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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. **July 08, Associated Press** — Total resumes oil production in Nigeria. Franco-Belgian energy giant Total's subsidiary resumed oil and gas production in Africa's biggest oil-producing country Thursday, July 8, after an unprecedented six day shutdown over fears of violence in simmering labor unrest. Production was expected to return to full capacity in 12 to 24 hours, a spokesperson for subsidiary Elf Nigeria said. Total's Nigerian subsidiary -- fearing violence and sabotage if workers staged a threatened strike -- on Friday, July 2, stopped pumping the 235,000 barrels of oil and 187 million cubic feet of natural gas it normally produces each day. That accounts for roughly ten percent of Nigeria's total production

of 2.5 million barrels a day. Nigeria is the world's seventh-largest oil exporter and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports. **Analysts said the amount lost represented roughly ten percent of the world's excess capacity at a time of disruptions in supply from Iraq.** Government, management and union officials reached an accord overnight to resume production, after days of meetings in the southeastern oil city of Port Harcourt.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A36484-2004Jul 8.html>

2. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Firefighting efforts temporarily shut down two power lines. Two key electric transmission lines that bring power to metropolitan Phoenix, AZ, were temporarily turned off Thursday, July 8, so crews fighting a wildfire in central Arizona could strengthen protection lines around the blaze.** Phoenix and its suburbs already face the possibility of power outages after an electric transmission station in western Maricopa County was shut down by fires on Sunday, July 4. **While no homes or businesses have lost power, officials said they don't know whether outages are likely.** Officials said the expected two-hour shutdown of the lines wasn't expected to increase the likelihood of power outages. Utility officials said power was rerouted through other lines that will continue to supply the metro area. The temporary shutdown of the lines also was scheduled for a time of the day when power demand was usually low. The lines were shut down so crews fighting the 101,500-acre Willow fire near Payson, AZ, could set fires that could burn forest fuel and strengthen protection lines. The fires are out at the transmission station, but it's not expected to be running again until the week's end.

Source: <http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=2014339>

3. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Oil prices rise after U.S. terror warning.** Crude oil prices in New York surged above \$40 a barrel Thursday, July 8, for the first time in more than a month after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) signaled terrorists were scheming to disrupt U.S. elections. **The rally reinforced the market's pattern of buying whenever terrorism worries surface, despite government data showing across-the-board builds in petroleum inventories last week.** "Credible reporting now indicates that al-Qaeda is moving forward with its plans to carry out a large-scale attack in the United States in an effort to disrupt our democratic process," said DHS Secretary Tom Ridge at a press conference Thursday afternoon. August crude futures jumped more than a dollar, or 2.7 percent, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The rally was fed by a technical rise earlier as prices neared the \$40 benchmark, as well as a slimmer-than-expected rise in U.S. commercial oil inventories and the highest gasoline demand in four weeks.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/business/manufacturing/feeds/ap/2004/07/08/ap1448343.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *July 08, Associated Press* — **ATF finds explosives stolen from California storage locker.** About 200 pounds of explosives and bomb-making hardware stolen from a storage locker used by two public safety agencies have been recovered from a stolen van, authorities said Thursday, July 8. **Stolen were 75 feet of "det sheet" and 30 to 35 pounds of C4, both explosives used by the military; 114 pounds of other explosives; and approximately 800 blasting caps and 1,700 feet of detonation cord,** said Marti McKee, a spokesperson for the federal Bureau of

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The items were stolen sometime over the July 4 weekend from storage magazines in a depot used by the San Francisco Police Department and the San Mateo County Sheriff's office. The van was stopped near a shopping center in Union City Wednesday, July 7, said McKee. "It was a stolen van with stolen plates and we had information that possibly it was connected to the theft," she said. "We think we've recovered all of the explosives." A man was detained by Hayward, CA, police but he was not arrested pending questioning by ATF agents, McKee said.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-07-08-stolen-explosives_x.htm

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *July 08, Honolulu Advertiser* — **Stryker approval means 28 projects for Hawaii. The Army will start this fall with the first of 28 projects on Oahu and the Big Island in Hawaii to remake the 2nd Brigade at Schofield Barracks into a fast-attack unit built around the new Stryker vehicles. The projects will cost \$693 million and the transformation will bring 291 eight-wheeled Stryker armored vehicles to Oahu starting in 2006.** The revamped 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) should be operational by 2007. The formal approval of the Stryker plan was announced by the Army on Wednesday, July 7, after completion of an environmental review. The Stryker plan has been called the biggest Army project in Hawaii since World War II. Two soldiers out of Fort Lewis, WA, who recently served with the Stryker brigade in Mosul, Iraq, said at the Fort Shafter meeting they like the 20-ton vehicles, which can hit speeds of 70 mph on the highway. With the addition of slat armor that looks like a catcher's mask around the exterior of the Strykers, the vehicles have taken at least five hits from rocket-propelled grenades without fatalities.

Source: <http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2004/Jul/08/ln/ln06a.html>

6. *July 08, Washington Post* — **No plans for military draft, official says.** There are no plans to reinstate a military draft and the Bush administration does not support conscription, the Pentagon's top official for personnel and readiness told Congress on Wednesday, July 7. **Trying to counter recent Internet rumors that the military and the Selective Service System are girding for a potential draft to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Undersecretary of Defense David S.C. Chu said there is no reason to bring back the draft.** He fielded questions at a House Armed Services Committee hearing that focused on the strains on military personnel as officials plan to rotate more troops into the conflicts in coming months. "The administration does not support resumption of the draft," Chu said, responding to a question from Rep. Curt Weldon. Members of the committee bemoaned the rising stress on the Army and the increasing use of the National Guard and Reserves. Chu and top military officials said that there is definitely a strain, but that the Army can handle its current operations while relying on reserve forces to share "the burden of service" throughout the all-volunteer military.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A35283-2004Jul7.html>

7. *July 07, CBS News* — **Blimps against terror. Quite possibly America's next weapon for national defense is a helium air ship, a low-cost, low-hanging satellite with a clear potential for border patrol** On board would be surveillance sensors, video cameras and a wireless communications package. Unmanned air ships could stay aloft for days, even months,

depending on the mission and the altitude, relaying suspicions to operators on the ground. **Another possibility: airships could patrol the skies of Iraq and protect U.S. soldiers from above. Over hostile territory, at altitudes of up to 70,000 feet, the air ship would be hard to spot, even harder to shoot down.** Even under attack, this airship would be a survivor. All of its outer skin is made of spectra, a synthetic that's ten times stronger than steel, and because of the pressure of the helium inside, a bullet hole or any puncture would become, at worst, a slow leak, not a catastrophe." Within the next few years, dozens of airships could be on patrol, to keep terror away from American soil. The airships are run out of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/07/07/eveningnews/main62_8088.shtml

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *July 08, eMarketer* — **Phishers looking to lure users. The financial industry will be the target of 68% of phishing attacks in 2004, according to a new study by Radicati Group.** Phishing is a form of identity theft that acquires personal information by tricking Internet users into divulging the data through e-mails and Web sites forged to look like those of legitimate companies. At the present time, most phishing attacks target the financial industry, in the form of e-mails to bank customers requesting their account number and PIN for "verification" purposes. **Radicati Group predicts that the number of phishing attacks per month will more than double by 2008 to reach an average of 110 per month, up from 51 per month in 2004.** In response to the heightened threat of phishing attacks, an anti-phishing market has emerged. Companies take two approaches to fighting phishing – solutions that aim to stop customers from giving phishers their personal information, and protective measure in place for fraud resulting from a phishing attack. The overall industry is expected to bring in revenues of \$202 million in 2004 and \$880 million by 2008.

Source: <http://www.emarketer.com/Article.aspx?1002914>

9. *July 08, Vietnam News Agency* — **Russia strengthens anti-money laundering measures. Russia's National Duma (the Council of Representatives) on Wednesday, July 7, approved a law providing the legal framework for fighting money laundering activities and the funding of terrorist groups.** According to the law, zero-percent loans worth over 600,000 roubles (US\$20,000) by non-credit institutions and real estate contracts worth at least three million roubles (US\$100,000) are subject to strict control. Credit institutions are prevented from opening bank accounts for clients or their representatives without their presence at the bank. In addition, credit institutions are not allowed to set up or maintain relations with banks that do not have representative offices in the country in which they are operating.

Source: http://www.vnagency.com.vn/NewsA.asp?LANGUAGE_ID=2&CATEGORY_ID=34&NEWS_ID=107882

10. *July 08, Finextra Research* — **Online fraud affects shopping habits in UK. Over a million United Kingdom (UK) consumers have been victims of security breaches while shopping via the Internet, according to a survey by online research company Tickbox.net for LogicaCMG. More than one in 20 consumers experienced attempted or actual theft of financial or personal details while shopping on the Internet.** The research shows that almost

a quarter (24%) of those affected defected to an alternative online brand while 23% decided not to buy anything from that company again. Nearly three quarters of consumers (73%) say security is more important than price, quality or convenience when shopping online, and 70% would boycott a Website even if they only had word of mouth evidence that the brand had been involved in a security scare. When asked if they would continue to use a Website if their financial data was stolen, 79% claimed they would stop shopping online. Citing statistics from IT security organization the HoneyNet Project, Dave Martin, principal security consultant at LogicaCMG, says there are many recorded instances where a new Website has been successfully attacked within 15 minutes of being launched.

Source: <http://www.finextra.com/topstory.asp?id=12140>

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Transportation Sector

11. *July 08, Miami Herald (FL)* — Trucker strike hampers trade at Port of Miami. A strike by independent truckers at the Port of Miami–Dade, FL, now in its second week, has brought trade to a standstill and has the local trade community scrambling for relief. An estimated 3,000 containers move in and out of the port on a normal day. Representatives from port terminal operators, trucking companies and the independent truckers have talked but failed to reach an agreement that would end the impasse. Truckers have been handing out pamphlets around the port, saying they wanted an end to unfair insurance costs, a higher fuel surcharge, a higher pay scale and a surcharge for waiting time at the port. Trucking companies said they are hoping the truckers will tire and return to work. Only a few containers entered and left the port on Wednesday, July 7, and those were handled by Seaboard Marine, a terminal operator that uses its own truckers.

Source: http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/business/9101647.htm?1_c

12. *July 08, Department of Transportation* — U.S. Department of Transportation supports transit projects in Newark and Trenton. New Jersey residents will benefit from improved light rail service and an improved Trenton Intermodal Station as a result of two grants totaling \$31.1 million announced Thursday, July 8, by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit) will use \$22.2 million in federal funding for the first segment of the Newark–Elizabeth Rail Link project, a one–mile extension to the existing 4.3–mile Newark City Subway system. The new link will connect Newark Penn Station and the Broad Street Station, bridging Newark’s downtown and residential districts. The link will also have five new stations, including one located at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, providing residents, students and commuters with direct rail access to businesses, as well as cultural and academic institutions in the downtown area. NJ Transit will use an \$8.9 million grant for renovations to the Trenton Intermodal Station in central New Jersey. The station provides residents and commuters with rail access and bus service for both local and inter–city destinations. The funds will be used to support project administration, utilities relocation, construction and construction management services.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fta2204.htm>

13. *July 08, Washington Post* — Airport shop workers must pass checkpoints. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has ordered airports to send all vendor

employees through security checkpoints before letting them go to work in restaurants or shops in the secure areas of terminals. **The TSA issued three security directives Tuesday, July 6, that require airports to come up with a plan to screen all employees going into secure areas and to limit the number of doorways that provide access to "sterile" zones.** The plans must be submitted to the TSA for approval within 30 days, airport officials said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A35436-2004Jul.7.html>

14. *July 08, Boston Globe (MA)* — **Security searches get underway on Boston-bound buses. Local and federal officials began the first inspections of Boston-bound bus riders' bags in Londonderry, NH, Wednesday, July 7, as bus lines face stepped-up security measures to coincide with the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Boston.** Londonderry Police Captain Bill Hart said that the use of a bomb-sniffing dog to inspect bags on five Concord Trailways commuter buses had been planned as a general antiterrorism effort this summer, but that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encouraged the policy to be used during DNC week, which starts Monday, July 26. A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) spokesperson in Washington said there was "no blanket directive" calling for baggage inspections on private bus lines coming into Boston, but that bus operators and local police were free to include bag searches as part of general security measures.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/politics/conventions/articles/2004/07/08/searches_underway_on_buses_to_hub/

15. *July 08, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* — **Bomb threat prank will cost Amtrak thousands. An apparent prank bomb threat in Wisconsin will cost Amtrak nearly \$100,000, in addition to disrupting travel plans for about 280 passengers who were delayed in Portage, WI, for seven hours, an Amtrak spokesperson said Wednesday, July 7.** Law enforcement authorities held Amtrak's Empire Builder at the Portage, WI, station and evacuated passengers to a nearby school on Tuesday, July 6, after regional law enforcement officials received a total of five telephoned threats, said Columbia County, WI, Sheriff's Detective Lt. Wayne Smith. Explosives experts from the FBI and the Dane County, WI, Sheriff's Department searched the train with a bomb-sniffing dog but found no explosives, officials said. As a result of the delay, about 140 passengers missed connecting trains in Chicago, IL, and Amtrak paid for food, lodging and alternate transportation, said Marc Magliari, an Amtrak spokesperson.

Source: http://cnni.wyellowbrix.com/pages/cnni/Story.nsp?story_id=53730074&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation%3ARail&

16. *July 08, Associated Press* — **FAA investigating stray trucks at O'Hare airport.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has launched an investigation into how two Chicago, IL, Department of Aviation trucks were able to stray onto a runway at O'Hare International Airport, forcing two planes to abort landings. On Sunday, June 27, the pickup trucks came within 3,000 feet of a Northwest Airlines DC-9 passenger jet and a Polar Air Cargo 747 plane, FAA spokesperson Elizabeth Isham Cory said Wednesday, July 7. Radar tapes showed the aircraft were traveling about 160 mph at altitudes of 200 to 300 feet when the pilots noticed the yellow city trucks on the runway and used emergency maneuvers to avoid them. **The FAA's investigation will analyze the type of training the drivers received before being certified to drive on the airfield and whether the training deviated from federal requirements, Cory said. It will also determine whether airfield signs and lighting need improvements.**

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040708_1510.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *July 08, Belfast Telegraph* — **Postal chaos after letter bombs found. Postal deliveries across Northern Ireland could be disrupted for days by a suspected terrorist letter bomb campaign.** Crude devices addressed to a Maghaberry prison governor and four members of district policing partnerships were defused by Army experts. **The province's main postal sorting office in Mallusk was evacuated Thursday, July 8, after five letter bombs were found by staff.** Initial examination of the Mallusk packages by Army bomb squad officers found that all the devices were capable of exploding. They were taken away for forensic examination. A Royal Mail spokesperson, Barbara Roulston, said the closure would mean a reduced mail delivery Thursday across the province. The Mail later warned disruption caused by the terror campaign could be felt for days. The Mallusk center sorts about 750,000 items each night, and Army experts were sifting through the unsorted items.
Source: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/story.jsp?story=53935> 8

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Agriculture Sector

18. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Tobacco fungus hit early and hard. Kentucky tobacco farmers are waging a fight against a fast-spreading disease already being blamed for inflicting millions of dollars of damage to the state's signature burley crop.** Blue mold surfaced earlier than usual this year, and the contagious fungus that damages tobacco leaves has gained a foothold in some top-producing counties, crop experts said Wednesday, July 7. In some parts of a state that is the nation's leading burley tobacco producer, the outbreak looms as one of the worst ever, said Gary Palmer, a University of Kentucky extension tobacco specialist. So far this year, blue mold has been found in 48 of Kentucky's 120 counties, Palmer said. Three-fourths of the state is under a blue mold watch or warning, he said. The disease has thrived amid the wet, humid conditions persistent for much of the tobacco growing season. **One-third of the state's tobacco was rated in fair or poor condition this week by a crop-reporting service.**
Source: http://www.enquirer.com/editions/2004/07/08/loc_kytobacco08.html

19. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Plum Island security boosted. The Department of Homeland Security has deployed agents from the Federal Protective Service to supplement private security patrols at the Plum Island Animal Disease Center off eastern Long Island, NY, U.S. Rep. Timothy Bishop, D-NY, said Wednesday, July 7.** The officers, who have legal authority to make arrests and receive specialized information about terrorist threats, began guarding the island on a part-time basis three weeks ago. Two officers have been assigned to the island. Officers with the agency had been temporarily assigned to guard the facility off the coast of Long Island for periods in the past few years, but none were permanently stationed there. Researchers at the facility study highly infectious animal diseases. Thomas Sheridan, the laboratory's director of operations, said in a telephone interview that the federal officers will serve as liaisons with local law enforcement agencies on the north fork of Long Island.

Source: http://www.ctnow.com/news/local/hc-applumisland0708.artjul08_1.6243461.story?coll=hc-headlines-local

20. *July 08, Reuters* — **China culls chickens. China culled more than 20,000 chickens in central Anhui province to isolate a new outbreak of bird flu, a local official said on Thursday, July 8, as the government said the deadly disease had been contained.** China said the virus had struck a farm in Chaohu, about 180 miles west of Shanghai, where chickens had died of the virulent H5N1 strain four months after the country declared the disease had been stamped out. "More than 20,000 chickens were slaughtered and more than 100,000 chickens were vaccinated near the farm," an Anhui agricultural bureau official told Reuters. He declined to say how many birds died from the disease, first reported on Saturday, July 3. China blamed the outbreak on migratory birds, which were thought to have spread the disease through Asia early this year as they headed south to warmer places during the winter.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=5617378>

21. *July 06, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **USDA expands Japanese beetle quarantine area. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Tuesday, July 6, announced it is adding the state of Arkansas to its list of quarantined states for Japanese beetles.** Recent trapping surveys indicate that Arkansas now is infested with Japanese beetles. Adult Japanese beetles feed on fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants and cause damage to more than 300 potential hosts. **Efforts to control the Japanese beetle cost an estimated \$460 million annually.** Aimed at preventing the spread of this pest to the western United States via aircraft, the Japanese beetle quarantine regulates the interstate movement of articles from regulated airports and prescribes strict loading, inspection and treatment requirements for departing aircraft. The western states protected by the Japanese beetle quarantine are Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Notice of this interim rule will be published in the July 6 Federal Register and becomes effective upon publication.

Source: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/news/2004/07/jbquaran_ppq.html

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Food Sector

22. *July 07, Food and Drug Administration* — **FDA seizes crabmeat. At the request of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Marshals seized approximately 1,144 cases of Bernard's brand frozen crabmeat, while it was being held for sale at Southern Cold Storage Company, Baton Rouge, LA, on Friday, July 2, because it was adulterated with an unapproved food additive, chloramphenicol.** The U.S. Marshals seized approximately 304 cases of pasteurized special white crabmeat; 200 cases of pasteurized special claw crabmeat; and 640 cases pasteurized jumbo lump crabmeat. Imported from China, the frozen crabmeat has an estimated value of \$86,944. In accordance with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, food products that contain chloramphenicol are adulterated and are not permitted to be sold in or imported into this country. Chloramphenicol is a broad-spectrum antibiotic drug used to treat life-threatening infections in humans, usually when other alternatives are not available. The use of this antibiotic is limited because of its potentially life-threatening side effect, idiosyncratic aplastic anemia. For the very small number of the population susceptible to

this side effect, exposure to chloramphenicol could be serious or life threatening.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/answers/2004/ANS01297.html>

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

23. *July 08, South Florida Sun–Sentinel* — Palm Beach scolds hospital for not reporting malaria. Palm Beach, FL, health officials have scolded Delray Medical Center for not telling them about a new case of malaria last month, even though state law requires immediate notification. The patient came to the hospital on June 4 and stayed for four days. The hospital quickly diagnosed that he had the mosquito–borne disease, but no one told the county health department until a state lab confirmed it on Thursday, July 1, department director Jean Malecki said on Wednesday, July 7. **The man was bitten by mosquitoes while he was contagious, posing a slight but real risk that local bugs could carry malaria to other people. Malecki said the hospital's mistake delayed by a month her department from warning the public and arranging extra mosquito spraying.** The hospital made a preliminary finding of malaria the first day the man was there, but neither the lab, his doctor, nor the infectious disease unit called the county health department, Malecki said. Instead, they merely sent a sample to the state. Malecki said she sent the hospital a letter about the mistake, and also wrote to all hospitals, clinics, and doctors stressing their legal duty to report communicable diseases.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/southflorida/sfl-rxma108jul08.0.4867343.story?coll=sfla-news-sfla>

24. *July 08, Associated Press* — Antibiotic–resistant syphilis spreading. A fast–spreading mutant strain of syphilis has proved resistant to the antibiotic pills that are offered to some patients as an alternative to painful penicillin shots. **Since the late 1990s, doctors and public health clinics have been giving azithromycin to some syphilis patients because the long–acting antibiotic pill was highly effective and easy to use. But now researchers at University of Washington have found at least 10 percent of syphilis samples from patients at disease clinics in four cities had a strain resistant to azithromycin.** "That suggests that this mutation is pretty widely distributed geographically," said Sheila A. Lukehart, research professor of infectious diseases. The percentage of samples from San Francisco, CA, with the mutant strain jumped from four percent in 1999–2002 to 37 percent in 2003. Experts said the findings also show that syphilis patients treated with azithromycin must have follow–up tests to be sure they are cured. After syphilis sores disappear, the disease can silently attack the brain and cause dementia, paralysis, and death.

Source: <http://www.timesdaily.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040708/APA/407080670>

25.

July 08, Agence France Presse — **Tainted polio vax given to millions. Hundreds of millions of people in Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe may have been injected with a Soviet polio vaccine contaminated by a monkey virus that has now been linked to cancer.** Shoddy standards in Soviet vaccine plants meant that decontamination of the so-called simian virus 40 (SV40) was only 95 percent, the New Scientist report says. **This meant that for nearly 20 years after SV40 was supposed to have been eliminated, the Soviet Union continued to export potentially infected vaccines.** "The vaccine was almost certainly used throughout the Soviet bloc and [was] probably exported to China, Japan, and several countries in Africa," the report says. "That means hundreds of millions could have been exposed to SV40 after 1963." After the polio vaccine was invented in 1955, pharmaceutical laboratories used cells from rhesus monkeys to prepare doses in commercial quantities. In 1960, SV40 was found in monkeys and soon after was detected in injected polio vaccines. In 1963, it was supposed to have been eliminated from all new vaccines worldwide. The report quotes a leading researcher on SV40, Associate Professor Michele Carbone of the Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, IL, who found infectious SV40 virus in two out of three stored samples of live Soviet vaccines.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/s1149271.htm>

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Government Sector

26. *July 08, CNN* — **Ridge says al Qaeda planning attack.** Al Qaeda plans a large-scale attack on the United States "in an effort to disrupt the democratic process" before November's elections, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Thursday, July 8. **Ridge cited "recent interdictions" for the new warning. He said U.S. officials have no precise knowledge of the time, place or method of attack, but said they are "actively working to gain that knowledge."** "We know they have the capability to succeed and they also hold the mistaken belief that their attacks will have an impact on America's resolve," Ridge said. **Ridge did not raise the national color-coded threat level beyond its current yellow, or elevated, level.** Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-TN, speaking before the briefing, said the intelligence was "very non-specific" and there was "no reason for panic, no reason for paralysis." Officials say there is no specific intelligence of a planned attack on either of the major political conventions. The four-day Democratic convention kicks off July 26 in Boston, MA, and the Republican National Convention begins August 30 in New York City. Officials say Ridge thinks it is time to again raise public awareness. To read the text of Secretary Ridge's statement, <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3810>
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/US/07/08/ridge.alqaeda/index.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Washington state wins approval of its natural disaster plan. Washington has become the first state in the nation to secure federal approval for a sweeping plan to prevent and handle natural disasters.** The blueprint offers state and local

communities a playbook for getting ready for disasters and finding ways to lower risks, Governor Gary Locke said Wednesday, July 7. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and tribal governments to plan for potential hazards. Locke and the top Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative in the region said it's no surprise that Washington became the first to secure federal approval. The state has been rocked by earthquakes, wildfires, the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980, and floods that devastate low-lying communities and farmland nearly every year. FEMA regional chief John Pennington said approval of the state plan is "a wonderful and remarkable achievement." The state has always aggressively protected its people and property, he said.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2004-07-08-washington-disasterplan_x.htm

28. July 08, Lawrence Journal-World (KS) — Emergency officials head for training camp. Up to 80 high-ranking emergency officials are getting ready to go to camp. **The officials from governments and agencies in Douglas County, KS -- police supervisors, fire chiefs, government administrators and elected officials -- are cleared to enroll in a weeklong Integrated Emergency Management Course, at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) training camp in Emmitsburg, MD.** FEMA provides such training to officials from ten communities each year, and previous enrollees include representatives from Shawnee, Wyandotte and Sedgwick counties, KS. The goal: to ensure that top decision-makers in local governments can work together to pull the community through a disaster, whether it's a tornado, terrorist attack or other emergency. "We certainly want to be prepared when some calamity comes up, and that calamity will come up; it's just a question of when and what," said Craig Weinaug, county administrator. During the training course, the calamity will be fictional -- written as part of a scripted scenario to be faced by police supervisors, fire chiefs, government administrators and elected officials from the county. All will be tested in a real-time environment, isolated from the day-to-day business back home and focused on getting the most out of their resources.

Source: <http://www.ljworld.com/section/citynews/story/175122>

29. July 08, deseretnews.com (UT) — Emergency network test is flawless. Clockwork. Flawless. Seamless. That's how the Utah governor's office is describing the first test of UWIN, an integrated communications network that lets the state's first responders talk to each other during an emergency, regardless of what kind of communications mechanism they have. Utah's Wireless Integrated Network (UWIN) was the first major initiative announced by Governor Olene Walker when she took office last November. At the time, she said it was an important step for Utah because it would bridge the communication gap between agencies at the state, federal and local level during an emergency. **In the exercise, a Fillmore area power plant was the alleged target of a terrorist group, Utah National Guard Lt. Col. Bart D. Barry said. In practice, as it would occur in real life, the plant's security team alerted local law enforcement, which in turn alerted state public safety officials, the joint terrorism task force and then the Utah National Guard.** At each level of analysis, when each agency had tapped out its ability to respond to the threat, the next agency was asked to step in. Each deployed its resources, including a declaration from Walker that activated the National Guard, Barry said. UWIN worked so well that **all agencies were able to talk to each other during the exercise, even though they all use different communications systems.**

Source: <http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,595075789,00.html>

30. *July 08, Reuters* — **FCC approves wireless airwaves swap for Nextel.** U.S. communications regulators on Thursday, July 8, approved a plan to give Nextel Communications Inc. wireless airwaves it wanted in a swap aimed at ending interference with police, fire and rescue communications. **The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted 5–0 for a plan in which Nextel would receive airwaves in the 1.9 Gigahertz band in exchange for returning other airwaves, including in the 800 Megahertz band where public safety groups operate.** Legal challenges by the carrier's rivals are expected and a review by congressional investigators could delay a final resolution to the plan. Verizon Wireless, the largest U.S. carrier, has indicated it will challenge the FCC's decision, arguing the airwaves in the more highly prized 1.9 Ghz band should be auctioned to the highest bidder. It has already offered to pay at least \$5 billion. **Public safety organizations have beseeched regulators to address interference with their communications during critical moments by commercial wireless services like Nextel.**

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/040708/telecoms_fcc_nextel_1.html

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31. *July 08, Associated Press* — **Cisco to buy Parc Technolgoies.** Internet provider Cisco Systems Inc. on Thursday, July 8, said it signed a definitive agreement to buy all the shares it does not already own of privately held Parc Technologies Ltd., a United Kingdom based provider of engineering and software for routing optimization, for about \$9 million cash. The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of Cisco's fiscal 2005. Parc, a spin-off from a research center at the University of London, provides route server algorithms that break up network routing problems and integrate specialized solvers to improve network utilization and reduce expenses.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/work/feeds/ap/2004/07/08/ap1447890.htm l>

32. *July 07, EE Times* — **House passes supercomputer bills.** The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, July 7, approved legislation designed to strengthen research and development for high-performance computing. The High-Performance Computing Revitalization and the Department of Energy (DOE) High-End Computing Revitalization acts were previously approved by the House Science Committee. **The legislation aims to strengthen U.S. supercomputing capabilities by requiring that the National Science Foundation and the Energy Department ensure that U.S. researchers have access to high-performance computers. It would also increase interagency coordination of supercomputing programs.** The Energy Department bill would establish an R&D program within the DOE to develop more advanced computers. It also would authorize the agency to establish supercomputer user facilities that would be available for use by U.S. researchers on a competitive, peer-reviewed basis.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=22104192&tid=13692>

33. *July 07, PC World* — **Terrorists rely on tech tools. Terrorist groups are exploiting the accessibility, vast audience, and anonymity of the Internet to raise money and recruit new members,** according to Gabriel Weimann, a researcher at the University of Haifa in Israel. **The**

number of terrorists' Websites has increased by 571 percent in the past seven years, he says. "Al Qaeda doesn't operate like a terrorist organization anymore," Weimann said, speaking at the New American Foundation on Wednesday, July 7. "They don't live together, they don't train together, sometimes they don't even meet." They don't need human interaction as long as they can communicate, he added. Al Qaeda's publication Al Battar or "The Sword" is an online training camp for its network around the world, Weimann noted. Edition nine of the publication was devoted to kidnappings. It suggests methods, potential targets, negotiating tactics, and even directions on how to videotape the beheading of victims and post the video on the Web. The Hezbollah site provides links to downloadable games. "These games are training children to play the role of terrorists, to be suicide bombers and to actually kill political leaders," Weimann said. The Hamas organization also has a kids' section that features cartoonlike stories meant to recruit young people.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,116822,00.asp>

34. July 07, Reuters — Home PCs rented out in sabotage-for-hire racket. Vast networks of home computers are being rented out without their owners' knowledge to spammers, fraudsters, and digital saboteurs, security experts said on Wednesday, July 7. The terminals have been infected by a computer virus, turning them into "zombies" — slaves to the commands of a malicious and unseen controller. Connect them all up and the result is a powerful network of zombie PCs that security experts call a "botnet." The programming crooks — often teenage bedroom hackers — are hiring out these networks to anyone who wants to commit Internet mischief. **There may be millions of such PCs around the world doing the bidding of crime gangs, experts say.** By marshalling the firepower of a few thousand computers, a spammer can send a burst of e-mail messages to sell all manner of products in the name of unsuspecting computer users. A more sinister use of botnets is sabotage, police say. A fear is growing that a botnet could be used to take down a major data network or prominent Websites. The hackers' task has been made easier by the growth in the number of homes connected to broadband — an essential pre-requisite for a zombie.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=internetNews&storyID=5605810>

35. July 06, Security Focus — VoIP hacks spoof Caller ID. Hackers have discovered that the feature that tells you who's calling before you answer the phone is easily manipulated through weaknesses in Voice over IP (VoIP) programs and networks. They can make their phone calls appear to be from any number they want, and even pierce the veil of Caller ID blocking to unmask an anonymous phoner's unlisted number. At root, the issue is one of what happens to a nugget of authentication data when it leaves the tightly-regulated realm of traditional telephony, and passes into the unregulated domain of the Internet. On the old-fashioned phone network, Caller ID works this way: your local phone company or cell phone carrier sends your "Calling Party Number" (CPN) with every call, like a return address on an envelope. Transmitted along with your CPN is a privacy flag that tells the telephone switch at the receiving end of the call whether or not to share your number with the recipient. Voice over IP networks, currently outside Federal Communication Commission (FCC) regulation, place those capabilities in the hands of ordinary netizens. In a telephone interview with SecurityFocus, 21-year-old phone hacker "Lucky 225" demonstrated how he could spoof his Caller I.D. to appear to be phoning from the reporter's office.

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/news/9061>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

Watch Synopsis: Keylogger trojans such as Download.JECT, Scob and Berbew have garnered national attention by both the media and incident response teams. Microsoft has released an out-of-band fix for Internet Explorer to prevent future exploits of client machines using the ADODB vulnerability. See Microsoft's security bulletin here: http://www.microsoft.com/security/incident/download_ject.msp_x

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	9898 (dabber), 5554 (sasser-ftp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 135 (epmap), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 1023 (Reserved), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 139 (netbios-ssn), 4899 (radmin) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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General Sector

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