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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: High, Cyber: High

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *April 09, Akron Beacon Journal, Ohio* — **Ohio-based FirstEnergy begins testing on Davis-Besse nuclear plant.** FirstEnergy Corp. has started testing to make sure its Davis-Besse nuclear plant is airtight. **The pressure test, which started Monday and should be over by the end of the week, is a crucial step in the Akron utility's efforts to restart Davis-Besse.** The company said Davis-Besse may be ready to restart in May, pending approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The company has pushed back the restart date numerous times since

the plant in Oak Harbor, about 25 miles east of Toledo, first closed down in February 2002. **The procedure that started Monday, called an integrated leak rate test, is designed to make sure that the steel vessel that surrounds the nuclear reactor isn't leaking air into the outside environment.** The steel vessel is made of 1½-inch-thick steel and is surrounded by a massive concrete containment chamber. **FirstEnergy had to cut out part of the containment vessel last summer to replace the corroded vessel head that sat on top of the reactor. The NRC requires that all nuclear plants undergo the same type of test every 10 years.** Davis-Besse last did the test in 2000, but will repeat the process because of the repairs. The plant has to pass more tests before being allowed to restart, including checking for coolant leaks at the bottom of the reactor. The company found large rust stains on the bottom of the vessel, but could not determine if the rust was caused by coolant leaks at the top of the vessel or from nozzles underneath.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3760600

2. *April 08, BBC* — **Russia submits bid to build nuclear plant in Finland.** Atomstroyeksport, Russia's state-controlled overseas construction company for the nuclear power industry, has submitted a bid in a tender to construct a nuclear power plant in Finland, Director Victor Kozlov told ITAR-TASS on Monday [7 April]. **The Russian company has a very good chance of winning the tender because Russia previously built a nuclear power plant in Finland that has been successfully operating for 20 years, he said. Russia also proposes building a nuclear power plant of the same type it is building in China, which according to experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has a number of advantageous security features against other projects, he added.** And Russia's proximity to the building site will significantly reduce the cost of transporting equipment, he said. Finland plans to make decision a by the end of the year, he said.

Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3761611

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Pentagon gave airlines over \$1 billion since October.** Commercial airlines have been awarded more than \$1 billion in military contracts since October as the war in Iraq increased demand for transporting troops, supplies and humanitarian goods to the region, military officials said yesterday. Officials at the Air Force Air Mobility Command, which oversees airlift services for the Department of Defense, said that \$1.06 billion was awarded to civilian airlines between Oct. 1 and March 3. **Last month, the agency estimated that charter airlift expenditures for fiscal year 2003 would amount to about \$618 million.** Although the Air Mobility Command would not break out the value of individual contracts, companies that routinely provide military airlift services include American Airlines, United Airlines and cargo carriers such as Atlas Air. More than 30

companies have contracts with the military.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bal-bz.airlines10apr10.0.7857476.story?coll=bal%2Dbusiness%2Dheadlines>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *April 10, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury* — **Anti-money laundering program requirements for "persons involved in real estate closings and settlements"**. FinCEN is in the process of implementing the requirements delegated to it under the USA Patriot Act of 2001, in particular the requirement pursuant to section 352 of the Act that financial institutions establish anti-money laundering programs. **The term "financial institution" includes "persons involved in real estate closings and settlements."** FinCEN is issuing this advance notice of proposed rulemaking ("ANPRM") to solicit public comments on a wide range of questions pertaining to this requirement, including how to define "persons involved in real estate closings and settlements," the money laundering risks posed by such persons, and whether any such persons should be exempted from this requirement. Written comments may be submitted on or before June 9, 2003. The real estate industry could be vulnerable at all stages of the money laundering process by virtue of dealing with high value products. Money launderers have used real estate transactions to attempt to disguise the illegal source of their proceeds.

Source: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-8688.htm>

5. *April 10, New York Times* — **U.S. plan for Wall St. firms drops provision for a move. Federal regulators have recommended that companies critical to the nation's financial system should try to resume operations within hours of a disaster or terrorist attack.** A white paper issued jointly Tuesday by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve said financial firms involved in processing market transactions should establish separate backup operations to help prevent wide-scale disruption of financial markets. **Industry executives and city officials said on Wednesday that they were heartened that the federal agencies did not think it necessary that backup operations be a minimum distance from main offices. An earlier version suggested that backup sites be as much as 300 miles away.** City officials had feared that such a requirement would encourage the flight of financial jobs from New York.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/10/nyregion/10WALL.html>

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Transportation Sector

6. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Concorde to quit flying this year.** British Airways and Air France said Thursday they will take their Concorde jets out of service later this year, ending more than a quarter century of supersonic commercial travel. **Both airlines blamed falling passenger demand and rising maintenance costs for their decision to ground the**

needle-nosed jets that epitomized the economic and technological confidence of an earlier era. The retirement of the service "will be permanent as of October this year," BA spokeswoman Sara John said. **Air France, the only other airline to fly Concorde, said its last scheduled flight would be on May 31, and the program would shut down at the end of October.** BA's chief executive, Rod Eddington, said the decision to retire Concorde after 27 years of commercial service was not connected to possible safety fears arising from a crash outside Paris that killed 113 people in 2000. BA suspended its Concorde service several weeks after the crash. Both airlines reintroduced supersonic flights in November 2001.

Source: http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.asp?storyid=16946

7. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Airline loses two planes to crashes in one day; three die.** The National Transportation Safety Board opened an investigation Wednesday after an Ohio charter airline lost two small planes in separate accidents in a single day, killing three people. **Tuesday's accidents, which occurred 400 miles apart, both involved Dassault Aviation Falcon 20s operated by Grand Aire Inc. The airline voluntarily suspended flights Wednesday.** "We can't draw any inference beyond this being a coincidence," NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said. "At the moment, they are being handled as separate events." **The first plane crashed about a mile short of the runway at the Toledo airport, killing all three people on board. Five hours later, the second plane splashed down in the Mississippi River, not far from the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.** Both crew members were rescued; one was in serious condition and the other was listed as fair. The causes of the accidents had not been determined, although the plane that went down in St. Louis was low on fuel, said FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-planes10apr10.1.982220.story?coll=la%2Dheadlines%2Dnation>

8. *April 08, Federal Computer Week* — **Delta named 'Big Brother'. Delta Air Lines remains under attack from privacy activists because of its involvement with a much-contested computer system that would screen passengers to assess their terrorism risk.** On April 3, the company won one of Privacy International's annual "Big Brother" awards, a dubious distinction meant to call attention to invaders of personal privacy. **Delta began testing an information technology infrastructure for the Transportation Security Administration's Computer Assisted Passenger Prescreening System (CAPPS) II last month, officials said.** CAPPS II would scan government and commercial databases for personal information that could indicate a traveler poses a threat. **The program is under siege from privacy groups, lawmakers and information experts, who argue that it could violate privacy protections, civil liberties and due process.**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0407/web-delta-04-08-03.asp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *April 09, Associated Press* — **Postal service tests anthrax detection. The post office is launching a national test of a system to detect any anthrax attack.** The new biological detection system has been tested for several months in Baltimore and will now go to 14 other cities for evaluation, Tom Day, postal vice president for engineering, said Tuesday. "We have

carefully reviewed its results and we are now confident that it is working successfully," Day told a news conference at Postal Service headquarters. **The system uses rapid DNA testing to look for anthrax and can be adapted to test for other biological hazards, he said.** He added that the agency is also studying other equipment that would check for chemical, explosive and radioactive contamination.

Source: <http://www.fredericksburg.com/News/apmethods/apstory?urlfeed=D7QA6EJG0.xml>

10. *April 09, Federal Computer Week* — **Lawmakers urge port security funds. A coalition of lawmakers representing ports and coastal areas around the United States asked congressional appropriators Wednesday to increase the money for port security infrastructure improvements apportioned in the fiscal 2003 supplemental budget.** The lawmakers said the nation's ports have serious security gaps that could give terrorists a chance to smuggle weapons of mass destruction into the U.S. unless more money is pumped into their security systems. **The Coast Guard estimated in December 2002 that improvements to port security would cost \$963 million for fiscal 2004 and \$4.4 billion over the next ten years.** Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Congress has earmarked \$368 million for port security infrastructure improvements.

Source: <http://www.few.com/few/articles/2003/0407/web-port-04-09-03.asp>

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Agriculture Sector

11. *April 10, Agriculture Online* — **Bacteria could fight livestock pests.** Wolbachia is a bacterium scientists at the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) Lethbridge Research Center says shows promise as a new option for biocontrol. **Wolbachia bacterium offers promising new options for biocontrol, and the researchers are developing it as a method to control flies.** "The bacterium, Wolbachia, manipulates the reproductive system of its insect host," says Dr. George Kyei-Poku, an insect pathologist and microbiologist at AAFC. The effects of Wolbachia vary with different hosts and depending on the host's 'lifestyle,' the reproductive irregularity can be harnessed for the control of pest insects. Kyei-Poku works with Dr. Kevin Floate, an AAFC insect ecologist, on developing Wolbachia as a method to control pest flies affecting livestock.

Source: http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?FNC=goDetail_ANewsindex.html_49698_1

12. *April 10, Reuters* — **Officials confirm chicken virus in Texas flock.** Animal health officials on Thursday confirmed that a highly contagious poultry virus had spread to Texas, the fourth U.S. state affected by the six-month outbreak. **The Texas Animal Health Commission said a small flock of backyard chickens near El Paso, Texas, tested positive for Exotic Newcastle Disease.** "As of Wednesday evening, infection has been confirmed only in El Paso County," said Bob Hillman, the commission's executive director.

Source: <http://asia.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=scienceNewsstoryID=2544810>

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Food Sector

13. *April 10, Associated Press* — **Non-approved meat forces charro bean recall. The U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday that a Texas firm has recalled canned charro beans with meat that entered the country without a required food safety inspection.** Vilore Foods recalled 14-ounce cans of "La Sierra Autentica Cocina Mexicana Charro Beans," which were distributed to retail stores nationwide. **The meat portion of the product originated from an establishment that is not approved for export to the United States.** The meat was not presented to the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service for inspection upon entering the country.
Source: <http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/money/2103926/detail.htm>

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Water Sector

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Public Health Sector

14. *April 09, Los Angeles Times* — **Viruses may be antibiotic alternative.** Early last century, bacteria-eating viruses were considered a potentially powerful weapon against dangerous bacteria. After all, they were a natural enemy, infiltrating disease-causing microbes and destroying them from within. But the track record of these viruses, known as bacteriophages, or phages, proved spotty, and Western physicians largely abandoned them in favor of antibiotics. Now, it seems, fighting disease has come full circle. **As even the most potent antibiotics lose the upper hand against bacteria, researchers are again exploring the potential of these virulent invaders, with several biotechnology companies in the United States and Canada developing phage therapies.** "People are now desperately looking for alternatives, and there's a lot of data showing that phages have tremendous promise," says Alexander Sulakvelidze, an epidemiologist at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.
Source: http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/metropolitan/185845_3

15. *April 07, Associated Press* — **Iodide pills urged. Spurred by concerns over bioterrorism and the war in Iraq, the American Academy of Pediatrics on Monday urged households, schools, and child-care centers near nuclear power plants to keep potassium iodide pills on hand to protect children from an accidental or intentional radiation release.** The pills protect people from getting thyroid cancer. The policy is aimed at families, schools, and child-care centers within 10 miles of nuclear plants, but those farther away were also urged to stock up on the pills. "It may be prudent to consider stockpiling potassium iodide within a larger radius because of more distant wind-borne fallout, as occurred after Chernobyl," the 1986 Ukrainian nuclear plant catastrophe, the academy said.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.com/news/896785.asp?0cv=HB10>

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Government Sector

16. *April 10, Washington Post* — **Does it all add up at the DHS? President Bush's administration put the number of employees at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) at 169,154 last summer when the White House proposed merging 22 agencies to create the department. That was quickly rounded up to 170,000.** Shortly after President Bush signed the bill in November, however, a top aide to Tom Ridge, then director of the Office of Homeland Security, explained that the department really would have closer to 190,000 employees. The administration's fiscal 2004 budget proposal estimated the department's workforce would be 179,000 full-time employees. Ridge stuck with that figure on March 20 when he told a House appropriations panel that DHS would have "roughly 179,000 full-time equivalent positions." Three days earlier, on March 17, Ann S. Tursic, the new chief of the personnel security division at DHS, attended a news conference on electronic background checks. She said the department had about 210,000 workers. **Paul C. Light, a government scholar at the Brookings Institution, said he believes the higher estimates. They probably account for contractors and temporary workers at agencies such as the TSA, which had to grow rapidly last year to meet federal baggage screening deadlines, Light said.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A1554-2003Apr9.html>

17. *April 10, Government Executive* — **Homeland privacy officer to review passenger-screening system.** Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Wednesday told a congressional panel that the government will not implement a pilot version of a controversial program for screening airline passengers until a privacy expert examines it. **Ridge told the Senate Commerce Committee that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will not test the Computer Assisted Passenger Pre-screening System (CAPPS II) until Homeland Security's chief privacy officer has been appointed and examined the program. "It is my intention to have this be [examined] by the privacy officer," Ridge said, responding to a question by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., on why CAPPS appeared scheduled to be implemented before a privacy officer has been named.** Ridge said he has identified an individual to become chief privacy officer, "and we are just making sure all the papers are in order" before naming the person. Additionally, he said that several weeks ago TSA chief James Loy met with privacy advocates "from the political right and left" to discuss their concerns about CAPPS and procedures that TSA might implement to protect privacy before the program's implementation.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0403/040903td1.htm>

18. *April 10, Washington Technology* — **Reconfigured, INS still faces challenges.** The Immigration and Naturalization Service may have been better equipped than some agencies to make the move to the new Department of Homeland Security, according to George Bohlinger, executive associate commissioner for management at the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, at a Wednesday breakfast at the FOSE trade show. **One of the biggest challenges facing the enforcement bureau is how to establish the identities of people in other countries who wish to come to the United States. Proving the validity of source documents, such as birth certificates, called feeder documents, is part of the challenge, said Scott Hastings, chief information officer of the bureau. A new directorate of science**

and technology at DHS will serve as a resource for the enforcement bureau to establish standards for such documents. Identity verification also raises international issues. U.S. embassy officials in other countries have no way to verify documents presented by people seeking a visa to come to the United States.

Source: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/daily_news/20499-1.html

19. *April 10, Government Executive* — **Senate chair poised to offer first responder bill.** The chairman of a key Senate committee said on Wednesday that she will unveil a measure to help "first responders" in the states more easily obtain federal aid for homeland security. **Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, (R-ME), said she intends to introduce a bill that would authorize Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge to issue waivers for states and localities that want federal funds for needs other than those stipulated in grant rules. Collins' announcement poses a solution to problems facing states and localities as they try to better prepare for terrorist attacks and other emergencies.** The current structure of most security grant programs establishes formulas for dividing grants for specific purposes, such as buying equipment or conducting personnel training exercises. **But representatives of fire and police departments told Collins' committee in a hearing on Wednesday that those rules are cumbersome and prevent emergency-response organizations from directing federal money to needy areas.** The "multi-layer, multi-department" system to allocate grants has led to "total confusion and in most cases a lack of action" for local security efforts, said Fire Chief Edward Plaughter of Virginia's Arlington County.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0403/040903td2.htm>

20. *April 10, New York Times* — **A joint call for better security to speed trade With Canada.** Gov. George E. Pataki and Premier Ernie Eves of Ontario signed an agreement on Wednesday urging their national governments to create a common North American security perimeter to guarantee the free flow of goods across the border. **A common North American perimeter could assure that goods and people are checked before they come to North America or at entrance points in North America. That, Pataki said, would "enhance our security while at the same time allowing that we not build walls between Ontario and New York, and Canada and the United States."** Each day \$1.3 billion worth of goods move across the border, and Ontario Province and New York State share \$16 billion in trade annually. Canadian and United States officials have already introduced some programs to speed the movement of goods, including prescreening programs for companies that regularly ship goods across the border. New York has posted 100 additional police officers at the border to help inspect incoming goods, Pataki said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/10/nyregion/10BORD.html>

21. *April 10, New York Times* — **Audit finds state agency mishandled some post-9/11 grants.** The agency, the Empire State Development Corporation, made a small number of faulty payments, for relatively small sums, the audit found. **But the agency paid millions of dollars to companies without getting details on how they had calculated their losses, a flaw that persisted despite a preliminary audit that flagged the problems. Among the problems the audit found was the fact that the agency had failed to install appropriate administrative controls, including measures to ensure that businesses could not apply for and receive the same grant twice.** The deficiencies in Empire State Development's procedures were detailed in

a federal report released two weeks ago by the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. **The department was designated by Congress to oversee \$2.7 billion in Community Development Block Grants to businesses and individuals in Lower Manhattan as part of the \$21 billion in federal aid pledged to New York City after the 9/11 attack.** Overall, the audit report said, Empire State Development has disbursed the disaster-relief money quickly and in accordance with federal rules, and its financial system "is capable of safeguarding the funds." And the inspector general acknowledged that Empire State Development was under pressure to quickly plan and put in place a system to aid companies that were in danger of going out of business.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/10/nyregion/10GRAN.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report.

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

22. *April 10, New York Times* — Internet via the power grid. As cable, telephone and wireless companies compete to provide high-speed Internet access to homes, a new challenger is emerging. The idea is to send Internet data over ordinary electric power lines. **Power-line networking has held out promise for several decades, in part because the electric grid is already in place.** Thursday, Michael Powell, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), gave the concept a further boost when he said the FCC was preparing to undertake a regulatory proceeding that could help pave the way for commercial deployment. **The FCC has licensed seven companies to conduct field tests in roughly a dozen communities around the country. The technology requires the installation of equipment that acts as a switch to transfer data between the power lines and fiber optic lines, which traditionally carry Internet traffic.** Some companies are developing the technology to transmit data over traditional fiber cables until it reaches telephone poles that serve small clusters of homes, where it would then be transferred to the power lines. Others are taking a more radical approach, trying to transmit Internet data directly from electrical power substations that serve several hundred homes and businesses in a neighborhood.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/10/technology/10POWE.html>

23. *April 10, New York Times* — Microsoft to allow partners to alter some source code. **Microsoft announced Wednesday that it would allow its industry partners to modify and then redistribute the underlying programming code used in cellphones, hand-held computers, television set-top boxes and other small devices.** The new policy does not apply to Microsoft's mainstay products in personal computer desktop software and data-serving software that runs computer networks. According to analysts, the move shows that even Microsoft must respond, at least in markets it does not dominate, to the changed attitudes and practices in the software industry prompted by the rise of "open source" software – software developed by programmers who distribute the code without charge and then cooperatively

debug, modify and add improvements to the software. Microsoft does not embrace the open source formula as a way of doing business. But **the company is selectively borrowing some of the open source practices for the way it develops software.** It is doing so mainly in response to the growing popularity of the best-known open source project, the GNU Linux operating system, a competitor to Microsoft's Windows. Microsoft rivals like IBM and Oracle are promoting Linux. **Microsoft calls its approach the Shared Source Initiative, which it began nearly two years ago.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/04/10/technology/10SOFT.html>

24. *April 08, Federal Computer Week* — **DHS portal to give firms input. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will soon unveil a new Web site intended to provide a central point for industry to submit ideas, technologies and solutions to the department.** The site will be the start of formal communications between the information technology sector and DHS, where vendors will be able to submit information on everything from their expertise to their products. **Ever since September 11, 2001, agencies have been struggling to figure out how to collect and access all the potential information and solutions from government.** "This is a first step," Steve Cooper, DHS' chief information officer, said April 8. "It's not perfect because at the moment, it's kind of a one-way input," but there is already a database sitting at the back end waiting to receive and categorize information, and both the site and system will continue to evolve, he said, speaking at the FOSE conference in Washington, D.C.
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0407/web-portal-04-08-03.asp>
25. *April 08, Medill News Service* — **Tech tools lead Homeland Security plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) expects to furnish itself with state-of-the-art technology to protect the nation from terrorism and natural disasters. Spreading information quickly, to both citizens and law enforcement, by using wireless technology is a major priority,** said Steve Cooper, CIO of the DHS. He gave a keynote address at the 2003 Federal Office Systems Exhibition in Washington this week. The agency is looking to private companies for the most advanced tools possible. **One such tool is a crisis alert system now being tested in Virginia,** and demonstrated at the exhibition by Mark Penn, captain of the Arlington Fire Department. **It offers local residents free subscriptions to emergency alerts, which are delivered to personal digital assistants or mobile phones. Penn said eventually the technology will tailor messages to specific zip codes, alerting residents to dangers in their own neighborhoods.** Eventually, state and local law enforcement agencies will be able to share terrorism information in real time, Cooper said. He expects to implement this using wireless technology and computerized maps, and to use data-mining software to study e-mail and other communications that could reveal terrorist threats.
Source: <http://www.idg.net/go.cgi?id=796646>
26. *April 08, Security Net* — **Physical attack still the biggest threat. Baghdad's telecommunications infrastructure fell silent during the first week of April under a rain of precision-guided bombs.** U.S. and British planes targeted phone facilities and other critical pieces of the Iraqi communications infrastructure to isolate the leadership from the levers of power. **The U.S. military chose to use bombs -- not hackers -- to drop Iraqi networks for a reason. Nothing brings a network to a halt more easily and quickly than physical damage.** Yet as data transmission becomes the lifeblood of Corporate America, **most big companies haven't performed due diligence to determine how damage-proof their data**

lifelines really are. Only 20% of midsize and large companies have seriously sussed out what happens to their data connections after they go beyond the company firewall, says Peter Salus of MatrixNetSystems, a network–optimization company based in Austin, TX. **The collapse of the World Trade Center left most of Lower Manhattan, the epicenter of the global financial system, without data connections for a week or more. Many of the affected companies thought they were covered for any eventuality, having contracted for not one but two high–capacity data connections from their offices. Redundancy doesn't help much, however, if your connections pass through the same geographical location.** Unfortunately, massing huge chunks of connectivity in so–called "telecom hotels" is the norm. Source: http://asia.businessweek.com/technology/content/apr2003/tc20_03048_2418_tc047.htm

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.F Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
Top 10 Target Ports	137 (netbios–ns), 80 (www), 1434 (ms–sql–m), 25 (smtp), 113 (ident), 445 (microsoft–ds), 139 (netbios–ssn), 11310 (----), 53 (domain), 0 (----) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

27. *April 10, Washington Post* — **Iraqi immigrants in Dearborn celebrate 'end of a bloody regime'**. As U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians tore down a large statue of Saddam Hussein in a Baghdad square today, celebrations seemed to flow smoothly from the televised images half a world away to Iraqis at the Karbalaa Islamic Education Center here. There was prayer and singing and dancing, and dozens of women dressed in black chanted in Arabic, "Down, Down, Saddam." The spontaneous rally had people pouring from their homes, drawn by a sense that a new beginning was near. **Nearly 1,000 Iraqi immigrants and people of Iraqi descent — men, women and children — streamed into the streets, stopping traffic in front of the Karbalaa center to celebrate the end of Hussein's grip on their native land.** The crowd marched down the sidewalk, waving American and Iraqi flags, and ended up in a nearby park for a rally. Faces were filled with smiles. Signs were plastered with praise for President Bush

and denunciations of Hussein. Horns were honking and music was blasting from car radios. **The 15,000 Iraqi refugees, mainly Shiite Muslims, who came to the Detroit suburbs after the 1991 Persian Gulf War have been among the war's most ardent supporters.** Many have become American citizens and consider this country home.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A1283-2003Apr9.html>

28. April 10, USA Today — North Korea pulls out of non-nuclear treaty. North Korea Thursday becomes the first country to quit the 33-year-old global treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons, amid indications that it is continuing preparations to become a serial producer of nuclear bombs. **The reclusive regime, which faced off with the United States last fall over mutual accusations that each side had broken a separate nuclear pact, announced 90 days ago it would withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The United Nations' nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, considers the withdrawal official today.**

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2003-04-09-north-korea-us_at_x.htm

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