.

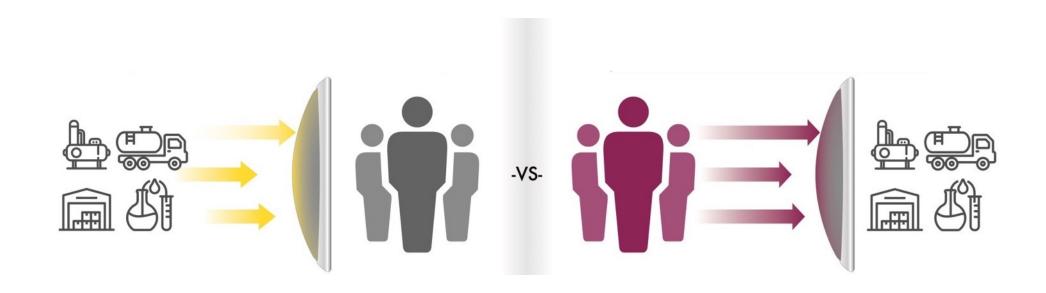
**Optimistic View**: International efforts have helped to prevent the widespread use of CWs since WWI and these efforts will continue towards the eradication of CWs.

**Realistic View**: The social norms around the use and production of chemical weapons are eroding. International efforts have made CWs and CW precursors more difficult to obtain. These efforts will drive non-state actors towards use of more readily available chemicals and unconventional CWs.



## Thank you for your attention





### What questions do you have?

