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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. *February 11, Associated Press* — **Gas could replace oil as top global fuel according to executives. Clean-burning natural gas could overtake oil as the top fuel of choice worldwide in the next quarter-century, several top executives from major oil companies said** Wednesday at an industry conference. Even though the United States and the southern North Sea has declining supplies and mature natural gas basins, "in a global sense resource scarcity should not be a constraint on the growth of gas," said Malcolm Brinded, managing

director for Royal Dutch/Shell Group. **Gas resources worldwide have been much less explored than oil, and often gas is found by drillers in search of oil. Brinded said global gas reserve life is 50 percent higher today than oil at some 60 years of current demand, so gas is plentiful and getting it to markets is the next step.** He said North America, Asia and Europe are "ripe" for imports of liquefied natural gas, which is converted to liquid form for shipping and regasified at a receiving terminal. But Gass said preparing to receive liquid gas to satisfy North American demand will require "staggering" investments of billions of dollars from oil and gas' big players with deep pockets and technical know-how.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/mld/sunherald/business/7929282.htm>

- 2. *February 11, Associated Press* — World oil demand continues to rise. The global thirst for oil continues to outpace expectations, led by surging growth in demand for crude from China, India and other Asian countries, the International Energy Agency (IEA) reported Wednesday, February 11.** Southern and eastern Asia account for much of the 3.7 percent increase in demand from developing countries that the agency forecasts for this year. Developing nations are seeing their fastest growth in demand since 1997, the IEA said in its monthly oil market report. As a result, the agency raised its estimate of demand growth from its last prediction in January. **Demand in 2004 would grow 220,000 barrels a day faster than the IEA predicted last month, and total annual demand would climb 1.8 percent to 79.9 million barrels a day.** The IEA noted that China, Vietnam, Thailand and India were voracious consumers of oil in January. By contrast, the growth in demand for crude in rich countries slowed sharply in the fourth quarter of 2003. After revising its data, the agency halved its earlier estimate of demand growth in wealthy nations to just 0.4 percent during the October–December quarter.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/business/apbiz\\_story.asp?category=1310&slug=World%20Oil](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/business/apbiz_story.asp?category=1310&slug=World%20Oil)

- 3. *February 11, Government Computer News* — Inspector General urges tighter security at labs. Department of Energy (DOE) Inspector General (IG) Gregory H. Friedman has recommended that the department's national laboratories tighten security over classified projects, including advanced computer research, in the wake of an audit that found gaps in the labs' security controls.** DOE officials in the Offices of Science and Security generally agreed with the recommendations but said that the department, as a whole, had adequately controlled sensitive technologies. The IG's Audit Report, Safeguards Over Sensitive Technology, reflected reviews of the Sandia, Los Alamos and Oak Ridge National Laboratories. It focused on almost 200 cooperative research and development agreements and so-called work-for-others projects that the labs carried out with outside organizations. **The IG's report called for clarification of security procedures, an action that the department's Counter-intelligence Office endorsed.** Report:

<http://www.ig.doe.gov/pdf/ig-0635.pdf>

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/24925-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24925-1.html)

- 4. *February 11, North American Electric Reliability Council* — NERC approves blackout recommendations. The Board of Trustees of the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) has committed to take immediate actions to strengthen the reliability of the North American bulk electric system and increase public confidence in that system in the wake of the August 14, 2003, blackout that affected three NERC Regions, eight states,**

**and two provinces.** NERC Chairman Richard Drouin said, "we have the assurance of leaders from all sectors of the electric industry that they strongly support our initiatives and will work with us to make sure they are implemented." The board resolved to receive and review information on violations of NERC reliability standards; improve compliance with NERC reliability standards; provide transparency to violations of NERC reliability standards, while respecting the confidential nature of some information and the need for a fair and deliberate due process; and work closely with FERC and other applicable federal, state, and provincial regulatory authorities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico to ensure that the public interest is met with respect to compliance with reliability standards. Report:

[ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all\\_updl/docs/blackout/](ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/docs/blackout/)

[BOARD\\_APPROVED\\_BLACKOUT\\_RECOMMENDATIONS\\_021004.pdf](#)

Source:

[ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all\\_updl/docs/pressrel/2-11-04-BOT-Recommendations-PR.pdf](ftp://www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/docs/pressrel/2-11-04-BOT-Recommendations-PR.pdf)

5. *February 10, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission* — **Commission approves Southwest Power Pool RTO. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Tuesday approved with conditions the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) proposed regional transmission organization (RTO) -- a plan that will facilitate the exchange of electric power and enhance reliability over an eight-state region.** "SPP's RTO proposal is the result of a broad collaborative process that would bring 11 transmission systems (of which five are non-jurisdictional), six municipal systems, and eight generation and transmission cooperatives under independent, regional control," the Commission observed in the order. As an independent entity, SPP can help ensure that transmission planning addresses regional reliability needs and comparability of interconnection service -- important elements of efficient market development and operations, the Commission said.

Source: <http://www.ferc.gov/press-room/pr-current/02-10-04.asp>

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

6. *February 11, Washington Post* — **Fighter jet and helicopter assessed for roles in military future. The Pentagon and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are seeking outside reviews of the F/A-22 fighter jet and Comanche helicopter to assess whether the programs conform to the Department of Defense's future vision of the military. The reviews should examine whether the programs address the "threats and requirements of the next several decades," according to OMB.** They should also determine whether funding for the F/A-22 and Comanche are draining money from new programs more in line with future combat needs, the OMB said. The studies will address the concerns of critics who argue that the F/A-22, also known as the Raptor, and the Comanche reconnaissance helicopter were conceived to deal with old threats that are no longer relevant. The F/A-22 was designed for

air-to-air combat, but those capabilities were not needed during the war in Iraq and are less likely to be needed in future conflicts, said Marcus Corbin, senior analyst for the Center for Defense Information. The Comanche was developed with stealth capabilities to protect against radar-guided missiles.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A30737-2004Feb 10.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *February 11, Pravda* — **Russia to control money laundering in CIS. Russia is ready to appropriate funds for technical assistance to create systems for counteracting money laundering in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) territory.** According to Russian Finance Minister Alexey Kudrin, the first stage of Russia's assistance will be about \$1 million meant for purchase of equipment and software. Russia expects to win support of the CIS countries in creation of a regional group, because a joint effort of many countries will help considerably reduce financial flows supporting terrorism, according to Kudrin. First Deputy Finance Minister and Chairman of the Russian Federation (RF) Financial Monitoring Committee Viktor Zubkov stated that today "illegal business and transnational criminal groups function in several of the CIS regions and in about 40 countries in the West and in the East." **According to Zubkov, illegal migration is now one of the basic activities of international terrorism.** "Up to 17 million people from Asia and Africa come to Russia every year. These are rather favorable conditions for various economic machinations that further finance terrorism," said Zubkov.

Source: [http://english.pravda.ru/main/18/89/358/12024\\_money.html](http://english.pravda.ru/main/18/89/358/12024_money.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *February 11, Associated Press* — **Report: Long way to go for passenger screening plan.** The government has not adequately addressed security and privacy concerns in its plan to use personal information to rank airline passengers as potential security threats, congressional investigators say. **The findings by the General Accounting Office, contained in a draft report obtained Wednesday, February 11, by The Associated Press, could delay the Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, or CAPPS II.** Congress said the government could not spend any money for testing or putting the program in place until the GAO reported that eight specific concerns were satisfied. **Those include assurances the system is accurate, that the technology ensures privacy, that safeguards exist to prevent abuse and that passengers who think they were mistakenly identified as a threat have some recourse.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TRAVEL/02/11/passenger.screening.ap/>

9. *February 11, News 14 (Raleigh, NC)* — **Tractor-trailer overturns near National Guard armory.** Reedy Creek Road in Raleigh, NC, was blocked Wednesday after a tractor-trailer packed with explosives overturned. The truck was heading to the National Guard armory

behind the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Soldiers from Fort Bragg had to come help with the cleanup. **The accident alone was not the problem. The truck was delivering 846 pounds of explosives to another site. The hazardous materials team was called in and the area was shut off to everyone but law enforcement and the guard.** Fortunately, no one was hurt in the wreck. Explosives like the one the tractor-trailer was carrying are not stored at the Raleigh National Guard. Police said the truck driver will not be charged in the accident.

Source: <http://rdu.news14.com/content/headlines/?ArID=42835&SecID=2>

10. *February 11, Associated Press* — **New Jersey train derailment causes neighborhood evacuation. Three tank cars carrying ethanol derailed Wednesday, February 11, in Woodbridge, NJ, and authorities evacuated 12 to 15 homes in the township's Sewaren neighborhood as a precaution. The three cars, each carrying 28,000 gallons of the gasoline additive, ran off the Conrail/CSX tracks along East Avenue shortly after 1 p.m., said Woodbridge Mayor Frank G. Pelzman. One flipped on its side, and residents in the immediate area were evacuated to School No. 9, a neighborhood elementary school, Pelzman said. Hazmat crews determined that no ethanol had leaked out, Pelzman said, but residents were asked to remain at the school until the cars were put back on the rails.**

Source: <http://www.wnbc.com/traffic/2840393/detail.html>

11. *February 11, Travel Video Television News* — **IATA launches air safety body in Africa as air accidents increase.** The International Air Transport Association (IATA), in conjunction with other stakeholders in the aviation sector, has launched the African and Indian Ocean Islands Safety Enhancement Team (ASET) to be based in Nairobi, Kenya to coordinate air safety matters amid growing concerns on air safety in the continent. **ASET's objective is to help Africa achieve international air safety levels and hopes to reduce the continents' civil aviation accidents by half by the year 2010. According to IATA regional director for Africa Peter Chikumba, ASET has been set up to arrest a growing crisis in Africa's civil aviation.** The initiative is supported by aircraft manufacturers Airbus and Boeing, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the U.S. Federal Aviation Authority, the Nairobi-based African Airlines' Association, and similar African Aviation groups. By bringing all the stakeholders together, including African airlines, airport authorities and governments, IATA is hoping for a 50 percent reduction in civil aviation accidents within seven years. About 400 passengers died in civil aviation accidents in Africa in 2003, accounting nearly 50 percent of the world's civil aviation related deaths in a year that stands out as the continents worst in aviation history.

Source: [http://travelvideo.tv/news/more.php?id=1191\\_0\\_1\\_0\\_M](http://travelvideo.tv/news/more.php?id=1191_0_1_0_M)

12. *February 11, TIME.com* — **The new air security threat.** For months, federal security officials have been warning of possible threats from aircraft flying into the U.S. from overseas. **On February 2 a potential danger became a frightening reality: three men were able to bypass screening in a foreign country and get onboard a cargo aircraft that flew into one of the U.S.'s largest airports, Miami International.** "This is more disturbing evidence that without actual inspection of cargo, our security system will remain vulnerable," says Paul Rancatore, a security expert for the Coalition of Airline Pilots Association. According to two aviation sources, the men were able to get inside a container on a Boeing 727 cargo aircraft flown from the Dominican Republic to Miami under contract for DHL Airways. **More troubling is that at least one of the men had an employee identification card of a company**

that allowed him access to the secure area of a foreign airport. "Inside jobs are the soft underbelly of the system," says one aviation security expert. The men traveled undetected all the way to Miami, where the container was offloaded and put into a warehouse. The three, who appear to have been illegal immigrants presenting no obvious terrorist threat, were deported.

Source: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,590058,00.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

**13. *February 11, Agence France Presse* — U.S. destroys nearly 74,000 chickens in second case of Avian flu.** U.S. authorities destroyed a flock of nearly 74,000 chickens after confirming a second case of Avian flu in Delaware state. The latest infection was found in a flock of 73,800 chickens in Sussex county. After the first case was detected in Kent County February 6, 12,000 chickens were killed and buried and local authorities urged the public to stay away from poultry farms. **The two affected farms are about five miles apart. "This development is completely unexpected given the precautions we took, the investigation we made and the industry's expectations of this disease's behavior," Delaware Secretary of Agriculture Michael Scuse said.** All 20 farms located within a two-mile radius of the Kent county farm tested negative for Avian flu, said Scuse, who added that 75 farms within six miles of the two infected farms were now under quarantine. **"At this time we cannot explain how the virus appeared so far outside our original containment zone," Scuse said.** "We will be taking immediate action to contain this disease, but it is now a serious situation for the Delmarva poultry industry," said Scuse. **The poultry industry brings in 1.5 billion dollars a year to the tri-state region of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.**

Source: <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/040210/1/3hx5q.html>

**14. *February 11, Reuters* — Lawmakers propose mandatory animal ID system. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) would be given \$175 million to quickly launch a mandatory U.S. livestock identification system, proposed in a House bill on Tuesday.** The system would be used to combat outbreaks of disease, such as mad cow or foot and mouth disease, by tracking down suspect animals and their herd mates, the lawmakers said. **Their bill would give USDA 90 days to establish a nationwide, electronic livestock identification system that could track farm-raised animals from birth to slaughter.** Minnesota Democrat Collin Peterson said the computer system could be patterned on one developed by Holstein dairy farmers and could be "up and ready to go in two to three weeks." He acknowledged it could take longer for producers to buy the radio transmitter ear tags and implant them on their animals. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman says USDA has not decided if participation should be mandatory. She also says USDA should set standards for the livestock tracking system but not specify use of a particular technology.

Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?ENC=topStoryDetail\\_ANewsindex\\_html\\_51294\\_1](http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?ENC=topStoryDetail_ANewsindex_html_51294_1)

15. *February 11, Agricultural Research Service* — **Progress in reverse against new swine flu strain. Veterinary medical officers Juergen Richt and Kelly Lager of the Scientists at the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) Virus and Prion Diseases of Livestock Research Unit used a reverse genetics process to create new flu viruses whose individual components could be explored. It is hoped these components can in turn become the targets of vaccines.** The influenza that has spurred this research, a swine flu type that contains gene segments from birds and humans, as well as from pigs, has spread throughout North America since being detected in 1998. Swine influenza presents a special challenge to genetics researchers because its virus stores its information in RNA, which is more susceptible to mutation and allows viruses to evolve far more rapidly than in DNA. Because of this, it is sometimes hard for an infected host to develop lasting immunity. Researchers in collaboration with scientists from Iowa State University, the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital used cloned DNA to generate swine influenza viruses.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=1261>

16. *February 10, Oster Dow Jones Commodity News* — **Mexico seeks U.S. BSE safety clarification before lifting ban. Mexico is asking the U.S. to clarify a new list of uncertainties it has on safety measures implemented to guard against bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) before it lifts a ban on U.S. beef,** according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) undersecretary. Bill Hawks, head of USDA's regulatory and marketing division, returned Saturday from a trip to Mexico, where Mexican Agriculture Secretary Javier Usabiaga handed over a list of points he wants clarified by USDA. "We're in the process of responding to that letter now," Hawks said. Mexico is the second-largest foreign market for U.S. beef. Mexico banned U.S. beef and live cattle on December 24, a day after the U.S. announced it had discovered a case of BSE in a dairy cow in Washington state. But Hawks said Mexican officials he met during his trip, including Usabiaga, expressed a desire to reopen trade. **"The consistent message," he said, "has been that they have a desire to open the border." When Mexico does open its border, Hawks said he expects that boxed beef will likely be the first product allowed in. Mexico, like the U.S., accepts boneless beef products from Canada, so long as they are from cattle under 30 months old.**

Source: [http://www.agprofessional.com/show\\_story.php?id=23527](http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=23527)

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## **Food Sector**

17. *February 11, Reuters* — **U.S. meat sector hopes for quick end to poultry bans.** Bans on imports of U.S. chicken because of a bird flu outbreak in Delaware could end soon, if officials contain the disease to that state, U.S. meat industry analysts said on Wednesday, February 11. **The concern is that the bans could linger if more cases are discovered, leading to a repeat of a situation in 2002 when a ban on U.S. chicken by top importer Russia created a huge glut of meats in American supermarkets and depressed prices.** "It has that potential, but it has to be more widespread than it is so far" Doug Harper, a meat industry analyst, said of the Delaware bird flu.

Source: [http://www.forbes.com/business/newswire/2004/02/11/rtr125577\\_8.html](http://www.forbes.com/business/newswire/2004/02/11/rtr125577_8.html)

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## Water Sector

18. *February 11, Water Tech Online* — **Water experts fear post-treatment contamination.** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel reported disturbing drinking water distribution system revelations at the Inorganic Contaminants Workshop sponsored by the American Water Works Association. **According to a news release, agency field engineers have been discovering that although the water leaving a municipal treatment plant may comply with all EPA criteria, events occurring in the water distribution system after water leaves the plant can lead to significant spikes in contaminant levels.** Case histories were reported in which scales and biofilm that sheared off or leached from pipe walls have caused drinking water levels exceeding tens and thousands of milligrams per liter for iron and copper and exceeding hundreds of micrograms per liter as well for arsenic, lead, zinc, and manganese, well above levels considered safe for consumption.  
Source: [http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N\\_ID=45956](http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?mode=4&N_ID=45956)

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## Public Health Sector

19. *February 11, Radio Australia* — **China warns bird flu could spread further.** China's Cabinet has warned that bird flu could spread further and that priority should be given to the task of preventing it from affecting humans. It says in many areas, bird flu has not been effectively controlled yet, and new outbreaks keep emerging. The meeting was presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao, who is leading the government's attempts to prevent an epidemic. China has a total of 45 confirmed and suspected outbreaks of the deadly H5N1 virus, affecting half of the country.  
Source: [http://www.abc.net.au/ra/newstories/RANewsStories\\_1043137.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/ra/newstories/RANewsStories_1043137.htm)
20. *February 10, Reuters* — **Smallpox vaccine exposure risk.** Breastfeeding women who live with someone who has been recently vaccinated against smallpox should take extra precautions to prevent their infants from being exposed to the virus used in the vaccine, according to a new report. **Doctors at the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington, have documented the case of a breast-fed infant who was exposed to the vaccinia virus, which is used in the smallpox vaccine. The baby's mother had not been vaccinated against smallpox but her husband, a soldier, was given the vaccine soon before the baby developed symptoms.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) already recommends that women who are breastfeeding should not receive the smallpox vaccine, but there are no guidelines against vaccination of other people living in the same household. About ten days after the husband was inoculated, his wife developed blisters on her nipples. Shortly after, a blister was seen on the baby's upper lip. Testing showed that the vaccinia virus was the cause for both the mother and the child.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=4329142>

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## **Government Sector**

21. *February 10, Government Computer News* — **Government releases guidelines for government-wide smart cards.** The Federal Identity and Credentialing Committee (FIC) has released guidelines for developing interoperable federal identification systems based on smart cards. **The government has adopted a policy for establishing a common Federal ID Card, which could be used for both physical and logical access control. Individual agencies would issue and manage the cards, but the cards would be interoperable across agencies.** “The FIC is to be used as the identity and basic authentication credential — within the issuing agency,” the guidelines note. “It will be the basis of identity and basic authentication when visiting other domains within the federal government enterprise.” The committee is promoting smart cards as the platform of choice for Federal ID Cards as agencies replace existing badge and ID systems. **The committee encouraged agencies to design smart-card systems that can support biometrics and comply with standards from the major federal and international standards bodies.** The guidelines also suggest that agencies plan for a functional card life of six years.

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/24919-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24919-1.html)

22. *February 10, Global Security Newswire* — **Secretary Ridge clarifies homeland intelligence roles. Of four federal agencies, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge indicated Tuesday, February 10, that the Terrorist Threat Integration Center would take the lead and has primary responsibility for coordinating terrorism-related intelligence.** The new center, a largely autonomous body created last year under the aegis of the CIA, is "the coordination point for the entire intelligence community as it relates to homeland security issues," Ridge said at a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Bush administration's fiscal 2005 budget proposal.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0204/021004gsn1.htm>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *February 11, The Trucker* — **Pennsylvania rest stops get defibrillators.** Five rest areas located along I-80 in Pennsylvania have received automated external defibrillators. **The devices are used to shock a heart back into rhythm after cardiac arrest, when the heart stops beating because of irregular nerve impulses. The defibrillators were donated by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Cardiology.** The Pennsylvania Turnpike put in defibrillators at 21 service plazas in February of 2003. Having the devices at rest stops gives the public greater access and hopefully will speed up response times for emergency teams and increases chances for recovery. A statewide registry of defibrillators is being undertaken so that emergency personnel know which facilities have the devices. It's estimated that more than 600 Americans a day die from sudden cardiac arrest, according to information from the American Heart Association. Survival is often linked with response time.

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

**24. *February 11, CNET News.com* — Feds step up push to wiretap VoIP calls. The Bush administration plans to ask the Federal Communications Commission to order Net telephony providers to comply with a law that would permit police to wiretap conversations carried over the Internet.** In a series of letters made public Tuesday, February 11, the Justice Department said it is "currently drafting a request" that would invoke the 1994 Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). That law requires telecommunications carriers to rewire their networks to government specifications to provide police with guaranteed access for wiretaps. It is debatable whether CALEA's decade-old definition of "telecommunications carrier," crafted long before the Internet era, applies to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers. If the FCC rules that CALEA's definitions are not a close enough fit for the fast-growing and somewhat amorphous VoIP sector, then the Bush administration could ask Congress to rewrite the law. Until earlier this month, the FBI had tried to block the FCC from considering VoIP's regulatory structure until the wiretap issue was resolved. But last week, the two agencies said they had reached an agreement allowing a vote on VoIP regulations to take place on Thursday.

Source: [http://news.com.com/2100-7352\\_3-5157282.html?tag=nefd\\_top](http://news.com.com/2100-7352_3-5157282.html?tag=nefd_top)

**25. *February 10, Federal Computer Week* — Georgia to build state VPN. The Georgia Technology Authority this week released a request for proposals for a new statewide virtual private network (VPN). The new Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) VPN would replace the existing frame relay network used by state, county and municipal government organizations. That includes schools, libraries and law enforcement agencies. It is expected to be cost at least \$10 million.** The MPLS VPN will allow administrators to ration and prioritize bandwidth for mission-critical applications. New security and privacy requirements – including federal mandates and common business needs – are also taking agencies beyond the existing network's capabilities. Initially, the network will provide data and video, including videoconferencing for distance learning and telemedicine. The architecture must, however, support the inclusion of voice over IP a year after the initial deployment. One of the biggest advantages to the new network will be the support for mobile workers, allowing users to connect via Digital Subscriber Line, cable modem or dial-up. In addition to standard telework environments, the mobile access will be key for public safety, family and children services site visits, and staff working in state parks.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/geb/articles/2004/0209/web-georgia-02-10-04.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>WORM_MYDOOM.A</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>	3127 (mydoom), 135 (epmap), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 445 (microsoft-ds), 80 (www), 1080 (socks), 3128 (squid-http), 6129 (dameware) 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. *February 11, Associated Press* — **Wind-driven snow blocks roads on Plains. Snow driven by wind gusting to 57 mph closed schools and made highway travel hazardous Wednesday on the northern Plains, and halted an Amtrak train.** Some highways in western South Dakota had drifts three feet high, authorities reported. A stretch of about 100 miles of Interstate 94 was closed from late Tuesday until midday Wednesday in eastern Montana, from Miles City to the North Dakota state line. Police in South Dakota recommended people travel only if absolutely necessary in the state's northwest corner, including I-94 between Sturgis and the Wyoming state line. North Dakota authorities urged motorists to stay off sections of I-94 and I-29. **The so-called "Alberta Clipper" storm blowing out of Canada did not bring heavy snow -- two inches of snow was reported at Jamestown, ND -- but the wind picked up snow and caused drifting and visibility-cutting whiteout conditions.** Visibility was down to about 200 feet in central South Dakota, the state Department of Highways said. **Amtrak's Empire Builder service across North Dakota was halted Wednesday by blizzard conditions, said Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari.** Wind and blowing snow also caused travel problems in southern Minnesota, while in Montana, many secondary routes in the eastern part of the state were impassable Wednesday.

Source: [http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/content/news/ap/ap\\_story.html/National/AP.V2955.AP-Plains-Storm.html](http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/content/news/ap/ap_story.html/National/AP.V2955.AP-Plains-Storm.html)

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## **DHS/IAIP Products & Contact Information**

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