

## Mission Essential Task List

The Mission Essential Task List (METL) is a list of essential tasks required for DOE/NNSA protective force assignments that are based upon fundamental protection objectives and site-specific protection plans to defend against malevolent acts as defined by threat policies and other DOE directives. METLs are designed to establish unity of purpose and effort within DOE/NNSA and to ensure operational efficiencies.

The Department-wide mission-essential tasks applicable to DOE/NNSA protective force services are the following:\*

- 1) DETECT: Identify, locate, and assess the threat through active and passive means using human and technological assets and programmatic processes.
- 2) DETER: Discourage and interrupt progress of the threat through active and passive means using human and technological assets.
- 3) DENY: Engage, interdict, and neutralize the threat through active means using human and technological assets.
- 4) RECAPTURE: Repossess and secure assets on site through active means using human and technological assets.
- 5) RECOVER: Repossess and secure assets off site through active and passive means using human and technological assets while in contact with threat.
- 6) RECONSTITUTE: Ensure continuity of protection and restore normal operations following an emergency situation.

This task list forms the basis for all mission essential training. Sites must develop Site-Specific Supporting Tasks (SSST) and Required Supporting Training (RST) to supplement the METL based on essential requirements that may be unique to each facility or protection strategy.

- SSSTs are comprised of leader, individual, and collective tasks and are tied to specific conditions and standards at each site. A comprehensive set of over 95% of potential SSSTs is developed for “plug and play” use by all DOE/NNSA sites and will be provided to the contractor. The remaining 5% are developed by the individual sites.
- RST is comprised of required annual training not directly linked to security mission accomplishment (e.g., safety, human capital, armorer, and instructor training).

\* Recapture/Recover training is not required for the ETP and FBC missions.