



# Department of Homeland Security Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 26 February 2004

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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 25, York Daily Record (PA)* — **Reactor shutdown in Pennsylvania. Operators manually shut down Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station's Unit 2 reactor Sunday, February 23, after a series of mechanical problems. Last week, control room workers monitored an air leak in the reactor's condenser — equipment used to turn steam into**

**water.** The condenser pumps that water back to the reactor. On Tuesday, February 24, **plant officials determined the leak came from an expansion joint caused by routine wear and tear of the system,** said Dana Melia, spokesperson for Exelon Generation, the operator of the plant. That leak caused a loss of vacuum — a piece of equipment found inside the condenser, she said. The shutdown caused no threat to public health or the plant's ability to distribute electricity, Melia said. Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station's Unit 3 was not affected by its neighbor's shutdown and continues to function at full power. Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station is location in York County, PA.

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder\\_2004\\_02\\_25\\_krtbn\\_0000-0016-YO-POWER-REACTOR&SMContentSet=0](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder_2004_02_25_krtbn_0000-0016-YO-POWER-REACTOR&SMContentSet=0)

2. *February 25, Reuters* — **Big Pacific storm cuts power to thousands in California. A powerful Pacific wind and rain storm pounded Northern California on Wednesday, February 25, cutting off electricity to about 115,000 customers of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the utility said.** The storm, packing near hurricane force winds gusting up to 65 to 70 miles per hour, lashed tree limbs into electricity lines and knocked down power poles. It is not known when power will be restored. The storm also disrupted local air traffic, with San Francisco International Airport reporting some arriving flights were delayed an average of 90 minutes. The largest number of power outages was concentrated in the San Francisco Bay Area, with 63,000 customers in the dark in the East Bay, including Oakland, CA.

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_reuters.htm?SMDOCID=reuters\\_pma\\_2004\\_02\\_25\\_eng-reuters\\_pma\\_BIG-PACIFIC-STORM-CUTS-POWER-TO-THOUSANDS-IN-CALIF&SMContentSet=0](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_reuters.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2004_02_25_eng-reuters_pma_BIG-PACIFIC-STORM-CUTS-POWER-TO-THOUSANDS-IN-CALIF&SMContentSet=0)

3. *February 24, The Scotsman (Scotland)* — **Wave energy generator unveiled. In the race to harness the power of the seas, a company has unveiled its first completed prototype wave energy machine.** Ocean Power Delivery (OPD), based in Edinburgh, Scotland, revealed to industry representatives and politicians the 400ft-long 700-ton Pelamis Wave Energy Converter which will be capable of delivering power enough for 500 homes. The huge machine, similar in size to four train carriages, will undergo two weeks of testing before being towed to Orkney, where it will be anchored to a seabed and endure a further year's tests under the scrutiny of the European Marine Energy Center. When afloat on the sea, **the system works by means of hinged joints between its articulated cylindrical sections which move with the waves. The movement powers hydraulic rams which then force liquid through a motor which powers a generator and produces electricity.**

Source: <http://news.scotsman.com/scitech.cfm?id=216122004>

4. *February 21, The State (SC)* — **DOE updates South Carolina atomic fuels plant progress. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Spencer Abraham says his agency intends to operate an atomic fuels factory in South Carolina as scheduled — but he does not guarantee the program will meet fuel production deadlines as required by law.** The DOE must meet a series of deadlines to avoid being fined \$100 million per year, federal law says. **The mixed oxide plant would be built at the Savannah River Site (SRS) near Aiken, SC.** Abraham, as required by law, wrote a letter this week to members of Congress updating them on the progress of the fuel plant. The letter says "it remains possible" to begin producing mixed oxide fuel by 2009 as required, but only if his agency resolves a dispute with Russia and gets

additional funding for the plant. If the mixed oxide fuel plant isn't built, South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges says, the state could be left with up to 34 metric tons of unused American plutonium, a poisonous metal and key ingredient in atomic weapons. **The material is being shipped to SRS from other federal nuclear facilities for conversion to commercial nuclear reactor fuel. Making it into fuel would render it useless for atomic bombs.**

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder\\_2004\\_02\\_21\\_krtbn\\_0000-0453-CS-NUKE-P\\_LANT&SMContentSet=0](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder_2004_02_21_krtbn_0000-0453-CS-NUKE-P_LANT&SMContentSet=0)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

5. *February 24, Govexec.com* — **Navy official backs changes in ship overhaul process.** The Navy must make sweeping changes in how it overhauls ships to maintain high levels of fleet readiness, according to Vice Admiral Charles Moore. Moore, deputy chief of naval operations for fleet readiness and logistics, said Tuesday, February 24, that he was overseeing a yearlong maintenance review that likely will lead to those changes. **The Navy wants to streamline shipyard operations as part of a larger effort, known as the Fleet Response Plan, to change how the sea service operates around the world. The plan calls for moving away from a schedule of six-month sea deployments and preset training and maintenance periods in favor of more flexible.** Moore said Navy leaders are "mystified" by current maintenance operations that require overhauls as soon as ships return from sea and that can take six months to a year to complete. Those schedules often mean that a ship at the peak of its readiness with a trained crew is suddenly taken out of commission. One option Navy leaders have discussed is varying the lengths and times of ship maintenance so they could be called back into service more quickly.  
Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0204/022404g1.htm>

6. *February 24, Government Computer News* — **Defense needs to turn around security clearance automation effort according to GAO. The Department of Defense (DoD) does not have an exact accounting of its security clearance backlog, in part because of delays in implementing the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS), the General Accounting Office (GAO) reported** Tuesday, February 24. Based on its review, GAO said it estimates the backlog as quite sizeable. "DoD did not know the size of its security clearance backlog at the end of September 2003 and has not estimated the size of the backlog since January 2000," the congressional auditor noted. **In its response, DoD said GAO failed to take into account recent progress on the program.** "The business process re-engineering and improvements under way will allow us to better understand our front-end clearance requirements and conduct capacity analyses," Carol A. Haave, deputy undersecretary of DoD for counterintelligence and security, said in a letter to GAO. **With JPAS, DoD wants to consolidate its security**

clearance data systems and provide near–real–time input and retrieval of the data for Defense investigators, adjudicators and security officers at commands, agencies and industrial facilities. Report: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-344>. Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/25063-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/25063-1.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *February 25, CNET News* — **Identity theft worries consumers according to study. Most consumers do poorly when it comes to password management, making them vulnerable to identity theft, in spite of an increased awareness among consumers about the need to protect their identity online, RSA Security said** in the study released Wednesday, February 25. That gap between the perceived risk and the strength of safeguards against it could sap customer confidence in online business, hindering companies from taking advantage of the cost–savings and revenue potential of the Internet, the security firm said. The study found consumers are weak in the management of passwords and personal identification numbers used to make transactions online and through ATMs. About two in three people surveyed use fewer than five passwords, while more than one in 10 use only one password for everything. **About 65 percent of respondents said that they themselves were "very responsible" for protecting their identities, while 53 percent felt it was the job of the bank or the financial institution concerned.**

Source: <http://news.com.com/2100-7355-5165044.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *February 25, BBC* — **Iranian transport minister comments on recent train disaster.** According to the transport affairs reporter of the Iranian Students News Agency (ISNA), Ahmad Khorram, the transport minister speaking to reporters, expressed sympathy to the victims of the accident and added: "After the examination of different hypotheses by the Supreme Committee on Railway Accidents, the likelihood of sabotage or external factors, such as an earthquake or a strong wind, have been rejected." He said that other hypotheses, such as a deliberate action because of disgruntlement in the organization or oversights and shortcomings on the part of the personnel, were being examined. **Asked by ISNA's reporter whether it is correct or not to transport petrol, fuel oil, cotton and sulphur together, he replied: "Based on the regulations, none of these cargoes are considered dangerous in railway classifications for transporting freight, but, in the light of this accident, some of these cargoes may be placed on the dangerous cargoes list."** Khorram said that the explosion of the freight wagons in Neyshabur Station was equivalent to that of 180 tons of TNT.

Source: [http://cnni.w.yellowbrix.com/pages/cnniw/Story.nsp?story\\_id=47537978&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation:Rail&](http://cnni.w.yellowbrix.com/pages/cnniw/Story.nsp?story_id=47537978&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation:Rail&)

9. *February 25, The Trucker* — **Limits of authority could be crux of Mexican truck case. The U.S. Supreme Court is expected soon to start deliberations on various environmental**

**cases before it, including allowing Mexican trucks into the U.S. heartland.** That and several other cases have to do not with environmental laws per se, but the extent of executive power and how far the law extends in cases that effect air, land or water quality, according to USA TODAY. Public Citizen, the group started by Ralph Nader, sued the Department of Transportation (DOT) to keep Mexican trucks from U.S. roads on the grounds that DOT failed to conduct a thorough enough environmental impact statement. A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel concurred. The Bush administration, however, appealed to the Supreme Court, saying that the president's foreign policy powers were being interfered with.

Source: [http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/02\\_04/0225\\_mex\\_trucks.html](http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/02_04/0225_mex_trucks.html)

- 10. February 24, Department of Transportation — Transportation Secretary Mineta announces \$28.8M for expanded rail service.** During a visit to the construction site for an expanded Delray Beach, FL, commuter rail station, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta today, February 24, delivered a \$28.8 million federal grant to pay for a massive expansion of the South Florida rail corridor. **The \$28.8 million federal investment by the Department,s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will help fund the final phase of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority,s Double Track Corridor Improvement program, which is building a second set of rail tracks, expanding rail stations, building 11 new bridges and five replacement bridges, and modernizing grade crossing and signal systems.** The Secretary said the expansion would result in more frequent train service seven days a week and later into the evenings. Ridership is expected to triple to almost 28,000 commuters per day by 2015, he said. Since work on the rail system began in 1995, the federal government has invested a total of \$81.2 million.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot01804.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

- 11. February 25, Government Executive Magazine — Postal reform.** A Bush administration official Tuesday challenged some of the changes called for by the President's Commission on the Postal Service. **Testifying before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Deputy Director Dan Blair said he disagrees with the commission's recommendation that the responsibility for funding Civil Service Retirement benefits for military service, which were shifted to the postal service last year, be returned to the Treasury Department.** Blair said directly funding military retirement benefits for postal workers offers the Postal Service the "direct benefit" of attracting and retaining veterans. Governmental Affairs Chair Susan Collins, R-ME, said she is "not inclined to agree with the administration" on permanently establishing the military retirement benefits, estimated at \$27 billion, as a Postal Service responsibility. **Blair said the administration supports many of the commission's recommendations, particularly the proposal to shift postal employees to a pay-for-performance system.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0204/022504cdam2.htm>

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## Agriculture Sector

12. *February 25, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **USDA changes Wyoming's brucellosis status. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending its brucellosis regulations concerning interstate movement of cattle by changing Wyoming's classification from Class Free to Class A.** This is a necessary action in order to prevent the spread of brucellosis. The brucellosis Class Free designation is based on a finding of no known brucellosis in cattle for the 12 months preceding classification as Class Free. APHIS has determined that Wyoming no longer meets the standards for Class Free status. Wyoming was classified as Class Free until a brucellosis–infected herd was discovered on December 23, 2003. At that time the state took immediate measures to maintain its Class Free status. However, on January 21, 2004, another brucellosis–affected herd was confirmed. With the discovery of the second affected herd, Wyoming no longer meets the standards for Class Free status.  
Source: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2004/02/brucewyo\\_vs.html](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2004/02/brucewyo_vs.html)

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## Food Sector

13. *February 25, USAgNet* — **U.S. suspends meat imports from France. The United States has decided to suspend imports of meat products from France after experts found food safety measures in the country were not up to standard, the French agriculture ministry said.** France said the U.S. move followed a visit by a team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to 11 companies allowed to export to the United States as well as to the local veterinary services that supervise them. The French government said the experts had noted "non–conformities" in French health protection measures during the trip from January 15 to February 5. A high–level team led by French Agriculture Minister Herve Gaymard traveled to Washington Monday, February 23, in order to present the actions that France has taken for several months in order to respond to the specific demands of the U.S. in this regard.  
Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story–national.cfm?Id=197&yr=2004>

14. *February 24, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — **Beef recalled. Richwood Meat Co., Inc., a California firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 90,000 pounds of frozen ground beef and beef patties that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7.** The products were produced on August 11, 2003. They were distributed to U.S. military installations in the Far East and to retail stores and institutions in California, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. **The recall was prompted after testing conducted by a laboratory in Japan determined the presence of E. coli O157:H7.** Testing was prompted by the reports of several recent illnesses in Japan. No illnesses related to products distributed in the U.S. have been reported.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/recalls/prelease/pr007–2004.htm>

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## Water Sector

15. *February 25, Associated Press* — **District of Columbia issues water warning. Health leaders in the District are warning pregnant women and children under six not to drink unfiltered tap water if they live in homes with lead plumbing.** D.C. Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) officials say they likely will distribute free water filters to those households. That should be as many as 10,000 of the roughly 23,000 homes with lead pipes. But agency leaders acknowledge that they don't know how many homes have lead lines. City and WASA have previously approached the problem of lead contamination as a matter of engineering and water chemistry. Now, for the first time, emphasizing public health concerns. **The agency says replacing all lead service lines could cost at least \$351 million. Mike Marcotte, WASA's chief engineer, says the estimate only relates to lead service lines located on public property.** Marcotte says homeowners would still be encouraged to replace lead portions of their plumbing and water lines at the time WASA is making repairs, but the homeowner would have to cover the cost.

Source: <http://www.wtopnews.com/index.php?sid=173066&nid=25>

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## **Public Health Sector**

16. *February 25, Voice of America* — **Few infected with SARS this year, despite fears. Scientists last year predicted Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) would return to infect thousands more people during the colder months in northern Asia. But the disease, which killed about 700 people in 2003, appears to have infected just four people in the past few months.** Governments across Asia have spent millions of dollars to prepare for a resurgence of SARS. Places such as Hong Kong and Singapore upgraded their health care systems, ran public hygiene improvement campaigns, and instituted mass health checks on travelers. But this year, SARS has not come back to infect thousands of people, as many scientists predicted it might in the colder months. Some health officials say the preventative measures have worked, denying SARS a chance to spread. But other health experts argue isolation and better hygiene cannot explain why those four SARS patients this year were less ill and recovered faster than patients last year. Some say the virus from last year may have changed to become less aggressive. Others say the more dangerous strains could have become dormant this year.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/article.cfm?objectID=41E5D703-BB08-4C5B-8ABC8E989C298C6C>

17. *February 25, Reuters* — **U.S. mandates bar codes on medicines. Prescription drug makers will be required within two years to put bar codes on packaging in an effort to reduce potentially dangerous dispensing errors in hospitals, U.S. health officials said on Wednesday February 25.** The bar codes are meant to enable nurses and other health-care workers to electronically verify that they are giving the right drug at the right dose and the right time. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the Bush administration would publish a final regulation on the bar-coding requirement on february 26. **The Food and Drug Administration estimates the bar codes will help prevent nearly 500,000 medical problems over 20 years, and save \$93 billion by reducing health-care costs.** Under the requirement each bar code must contain a drug's unique identification number. Companies also may include information on the product's lot number and expiration date, health officials said.

Source: [http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=571&ncid=751&e=4&u=/nm/20040225/hl\\_nm/health\\_drugs\\_dc](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=571&ncid=751&e=4&u=/nm/20040225/hl_nm/health_drugs_dc)

18. *February 25, Associated Press* — **Scientists test bird flu's potency. Scientists are embarking on a series of experiments with the bird flu virus ravaging Asian poultry to see how dangerous it would be if it adapted to humans, the chief influenza expert at the UN health agency said.** Researchers will mix the virus with a human flu variety to see how well they swap genes and test various combinations on ferrets and other animals to determine which would be the most hazardous, said Klaus Stohr, chief flu expert at the World Health Organization, which is coordinating the tests. "What we want to do is reduce surprises. Every surprise will cost lives," Stohr said. "We still have the time here to do the research. We don't have much time, but the pandemic isn't there yet." The avian influenza outbreak has forced the slaughter of more than 80 million chickens and other fowl in Asia, but human infections remain rare. **Experts agree it is only a matter of time before a deadly human flu pandemic develops, and most suspect the current bird flu strain is the most likely candidate to cause it.**

Source: [http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=541&ncid=753&e=4&u=/ap/20040225/ap\\_on\\_he\\_me/bird\\_flu\\_experiments](http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=541&ncid=753&e=4&u=/ap/20040225/ap_on_he_me/bird_flu_experiments)

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## **Government Sector**

19. *February 25, General Accounting Office* — **GAO-04-371: Border Security: Improvements Needed to Reduce Time Taken to Adjudicate Visas for Science Students and Scholars, (Report).** The General Accounting Office (GAO) reviewed 1) how long it takes a science student or scholar from another country to obtain a visa and the factors contributing to the length of time, and 2) what measures are under way to improve the process and decrease the number of pending cases. **During this review, GAO found that the time it takes to adjudicate a visa depends largely on whether an applicant must undergo a security check known as Visas Mantis, which is designed to protect against sensitive technology transfers. Based on a random sample of Visas Mantis cases for science students and scholars sent from posts between April and June 2003, GAO found it took an average of 67 days for the security check to be processed and for State to notify the post.** GAO is making a recommendation to the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of the FBI and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to develop and implement a plan to improve the security check process known as Visas Mantis. The Department of State commented that it had taken some action to improve the Visas Mantis process and it would study our recommendation to make further improvements. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04371high.pdf>  
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-371>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *February 25, The Denver Post* — **State wins kudos for preparedness.** On the first anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the agency's official in charge of

emergency preparedness had high praise for Colorado. **Speaking outside the American Red Cross in Denver on Tuesday, Michael Brown, undersecretary for emergency preparedness and response, said the state's response plan, which divides the state into nine regions that communicate on a regular basis, will serve as a model for the rest of the country. Communications equipment was a major priority because those who responded first — to both the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and to the Columbine shootings in 1999 — weren't able to communicate with other agencies.** Now, the goal is to have ambulances, fire trucks, police, sheriff's officers, the State Patrol and others able to communicate effectively at a disaster scene, said Patti Micciche of the Colorado Department of Public Safety. Streamlining the communications process statewide will prove a boon in areas other than the fight against terrorism, officials said. Hazmat suits and accelerated disaster response training are just as helpful at a major traffic accident involving a chemical spill, Brown said.

Source: <http://www.denverpost.com/Stories/0,1413,36~53~1977066,00.html>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

21. *February 25, Computer Weekly* — **Businesses are under attack from cyber criminals, says MS security head.** Businesses worldwide face increasing threats from cyber criminals attempting extortion and fraud because the software running their systems makes them vulnerable, said Microsoft's top security architect at the e-Crime Congress in London. **Security architect and chief technology officer of Microsoft's security business unit David Aucsmith admitted that he is considered a "target" for complaints against his company's software, but he also stressed that many of the security issues could not have been foreseen.** Microsoft is addressing these security issues by working closely with law enforcement authorities and changing its patching procedures. Much of the threat comes from criminals who are making a career from high-tech crimes such as hacking, extortion and fraud, he said. The time between the release of a patch and the creation of an exploit has dwindled dramatically. Hackers have the advantage of not having to test their exploits, which allows them to move faster than suppliers who must perform rigorous testing to ensure that their patches do not break users' systems.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/articles/article.asp?liArticleID=128636&liArticleTypeID=1&liCategoryID=2&liChannelID=22&liFlavourID=1&sSearch=&nPage=1>

22. *February 25, CNN* — **Hotel networks face hacker threat.** Many hotels have added high-speed wireless connections for executives to surf the Internet or access corporate data on the road. **However, with security software available on the Internet from sites like [www.insecure.org](http://www.insecure.org), hackers can explore unsecured hotel networks and tap into a guest's laptop computer.** "Most hotels claim to offer secure broadband services, but most do not know enough about security issues to ask their providers the right questions," David Garrison of STSN, a broadband security firm told CNN. The biggest problem is that many laptops using Microsoft Windows have a default setting that enables you to share files or communicate with other computers. Unfortunately, unless this is turned off hackers can easily get in when you log on to a wireless network. The key thing is to ask your hotel about security

before booking a room and to only use those that use reputable security systems. Personal firewalls can be used as a deterrent. These are software-based and simple versions can be downloaded for free online. **There are a few other steps executives can take to boost their security while using VPNs on the road, according to Garrison. "Install an anti-virus program, turn off file-sharing capabilities and make sure you have the latest security updates for your operating system,"** he explained.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2004/TRAVEL/02/25/biz.trav.security/>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="https://gtoc.iss.net">https://gtoc.iss.net</a>	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 <a href="http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/">http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/</a>
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
<b>Virus:</b>	#1 Virus in the United States: <b>WORM_LOVGATE.G</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>	135 (epmap), 3127 (mydoom), 445 (microsoft-ds), 80 (www), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 3128 (squid-http), 1080 (socks), 17300 (Kuang2TheVirus), 10080 (amanda) 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

23. *February 25, Associated Press* — Winter storm pummels New Mexico. Gov. Bill Richardson declared a state of emergency as a winter storm pummeled the state, leaving roads virtually impassable, closing schools and blanketing one town with 13 inches of snow. Richardson's declaration signed late Tuesday freed up about \$750,000 in state funds to help cover overtime costs for road crews, police and emergency workers, said Pahl Shipley, a spokesman for the governor. The worst of the snow and rain was across northern, eastern and central New Mexico. All state employees were sent home two hours early and Los Alamos National Laboratory closed for the day. **At its peak, truckers and other travelers packed truck stops and hotels, many schools were closed and hundreds of people went without electricity.** All roads were listed as "clear and passable" by the state Transportation Department, although officials warned sections of Interstates 40 and 25, which had temporarily been closed, were still wet and icy.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WEATHER/02/25/winter.storm.ap/index.html>

24.

*February 25, USA TODAY* — **The race to secure Athens.** Soon after leaders of the November 17 terrorist organization were carted off to prison late last year in Athens, Greek authorities declared an end to a lethal plague that had gripped the nation for more than a quarter century. Public Order Minister George Floridis said the convictions of 15 members of the terror group responsible for the assassinations of Greek, U.S., British and Turkish officials were more than domestic legal triumphs. **However, there is no disguising considerable unease with a massive effort to ensure the safety of 35 competition venues, about 10,000 athletes and thousands of fans who are expected to flood Athens in the days before the August 13 opening ceremonies.** With hundreds of Olympic officials gathering in Athens this week for meetings and the world press briefings, security issues will heat up again. **U.S. authorities have expressed deep concern about lax immigration policy that has provided virtually unchecked access to Greece from neighboring Albania and Macedonia.** Perhaps the strongest evidence of concern for security is the record \$1 billion Greece is expected to invest in preparations, making Athens the most costly public safety undertaking in the history of the Olympic movement. The security budget is more than three times the amounts dedicated to the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney and the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2004-02-23-cover-security\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2004-02-23-cover-security_x.htm)

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

The Department of Homeland Security's Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) serves as a national critical infrastructure threat assessment, warning, vulnerability entity. The IAIP provides a range of bulletins and advisories of interest to information system security and professionals and those involved in protecting public and private infrastructures. By visiting the IAIP web-site (<http://www.nipc.gov>), one can quickly access any of the following DHS/IAIP products:

[DHS/IAIP Warnings](#) – DHS/IAIP Assessments, Advisories, and Alerts: DHS/IAIP produces three levels of infrastructure warnings. Collectively, these threat warning products will be based on material that is significant, credible, timely, and that address cyber and/or infrastructure dimensions with possibly significant impact.

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