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Current Nationwide Threat Level is
ELEVATED
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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. *January 29, Associated Press* — **South Carolina customers still without power. Thousands of customers in South Carolina are still without power after an ice storm hit the state during the past few days. Utility officials say it could be as late as this weekend before the heat comes back on for some.** Governor Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency Tuesday, January 27, in South Carolina. That declaration allowed utility trucks from other states to travel in South Carolina without having to stop at weigh stations.

Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/news/stories/0104/122298.html>

2. *January 28, The Orange County Register (CA)* — **Radioactive leak found in nuclear plant. One of two operating reactors at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, located near San Clemente, CA, is down for repairs this week after plant-monitoring equipment detected a leak of radioactive water** Saturday, January 24. "It's one-tenth of one gallon per minute -- very, very small," Southern California Edison spokesperson Ray Golden said. Plant operators noticed the leak at 8 p.m. Saturday in what Golden described as a subsystem called a chemistry volume control system. He said the leak has been isolated inside the reactor and "we hope to have the unit back up at full power by this weekend."

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_krt.htm?SMDOCID=knightridder_2004_01_28_krtbn_0000-0336-OC-NUKE-LEAK&SMContentSet=0

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *January 29, Reuters* — **Army plans a temporary force increase.** The United States Army, strained by operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, will increase its forces through emergency authority, the Army's chief of staff, General Peter Schoomaker, told Congress on Wednesday, January 28. "**Right now, I've been given the authority by the secretary of defense to grow the Army by 30,000 people within the authority he has under the emergency powers,**" Schoomaker said. **He said the authority from Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld was to last for four years.** The Army is already about 11,000 soldiers over the 482,000 troop limit authorized by Congress under the emergency provision the Pentagon invoked, largely through orders that block soldiers from leaving or retiring and through re-enlistment incentives.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/01/29/politics/29MILI.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *January 29, The California Aggie* — **Computer thefts raise awareness of identity theft risks. The recent theft of two faculty members' laptops at the University of California at Davis (UCD) could have placed more than 3,000 current and former students at risk of identity theft and has alerted campus officials to the growing danger the crime presents.** "We're certainly aware that there is a chance this [could lead to identity theft]," said Bob Ono, the information technology security coordinator at UC Davis. "There's been no indication of that, but certainly, we understand there is a potential." The potential for identity theft came from the

fact that the computers contained class rosters dating as far back as 1991. Along with the class rosters came thousands of student identification numbers. **Until 2000, UCD used students' Social Security numbers as their identification number.** Ono said the instances were the only ones since July 2003, when a California law went into effect that requires companies and government organizations — including the University of California — to notify students if sensitive personal information may have been compromised.

Source: <http://www.californiaaggie.com/article/?id=2348>

5. *January 29, PRNewswire* — **Leading financial institutions help victims of identity theft.** The Financial Services Roundtable and the Banking Industry Technology Secretariat (BITS) announced on Thursday the formation of the Identity Theft Assistance Corporation. **This non-profit industry consortium has been formed to pilot the Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC), an effort to continue to ease the burden for victims of identity theft. The ITAC's services will be provided at no cost to victims of this crime.** Forty-seven of the nation's largest financial institutions are founding members of the ITAC. The ITAC pilot is expected to be operational during the second quarter of 2004, and founding members will phase into active participation as the pilot process gets underway.

Source: http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=SVBIZINK4_story&STORY=/www/story/01-29-2004/0002099034&EDATE=THU+Jan+29+2004,+11:58+AM

6. *January 29, Reuters* — **Net crime hits gambling sites on Super Bowl eve. Organized crime gangs are shaking down Internet betting sites on the eve of football's Super Bowl, threatening to unleash a crippling data attack unless they pay a "protection" fee, police and site operators said.** Britain's National Hi-Tech Crime Unit (NHCTU) said it is investigating a series of attacks and threats of attacks on companies in the United Kingdom. However, security experts say sites based in the Caribbean and continental Europe have also been targeted. "These are not groups of amateur hackers — great deals of money are changing hands," said an NHCTU spokesperson. "These are for-profit crimes and all intelligence suggests that organized crime is involved." The so-called denial-of-service attacks, which can disable a corporate data network with a barrage of bogus data requests, are a standard tool for hackers aiming to knock out a site. Lately, police say, crime gangs have adapted it to extort businesses. **Security experts and police said they believe the gangs are based in Eastern Europe and Russia, taking advantage of the region's weak cyber crime laws and its legions of savvy programmers.**

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=internetNews&storyID=4237294>

7. *January 29, Associated Press* — **Officials investigate hack at University of Georgia. Federal and state authorities are investigating whether hackers gained access to Social Security and credit card numbers for at least 20,000 University of Georgia students and applicants,** officials said Thursday. So far, there has been no sign that the hackers used any of the information, school spokesperson Tom Jackson said. **The university learned of the breach last week when it was notified that its server was being used to probe other computers in the United States and abroad, the university said.** The server was immediately taken offline. School officials were working Thursday to identify affected students and advise them to warn credit reporting agencies and credit card companies that their numbers may have been compromised. The university estimated that all affected students had applied for admission

since August 2002.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/technology/AP-University-Computer-Breach.html>

8. *January 27, WKMG (FL)* — **Watch doubles as credit card.** Timex is selling new watches that not only tell time, they can pay bills. The Smart Pass watch can buy gas, groceries and fast food at select stores around the U.S. **The watches work just like a debit card. An account is established, and to pay the bill, the wearer flashes the front of the watch in front of a sensor.** Timex Speed Pass watches look like any normal watch and sell for about the same price. Timex warns customers to be careful with the watch and treat it like a debit card.
Source: <http://www.local6.com/technology/2795931/detail.html>

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Transportation Sector

9. *January 29, BBC* — **Snow hinders European transport. Snowfall across large parts of western and northern Europe has caused chaos on the roads and at airports. The wintry weather forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights in Germany, Denmark and Britain.** In Germany, the heavy snows caused the cancellation of 76 flights at Frankfurt international airport, the country's largest. In Munich 40 flights were cancelled due to snow in the region or to weather-related delays in other parts of Germany or Europe. In Denmark, Scandinavian Airlines cancelled 53 flights out of Copenhagen's Kastrup airport on Thursday morning due to snow and a strike by a company that supplies the airport with kerosene. A rare snowfall in Britain's capital led to cancellation of around 90 flights at London's Heathrow airport and others faced serious delays. **Hundreds of waiting passengers crowded terminals at London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports.** In addition, freezing temperatures also caused chaos on Germany's roads, as stuck farm vehicles in three western states blocked autobahn routes for hours and delayed morning commuters. **Further east, bad weather closed Russia's main Black Sea oil port of Novorossiisk on Thursday, and strong winds and currents led to the closure of the Bosphorus strait to tankers.**
Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/3441531.stm>

10. *January 29, Associated Press* — **State transportation director presses lawmakers for money.** In a first-of-a-kind address, the Missouri state transportation director urged lawmakers on Wednesday to raise more money to improve highways, some of which, he acknowledged, are "in poor condition, too narrow, too hilly or too curving." Henry Hungerbeeler, the outgoing director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, declared "Missouri's transportation system is sound, but not as sound as it needs to be" in the first State of Transportation address mandated under a law passed last year. **Although the governor and chief justice deliver annual speeches to lawmakers, this marked the first time a state agency ever made a presentation to a joint session of the House and Senate, according to research dating back 70 years. Lawmakers instituted the requirement as part of their efforts to make the transportation department more accountable -- to them and to the public.** The department's biggest problem, Hungerbeeler said, is inadequate funding.
Source: <http://www.mydjconnection.com/articles/2004/01/29/community/news2.txt>

11. *January 29, Associated Press* — **Portion of Albuquerque airport evacuated. The east side of Albuquerque's international airport has been cordoned off and evacuated. Airport spokesperson Jonnie Banks says a K-9 unit with the airport's security hit on a suspicious item this morning, January 29, at about eleven.** The Transportation Security Administration was alerted and the FBI and Albuquerque police bomb squad are on scene. She says authorities are still investigating the item. She says they wouldn't have evacuated the east terminal had they felt it was safe. **Banks says the evacuation is affecting American Airlines, Continental, Delta, Sky West, United and Frontier flights.** A spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration says the evacuation has delayed only two or three flights. Other flights are still coming and going from the airport as is traffic to and from the airport's parking garage.
Source: [http://www.krqe.com/expanded1.asp?RECORD_KEY\[BigLocal\]=ID&ID\[BigLocal\]=3020](http://www.krqe.com/expanded1.asp?RECORD_KEY[BigLocal]=ID&ID[BigLocal]=3020)
12. *January 29, TheBostonChannel.com* — **Ferries stalled by ice. Icy waters and strong winds forced the cancellation of ferry service to Nantucket, MA, on Thursday, January 29, the latest chapter in a six-day battle between the Steamship Authority and the elements. The authority canceled scheduled crossings by the freight vessel Gay Head and the passenger vessel MV Nantucket, spokesperson Paula Peters said.** It was not immediately known when the ferries would resume service, but the Authority said future trips were "doubtful until conditions improve." **The U.S. Coast Guard deployed its icebreaker Morro Bay to break through the ice and create a channel into Nantucket Harbor.** The Steamship Authority had suspended service last Saturday after the ferry took six hours on its return trip from Nantucket to Hyannis. The trip typically takes two hours and 15 minutes, but thick ice in Nantucket Sound slowed the boat to a crawl. "There are a lot of factors involved when you're dealing with open seas – the wind, the direction of the wind, the direction of the tide. All of these things factor in when you're deciding whether it's safe to sail," Peters said. The island is located 25 miles south of Cape Cod. There are 9,500 year-round residents who rely on supplies from the mainland.
Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/2803542/detail.html>
13. *January 29, Pratt Tribune, (Pratt, Kansas)* — **Wide support for bill to assist short line railroads.** Congressman Jerry Moran (R-KS) has received wide-spread support for his legislation to provide a rehabilitation tax credit for Kansas' short line freight railroads. Under the legislation, H.R. 876, short line railroads in Kansas would receive approximately \$22 million a year for five years for track rehabilitation. Moran has secured 248 co-sponsors for the bill. "Kansas has more than 2,000 miles of short line railroad track, which is critical to keeping rural communities and rail customers connected to the national transportation system," said Ed McKechnie, Vice President of Watco Companies, Inc., of Pittsburg, KS, which operates three of the state's short line railroads. Rail customers are the ultimate beneficiaries of the legislation. Charlie Swayze, general manager of the Farmers Coop Equity Co. in Isabel said. **"Rehabilitating local railroad track is essential to the success of our Kansas communities. It keeps transportation costs for farmers and co-ops competitive and allows us to expand the market for Kansas grain. Upgrading short line track will allow small railroad customers to use heavier cars to provide greater transportation cost savings between Kansas and the Gulf of Mexico."**
Source: http://www.pratttribune.com/articles/2004/01/29/news/news3.t_xt

Postal and Shipping Sector

14. *January 29, DM News* — **USPS legislative change. Postmaster General John E. Potter said Wednesday, at a congressional hearing on postal reform, that the U.S. Postal Service's "underlying business model remains problematic and compels legislative change."** Potter said Congress should build upon the five reform principles that President Bush outlined to Congress last year. They should ensure that the postal service's governing body is equipped to meet the responsibilities and objectives of an enterprise of its size and scope. Information on product costs and performance should be measured accurately and made available to the public in a timely manner. The Postal Service's governing body and management should have the authority to reduce costs, set rates, and adjust key aspects of its business. The Postal Service should operate with greater flexibility has appropriate independent oversight to protect consumer welfare and universal mail service. And the Postal Service should operate with greater flexibility and be financially self-sufficient. **The hearing is the first of three to be conducted.** The next takes place February 5 to hear testimony by leaders of labor and management groups. On February 11, chief executives of Postal Service business customers and competitors will testify before the panel.

Source: http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=26336

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Agriculture Sector

15. *January 29, Reuters* — **Funds sought for animal ID program, mad cow disease tests. A request for \$50 million to develop a livestock identification system and increase testing of cattle for mad cow disease will be included in the Bush administration's budget proposal for fiscal 2005, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said on Thursday.** The administration will also ask for an additional \$10 million to fund other animal health programs. The 2005 budget requests represent an increase of \$47 million from this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said. In the budget request, the USDA said \$33 million would be used to develop the national livestock identification system. Veneman told the Senate Agriculture Committee on Tuesday a mandatory national ID program was needed to track cattle infected with ailments such as mad cow disease. The USDA would use \$17 million for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to test 40,000 cattle for mad cow disease at farms and rendering plants.

Source: http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2004-01-29T160734Z_01_N29534565_RTRIDST_0_MADCOW-BUDGET.html

16. *January 29, Illinois Ag Connection* — **Officials say more deer with CWD found than last year. Tests show that hunters in Illinois killed 24 deer that tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) this year, bringing the two-year total of infected deer to 39, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources said Wednesday.** Spokesman Tim Schweizer said most of the infected animals were found in Boone and Winnebago counties, and all were found in northern Illinois. He said further testing is being done, but because most of those tests to be completed are on animals killed outside the region, the numbers are not expected to climb much

if at all. "The good news, if there is any good news, is we are finding CWD in the same area we found it in the past," Schweizer said. "And out of the 10,000 deer tested thus far only 39 have tested positive."

Source: <http://www.illinoisagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=79&yr=2004>

17. *January 29, Michigan State University* — Partnership to respond to animal health emergencies. Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the state's largest veterinarian organization have come together to form the Michigan Emergency Veterinary Network, or Vet Net, as part of Michigan's homeland security efforts in the animal health and protection area. Michigan's Vet Net is a education and training program geared toward the state's nearly 3,600 veterinarians aimed at improving awareness, preparedness, and response to animal disease-related emergencies. **The program will include two main components: a general education series for all veterinarians and an in-depth emergency preparedness training program for those who sign up to serve in the veterinary corps. This volunteer corps will be a group of private veterinary practitioners from across Michigan trained to identify and handle a wide variety of animal diseases that will help supplement state and federal veterinarian agency efforts.** Vet Net will be implemented in three phases.

Source: <http://www.newsroom.msu.edu/site/indexer/1835/content.htm>

18. *January 29, CBC News* — Anthrax plagues cattle herd near North Battleford. The cold weather is preventing authorities from controlling an outbreak of anthrax in a herd of cattle near Neilburg, Canada. The farm, located west of North Battleford, has been under quarantine since Sunday when an autopsy confirmed the presence of the natural occurring chemical in nine dead cows. The farmer, Rob Wiebe, knew something was wrong when three of his cows suddenly died without warning. That was 10 days ago. Since then, another six animals died. That's when autopsy results confirmed the presence of anthrax spores. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is standing by to vaccinate the rest of the herd, but until it warms up to at least -15 degrees, nothing will happen. **The anthrax has been traced back to infected feed.** "When we baled this feed, it was baled this spring and very likely we went through a low area where spring runoff could have concentrated anthrax spores or bacteria," Wiebe said.

Source: http://sask.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=anthrax040_129

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Food Sector

19. *January 21, Government Executive Magazine* — Impending retirements could threaten food safety, study says. Hundreds of federal meat inspectors are eligible for retirement just when their expertise is most needed to implement revised food safety requirements after the first case of mad cow disease was diagnosed in December, according to a recent study by the Partnership for Public Service. Employees are eligible for retirement at age 55, depending on the number of years they have served in the federal workforce. **In a state-by-state analysis of food inspectors, consumer safety inspectors, and veterinary medical sciences professionals with the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS), the study found that more than 1,000 employees are over age 60, as much as 50 percent of the federal food safety workforce in**

Nevada, and 20 to 30 percent of the workforce in Maine, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Florida, Montana and New Hampshire. Only 409 FSIS employees nationwide are under age 30, suggesting an out-of-balance workforce. Among Agriculture Department employees in general, half will be eligible for retirement during the next five years, the study found.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0104/012104kp1.htm>

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

20. *January 29, Infectious Diseases Society of America* — Smallpox vaccinia transfer. According to a study, people vaccinated against smallpox pose a low risk of accidentally inoculating others if they follow proper bandaging and hand-washing procedures. Smallpox vaccinations leave an open wound on the upper arm containing a live virus that could infect others. If a child, a person with eczema or someone with an immune disorder is infected, the virus can cause serious health problems or death. Consequently, some hospitals decided that health care workers should not be vaccinated against smallpox to prevent accidental transmission of the virus to vulnerable patients. "Hopefully, this study has helped reassure individuals about the transmission of smallpox," says lead author Thomas Talbot, of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The risk of transmission is vastly reduced if those vaccinated against smallpox keep the vaccine site bandaged and practice "good, thorough hand-washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based product" after changing the bandage, says Talbot. Whether hospitals will change policies regarding vaccinations for health care workers based on the study's outcome remains to be seen.

Source: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2004-01/idso-ssl01290_4.php

21. *January 29, AScribe Newswire* — Bioterrorism preparedness. In 2002, Congress sent \$1.6 billion to states and cities toward public health and bioterrorism preparedness. Two new reports look at how the money has been used, if funding is adequate, and if bioterrorism preparedness has caused neglect in other public health areas. The reports from The Century Foundation are as follows: "Progress and Peril: Bioterrorism Preparedness Dollars and Public Health," by Elin Gursky, a senior fellow at the ANSER Institute for Homeland Security; and "Illinois: Preparedness at a Price," by Bernard Turnock, Director of the Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Illinois. Based on a national survey and interviews with state and local officials, both authors argue that progress toward preparedness has been made, but critical problems remain. **According to the Gursky report, state and local health officials rated their current level of preparedness at 5.5 on a 1-10 scale, twice as high as in 2001.** Public health leaders report acquiring better equipment and training, improving relations with emergency responders, and building more robust public health capacities. **According to both authors, challenges include balancing national preparedness standards, retaining the public health workforce, and maintaining sufficient funds to support traditional local**

public health functions.

Source: <http://www.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/spew4th.pl?ascribeid=20040129.072647&time=07%2048%20PST&year=2004&public=1>

22. *January 29, BBC News* — **Bird flu may have began in April.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has said the current outbreak of bird flu may have first surfaced last April 2003, much earlier than previously thought. **The news may worry health experts, because it suggests the virus has already had time to spread widely.** Ten people have died from bird flu, but it has yet to jump from human to human. The outbreak was first publicly reported in December, in South Korea. **Maria Cheng, of the WHO, said the WHO received samples two weeks ago dating back to April last year, and initial tests showed they were carrying the H5N1 virus which is now sweeping Asia.** She said that the WHO was not certain that the samples were carrying exactly the same strain as the current outbreak, but "it looks similar." Even if it is proved that it is not the same strain, she said, the initial results are still significant because they demonstrate that H5N1 has been in circulation for some time. Health experts are worried that if the virus mixes with a regular human influenza strain, it might create a mutant form that was able to pass between humans, triggering a human flu pandemic.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/3440783.stm>

23. *January 29, Associated Press* — **Scientists track SARS' genetic evolution.** Chinese scientists have traced how the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus genetically evolved during last year's outbreak, fine-tuning itself in ways that may have spurred the spread of the illness. **The work provides more evidence that SARS jumps from animals to humans, possibly frequently. And it suggests, says one of the researchers, that prompt control of new cases is crucial, before viral strains have much time to adapt to people.** The consortium's research, genetically fingerprinted virus samples from several dozen infected people and animals from China and Hong Kong. Civet cats which are sold in live food markets in southern China, are the top suspect for first spreading the disease to people. But scientists don't know whether some other animals, perhaps rodents who live in the same markets, are the ultimate source of SARS and infected both civets and people at the same time. Determining SARS' natural reservoir is a top research goal. The new study doesn't shed light on that question. **However, it does suggest that the outbreak wasn't caused by a single species jump. Instead, the study says 11 people apparently were independently infected in the Pearl River Delta area of Guangdong, China, beginning in November 2002. These patients' virus seems identical to viral samples found in some captive civets.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/HEALTH/01/29/sars.evolution.ap/>

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Government Sector

24. *January 29, Federal Computer Week* — **Face recognition for visas.** The State Department has tapped a leading provider of identity solutions, to develop a facial recognition system for visa applicants seeking to immigrate to the United States under a special lottery program. **Under the contract, the company will provide identity solutions for up to 15 million applicants received each year for the Diversity Visa Program. Until now, State used a paper-based system that could not flag duplications or fraudulent applications.** Beginning in February,

the State Department's Consular Affairs Office, which handles the program, will use the face recognition technology to help reduce fraud and increase border security. The contract, worth an estimated \$250,000, is separate from the entry/exit system that the Homeland Security Department is developing. Known as U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT), that contract is expected to be awarded later this year to keep track of foreign visitors entering and exiting the United States on a temporary basis.

Source: <http://www.few.com/few/articles/2004/0126/web-viisage-01-28-04.asp>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *January 29, Government Technology* — Illinois distributes emergency response grants to 110 counties and cities. Illinois Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich recently announced that 110 counties and cities will receive grants totaling \$2.8 million from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) to assist them with their comprehensive all-hazards emergency operations plans. "Emergency operations plans drive response to any emergency, whether it be a tornado, flood or terrorist attack," Blagojevich said. **The Emergency Management Assistance grants are awarded to local emergency management, emergency services and disaster agencies that meet IEMA accreditation requirements and apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses.** Grant funds can be used for such expenses as administrative salaries, office operations and emergency planning-related travel. Agencies receiving the grants must provide 50 percent matching funds. Funding for the Emergency Management Assistance grants are supported by a federal Emergency Management Performance Grant to IEMA.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=86538>

26. *January 29, ClickOnDetroit* — Tanker crash kills driver, evacuates residents. A chemical spill on Michigan's Interstate 94 reportedly killed one person, sent Hazmat crews to the scene and forced residents to evacuate their homes overnight. **A tanker full of pure ethanol alcohol crashed into a pickup truck along I-94 Wednesday night, according to the Van Buren County, MI, Sheriff's Department. The tanker lost control during the windy weather and slid across the median before slamming into the oncoming pickup truck,** the Sheriff's Department reported. The 44-year-old Lawrence man driving the pickup truck was killed on impact, Local 4 reported. Police said the tanker was coming from Iowa and heading for the Detroit area where it was to cross the Ambassador Bridge en route to Quebec. Residents within a 1/2-mile radius were evacuated as a precaution. They were housed at Paw Paw Middle School and Black River Elementary School with assistance by the American Red Cross, Local 4 learned. The crash closed a six-mile stretch of the westbound side of the freeway from Paw Paw to Mattawan, just west of Kalamazoo, Local 4 reported.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2802124/detail.html>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

27.

January 29, Government Computer News — **Congress mulls changes to telecommunications law. Although the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has yet to fulfill all of its goals for competition and access, Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are preparing to broaden it.** Some lawmakers believe it's time to review the Act "because it doesn't apply to advances like digital subscriber line and voice over IP and E-911." Under the Enhanced 911 rule, FCC is requiring wireless carriers to provide location data for emergency calls made using cellular telephones. States should be the federal government's partners in deciding, for example, whether voice over IP should be regulated like wireline phone services, said Lisa Zaina, senior legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein. Greg Rothschild, who works for Rep. John Dingell said Congress is responsible for deciding how to deal with technological advances, regardless of whether they involve fiber or coaxial cable, wireless or wireline services. **New telecom legislation is probably inevitable, said William Bailey, senior counsel to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, because "there's so much money at stake."**

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24780-1.html

28. *January 28, Federal Computer Week* — Ohio creates CIO post. Earlier this month Ohio Governor Bob Taft officially created the position of State Chief Information Officer (CIO) to oversee the new Office of Information Technology, and named Greg Jackson to the job. Jackson, who is the state's assistant director for the Department of Administrative Services, has effectively been the state CIO since he joined the administration in 2000. The new position is a cabinet-level appointment, even though the IT Office will be housed under Administrative Services instead of being a separate agency. The new office will pull together IT investment and initiatives across the state's agencies. "We are always looking for ways to increase efficiencies in state spending and improve service delivery, and a unified information technology strategy will help us meet this goal," Taft said in a statement. In addition to his position within the Ohio government, Jackson is liaison to the federal CIO Council from the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO).

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/geb/articles/2004/0126/web-ohio-01-28-04.asp>

29. *January 28, Government Computer News* — Davis, Putnam ratcheting up IT security oversight. Two key lawmakers are pressing agencies to correct longstanding IT security problems. Tom Davis, chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, on Tuesday, January 27, said his committee will hold a hearing this spring on at least two contracts that failed to take the Federal Information Security Management Act into account. Adam Putnam, chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, said he sent a letter to agency secretaries requesting a meeting with their CIOs to discuss their IT security action plans. Putnam said the letters are part of an effort to increase awareness of agency IT security problems. **Putnam said his staff already has met with six CIOs and will meet with the CIO Council in March to discuss agency IT security plans, milestones and his subcommittee's expectations.** He added his staff also will meet with the appropriations committee staff members to discuss the importance of funding IT security. "We've had some very positive discussions with the CIOs so far," Putnam said.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/24775-1.html

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 2 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 2 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_MYDOOM.A 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), 137 (netbios-ns), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 6129 (dameware), 445 (microsoft-ds), 80 (www), 3127 (mydoom), 53 (domain), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4444 (CrackDown) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

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 Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/3442697.stm

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