

**Lesson 19**  
**Catastrophic Threats II:**  
**Biological Terrorism**

**Readings:**

1. Richard Danzig, [\*Catastrophic Bioterrorism: What Is To Be Done?\*](#) (Washington, DC: Center for Technology and National Security Policy, National Defense University, 2003).
2. George W. Bush, [\*National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza\*](#) (Washington, DC: The White House, 2005): 1-12.
3. Skim: George W. Bush, [\*HSPD-9: Defense of United States Agriculture and Food\*](#) (Washington, DC, January 30, 2004).
4. Skim: George W. Bush, [\*HSPD-10: Biodefense for the 21st Century\*](#) (Washington, DC, April 28, 2004).

**Study Questions:**

1. What factors lead Danzig to assert that bioterrorism warrants exceptional preparation? What is "reload?"
2. What characteristics of bioterrorism differentiate it from other forms of catastrophic terrorism?
3. How might a bioterrorist attack scenario (a single attack or campaign) unfold? How difficult would it be for a terrorist cell to initiate an attack? How would we detect an attack?
4. How would we respond to an attack? What challenges does biological terrorism pose to emergency planners?
5. How significant is the risk and difficulty of false alarms?
6. What organizations, policies, and programs does the United States have to combat biological terrorism?