

# Glossary

## A

**ABCA allies** - American, British, Canadian, and Australian allies

**Active defense measures** - Measures taken to find and destroy either the munitions or the delivery systems of an NBC attack.

**ADA** - Air defense artillery

**APC** - Armored personnel carriers

**Arthropods** - Group of invertebrate animals that have a jointed body and legs such as insects, arachnids, and crustaceans.

**AWS** - Air weather service

## C

**CAT** - Cloud arrival time. Used for biological agent calculations.

**CB** - Chemical/biological

**CDM** - Chemical downwind message

**CET** - Cloud exposure time. Used for biological agent calculations.

**CFA** - Covering force area

**CHEMWARN** - Friendly chemical attack warning

**COMMZ** - Communications zone

## E

**ECM** - Electronic countermeasures

**ECCM** - Electronic counter-countermeasures

**EW** - Electronic warfare

## F

**FDC** - Fire direction centers

**FEBA** - Forward edge of the battle area

**PLOT** - Forward line of troops

**FSE** - Fire support element

**FSOP** - Field standing operating procedures

## G

**GN** - Grid north.

**GMT** - Greenwich Mean Time

**GZ** - Ground zero

## K

**km** - Kilometer

## M

**METT-T** - mission, enemy, terrain, troops, and time

available

**Minimum safe distance** - Distance corresponding to a degree of protection needed to remain in the area.

**MOPP gear** - Protective clothing and equipment worn appropriate to the threat, work rate imposed by the mission, temperature, and humidity.

**MSD** - Minimum safe distance

## N

**NATO** - North Atlantic Treaty Organization

**NAV CDM** - U.S. Naval Chemical Downwind Message

**NBC** - Nuclear, biological and Chemical

**NBCC** - NBC center

**NBCWRS** - NBC warning and reporting system

## O

**OPSEC** - Operational security

**OPORD** - Operational order

**OPLAN** - Operations plan

**OPCON** - Operational control

## P

**Passive defense measures** - Measures taken to reduce possibilities of (or effects of) NBC attack.

**Pathogens** - living microorganisms that cause disease in man, animals, or plants.

**POW** - prisoner of war

## S

**SIGSEC** - Signal security

**SOP** - Standing operating procedures

## T

**TARR** - Time of arrival

**Toxins** - Poisonous substances produced as by-products of microorganisms (the pathogens), plants, and animals.

## U

**Universal transverse mercator** - Meridians and parallels of latitudes appearing lines crossing at right angles.

**USMC** - United States Marine Corps

**USMTF** - United States Message Text Format

**UTM** - Universal transverse mercator