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The Analytical Task Force (ATF) is a special force that is able to conduct quick analysis on site during chemical emergencies such as accidents with dangerous goods. For this purpose the ATF possesses special measuring devices with which it is able to detect and identify hazardous substances directly on site. Furthermore, the scientific background of the ATF personnel enables an entire evaluation of the measuring results. That way, conclusions are possible on required measures to handle the situation. This may support the head of the casualty staff in decision-making.

Task forces are special forces that support the Federal Republic of Germany and the federal Laender in protecting the population in Germany. In June 2002, the federal state and the Laender agreed in a new strategy on the basis of protection levels oriented to risk categories. The highest protection level is the special protection with special forces, so-called Task forces.

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