

**NPAC TWG**  
**Chemical Weapons Detection Focus Group**  
**Charter**

In support of the NPAC TWG and Presidential Decision Directive 27, the Chemical Weapons Detection Focus Group (CWDFG) will make recommendations to the National Security Council regarding research and development of chemical detection capabilities and also facilitate interagency awareness of various chemical weapons detection technologies. The CWDFG will enable effective interagency coordination of research and development efforts leading to new means for chemical weapons detection.

The initial mission of the CWDFG (at least until tailored appropriately by group members, with the concurrence of NPAC TWG leadership) is to:

1. Identify chemical weapons (CW) detection needs and requirements tailored to address proliferation threats and monitor arms control compliance (to include detection methods applied to investigations of CW use, monitoring of international developments in CW programs, and attribution of any state-sponsored terrorism).
2. Monitor the adequacy of technologies used for detection, analysis, characterization and reporting of CW.
3. Develop, validate, and implement solutions for technical barriers to effective chemical nonproliferation and arms control.
4. Make recommendations for R&D to improve U.S. capabilities in CW detection.
5. Facilitate coordination among member agencies through regular meetings and community conferences.
6. Promote opportunities for cooperation and leveraging within the CW defense, non-proliferation, arms control, and related communities.

This focus group is a U.S. government interagency working group, and it will include the most qualified experts throughout the government and certain selected related organizations that are involved in understanding, managing, or coordinating relevant aspects of research and development of chemical detection technologies suitable for the detection of production, development, and use of chemical weapons, and also the collection and analysis of residual environmental evidence/traces of chemical weapons. Because of its focus on the nonproliferation and arms control needs, the group is complementary to and benefits from the work performed for defense or counterterrorism applications.

The group will meet on approximately a monthly to bimonthly basis, and it is anticipated that most if not all meeting discussions take place at the SECRET classification level.