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**Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report  
for 19 June 2003**

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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. *June 17, The Augusta Chronicle* — **Workers at two nuclear plants in Georgia to vote on already-rejected contract. Workers at the Hatch and Vogtle plants agreed to vote again on the same Southern Nuclear Operating Co. contract proposal they turned down less than two weeks ago. Another rejection will likely lead to the unions' first strike in more than two decades.** Members of the Local 84 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will grapple with the same company offer and mail the results to their Atlanta headquarters, said Doyle Howard, the union's business manager. Votes will be counted and the results

revealed June 30, the day the current contract expires. "The revote is the will of the membership," Howard said. "But if it's rejected again, and the union sticks to their position, then we're out to the picket line at 12:01 a.m." **If the roughly 600 workers were to walk out at the two Georgia facilities, Steve Higginbottom, a spokesman for Southern Nuclear, says it has a contingency plan to draw from a pool of licensed electricians at all its plants to keep Vogtle and Hatch safe and operational for "as long as it takes."** Vogtle is located near Waynesboro and Hatch is outside Baxley in the southeastern part of the state. **Local 84 members make up as much as 40 percent of the combined work force at the facilities, and it may not be possible for the company to keep both plants up and running for long.**  
Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3924417](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3924417)

- 2. *June 17, Associated Press* — International experts start investigation of Hungary nuclear plant. A team of experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency on Tuesday began investigating an accident at Hungary's only nuclear power plant, the Hungarian Atomic Energy Authority said.** In a statement, the office said that a team of 11 experts had started investigating the events leading to the April 10 accident at the Paks nuclear power plant, 120 kilometers (70 miles) south of Budapest. **The accident happened during cleaning of 30 so-called uranium fuel assemblies in a water tank close to the plant's No. 2 reactor, which was not in use at the time. Experts remain puzzled about how to recover the damaged fuel rods and say that getting them into safe storage may take a year.** Radioactive gas was released into the atmosphere after the accident, but the Hungarian authorities said that the levels of radioactivity were within normal safety limits. **The IAEA confirmed that its team would review the actions taken by the Hungarian authorities and the nuclear plant before and after the accident. The IAEA report is expected to be released on June 25.**

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3923470](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3923470)

- 3. *June 17, Reuters* — FirstEnergy delays nuke test, still sees August restart. FirstEnergy Corp. still aims to restart its troubled Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in August despite a delay for a critical performance test,** a company spokesman said on Tuesday. A weeklong test of the operating pressure and temperature in the Toledo, Ohio plant's atomic reactor and cooling system to ensure there are no leaks has been pushed back to mid-July, said Todd Schneider, a spokesman for Akron, Ohio-based FirstEnergy. The test had been planned for the first half of June. **Davis-Besse was forced to close in February 2002 when inspectors discovered that boric acid leaking through cracks in the reactor vessel head had eaten a hole nearly all the way through the reactor's 6-inch thick steel lid.** The company had planned to replace two pumps before the reactor test but instead decided to modify the pumps before the procedure, said Jan Strasma, a spokesman for the NRC. The NRC has the final say on when Davis-Besse can resume commercial operations. **Delays in putting Davis-Besse back in operation are likely to cost FirstEnergy more than \$400 million, including the cost of buying electricity to replace the plant's 925 megawatts of generating capacity — power for more than 900,000 homes.**

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3924074](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3924074)

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## **Chemical Sector**

4. *June 16, AScribe Newswire* — **National Technology Transfer Center, National Institute for Chemical Studies collaborate to protect public from hazardous materials release.** Two West Virginia organizations with a national mission are collaborating to bring products and services to market to help protect the public in the event of a hazardous materials release. **The National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC), located on the campus of Wheeling Jesuit University, and the National Institute for Chemical Studies (NICS) in Charleston, WV, have signed an agreement to establish a commercialization framework for developing Shelter in Place kits and related materials. The kits would contain information and quality materials needed to protect people at home, school and work.** Under this agreement, the NTTC will establish an independent small business to produce and market the Shelter in Place products and services. NICS will serve as technical advisor to the NTTC for product development. **Research shows a well-sealed structure can protect a person from exposure to a toxic vapor cloud until the concentration within the vapor cloud outside the structure has decreased to a safe level.**

Source: <http://www.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/spew4th.pl?ascribeid=20030616.093853r=2003nt>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

5. *June 18, U.S. Department of Defense* — **National Guard and Reserve mobilized as of June 18, 2003.** This week the Air Force announces an increase of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps each announce a decrease. **The net collective result is 2,304 fewer reservists than last week.** At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease. Total number currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 139,444; Naval Reserve 10,511; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 35,257; Marine Corps Reserve, 20,932; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 4,112. **This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 210,256 including both units and individual augmentees.**

Source: <http://dod.mil/releases/2003/nr20030618-0107.html>

6. *June 18, Federal Computer Week* — **DoD teaming on critical infrastructure.** The Defense Department is working with government officials at all levels, as well as with the private sector, to ensure that the nation's critical infrastructure assets are protected and that contingency plans are in place in the event of an attack or disaster. **Navy Capt. Robert Magee, deputy director for industrial base capabilities and readiness in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, said infrastructure protection is really "mission assurance" for DoD because the failure of critical assets would disrupt operations. DoD infrastructure includes everything from personnel and health affairs to command, control, communications, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets, Magee said during a June 17 panel discussion at a National Defense Industrial Association security conference in Reston, VA.** The defense industrial base must coordinate critical infrastructure protection efforts from top to bottom, because their collective assets represent the "blue target fodder" that any U.S. enemy would love to have, he said. The private sector controls about 80 percent of the nation's critical infrastructure, including utilities, telecommunications and transportation networks.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *June 18, New York Times* — **Six arrested in illegal transfer of tens of millions to Pakistan.**

Three New Jersey men and three New Yorkers, all natives of Pakistan, were charged on Tuesday with illegally transmitting tens of millions of dollars in cash from the United States to Pakistan by using several unlicensed money-transfer businesses and failing to file the required currency-transaction reports. **Over the last 18 months, more than \$70 million passed through the operation en route to Pakistan, said a spokesman for Christopher J. Christie, the United States attorney for New Jersey. While the exact origin and destination of the money is still under investigation, prosecutors said there was no indication that the money was connected with terrorism, narcotics or other illegal operations.** Indeed, by most indications the money appeared to come from immigrant neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Queens, where several unlicensed storefront money transfer businesses operate, prosecutors said. They said that those businesses, in turn, took their funds to a licensed money transfer operation in Iselin, NJ, where a confederate deposited the money into that company's bank accounts and directed that the money be wired to individuals in Pakistan. **The six men were arrested early on Tuesday on a criminal complaint that grew out of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and immigration and customs agents.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/18/nyregion/18MONE.html>

8. *June 18, USA Today* — **Thirty nations target cross-border Internet scams.** Thirty of the world's wealthiest nations on Tuesday announced the first multinational pact to fight cross-border fraud, which has grown sharply with the spread of the Internet. **The agreement among the industrial nations belonging to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development was a year in the making and was spearheaded by the United States, which has the most victims of cross-border fraud. The 30 mostly European and North American member countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development agreed to work together to fight cross-border fraud, beef up their own consumer-protection laws where necessary, and make it easier for consumers to recover damages.** OECD members last week settled on guidelines for stronger enforcement and far greater cooperation in pursuing online scammers and others across borders. Only the Netherlands abstained from the pact. **The Internet, with its global reach, has fed mushrooming cross-border fraud. Such scams made up 14% of global fraud complaints last year, excluding identity theft, says the Federal Trade Commission, which represented the United States. It says complaints by U.S. consumers against foreign companies rose 74% last year to 24,213. Foreign cash offers, advance-fee loans and sweepstakes top the list.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/techinvestor/2003-06-16-efraud\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/techinvestor/2003-06-16-efraud_x.htm)

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *June 18, Washington Post* — **In Angola, a jetliner's vanishing act.** The Boeing 727 had not budged from its parking place at the airport in Angola's capital city for 14 months, so when the jetliner started taxiing down the runway, the men in the control tower radioed the pilot for an explanation. There was no reply from the cockpit, even after the plane rumbled to a takeoff into the African skies. **The plane has been missing since it took off from the Luanda airport around dinnertime on May 25, setting off a continent-wide search for its whereabouts that includes the CIA, the State Department and a number of African nations. Their fear is that terrorists could stage a replay of the September 11, 2001, attacks, using the plane in a suicide attack somewhere in Africa.** U.S. authorities say it is likely the airplane was filched as part of a business dispute or financial scam. But even so, they say, there is a danger that unscrupulous people in control of a plane that size could make it available to arms or gem smugglers, guerrilla movements or terrorists. It has been a commonplace for decades in Africa for the paperwork on commercial aircraft, especially small and mid-sized planes, to be dodgy, and for regulation to be extremely lax, industry officials said. **Nonetheless, losing a 153-foot, 200,000-pound aircraft is no common occurrence.**

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7403-2003Jun17.html?nav=hptop\\_tb](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A7403-2003Jun17.html?nav=hptop_tb)

10. *June 18, Associated Press* — **Hoosier truckers, highway workers train to watch for terrorists.** Truckers and state highway workers are joining forces in a training program that state police hope will lead to more than 10,000 sets of eyes keeping watch for terrorists throughout Indiana. **Indiana is the 24th state to join the Highway Watch program, sponsored by the American Trucking Association, trucking companies and state police.** A two-hour class is designed to teach commercial drivers and highway workers what sort of suspicious activity to look for and provide them one number to call, regardless of their location in Indiana. "You're everywhere that the country needs to have an ear or an eye available," Kenneth D. Strickland, state director of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, told about 45 truckers and 20 highway workers who attended the first class Monday. **The two-hour class trains drivers to look for people possibly casing an area, by taking pictures or marking off distances, for example, or rehearsing a possible terrorist attack.**

Source: <http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/journalgazette/news/6114961.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

11. *June 18, DM News* — **USPS gets ok to offer early retirement.** The federal Office of Personnel Management has approved the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) request to offer voluntary early retirement to American Postal Workers Union (APWU) employees, the union said. **The USPS has said more than 16,000 positions held by APWU workers would not be needed by September 30. Half of those positions would be eliminated through attrition, the postal service said, with early retirement needed to eliminate a portion of the rest.** The agency will not offer an incentive to workers to take early retirement. Members who are 50 or older and have at least 20 years with the USPS are eligible. **About 58,000 APWU members qualify, and the USPS expects 3,000 to opt for early retirement.**

Source: [http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article\\_id=2423\\_1](http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=2423_1)

12. *June 17, Federal Computer Week* — **Boeing to pilot cargo security system.** Boeing Co. has received a \$4.2 million contract for a pilot project that will demonstrate cargo container security systems by tracking shipments from foreign ports to the United States. **Boeing officials announced the pilot contract today while attending the Paris Air Show. The contract is for the Port of Los Angeles, one of the ports designated by Congress to test new technologies for securing containers.** "Our solution provides for the secure and efficient movement of containerized goods on a global scale — from the manufacturer, to a port of entry and on to retailers," said Rick Stephens, vice president and general manager of Boeing's Homeland Security and Services division. **Congress has earmarked \$58 million for Operation Safe Commerce to track containers entering ports in Seattle and Tacoma, WA; Los Angeles; New York; and New Jersey. The goal is to test different technologies to detect whether container cargos have been tampered with or are being used to smuggle weapons of mass destruction into the United States.**

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0616/web-boeing-06-17-03.asp>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

13. *June 18, Indiana Ag Connection* — **Disease pressure coming to a head in wheat. Harvest is approaching for Indiana's winter wheat crop, but several diseases threaten to arrive before the combines do, said a Purdue University Extension specialist.** A rainy spring that's provided an ideal environment for harmful fungal pathogens could wash away high yields, said plant pathologist Greg Shaner. **"The main concern this year is head scab, or Fusarium head blight," Shaner said. "This is going to be a problem mainly in the southern third of Indiana." The percentage of blighted heads in Purdue variety trials in southern Indiana this spring ranges from 20 percent to more than 60 percent.** Fields with comparable scab levels produce a poor yield of low-quality grain, Shaner said.

Source: <http://www.indianagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=394=2003>

14. *June 18, Wisconsin Ag Connection* — **House panel rejects meat labeling funds. A House panel voted Tuesday to deny the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) money to force meatpackers and retailers to mark their products with labels describing where the meat originated.** The requirement to tell shoppers on product labels where the animal that produced the meat was born, raised, and slaughtered was part of the \$190 billion farm bill that President Bush signed into law last year. **On a unanimous voice vote, the House Appropriations agriculture subcommittee approved language in the bill for USDA operations that specifies none of the agency's money can be used for implementing the labeling requirement on meat.** The USDA estimates it would cost \$1.9 billion for keeping careful records on where animals are born, raised, and slaughtered.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.cfm?Id=669t>

15. *June 17, Reuters* — **Japan's beef origin request may hurt U.S. beef sales. U.S. beef exports to top buyer Japan may suffer if Tokyo insists that by July 1 all imported beef have country-of-origin certificates as a precaution against mad cow disease, U.S. meat industry sources said.** U.S. beef companies can generally trace cattle back to specific feedlots,

but not to the countries where they were born or raised. "What it may lead to is some periods of significantly lower exports to Japan," said Todd Duvick, food industry analyst with Bank of America. Japan's request for such certificates was made recently in response to last month's single mad cow case in Canada. **While the United States has never had a case of the disease, the concern is many cattle now being fattened in U.S. feedlots did come from Canada.**

Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2003-06-17T181506Z\\_01\\_N17139965\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_HEALTH-MADCOW-JAPAN.html](http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2003-06-17T181506Z_01_N17139965_RTRIDST_0_HEALTH-MADCOW-JAPAN.html)

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## **Food Sector**

16. *June 18, Food Production Daily* — **Food safety results on the web. The world wide web is now home to the results of 20 years of experiments into the behavior of bacteria in foods with the launch this week of a free common database.** Thanks to an international collaboration between the UK Food Standards Agency, the UK based Institute of Food Research and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the database should contribute to a more rapid understanding of food safety and quality. The new database, ComBase, is being launched this week at the fourth International Conference for the Predictive Modelling of Foods, in Quimper, France. **According to the project organizers, the database already contains around 20,000 growth and survival curves and 8,000 records containing growth rates.**

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/news/news.asp?id=2990>

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## **Water Sector**

17. *June 18, Hillsboro Free Press* — **Kansas water crisis moves into second week.** Now in the second week of an anabaena algae problem at Marion Reservoir, in Hillsboro, KS, the water situation continues to be "business as usual." That is to say, **the city's water-treatment plant is not back in production, and the city is still trucking in water to keep pace with the water needs of Hillsboro and Peabody.** Members of the Hillsboro City Council, meeting in special session last Tuesday, were told the city was about to resume pumping in water from Marion Reservoir that morning after initial tests around the intake area showed no signs of the algae bloom that is believed to emit toxins that are potentially dangerous for humans. But one last test revealed the bloom had returned after all. **Responding to a recurrence of the blue-green algae bloom, Governor Kathleen Sebelius declared a State of Disaster Emergency for Marion County on Thursday as a precautionary measure to allow emergency response assistance to communities in the county that need help in getting potable water.**

Source: <http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=8373343AG=461fi=6>

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## **Public Health Sector**

18. *June 17, Federal Computer Week* — **GIS tool prepped for emergencies. Officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are creating a system to allow health officials and first responders to access geographic information to aid in the response to a bioterrorist attack.** The Health Informatics Office is finishing the final phase of the geographic information system (GIS) architecture that will soon bring maps and geospatial data to emergency workers and epidemiologists in the field. **The Web-based system, to be completed in early December, will tap into CDC's data bank and analysis tools. For example, if state and local health officials respond to a chemical spill in a river, the system will immediately display maps of the area, identifying population concentration along the river and schools in the area.** First responders can quickly assess the incident and determine the appropriate use of resources.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0616/web-gis-06-17-03.a.sp>

19. *June 16, Associated Press* — **Terror protection for kids is weak. Children are not adequately protected under plans designed to keep them safe and healthy in a terrorist attack or natural disaster, a government advisory panel says.** The National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism said federal, state, and local agencies should incorporate the unique needs and vulnerabilities of children into disaster plans at every stage of preparation and response. As recently as 1997, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said no state disaster plans dealt specifically with the needs of children, said Dr. Angela Diaz, committee chairwoman. **She said a recent study showed that only about 20 percent of hospitals have access to pediatric emergency doctors, and most emergency personnel have little pediatric training or experience.** The report said a public health strategy for children in planning and responding to terrorism will require review of all Health and Human Services Department disaster programs and guidance to require that a specific focus be placed on meeting the needs of children and families.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A2573-2003Jun16.html>

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## Government Sector

20. *June 18, Homeland Security & Defense* — **House committee oks FY 2004 budget for DHS, funding first responders, anti-missile research. The House Appropriations Committee has approved a \$29.4 billion fiscal 2004 spending bill for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The measure includes \$4.4 billion for first responders and \$60 million for research into anti-missile defenses for commercial airliners. The 2004 appropriations bill would give DHS a 1.8 percent increase over its fiscal 2003 budget of \$28.9 billion, not including the '03 supplemental.** The Appropriations Committee approved the bill on a voice vote June 17. The measure now goes to the floor of the House. Committee Chairman C.W. "Bill" Young (R-FL) said he hoped work on the bill would be completed before the July 4 recess. The Senate has yet to act on its version.

Source: [http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel\\_hsd\\_story.jsp?id=news/dhs06183.xml](http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_hsd_story.jsp?id=news/dhs06183.xml)

21. *June 16, Associated Press* — **Unmanned drones explored for border use.** The agency responsible for making sure that terrorist weapons, drugs and people aren't smuggled into the

United States is exploring the possibility of using unmanned aerial drones. **Robert Bonner, commissioner of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, told a House Homeland Security subcommittee Monday that it makes sense to conduct a pilot program using unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones. Bonner, who said he would be briefed on the question, said his agency still needs to examine how useful drones would be in helping to police the borders as well as how cost effective they would be.** "I do expect we'll do some sort of pilot in the near term," Bonner said in an interview after the hearing. He said the technology is being looked at "to enhance our detection capability, particularly at our land borders."

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/politics/wire/sns-ap-customs-borders.0.2727720.story?coll=sns-ap-politics-headlines>

22. *June 06, Orange County Register* — **Cox wants new presidential–succession law.** Rep. Christopher Cox, (R–CA), and Rep. Martin Frost, (D–TX), said on June 5th that they have introduced a bill to insert the secretary of homeland security after the attorney general for the eighth spot in the line of succession. **Cox said the change is justified because, by the nature of his job, the homeland security chief is better–suited than many other Cabinet officers to become president.** Under a 1947 law, should the president and vice president be killed or incapacitated, the speaker of the house, then the president pro tempore of the Senate, would become president. After them come the Cabinet members starting with the secretary of state. **After that point, the order of succession follows the historical sequence in which each Cabinet department was created. Based on that, homeland security would be last.** Of the proposed legislation, Cox said, "This is a decision to treat the Department of Homeland Security as a major Cabinet department."

Source: <http://www2.ocregister.com/ocrweb/ocr/article.do?id=42524action=NEWS6>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *June 17, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Helping New York's first responders.** On Wednesday, June 18, Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, announced the award of \$70,172,000 to the State of New York to enhance the capabilities of the state and local first responder groups. These funds can be used for equipment, training, planning and exercises for first responders. In addition, a portion of the funds is available to help offset the costs associated with enhanced security measures deployed under the heightened threat period during the conflict in Iraq.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=995>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

24. *June 18, Federal Computer Week* — **'Info security for the rest of us'.** The Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) is offering a certification program for workers who have computers but often do not consider security one of their

**responsibilities.** The Information Security Awareness Certification is an online test for basic security awareness in eight areas: computer best practices; computer ethics and misuse; identification and data information theft; Internet best practices; passwords; physical security; sensitive information; and viruses and other harmful software. **Information security awareness for the common computer user is one of the top priorities for the Department of Homeland Security's new National Cyber Security Division**, Robert Liscouski, assistant secretary for infrastructure protection who oversees the new division, said at the June 6 briefing announcing the creation of the division.

Source: <http://fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0616/web-cyber-06-18-03.asp>

**25. June 16, Federal Computer Week — FedCIRC's capabilities to be enhanced.** The National Cyber Security Division, announced on June 6 by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), will coordinate the federal government's work on issues such as security education and awareness and cybersecurity warnings and responses. **One organization that has been folded into the new division is the Federal Computer Incident Response Center (FedCIRC), which issues security alerts for civilian agencies.** According to Robert Liscouski, DHS' assistant secretary for infrastructure protection, **the plan is to enhance FedCIRC's capabilities by melding it with other organizations to form the consolidated Cyber Security Tracking, Analysis and Response Center. One of the center's first tasks is to provide a detailed view of vulnerabilities and incidents across all networks and infrastructures, which requires much more information sharing, particularly from industry**, Liscouski said. The government is already ahead of industry in this area, said Mark Forman, administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of E-Government and Information Technology. **But agencies still must improve that communication so government can be a model for the private sector**, he said.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0616/pol-security-06-16-03.asp>

### 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>PE_FUNLOVE.4099</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), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (ident), 139 (netbios-ssn), 0 (----), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 7280 (itactionsrvr1), 53 (domain) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

## **General Sector**

26. *June 18, Associated Press* — **Tourists slowly coming back to D.C.** In the nation's capital, there's a welcome sight. Tourists are again crowding into Metrorail cars and spilling through museums – signs the city's top private industry is recovering from the slide that followed the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. **The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have cost Washington millions of dollars in tourist revenue. Anthrax, sniper shootings, the Iraq war, an unusually snowy winter, color-coded terrorism alerts and a weak economy haven't helped.** According to Washington's Convention and Tourism Corp., the number of domestic visitors in 2002 dropped 3 percent to 17.6 million. Those who came spent more than \$4 billion in the district and its suburbs. **"We're hoping that this year we'll get back to the pre-9-11 levels," said WCTC president William A. Hanbury. "It has been challenging, not only for Washington, D.C., but the whole national tourism industry has seen a decline based on many things, whether it's the threat level, whether it's war, or the economy – they've all been affecting the tourism economy."**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A6930-2003Jun17.html>

27. *June 18, Reuters* — **Philippines Links Jemaah Leader to 2000 Bombings.** An Indonesian leader of the al Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiah network funded Muslim militants blamed for deadly bomb attacks in Manila in 2000, Philippine prosecutors said on Wednesday. **They said they were collecting more evidence to see whether Riduan Isamuddin — also known as Hambali — could be prosecuted over the deaths of more than 20 people in the bombing of a train and other targets in the Philippine capital on December 30, 2000.** The allegations coincided with the trials in Indonesia of cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, Jemaah's alleged spiritual head, for treason and of two other Islamic militants over the blasts on the resort island of Bali in October 2002 that killed 202 people.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/international/international-p-philippines-muslims.html>

28. *June 18, Financial Times* — **'Dirty bomb' materials trafficked in Africa.** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) warned on Tuesday of growing problems in Africa with illegal trafficking in materials that could be used to create a so-called "dirty bomb." **"Illicit trafficking in nuclear materials is an increasing problem for states in Africa," said an internal report presented to the agency's board in Vienna.** It added that in the last year the IAEA had sent special missions to countries such as Nigeria and Tanzania to help them cope with suspicious material seized from traffickers. **The comments come amid rising international concern about the risks of terrorists seeking to acquire a "dirty bomb," or a bomb that would be made out of commonly available radio-active material to disperse radiation over a limited area.**

Source: <http://news.ft.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=FT.com/StoryFT/FullStory54966201477>

29. *June 18, Government Computer News* — **Homeland security industry group is launched.** An industry group has been created to connect private-sector companies with the Department of Homeland Security. **Executives of the new Homeland Security Business Executive Council announced the launch of the nonpartisan, nonprofit group on Wednesday in Washington.**

**The Washington–based council will explore the role private industry should play in homeland security, foster public–private partnerships to enhance security and communicate industry concerns to the department and legislators, according to Michael Meldon, president and CEO of the council.** "We are going to provide substance and access to people interested in working with the department," Meldon said.

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