Pentagon unable to back claim of three-shot anthrax shield

By Rick Maze

The Defense Department is dropping its claim that service members are protected from the deadly anthrax disease after receiving just three of the required six vaccinations.

Under fire for a statement that some members of the House Government Reform Committee said they had been told by the Pentagon's chief of staff that service members would be protected after just three shots, the department admitted that it would have to change its position.

The government had said in a statement that the vaccine would provide protection after the first three shots.

In the past, the service members had been told that they would have to receive all six shots to be protected.

The statement was made before a House Armed Services Committee hearing on the anthrax vaccine.

The government had said that the vaccine was being developed to protect against a wide range of biological threats.

The vaccine is still in development and has not yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The government had also said that the vaccine would be available to the public as soon as it was approved.

The statement was made by a government official who had been asked about the vaccine's effectiveness.

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