



Chemical Distance Learning Products

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Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Reconnaissance Course

This distributed learning (DL) course will be Phase I of NBC reconnaissance training and will be a prerequisite for students attending the NBC Reconnaissance Course, L5 (Phase II, institution training). The DL portion provides lessons in basic reconnaissance operations, including vehicle operations, reports, reporting procedures, an introduction to NBC reconnaissance, NBC sampling and marking operations, an operations overview, and an introduction to the Precision Lightweight Global Positioning System Receiver (PLGR). This DL product will be released in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006.

Biodetection Unit Leaders (BUL) Course

This course focuses on the skills and knowledge required to lead a Biological Integrated Detection System (BIDS) platoon on the battlefield. The course lessons include biodetection operation plan/operation order (OPLAN/OPORD) information requirements; biodetection planning, preparation, and execution operations; biodetection operations on the battlefield; biodetection systems employment on the battlefield; biodetection company critical nodes and area array planning; biodetection unit report assessment; biological warfare agent sample evacuation planning; and BIDS contractor logistics support (CLS). This 40-hour course for BIDS leaders will be available in FY 06.

Biodetection Systems Common Subjects Course

This DL course will be a prerequisite for students attending the Preplanned Product Improved BIDS (M31A1/P3I) Course or the Joint Biological Point Detection System (M31A2/JBPDS) Course. The DL portion will be Phase I of training and the BIDS P3I or BIDS JBPDS institutional training will be Phase II. The DL course lessons include introductions to the BIDS M31A1/P3I and the M31A2/JBPDS, basic biology, the biological environment, and biological laboratory operations and safety procedures. The DL will be available in FY 06.

Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Defense Course

This course is designed to teach Active Army and reserve component officers and noncommissioned officers the skills they need to work at the company and detachment levels. This training program is compatible with the resident instruction provided by the US Army Chemical School. Phase I of this course was designed to be delivered as DL training and contains approximately 54 hours of instruction. Phase I should be followed by the resident Phase II course—NBC Room Operations. The Phase III course, NBC Defense Operations, will be fielded in FY 05. 