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**Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

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

1. *July 09, Reuters* — **Heat prompts plea to save energy on Long Island.** The Long Island Power Authority on Tuesday asked its New York customers to conserve as much electricity as possible on what it said could be the hottest day of the year. **"LIPA has enough electricity to keep the lights on but Long Islanders should use electricity wisely today as the heat soars and demand for electricity grows," LIPA chairman Richard Kessel said in a statement.** Temperatures in the New York City area have hovered around 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 C) since last Friday, keeping air conditioners humming. Meteorologists forecast the temperature in New York would reach near 97 degrees F (36 C) on Tuesday before easing to around 84

degrees (29 C) on Wednesday. **LIPA, the state-owned utility which serves 1.1 million customers in Nassau and Suffolk counties and the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, said it had about 500 megawatts of surplus energy above its expected peak demand.** One megawatt is enough to supply about 1,000 homes. Electricity demand typically peaks during the summer, when air conditioning makes up about a third of all power used.

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3974669](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3974669)

- 2. July 09, *Platts Global Energy News* — Iraq won't achieve 1.5-mil b/d crude output until Q4. Iraqi oil production is unlikely to reach 1.5-mil b/d, a level the country's de facto oil minister had targeted for end-June, until the fourth quarter of this year,** the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) said in its latest OPEC fact sheet released Tuesday. The EIA, statistics arm of the Department of Energy, said Iraqi production was being constrained at around 450,000 b/d, with an additional 250,000 b/d being reinjected, because of looting, sabotage, and lack of refining capacity and export outlets. **"Sustained looting and security problems at oilfields and pipelines have limited Iraq's oil export capability," the EIA said. "As a result, EIA has scaled back its projections for Iraqi oil production, and EIA's outlook now assumes that Iraqi oil production reaches 1.5-mil b/d later in the fourth quarter, instead of in the third as in its previous outlook."**

Source: <http://www.platts.com/stories/oil2.html>

- 3. July 08, *Efe* — Brazilian government acknowledges threat of new energy crisis.** Brazil runs the risk of facing an energy crisis by 2007 similar to the one that forced it to ration electricity sharply between 2001 and 2002, the government asserted Monday. **The giant of South America could suffer severe energy shortages should its economy expand more than 5.5 percent after 2004, an eventuality which would require its taking precautions and stimulating new forms of investment in the sector, Energy and Mines Minister Dilma Rousseff said.** "A shortage is one possible scenario, but it's not certain," Rousseff said at the opening of a forum on the electrical energy sector in Sao Paulo. A 2007 shortage should be avoided if all of the government's public works projects are built. Several of these projects are behind schedule or have been dropped by developers due to delays caused by red tape and the need to obtain environmental permits. **The energy supply should be adequate until 2007, but from then on the country will run the risk of shortages and rationing anew, the Brazilian Basic Infrastructure and Industry Association (ABIIB) said.** The projects underway, which have already been put out for bid and suffered delays due to a lack of investor confidence, will allow for the yearly generation of 7,000 megawatts.

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3974687](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3974687)

- 4. July 08, *Canadian Press* — Ontario nuclear plants to enjoy same tax breaks as 'clean' power generators. In an effort to boost tight electricity supplies in Ontario, tax breaks for new environmentally friendly generators are being extended to include nuclear-power plants, the Ontario government announced Monday.** Environmentalists expressed surprise the government would consider nuclear power "clean" because it does not emit air pollution and would put it in the same category as wind, sun or water-driven generators. Jo Dufay, national campaign director with Greenpeace, noted "The government is clearly overlooking the legacy that even the current nuclear program will leave us – with both high-level and low-level radioactive waste that will persist for tens of thousands of years." The regulations were initially announced last November after Premier Ernie Eves froze retail electricity prices

amid widespread unhappiness over the skyrocketing bills. **Although nuclear–power plants do not emit air pollution, they do produce radioactive waste that can pose a serious environmental hazard if not stored properly. Ontario has been plagued by tight electricity supplies that have seen the province come dangerously close to blackouts. Meeting demand has meant costly imports, soaring wholesale prices and smoke–belching coal–fired generators running full tilt.**

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=canadianp\\_eng\\_2003\\_07\\_08\\_eng–canadianp\\_technology\\_eng–canadianp\\_technology\\_150627\\_4139959968873886924&SM\\_ContentSet=0](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=canadianp_eng_2003_07_08_eng–canadianp_technology_eng–canadianp_technology_150627_4139959968873886924&SM_ContentSet=0)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

5. *July 09, U.S. Department of Defense* — **National Guard and Reserve mobilized as of July 9, 2003.** This week the Army announces an increase of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps each announce a decrease. **The net collective result is 362 fewer reservists than last week.** Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 138,649; Naval Reserve 9,337; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 32,858; Marine Corps Reserve, 20,379; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 2,877. **This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 204,100 including both units and individual augmentees.**

Source: <http://www.dod.mil/releases/2003/nr20030709–0185.html>

6. *July 09, New York Times* — **Two spending bills for the military advance in Congress. The House approved another increase in military spending on Tuesday while the Senate advanced a measure that provides the Pentagon with a nearly identical \$369 billion next year for an array of new hardware, personnel needs and continued research into a missile defense system.** In addition to substantial increases for new ships, tanks and aircraft, the House measure reflects a heightened emphasis on special–operations forces by providing a 35 percent budget increase for the units playing a central role in modern combat. In the Senate, the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee cleared a bill that Senator Ted Stevens, the Alaska Republican who is chairman of the committee, said would allow the military to conduct current combat operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere while maintaining readiness and modernizing the armed forces.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/09/politics/09CONG.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *July 09, Boston Globe* — **Fake lottery site cons players.** An international company has allegedly created a website imitating the official Massachusetts State Lottery website and has been bilking countless players across the country, state lottery officials say. **The website, [www.mass-lottery.org](http://www.mass-lottery.org), is almost identical -- right down to the state name and seal -- to the state-operated website, [www.masslottery.com](http://www.masslottery.com), and promises a jackpot of \$30,000, said Amy Morris, spokeswoman for the state's lottery commission. The website informs players that in order to win an easy \$30,000, they must provide a credit card number, Social Security number, and other personal information, as well as pay a \$100 processing fee.** The company has allegedly used e-mail and cellphone text messages to target consumers. State lottery officials aren't sure how many people have been cheated because they can track only those who have come forward and notified state officials. More than 200 people have contacted the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission since May, and of that group, few had given out their personal billing information, Morris said. "We suspect that we only know about the tip of the iceberg," she said. "We expect a lot of people have been victimized."

Source: [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/190/metro/Fake\\_lottery\\_site\\_cons\\_players+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/190/metro/Fake_lottery_site_cons_players+.shtml)

8. *July 08, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Secretary Ridge announces new financial investigations initiatives.** In a speech at the New York Federal Reserve on Tuesday, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, announced programs to safeguard the nation's financial systems against criminal exploitation. **Two of the many actions being taken by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) include the creation of a new financial crimes investigative initiative and an expansion of already successful electronics crime task forces. Secretary Ridge also announced a groundbreaking initiative designed to share specific information with the nation's top financial institutions about financial systems weaknesses discovered through the Department's criminal investigations.** Secretary Ridge announced Operation Cornerstone, a new financial investigations initiative that will not only prosecute money laundering crimes but will initiate a new approach of working with the private sector to shore up potential weaknesses in financial systems. Operation Cornerstone will be run by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhpublic/display?content=1064>

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *July 09, Buffalo News* — **Peace Bridge closed on Tuesday after threatening call. The Peace Bridge was closed down in both directions for about three hours Tuesday evening while federal and local law enforcement assessed the span's security. The bridge was shut down to traffic just after 5:30 p.m. when a call was believed to have been made to the FBI, according to Anthony Braunscheidel, facilities manager at the Peace Bridge.** "The Peace Bridge Authority did not receive the call. It's my understanding the FBI did receive the call," Braunscheidel said. He declined to discuss specifics of the situation or to comment on the nature of the call to the FBI. He would only say that the bridge was closed for "security concerns" related to border protection. **Just after the bridge was closed down, Buffalo and state police blocked off entrances to the Peace Bridge. Security agents using special K-9 dogs were seen scanning the bridge for anything suspicious.** After the all-clear was given,

the overhead signs on the toll gates to the bridge were rolled over to reflect the lanes were open, and the first traffic began to proceed over the bridge at 8:42 p.m. **Tuesday's incident was believed to be the first such shutdown of the Peace Bridge for security reasons since the day after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington on September 11, 2001.**

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/editorial/20030709/1037090.asp>

10. *July 08, Government Executive* — **Border tracking system will be partially operational by year's end.** One of the Bush administration's most ambitious and complicated homeland security initiatives—the tracking of about 35 million foreign visitors as they enter and exit the United States annually—will be partially operational by the end of the year, Homeland Security Department officials said Tuesday. **The US VISIT program will begin operations at all airports and seaports by December 31, but on a limited scale. Rather than build a new electronic system to track visitors using their fingerprints and photographs, the department will use existing government systems as a stopgap to meet a congressional mandate to collect and store identification information by the end of 2003.** The department plans to collect two fingerprints and a photograph from every visitor and enter those records into a system used by federal law enforcement and border control agencies to track suspicious individuals entering the country, according to a spokeswoman for Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0703/070803h1.htm>

11. *July 03, New Scientist* — **System being developed to prevent passenger planes from straying into restricted airspace. Surrounding city centers and likely terrorist targets with "soft walls" will make it impossible for hijacked planes to get anywhere near them. So say the inventors of an avionics system that creates no-fly zones that pilots cannot breach.** Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, anti-aircraft missile batteries have been installed to protect buildings in Washington, DC and other U.S. cities. Less drastic solutions have also been suggested, but most require radio links between the plane and air traffic control, and these can be jammed, or hacked into. They could even allow planes to be hijacked from the ground if terrorists managed to take over air-traffic control sites. **Edward Lee, at the University of California in Berkeley, and his colleagues have an alternative. They propose modifying the avionics in aircraft so that the plane would fight any efforts by the pilot to fly into restricted airspace.** So if a plane was flying with a no-fly-zone to the left, and the pilot started banking left to enter the zone, the avionics would counter by banking right. Lee's system, called "soft walls", would first gently resist the pilot, and then become increasingly forceful until it prevailed. The system would include an on-board database of the GPS coordinates of the no-fly zones.

Source: <http://www.newscientist.com/news/news.jsp?id=ns99993893>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

12. *July 09, Associated Press* — **Roadway to merge with rival. Trucking giant Yellow Corporation on Tuesday agreed to buy rival Roadway Corporation for \$966 million in cash and stock, a large premium in a deal that would further consolidate an industry plagued by bankruptcies in recent years.** The near-term strategy for the combined

Yellow–Roadway Corp. will be to reduce back–office costs such as payroll and insurance, not to compress the delivery network by closing terminals and laying off truckers, Yellow CEO Bill Zollars said in an interview. This approach will result in job cuts of less than 2 percent and will bring \$45 million in savings by the end of the second year, Zollars said. Yellow and Roadway are less–than–truckload carriers, meaning they consolidate freight from multiple customers, and Zollars said they would continue to compete with each other.

Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune–review/business/s\\_14\\_3717.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune–review/business/s_14_3717.html)

13. *July 09, Beacon Journal* — **Industry can expect further consolidation. Yellow Corporation's plan to buy Roadway Corporation could propel further trucking industry mergers as freight haulers try to expand their delivery services.** Industry observers say growing competition from package delivery behemoths UPS and FedEx may be behind Yellow's long–standing desire to expand through acquisitions. **A combined Yellow–Roadway will be poised to enter into higher–profit markets now dominated by UPS and FedEx, industry watchers said.** This is the first step in Yellow–Roadway's becoming a broader carrier, said Jim Mele, editor in chief of Fleet Owner, a trade magazine. **Trucking companies are also faced with the need to offer more diversified shipping services, one trade group said. "You have customers that want to deal with an all–purpose provider," said Timothy Lynch, president and chief executive of the Motor Freight Carriers Association.** Roadway, Yellow and other trucking companies have been seeing increasing competition in less–than–truckload shipments from UPS and FedEx, Lynch said.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/mld/ohio/business/6263052.htm>

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## Agriculture Sector

14. *July 09, Grand Island Independent* — **Cattle checkoff overruled. A ruling Tuesday by a three–judge panel of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals that the national beef checkoff violates the U.S. Constitution could have wide–ranging implications to the beef industry, said Sallie Atkins, executive director of the Nebraska Beef Council.** The Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a decision by federal Judge Charles Kornmann, who ruled the \$1 per–head mandatory checkoff fee that beef producers pay on cattle sold violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The court also ruled that the checkoff program could continue while the parties decide whether to ask the full Circuit Court to reconsider the decision. **Atkins credits the checkoff program with helping to increase beef's share of the protein market through national advertising programs. Also, she said checkoff dollars are used to support important research programs that improve the nutritional quality of today's beef products, along with addressing issues involving beef safety.**

Source: [http://www.theindependent.com/stories/070903/new\\_checkoff09.shtml](http://www.theindependent.com/stories/070903/new_checkoff09.shtml)

15. *July 09, New York Times* — **Agricultural border patrols. The U.S. Department of Agriculture employs 61 cowboys to combat the spread of the fever tick, a parasite that can wipe out 90 percent of a cattle herd in days. The mission of the tick cowboys is simple: find smuggled or stray cattle with ticks and disinfect them by dipping them in vats of pesticide. Do the same for infected horses, sheep, and deer that wander across 600 miles of winding border, from Del Rio to Brownsville, TX. The government's tick eradication**

program began in 1906 after a severe outbreak in 14 Southern states of tick-induced "Texas fever" resulted in \$130.5 million in losses, the equivalent of about \$3 billion today. Fierce eradication efforts allowed federal officials to declare the U.S. tick free by 1943, with the exception of a quarantine zone where South Texas rubs against Mexico. Ranchers south of the border never subdued the parasite. Instead, Mexican cattle developed immunities to the two types of tick that most threaten American herds. "We've been so good at our job that our herds never became impervious to the tick," Edwin Bowers, administrator of the tick eradication program at the Agriculture Department's said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/09/national/09TICK.html>

**16. July 08, Associated Press — Grape industry gets handle on glassy-winged sharpshooter.**

Since 1999, state and federal officials have spent about \$55 million to battle the glassy-winged sharpshooter, which carries the bacteria for Pierce's disease, an illness that kills grape vines and other plants by interfering with their ability to absorb moisture and nutrients. **Agriculture officials say they have the glassy-winged sharpshooter under control by spraying insecticide on non-grape crops and introducing a natural enemy. "The pest has been confined to southern California, with exception of infestations in Kern County and pocket infestations in Fresno, but that's not also cause for us to remove our vigilance either," said Mike Falasco, a legislative representative at the Wine Institute. "We don't have a cure. It's very expensive for containment activities and it's about a \$20 million war every year."** The sharpshooter, however, hasn't only hit grapes. It has sucked nutrients out of alfalfa, apple, apricot, cotton, olive, pistachio, peach, plum, sunflower, and walnut crops. And few places have been immune to the sharpshooter. First infesting Riverside, CA in 1999, the pest spread north, and has been spotted as far as Chico and Redding.

Source: [http://www.pe.com/ap\\_news/California/CA\\_AGR\\_Glassy\\_Winged\\_Sharpshoot\\_110978C.shtml](http://www.pe.com/ap_news/California/CA_AGR_Glassy_Winged_Sharpshoot_110978C.shtml)

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## **Food Sector**

**17. July 08, Knight Ridder — Food poisoning hits hundreds of Texas inmates. More than 600 inmates at a maximum-security state prison unit near Houston, TX may be infected with salmonella bacteria after eating pea salad that may have contained spoiled mayonnaise, prison officials said. Nearly a third of the 1,842 inmates at the Darrington unit are being treated for food poisoning and are allowed to stay in their cells to recuperate, said Larry Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Texas Department of Health inspectors were sent to investigate after inmates began complaining of high fevers, diarrhea, and vomiting late last week, Fitzgerald said. While the source of the food poisoning has not been confirmed, inspectors suspect that it was the mayonnaise used to make a pea salad, Fitzgerald said. None of the prison's guards has reported being sick. The Darrington unit, built in 1917, is one of the prison system's older facilities. Food is prepared by inmates under the supervision of a food captain, a civilian staff member who often is a trained dietitian.**

Source: <http://www.centredaily.com/mld/centredaily/news/6260137.htm>

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## Water Sector

18. *July 09, Arizona Republic* — **Feds show water plan for West. Assistant Interior Secretary Bennett Raley told a Phoenix, AZ audience that the new Water 2025 initiative wasn't meant as a "be-all, end-all" solution to water conflicts across the West but that it offered a range of ideas that would allow them to begin solving the most serious problems. Water 2025 arose from a battle that nearly turned deadly between farmers and environmentalists who were fighting over water in Oregon's Klamath Basin, Raley said. Many rural Arizona communities rely entirely on groundwater, said Douglas Nelson, vice president of the Arizona Rural Water Association. They lack more reliable sources and couldn't afford such a project if the water existed. Without attention, he said, "the crisis will exacerbate and the courts and feds could step in and set our water policy." **Another issue with the potential to spark conflict is the increasing demand for water to protect wildlife habitats or endangered species.** Herb Guenther, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources, questioned how long the state or federal government can continue to manage water supplies in favor of an endangered bird or fish. "We can't maintain everything in perpetuity," he said. "Sooner or later, whatever water goes for environmental uses will come from other users." Source: [http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0709\\_water09.html](http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0709_water09.html)**

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## Public Health Sector

19. *July 08, Wildlife Conservation Society* — **Wildlife markets and disease transmission. A consortium of scientists from the Wildlife Conservation Society announced this week that one way to reduce the risks of future diseases is to control wildlife markets. Specifically, markets selling wild animals for their meat.** A recent example of the problem is the suspected link between wildlife markets in China and the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in humans. Other possible cases include bushmeat and Ebola outbreaks in Africa, West Nile virus, and monkeypox. In many areas around the world, consumers and animals live in similar ecosystems. Cross-species diseases do still occur in these remote rural towns, but some resistance to local diseases has developed over the ages. **But in today's global marketplace, wildlife for food markets and the pet trade are often transported over enormous distances. The result is a dangerous integration of circumstances, with animals and consumers from different ecosystems coming into contact. The lack of resistance to new pathogens makes humans and animals fertile, uncontrolled laboratories for viruses and bacteria to adapt and rapidly mutate.** Further, the staggering numbers of animals and people in contact change one-in-a-million odds of a disease spillover into almost a daily possibility. Source: [http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2003-07/wcs-wma070803.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2003-07/wcs-wma070803.php)

20. *July 08, Associated Press* — **FDA approves new West Nile virus test. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Tuesday approved a diagnostic kit that sharply reduces the time needed to test patients for West Nile virus.** The current West Nile test takes about two days and it can take up to two weeks to get results because of the large number of people tested. The new test only takes hours and results are available the same day. The test detects antibodies to

the West Nile virus in the blood. Results must be confirmed by a follow-up test, said FDA spokesman Lawrence Bachorik. **In clinical trials, the test correctly identified the antibody up to 90 to 99 percent of West Nile virus cases, the FDA said.**

Source: <http://www.msnbc.com/news/936480.asp>

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## **Government Sector**

21. *July 09, U.S. Coast Guard* — **National Maritime Security Advisory Committee. The National Maritime Security Advisory Committee will advise, consult with, report to, and make recommendations to the Secretary on matters relating to national maritime security.** Such matters may include, but not be limited to: developing a national strategy and policy to provide for efficient, coordinated and effective action to deter and minimize damage from maritime related transportation security incidents; recommending actions required to meet current and future security threats to ports, vessels, facilities, waterways and their associated inter-modal transportation connections and critical infrastructure; promoting international cooperation and multilateral solutions to maritime security issues; addressing security issues and concerns brought to the Committee by segments of the maritime transportation industry, or other port and waterway stakeholders; and, examining such other matters, related to those above, that the Secretary may charge the Committee with addressing. **The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires advisory committees to meet at least yearly.**

Source: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-17371.htm>

22. *July 09, Associated Press* — **Secret Service takes over convention security.** The Secret Service will oversee security at the Republican National Convention in New York, which is scheduled for the week of August 30, 2004, within days of the third anniversary of the terrorist attacks. **Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Wednesday his agency is designating the convention a National Special Security Event. That puts the Secret Service in charge of designing and operating a security plan and coordinating with state and local law enforcement "to prevent terrorist attacks and criminal acts," the Homeland Security Department said.** The Democratic National Convention in Boston, scheduled for the week of July 26, 2004, received the security designation in May. About 48,000 people are expected to attend the event.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/newyork/nyc-gop0709.0.1818895.story?coll=ny-nynews-headlines>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

23. *July 09, IDG News Service* — **Telcos, IT companies at high risk from economic crime.** A survey released Tuesday by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP said that **47% of telecommunications and 46% of IT companies surveyed reported suffering from economic crimes**, figures only exceeded by the banking and insurance industries. But PwC warned that **the apparent high incidence of economic crime in high-tech companies may partly reflect the ability of companies in those well-regulated sectors to detect crime.** The Global Economic Crime Survey 2003 covered 3,623 companies from all industry sectors in 50 countries. Economic crime covers many areas, including theft, financial misrepresentation, product piracy, money laundering, bribery and cybercrime. **As well as monetary loss, cybercrime had a strong negative effect on staff morale, business relations and company reputation**, PwC reported. The full report is available at:  
<http://www.pwcglobal.com/extweb/ncsurvres.nsf/docid/8296038057E60CD485256D57005B7E3D/>  
Source: <http://www.nwfusion.com/news/2003/0709telcoitco.html?net>
24. *July 09, IDG News Service* — **Wi-Fi Alliance certifies 802.11g standard.** The Wi-Fi Alliance, following successful interoperability testing, has put its stamp of approval on the first batch of products based on the new 802.11g wireless Internet standard. **The new 802.11g standard lays out the ground rules for WLAN (wireless LAN) gear that is capable of at least 24M bps (bits per second) and up to 54M bps, while remaining backward compatible with existing 802.11b gear** that runs at a maximum 11M bps. Both use radio spectrum in the 2.4GHz radio band. Another standard, 802.11a, defines 54M bps gear in the 5GHz range. **What the certification means to users is significant: products that have passed interoperability tests are compatible with one another.**  
Source: <http://www.nwfusion.com/news/2003/0709wifiallia.html?net>
25. *July 07, Network World* — **University net execs face variety of security challenges.** A recent Emory University survey of 13 major U.S. universities found that **80% agreed that network security policies are very important, but only half of them are taking steps to combat the growing flood of security breaches.** Staffing and budgeting were cited as the main obstacles. A new worry is the legal liabilities created for a university when someone hijacks a school computer and uses it to launch attacks against networks and computers elsewhere on the Internet. "Desktops and laptops are not professionally administered," says Rodney Petersen, of EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit group focused on advancing higher education through IT. **"The freedom to allow faculty, staff, and students to alter system configurations and install software make PCs particularly vulnerable,"** he says.  
Source: <http://www.nwfusion.com/news/2003/0707education.html>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="https://gtoc.iss.net">https://gtoc.iss.net</a>	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/">http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</a>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_LOVGATE.F</b> Source: <a href="http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html">http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html</a> , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 9323 (---), 0 (---), 4672 (---) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

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## General Sector

26. *July 09, New York Times* — **Different cities, different security for buildings.** Nearly two years after the World Trade Center was destroyed, ID checks by security guards have become routine at office buildings in New York, and many buildings have installed high-tech equipment to keep out unwanted visitors. **Elsewhere – not only in Dallas but in Washington, Los Angeles and most cities in between – so-called closed buildings are rare. Tenants and their visitors are free to come and go.** "The tighter the security," Steve Castor, of Trammell Crow, which manages several office buildings in Dallas, said, "the more inconvenient it is for the people working in your building. Unlike in New York, the threat is not perceived of as great in Dallas or other cities, and tenants don't want that much inconvenience every day when they come to work." **"In a multitenanted building," said Mark R. Costello, a managing partner of Ernst & Young's real estate advisory services, "these costs are passed on to tenants. If the tenant doesn't feel vulnerable, or feels that the costs outweigh the benefits, you're going to get push-back."**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/09/business/09PROP.html>

27. *July 09, Reuters* — **Iraqi, possibly tied to 9/11, is captured.** The United States military has taken into custody an Iraqi intelligence official who is reported to have met the ringleader of the September 11, 2001, hijackers just months before the attacks, a United States official said on Tuesday. **The military took the intelligence official, Ahmad Khalil Ibrahim Samir al-Ani, into custody last week, the official said. Some Czech officials have said that al-Ani met Mohamed Atta, suspected leader of the hijackers in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, in Prague in April 2001.** The Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were unable to confirm that the meeting took place.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/07/09/international/worldspecial/09ATTA.html>

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