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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. *April 01, Enbridge* — Enbridge to file application with State of Alaska for Alaska Highway Pipeline Project. Enbridge Inc., with headquarters in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, announced on Thursday, April 1, it intends to file an application with the State of Alaska to negotiate potential commercial agreements for the construction and operation of the segment of the Alaska Highway Pipeline Project (AHPP) to be built in Alaska. Under the Alaska Stranded Gas Development Act (ASGDA), interested parties must file an application

with the State to initiate formal negotiations over the commercial terms of an agreement to participate in the natural gas pipeline project. The Act governs pipeline construction and operations for the portion of the project built in Alaska, from Prudhoe Bay to the Canadian border. Enbridge has indicated to the State it is interested in pursuing opportunities as an equity partner in a consortium with the capacity to build and operate a potential natural gas pipeline in Alaska. **Enbridge also is exploring opportunities for development of the pipeline from the Alaskan border to markets in Canada and the U.S.**

Source: http://www2.cdn-news.com/scripts/ccn-release.pl?/current/040_1020n.html?cp=enb2

2. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Weapons-grade nuclear material to go from New Mexico to Nevada.** The federal government plans to begin shipping weapons-grade nuclear materials from New Mexico to the Nevada Test Site in September. **The National Nuclear Security Administration says two tons of plutonium and highly enriched uranium will be moved from the Technical Area 18 site at Los Alamos National Laboratory. It will go to the Device Assembly Facility at the test site, northwest of Las Vegas.** Officials say the move will help consolidate special nuclear materials in a newer, more secure facility. The shipments are expected to take about 18 months. The transfer was delayed and re-evaluated last year after the Nuclear Security Administration projected costs had tripled to more than \$310 million.

Source: <http://www.krnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=1755171&nav=8faOLyYn>

3. *March 31, Associated Press* — **Duke Power wants security waiver for plutonium fuel. A nuclear power plant that plans to test fuel containing a small amount of weapons-grade plutonium has asked to have some security restrictions waived.** Duke Power has asked for the waiver for its Catawba Nuclear Station near York, SC, because the site already has heightened security, a spokesperson said Wednesday, March 31. Duke is currently seeking a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to test mixed-oxide fuel (MOX) in a reactor at Catawba. **The security restrictions are required by the NRC when there is enough plutonium in one place to make a nuclear bomb.** However, Duke spokesperson Rose Cummings said the amount of plutonium would be small. NRC spokesperson David R. McIntyre said the commission thinks it's important to protect any nuclear material, but security at power plants is geared more to avoid an attack to release radiation than theft of the radioactive fuel. There will be about 40 pounds of plutonium at Catawba, said Ed Lyman, a staff scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists. It would take only 13 pounds to make a bomb the size of the one dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, he said. There has been no decision on the waiver.

Source: http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2004_0331/APN/403311039

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Chemical Sector

4. *April 01, Reuters* — **Explosion, fire at Exxon Texas plant. A naphtha processing unit exploded at the Exxon Mobil Corp. Baytown, TX, chemical plant early on Thursday morning but there was no indication of foul play,** company spokesperson Tricia Thompson said. The explosion in a "naphtha rerun unit" occurred at 1:30 a.m., and a fire following the explosion was out by 2:30 a.m., Thompson said. Other units at the chemical plant continue to operate normally as does the adjoining 525,000 barrel per day (bpd) Exxon Mobil Baytown,

Texas, refinery, the largest U.S. refinery. This is the second explosion at a refinery/chemical plant complex in Texas this week. On Tuesday, March 30, an ultraformer at BP Plc's 460,000 bpd refinery in Texas City blew up and burned. The cause of that blast is believed to be accidental. BP said the Texas City refinery was operating at near normal rates on Wednesday. **The FBI warned refiners in Texas last week of an unsubstantiated threat to attack a refinery in the state before the U.S. national elections in November.** Refiners have been constantly increasing security at their plants since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A41594-2004Apr1.html?referrer=emailarticle>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *April 01, Aerospace Daily* — **Air Force to drop BLU-108 anti-armor submunition.** The U.S. Air Force's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Battlelab (UAVB) soon will begin test-dropping the BLU-108 anti-armor submunition from a Sentry HP unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), according to Lt. Col. Timothy Cook, chief of the UAVB's Combat Applications Division. "We are going to take a 12-and-a-half foot wingspan, 185-pound empty weight UAV, put a wide-area anti-armor munition on it, and we're going to kill tanks," Cook said. The BLU-108 is the submunition used in the CBU-97 Sensor Fuzed Weapon (SFW). **The CBU-97 ejects 10 BLU-108s, each of which carries four skeet warheads equipped with heat-seeking sensors and small rocket motors.** There will be two testing scenarios, one in which the precise coordinates of the target are given to the UAV, and another in which the UAV is given a "kill box" in which it can attack any target it finds. **The accuracy of the system should be comparable to that of a Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM), according to Cook.** The UAVB's mandate is to take existing hardware and weapons and integrate them with UAVs. Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_aerospacedaily_story.jsp?id=news/blu04014.xml
6. *March 31, General Accounting Office* — **GAO-04-248: Defense Acquisitions: Assessments of Major Weapon Programs. Although the weapons that the Department of Defense (DoD) develops have no rival in superiority, there still remain ways in which they can be improved.** General Accounting Office's (GAO) reviews over the past 20 years have found consistent problems with weapon acquisitions—cost increases, schedule delays, and performance shortfalls—along with underlying causes, such as pressure on managers to promise more than they can deliver. DoD can resolve these problems by using a knowledge-based approach derived from the best practices of successful product developments. **GAO's goal for this report is to provide congressional and DoD decision makers with an independent, knowledge-based assessment of selected defense programs that identifies potential risks and offers an opportunity for action when a program's projected attainment of knowledge diverges from the best practice.** It can also highlight those programs that employ practices worthy of emulation by other programs. GAO plans to update and issue this report annually. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04248high.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-248>

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March 31, General Accounting Office — **GAO-04-302: Defense Acquisitions: DoD Needs to Better Support Program Managers' Implementation of Anti-Tamper Protection.** The U.S. government has invested hundreds of billions of dollars in developing the most sophisticated weapon systems and technologies in the world. Yet, U.S. weapons and technologies are vulnerable to exploitation, which can weaken U.S. military advantage, shorten the expected combat life of a system, and erode the U.S. industrial base's technological competitiveness. In an effort to protect U.S. technologies from exploitation, the Department of Defense (DoD) established in 1999 a policy directing each military service to implement anti-tamper techniques, which include software and hardware protective devices. **This report reviews DoD's implementation of the anti-tamper policy as required by the Senate report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.** General Accounting Office (GAO) is recommending that the Secretary of Defense direct the Under Secretary of Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and the anti-tamper Executive Agent to take several actions to improve oversight and assist program offices in implementing anti-tamper protection on weapon systems. DoD concurred or partially concurred with the recommendations, but it suggested alternative language for several, which GAO incorporated when appropriate. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04302high.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-302>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *April 01, Reuters* — **Bank of America completes Fleet purchase. Bank of America Corp. completed its purchase of FleetBoston Financial Corp., creating a banking powerhouse with nearly \$1 trillion in assets, Bank of America said on Thursday, April 1. The roughly \$48 billion purchase creates the number three U.S. bank** after Citigroup Inc. and J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., after J.P. Morgan buys Bank One Corp. later this year. Charlotte, NC-based Bank of America now has 180,000 employees, more than 35 million customers and 16,500 automated teller machines. Its 5,700 banking offices in 29 states and Washington, D.C., stretch from New England to the U.S. Southeast to the Pacific Ocean. The bank controls nearly 10 percent of insured U.S. bank deposits.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/040401/financial_bankofamerica_fleet_1.html

9. *March 31, The Tennessean* — **Man charged in massive eBay scam.** A Nashville, TN, man accused of selling nonexistent items to 660 people on eBay was free on bail after being indicted by a Davidson County grand jury, Metro police said Wednesday, March 31, in a statement. **The case is Nashville's first prosecution of Internet fraud and may be the largest case related to the eBay auction Website in terms of victims, police said.** A joint investigation by Metro police Fraud Unit detective Tim Mason and the FBI found Bornick took in more than \$22,800 between May and September last year by auctioning trading cards, sports memorabilia and computer games on eBay. **Bornick used the alias of Chris Jenkins and checks and money orders for the merchandise were deposited into a special bank account.** The Police Department Fraud Unit began receiving complaints about Bornick's alias Jenkins last July. By September, more than 125 complaints had been received. The investigation showed a handful of the 660 winning bidders sent Bornick \$500 or more. Bornick was confronted about the scam in October by Mason and an FBI agent. During that interview, Bornick told police he had taken

money from eBay bidders and sent nothing in return, the statement said.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/local/archives/04/03/49195914.shtm>
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10. *March 30, Associated Press* — **BJ's announces security clampdown after credit card theft. BJ's Wholesale Club has tightened computer security after finding that its customers' credit card information might have been stolen, forcing banks and financial institutions to replace thousands of credit and debit cards.** BJ's released a statement March 12 saying that "a small fraction" of its eight million members might have had their credit card information stolen. **In central Pennsylvania alone, financial institutions have reported at least two dozen cases of fraudulent purchases related to the identity theft.** As a precaution, credit and debit cards are being reissued to thousands of customers. BJ's, in a statement, said it took immediate steps to address the theft, including conducting a review of its technology systems with a computer security firm. After the review, BJ's ruled out the likelihood of a hacker attack on its central computer system, and put into place measures on the store level to close off potential ways to steal credit card information, the company said.
Source: <http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/business/8312759.htm>

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Transportation Sector

11. *April 01, Department of Transportation* — **DOT selects nine airlines for new service to National Airport. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Norman Y. Mineta today, April 1, announced that nine airlines have been selected to provide new or enhanced service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport under congressionally mandated criteria aimed at promoting airline competition and enhancing air service to the nation's capital.** "These awards will provide a greater variety of fare and service options for leisure and business travelers across the country who wish to fly to the doorstep of the nation's capital," said Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta. The "Vision-100 -- Century of Flight Aviation Authorization Act," signed by President Bush on Dec. 12, directed DOT to grant a total of 12 additional "slot exemptions," or exemptions from slot limitations, at Reagan National for flights to destinations more than 1,250 miles from the airport, and eight additional exemptions for flights within the 1,250-mile perimeter. One slot, or slot exemption, permits one takeoff or landing, resulting in the equivalent of 11 new round-trip flights.
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot4504.htm>
12. *March 31, CBS News* — **Are America's trains safe?** Since the September 11 attacks, there have been dozens of plots to blow up trains or subways in major cities around the world. But Americans didn't really pay attention until nearly 200 people died a few weeks ago in Madrid. It didn't surprise terrorism experts, who've been warning that rail systems are among the softest targets in Europe and America. But despite the fact that, in New York alone, more people pass through Penn Station each day than through all three New York airports combined, almost every penny of transportation security money has gone toward airline safety. Can anything be done to make train safer? **"You can't do the things that you can do at an airport," says New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. "It's a daunting challenge. We have 468 subway stations right here in New York City. It's a tremendous challenge."** To try to find some

solutions, Kelly has sent detectives to Madrid to study the terrorist attacks there, since that city's commuter rail network resembles that of New York: several regional trains converging in one station, making one big target. There have been serious threats to the rails in the United States. Domestic terrorists derailed a train in Arizona in the '90s and left close to 100 injured and one person dead. **But the biggest lesson may be awareness. Some survivors of the Madrid attacks say they saw unattended backpacks, but just didn't pay any attention.**

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/03/31/60II/main609695.shtml>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *April 01, DM News* — **USPS tests window for small businesses.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is testing a retail window dedicated to small-business customers at 87 post offices nationwide. **The window, called the Business Line, is reserved for use by businesses whose transactions often are more complex than those of other retail customers.** The window is staffed by employees trained to help business customers. Business Line customers also can learn about services that may be new or unfamiliar to them, including the postal service's online shipping solutions.

Source: http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=27018

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Agriculture Sector

14. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Washington governor signs mad cow-related bills.** Washington Governor Gary Locke has signed four bills aimed at strengthening the state's protection against animal disease outbreaks and boosting businesses that have suffered since mad cow disease was found in Washington state. House Bill 2929 offers temporary business and occupation tax breaks for Washington companies that slaughter cattle for processing and wholesaling. Such companies have been hit hard by the loss of international beef markets since a Washington state dairy cow was identified with the nation's first case of mad cow disease Dec. 22, industry officials said. Another bill, HB 2802, would outlaw transportation and delivery of live "downer" livestock animals too sick or weak to stand or walk by themselves except for medical care or euthanasia. Agriculture officials say such animals are statistically more likely to have mad cow disease. Locke also signed House Bill 2299 on Wednesday, March 31. The measure is aimed at preparing Washington to join a federal livestock tracing program now being developed. The governor also approved Senate Bill 6107, which clarifies the state Agriculture Department's authority to quarantine and treat diseased animals.

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040401_575.html

15. *April 01, Bloomberg* — **Japan rejects U.S. proposal for mad cow conference, USDA says.** **The U.S. said Japan has rejected its proposal for a technical conference about mad cow disease that it hoped would lead to Japan resuming imports of U.S. beef.** The U.S. had proposed in a March 29 letter to Japanese Agriculture Minister Yoshiyuki Kamei that the

World Organization for Animal Health participate in the conference, which would review Japan's insistence that the U.S. test all slaughtered cattle for mad cow disease, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a statement. "We are disappointed that the Japanese response to our proposal was conveyed to the press instead of engaging in constructive dialogue about the merits of the proposal," Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said in the statement. Japan banned imports of U.S. beef after the December 23 disclosure that a single case of mad cow disease had been found in the U.S. Japan, the biggest overseas buyer of U.S. beef, purchased more than \$1 billion of the meat last year.

Source: <http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000103&sid=an1Y3cCJ3VqE&refer=us>

16. *March 31, Agriculture Online* — **Biotech plantings still growing, herbicide resistant cotton losing ground. Adoption of biotech corn, soybeans and cotton is still on the rise, according to the Prospective Plantings report from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), released Wednesday, March 31. Plantings of herbicide resistant cotton lost ground from last year, though, despite a large increase in intended cotton plantings.** Biotech corn plantings are expected to creep closer to the 50% mark this year. Between plantings to insect resistant, herbicide resistant and stacked gene hybrids, USDA predicted biotech corn will be planted on 46% of corn acres this year — a 40% increase from last year. Adoption of Bt cotton and stacked varieties are both on the rise. Overall, biotech cotton is expected to be planted on 76% of cotton acres this year, up from 73% last year. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/reports/nassr/field/pcp-bbp/pspl0304.txt>
Source: http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?FNC=topStoryDetail_ANewsindex_html_51531_1

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Food Sector

17. *April 01, just-food.com* — **Parmalat sale could lead to New York milk monopoly.** Fears are growing that the sale of the two New York milk bottling plants owned by Italian giant Parmalat could result in a milk monopoly. Parmalat USA operates two plants in the area, one in the New York borough of Brooklyn and the other in Wallington, New Jersey. Parmalat has filed for bankruptcy protection and is selling off many assets, including the majority of its U.S. dairy activities. **Democrat Senator Charles Schumer is reported by the Associated Press to be warning that a sale of either or both plants to other major players, notably Dean Foods, could lead to a monopoly that would lead to higher retail prices. Should Dean be allowed to buy the plants, it would enjoy a monopoly of 85 to 90 percent of the downstate milk market, Schumer argued.** He has asked antitrust authorities to keep a close eye on any proposed sale.
Source: http://www.just-food.com/news_detail.asp?art=57160

18. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Proposed law would improve meat recalls.** Two California lawmakers proposed a bill Wednesday they say would help protect consumers from potentially tainted food. But their measure could set up a conflict with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). **Meat and poultry suppliers would be required to notify the state Department of**

Health Services of all locations that received meat subject to a USDA voluntary recall. The department would then have to pass on the information to local governments and the public. However, USDA policy does not allow the release of distribution lists during a recall, said Steven Cohen, spokesman for the federal department's Food Safety and Inspections Service. When states agree to follow the USDA's policy they gain access to the information and function as additional ground troops to help verify the recall is being carried out, said Cohen. The proposed bill seeks to bypass a 2002 memorandum of understanding between the USDA and the state strictly prohibiting the state from giving distribution information to the public, said Tracy Fairchild, a spokesperson for Sen. Jackie Speier, one of the bill's authors. Source: <http://www.smdailyjournal.org/article.cfm?issue=04-01-04&storyID=29470>

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Water Sector

19. *April 01, WGAL (Pennsylvania)* — **Water company's accidental release. York Water Co., in York, PA, said it accidentally released about 7,000 gallons of super-chlorinated water into a stream this week, killing hundreds of fish.** Fish of different species living in Tyler Run Creek in York Township died Monday, March 29, from the release. State environmental officials said the discharge contained 200 parts per million of chlorine. According to the state Department of Environmental Protection, no long-term environmental damage is expected. The water company was using chlorinated water to disinfect new pipes it was installing. The company usually de-chlorinates it before releasing it in the stream. Sandy Roderick, an environmental protection department spokesperson, said the company called state environmental officials when it discovered the problem. Source: <http://www.thewgalchannel.com/news/2966629/detail.html>

20. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Malfunction causes sewage spill. A malfunction at a north Texas water treatment plant Wednesday, March 31, caused tens of millions of gallons of raw sewage to bubble up from manholes, form pools in low-lying areas, and flow into the Trinity River.** Officials said a gate that covers a pipeline leading into the River Authority's waste water treatment plant broke Wednesday morning and blocked the flow of sewage. An estimated 50 million to 70 million gallons of black liquid flowed into the Trinity River and covered parts of the Twin Wells Golf Course in Irving, just west of Dallas. Water authority officials said divers went underwater to fix the problem, and the sewage flow was switched to another pipe by afternoon. **Another line blockage was reported March 31 at a water treatment plant in Benbrook, just southwest of Fort Worth. It caused about two million gallons of sewage to spill into the Trinity.** Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/8325629.htm

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Public Health Sector

21. *April 01, Reuters* — **Scientists complete mapping of rat genome.** Rats Wednesday, March 31, joined the growing list of creatures whose DNA has been mapped, and experts said the work

will make the laboratory rat, already a favorite of scientists, an even better tool for fighting human disease. **The data confirm that the laboratory rat is a good choice for medical research. Almost all human genes associated with diseases have counterparts in the rat genome, the researchers wrote.** "This is an investment that is destined to yield major payoffs in the fight against human disease," said Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health, which funded most of the research. "For nearly 200 years, the laboratory rat has played a valuable role in efforts to understand human biology and to develop new and better drugs," Zerhouni said. "Now, armed with this sequencing data, a new generation of researchers will be able to greatly improve the utility of rat models and thereby improve human health."

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A40794-2004Mar 31.html>

22. *April 01, Newsday* — **Tissue program halted. An American Red Cross facility that provides human cadaver heart valves and skin to hospitals throughout the U.S. has suspended distribution following a government warning that it failed to protect the tissues from infectious disease.** The Red Cross tissue processing facility in Costa Mesa, CA, voluntarily suspended distribution of skin and heart valves on March 19. A warning letter March 11 from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) states that the Red Cross received multiple complaints concerning fractures in its heart valves associated with methods used to preserve and freeze the tissues. The FDA also found the Red Cross did not use the right procedures to ensure its tissues were free from infection. In a statement Wednesday, March 31, the Red Cross said: "Once the Red Cross is satisfied that the FDA's concerns have been resolved, we will resume processing and distribution of cardiovascular tissue and allograft skin."

Source: http://www.nynewsday.com/news/health/ny-hsfda013733791apr01_0.948444.story?coll=ny-health-headlines

23. *April 01, Ravalli Republic (Montana)* — **Plague research. Scientists at Rocky Mountain Laboratories (RML) found an experimental plague vaccine was 100 percent effective when tested in a new mouse model for plague infection.** RML scientists developed the model to mimic natural transmission routes of bubonic plague, primarily through the bites of infected fleas. The flea-to-mouse model provides a more realistic test setting than previously used methods, enabling a better assessment of a vaccine's ability to protect against a real-world outbreak. In their study, RML scientists first infected fleas by letting them feed on blood containing a virulent strain of *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium that causes bubonic plague. The infected fleas then fed on 15 mice that were inoculated with the experimental vaccine. The 15 mice showed no symptoms of plague even after multiple feedings by the fleas. **A plague vaccine was available until the mid 1990s but is no longer being made because of its short-term effectiveness and many side effects.**

Source: <http://www.ravallineews.com/articles/2004/04/01/news/news05.t xt>

24. *April 01, CORDIS News* — **Council adopts proposal for new European health agency. Following the European Parliament's vote in February, the Council of Ministers agreed, on March 31, to the creation of a new European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).** The new agency will pull together, at European level, the medical expertise which already exist at the national level, and facilitate coordination between the Member States' health institutes. "I am very pleased that we have all been able to move forward quickly to provide European citizens with better protection for any future epidemics. The lessons we

learned during the outbreaks of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in 2003 and bird flu this year have been acted upon. Infectious diseases can pose a deadly threat, and they do not respect national borders," said David Byrne the EU's Health and Consumer Protection Commissioner. Source: http://dbs.cordis.lu/cgi-bin/srchidadb?CALLER=NHP_EN_NEWS&ACTION=D&SESSION=&RCN=EN_RCN_ID:21833

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Government Sector

25. *April 01, Washington Post* — **Security officials again recommend fencing in capitol.** Federal security planners are reviving a proposal to build a fence around the U.S. Capitol and Congressional office buildings to deter potential terrorist attacks. **U.S. Capitol Police Chief Terrance W. Gainer Wednesday, March 31, said the House and Senate sergeants-at-arms and the architect of the Capitol have directed his department to develop a plan and a cost estimate for construction.** A physical barrier would markedly increase security for lawmakers and visitors to the nation's seat of government, Gainer said during a hearing of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on the legislative branch. The fence, he said, could cost \$15 million to \$50 million. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A40563-2004Mar 31.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *April 01, Hope Star (Hope, AR)* — **Emergency management prepares for unthinkable.** Hempstead County (Arkansas) Emergency Management Coordinator Teresa Smith has planned a weapons of mass destruction exercise (WMD) next Tuesday in addition to a myriad of other emergency management duties. The exercise begins at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 6, at the Third District Coliseum in Hope Fair Park. Hempstead County emergency responders plan to join the Arkansas National Guard 61st Civil Support Team in the WMD exercise. Local responders who plan to take part in the exercise include the Hope Police Department, Hempstead County Sheriff's Department, Pafford EMS, Hope Fire Department, Hempstead County Hazmat Team and some members of the rural fire departments, according to Smith. "The nursing students from the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope always serve as victims for these exercises," Smith said. **The exercise will present unique obstacles such as identification of a weaponized agent or spread of contamination that could quickly overwhelm existing local and state resources. The 61st Civil Support Team has specialized equipment such as a mobile lab to provide on-site analysis of nuclear, biological or chemical agents, and a communications suite that integrates military radios with local responders' radios.** Source: <http://www.hopestar.com/articles/2004/04/01/news/news3.txt>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

27. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Software industry makes room for government.** In a surprise shift, leading software companies acknowledge in a report to the Bush administration that the government might need to force the U.S. technology industry to improve the security of America's computer networks. **The companies, including Microsoft Corp. and Computer Associates International Inc., said the Homeland Security Department "should examine whether tailored government action is necessary" to compel improvements in the design of computer software. The 250–page report containing that recommendation and dozens more was being released Thursday, April 1.** It cautioned that government should require security improvements only when market forces fail. It also said businesses already are demanding software that is safer and more resilient to attacks. But the report said the most sensitive computer networks — such as those operating banks, telephone networks or water pipelines — "may require a greater level of security than the market will provide." In those cases, the software companies recommend "appropriate and tailored government action that interferes with market innovation on security as little as possible." It urged the government to work with companies to produce a formal study during the 2005 fiscal year, which begins in October.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/internet/04/01/cybersecurity.ap/index.html>
28. *April 01, Federal Computer Week* — **NIST releases drafts. Officials at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced this week the draft release of two security documents that provide detailed guidelines to federal agencies and other organizations for securing computer information systems.** Special Publication 800–60, "Guide to Mapping Types of Information and Information Systems to Security Categories," is the second draft of a document meant to help federal agencies meet the requirements of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002. It describes how to categorize types of information and information systems for assessing security risks. Both documents are available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/drafts.html>. The publications complement previous technical works from NIST.
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0329/web-nist-04-01-04.asp>
29. *April 01, Government Technology* — **Massachusetts awards first open–standards IT contract. This week the state of Massachusetts acquired its first information technology (IT) services under its new open–standards policy.** The Executive Department Legal Counsel's Virtual Law Office (VLO) will be developed using open–standards and open–source components. Similar to systems utilized by large private law firms, the VLO will deliver sophisticated content management, legal case management and new reporting tools. The contract award is expected to result in savings to the state both through more efficient management of legal services and outright ownership of the software code. Typically, state government would pay initial and ongoing licensing fees for new software. "The new open–standards policy is resulting in fair and open competition," said Administration and Finance Secretary Eric Kriss. "Out of the gate, this policy is having a positive impact on the state's bottom line."
Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=89839>
30. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Companies sharpen tech tools to counter scams.** As Internet scams, also known as phishing, proliferate, companies are sharpening technological tools to counter them. Education alone, many agree, isn't enough. **Anti–phishing software is apt to**

soon be added to the arsenal of digital shields forged to stop spam, viruses and hacking. Security companies are also building tools for banks and merchants to use behind the scenes. Phishing scams have been around for years but have in recent months become more numerous — and sophisticated. Scammers now copy and paste Web coding from real sites like Citibank's to give their fraudulent messages and the sites they lead to an aura of authenticity. They register Internet addresses that look real, subbing the letter "l" with the numeral "1," for instance. A few messages even carry ads for that aura of authenticity. The Anti-Phishing Working Group, formed in October by industry and law enforcement, identified 282 new phishing scams in February, up from 176 a month earlier. About 70 percent have been traced to eastern Europe or Asia, said David Jevans, the group's chairman.

Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=562&ncid=738&e=2&u=/ap/20040401/ap_on_hi_te/online_scams

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.G 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	135 (epmap), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 80 (www), 3127 (mydoom), 6129 (dameware), 139 (netbios-ssn), 2745 (urbisnet), 1025 (blackjack) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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31. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Uzbek official links violence to al Qaeda.** This week's outbreak of violence in Uzbekistan is linked to al Qaeda, a top anti-terror official said Thursday, April 1. Ilya Pyagay, Interior Ministry deputy anti-terrorism chief, said operations were continuing to capture suspected terrorists. At least 43 people, mostly alleged terrorists, have died this week in a series of suicide bombings and police shootouts. **"These are Wahhabis who belong to one of the branches of the international al Qaeda terror group,"** Pyagay said, referring to the strict strain of Islam in which bin Laden was raised. Prosecutor-General spokesperson Svetlana Artikova said the events were "all part of one chain."

Source: http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=518&e=2&u=/ap/20040401/ap_on_re_eu/uzbekistan

32. *April 01, Voice of America* — **Italian police break up Turkish terrorist cell. Italian police say they have broken up the terrorist cell of a Turkish leftist group with links to Italian extremists.** Five people were arrested in Italy and raids were carried out in other European countries at the request of Italian investigators. Three Italians and two Turkish nationals were arrested in morning raids carried out in the central city of Perugia. Police said they had not arrested Islamic militants but members of an outlawed Turkish group which, "has a strong organization with a Marxist–Leninist tradition." **Police officials said the arrests broke up a terrorist cell linked to the largest of Turkey's far–left organizations, the DHKP–C or Revolutionary People's Liberation Army/Front. The group has been on the European Union's list of terrorist organizations since May 2002.** Police said the Turkish cell had links with anti–imperialist groups in Italy. Among the Italians arrested was Moreno Pasquinelli, the spokesman for the Anti–imperialist Camp, a group opposed to the U.S.–led occupation in Iraq. One of the Turkish nationals held is believed to have headed the cell. The DHKP–C is known to be responsible for a number of attacks against government officials, generals, and police officials in Turkey. It has also targeted U.S. military personnel and diplomatic missions.
Source: <http://www.voanews.com/article.cfm?objectID=77A893A4–E46D–42F9–B1D1F2417D1CA8E7>

33. *April 01, Associated Press* — **Colorado wildfire nearly doubles in size.** Authorities asked dozens of families to evacuate Thursday, April 1, as a 2,000–acre wildfire turned toward a subdivision in the foothills of northern Colorado. The evacuation was voluntary, but fire information officer John Bustos said the blaze was "very active" and was being fed by wind gusting to 35 mph. The fire nearly doubled in size overnight. **The fire is an ominous sign of what could be a long, brutal fire season. Colorado remains mired in a drought with no sign of relief. "This is a bad sign for this time of the year, and we have to take this as a warning that we could have a potentially long year, an extreme year," said Justin Dombrowski,** Boulder's wildlands fire manager. The blaze began Tuesday, March 30, when a residential yard fire got out of control. Meanwhile, in central Arizona, a 2,700–acre wildfire was 60 percent contained with forest officials hoping for full containment by Friday, April 2. The fire, first spotted on Monday, March 29, was not immediately threatening any homes. Southwest of Phoenix, a wildfire burning along the dry bed of the Gila River grew to at least 3,000 acres but was about 70 percent contained.
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040401_880.html

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