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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO examined the extent to which the Department of Defense (DOD) has applied the Government Performance and Results Act s outcome-oriented principles to the Chemical and Biological (CB) Defense Program, focusing on whether: (1) CB Defense Program goals are explicit and measurable; (2) the CB Defense Program has performance measures that assess outcomes and impacts rather than outputs and activities; and (3) organizations executing the CB Defense research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDTE) activities have incorporated Results Act principles in their program planning and evaluation. GAO noted that: (1) DOD s CB Defense Program in general, and its RDTE activities in particular, have not incorporated key Results Act principles, as evidenced by the fact that the goals of the program are vague and unmeasurable and do not articulate specific desired impacts; (2) in the absence of explicit and measurable goals, it is difficult to assess whether the program has been successful in achieving its goals; (3) the performance measures of CB Defense Program RDTE emphasize activities rather than impacts; (4) the program is...



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