

# COUNTERTERRORISM COUNTERPROLIFERATION

U.S. Strategy to Combat Nuclear Terrorism Encompasses a Wide Range of Activities that Comprise a Defense-in-Depth Against Current and Emerging Dangers



Countering nuclear terrorism remains a high priority. We are sustaining programs that prevent, counter, and respond to the threat of nuclear terrorism and proliferation. The United States strives to prevent terrorists from obtaining nuclear weapons or weapons-usable materials, technology, and expertise; counter their efforts to acquire, transfer, or employ these assets; and respond to nuclear incidents, by locating and disabling a nuclear device or managing the consequences of a nuclear detonation.



*Exercise Prominent Hunt in New Mexico*



*NRAT team members executed specialized container climbing procedures designed to safely place radiation detection equipment on and around elevated or stacked cargo containers*



*AMS over Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, MN*

- *For effective deterrence, the United States will hold fully accountable any state, terrorist group, or other non-state actor that supports or enables terrorist efforts to obtain or employ nuclear devices.*
- *The U.S. maintains advanced nuclear forensics capabilities to identify the source of the material used in a nuclear device.*
- *Our adversaries must understand that a terrorist nuclear attack against the United States or its allies and partners would qualify as an “extreme circumstance” warranting a possible nuclear response.*