

DEFCON LEVELS



CONDITION

DEFCON I

DEFCON II

DEFCON III

DEFCON IV

DEFCON V



**EXERCISE
TERM**

**COCKED
PISTOL**

**FAST
PACE**

**ROUND
HOUSE**

**DOUBLE
TAKE**

**FADE
OUT**

READINESS

**MAXIMUM
READINESS**

**ARMED
FORCES:
6 HRS OR
LESS TO
DEPLOY &
ENGAGE**

**MAXIMUM
AIR FORCE:
15 MINUTES
TO
MOBILIZATION**

**ABOVE
NORMAL**

NORMAL

DESCRIPTION

**NUCLEAR
WAR
IMMINENT**

**NEAR
NUCLEAR
WAR**

**FORCE
READINESS
INCREASED
ABOVE
NORMAL
LEVELS**

**INTEL WATCH
INCREASED
SECURITY
MEASURES
STRENGTH-
ENED**

**LOWEST
STATE**