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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. *May 30, East Bay Business Times (CA)* — **New, bigger pipeline will cut leak risks. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP this week began installing a 20-inch-wide pipeline that skirts the Suisun Marsh in California where its existing 14-inch line ruptured a month ago, spilling about 63,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The \$88 million project will increase the line's capacity by 32 percent in order to meet increased demand for fuel in Sacramento, Chico, CA, and Reno, NV, cities that are fed by the existing pipeline. The line will be able to carry up to**

200,000 barrels of gasoline, diesel or jet fuel per day. The pipeline, which is used to deliver fuel from unspecified Bay Area refineries, is monitored from a collection facility in Concord. Staff there will gauge operating conditions such as pipeline pressure with a state-approved system called "supervisory control and data acquisition." **However, regulatory officials who responded to the April 27 spill have questioned whether the control system will be state of the art.** Dana Michaels, spokesperson for the state Office of Spill Prevention & Response, said her office reviewed the pipeline proposal last fall and sent a letter after noticing that the control system Kinder Morgan would be using might not be the newest on the market.

Source: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5087244/>

2. *May 29, Bloomberg* — **Terrorism concern spurs oil price rise.** Crude oil futures rose on Friday, May 28, for the first time in four sessions amid concern about terrorist attacks in the Middle East and major oil-consuming countries over the Memorial Day holiday. **Attacks on oil facilities in Iraq and Saudi Arabia have resulted in price rises several times in the past two months. Terrorism concern has grown as U.S. gasoline supplies lag behind year-earlier levels before the peak demand summer months.** White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday that large events such as this weekend's World War II Memorial dedication in Washington "certainly present opportunities for terrorists to carry out their attacks." The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is to meet Thursday, June 3 in Beirut, Lebanon, and two officials said members might agree then to suspend quotas in a bid to increase supply and lower near-record oil prices.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bal-bz.oil29may29.0.7905667.story?coll=bal-business-headlines>

3. *May 29, Anchorage Daily News* — **Oil field floodwaters raise concern. Spring thaw in the Colville River Delta in Alaska has surrounded the Alpine oil field in floodwater, prompting a suspension of drilling and other steps to keep workers and the environment safe. Production of about 100,000 barrels of oil a day -- the third most prolific field on the North Slope -- continues.** Breakup and ice jams on the Colville and some channels have caused the highest water levels at Alpine since the field started producing four years ago. Floodwaters came within 16 inches of the base of the main pipeline at Alpine, according to officials at the Alaska Division of Oil and Gas. The pipeline transports crude oil from Alpine to the Kuparuk field, about 34 miles away. Water also came within 14 inches of the lowest point of an access road connecting two drilling pads. The pads sit on gravel about 4 to 6 feet above the ground. **Flooding is a major concern at oil fields because pipeline supports can erode out from underneath, destabilizing lines,** said Leslie Pearson, a state spill-response manager, or pipelines can rupture, and in Alpine's case spew oil onto the tundra and waterways where locals gather subsistence foods.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/front/story/5132888p-5061395c.html>

4. *May 29, Associated Press* — **Miami-Dade police search for stolen nuclear soil-testing gauge. Miami-Dade County, FL, police were searching for a soil-testing device containing small amounts of radioactive material after it was stolen from a construction site,** but the gauge posed little health risk, officials said. **The portable nuclear moisture-density gauge is used to test soil compactness,** said Kimberly Hanlon, a spokesperson for U.S. South Engineering and Testing Lab Inc. The company reported the theft Friday, May 28. The gauges usually contain minute amounts of cesium-137 and

americium-241, both radioactive isotopes, said Dave McIntyre, a spokesperson for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Casual exposure of limited duration would not likely cause immediate illness, he said. The device, which can cost as much as \$10,000, "presents no public threat while stored in its case," Hanlon said.

Source: <http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20040529/APN/405290637>

5. *May 28, Associated Press* — **Sulfur shuts 500 Shell and Texaco stations.** Just before the heavy-driving Memorial Day weekend, more than 500 Shell and Texaco stations in the South have stopped selling gasoline because of high sulfur levels that can ruin vehicle fuel gauges and make an empty tank appear full. The damage done by the bad gasoline could cause some drivers to run out of gas unexpectedly. **The tainted gasoline originated at the Motiva Enterprises refinery in Norco, LA,** according to Shell Oil Co. Motiva is the refining arm of Shell in the East and South. **Motiva supplied the gasoline to both Shell and Texaco. The refinery said it is investigating how the high sulfur levels occurred.** Sulfur is naturally present in crude oil; some of it is supposed to be removed during refining. Besides the New Orleans area, problem fuel turned up in shipments to Miami, Tampa, Sarasota and Fort Lauderdale, FL, Shell said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64644-2004May 28.html>

6. *May 28, California Energy Commission* — **Energy commission warns of gasoline rebate scam.** The California Energy Commission warns consumers to be wary of anyone who contacts you to say they want to give you money and asks for your checking account number to deposit the funds. The newest spin on that scam involves someone contacting Sacramento, CA, residents on the telephone to inform them that they are eligible for a gasoline rebate program that the caller claims is sponsored by the California Energy Commission. The caller then requests checking account information from the recipient to deposit the rebate. **There is no gasoline rebate program sponsored by the Energy Commission.**

Source: http://www.energy.ca.gov/releases/2004_releases/2004-05-28_gas_scam.html

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *May 28, Aerospace Daily & Defense Report* — **NORAD marks shift to new aircraft tracking system.** North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) on Thursday, May 27, marked the shift from the obsolete Granite Sentry aircraft tracking system to the new Air Migration Evolution (AME) system. AME, also known as Air Mission Release (AMR), is the first segment of the Combatant Commander Integrated Command and Control System (CCIC2S), a private contractor suite of network-based software tools that the Air Force says will improve NORAD's ability to accomplish its aerospace warning and defense mission. "It modernizes air and operations planning support components and improves system sustainability

by implementing an enterprise architecture with common hardware and software interfaces," Major Dave Patterson, spokesperson for Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station said. AME, he said, "combines data from air defense regions and sectors to produce a consolidated picture of all air tracks crossing into North America and transmits tracks to the forward users." Industry officials say **AME gives NORAD its first ever real-time information system, integrates previous stovepipe systems for air surveillance and warning and replaces old hardware and software with state-of-the-art technology.** That reduces operations and maintenance cost, yields greater reliability, allows more flexibility, and is easier to deploy.

Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_aerospacedaily_story.jsp?id=news/norad05284.xml

8. *May 28, Associated Press* — **First new Tomahawk cruise missile delivered to Navy. A Tucson, AZ-based private contractor on Thursday, May 27, delivered the first production model of the Tactical Tomahawk, or Tomahawk Block IV, cruise missile to the U.S. Navy.** "It is a more reliable, more sustainable, more cost-effective and much more flexible weapon system," said Cmdr. Mathias Winter, deputy Tomahawk program manager for the Navy. The Navy plans to buy 2,200 of the new missiles over the next five years, with its first 192 delivered in the next two months, Winter said. **The missile offers the fleet new combat flexibility with advanced guidance systems and the ability to "loiter" over target areas and be retargeted during flight.** Its per-copy cost is expected to be less than half the \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million price tag of its predecessor, the Block III Tomahawk. Among other features, the Tactical Tomahawk uses an advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite guidance system that's designed to defeat anti-GPS "jamming" systems and, for the first time, allow the missile to fly solely under GPS guidance.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/business/articles/0528Tomahawk28-ON.html>

9. *May 27, NetDefense* — **Army stresses important aspects in developing FCS. The U.S. Army is emphasizing network survivability and soldier safety in its development of the Future Combat Systems (FCS), according to Colonel Don Kotchman (USA),** project manager for the Unit of Action Manned Systems Integration Program Office for FCS. The Army plans to carry out an FCS design concept review in late June or early July, said Kotchman. "Crew survivability is our highest priority," he said. "It shapes all that we're doing with regards to the integration of technologies, the spectrum of technologies that we are expected to integrate and it affects how we go about the determination of our lethality. The emphasis on survivability of network capabilities is every bit as important as it is on the man-ground systems technologies that are embedded in it in the variety of systems that work together to provide an overall picture of the battlefield."

Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_netdefense_story.jsp?id=news/fcs05274.xml

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *May 28, General Accounting Office* — **GAO-04-630: Information Security: Information System Controls at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Report).** Effective controls over information systems are essential to ensuring the protection of financial and personnel

information and the security and reliability of bank examination data maintained by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). As part of our calendar year 2003 financial statement audits of three FDIC Funds, **the General Accounting Office (GAO) assessed the effectiveness of the corporation's general controls on its information systems.** Our assessment included follow up on the progress that FDIC has made in correcting or mitigating computer security weaknesses identified in our audits for calendar years 2001 and 2002. To establish an effective information system controls environment, **GAO recommends that the FDIC Chairman instruct the chief information officer, who is the corporation's key official for computer security, to correct a number of information security weaknesses, including strengthening the testing and evaluation element of its computer security management program.** In commenting on a draft of this report, FDIC agreed with our recommendations. FDIC plans to address the identified weaknesses and indicated that significant progress has already been made. Highlights:

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04630high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d04630.pdf>

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Transportation Sector

11. *May 28, General Accounting Office* — **GAO-04-704: Coast Guard: Station Spending Requirements Met, but Better Processes Needed to Track Designated Funds (Report).** For fiscal year 2003, the Coast Guard received designated funds of \$15.7 million specifically to increase spending for stations' staffing, personal protection equipment (such as life vests and cold weather protection suits), personnel retention, and training needs. Congress directed the General Accounting Office (GAO) to determine if the Coast Guard's fiscal year 2003 outlays for stations increased by this amount over fiscal year 2002 expenditure levels. GAO also assessed the adequacy of the processes used by the Coast Guard to account for the expenditure of designated funds. To provide greater assurance that appropriated funds are spent as Congress directs, **GAO recommends that the Coast Guard develop processes to accurately and completely account for the obligation and expenditure of designated appropriations. The Coast Guard agreed with the need for such processes and said it would examine ways to implement them.** Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04704high.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-704>

12. *May 28, Associated Press* — **Europe, U.S. to share air passenger data.** U.S. and European Union (EU) officials signed an agreement on Friday, May 28, for sharing information on airline passengers, saying the new policy addresses concerns about privacy. During a signing ceremony, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, European Union Ambassador Gunter Burghardt and Irish Ambassador Noel Fahey, representing the EU presidency, said the agreement is key to guarding against terrorism. "A global enemy requires a global response," Ridge said. "It is an essential security measure that allows us to link information about known terrorists and serious criminals." **The deal, which takes effect immediately and is to last 3 1/2 years, gives U.S. authorities access to information about passengers on flights flying to or from the 25 European Union countries. The information will be checked against U.S. databases to determine if any travelers are terrorist threats.** Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/ny-uspass0528>

13. *May 27, CNN* — **Plane lands early after bomb threat. An American Airlines MD-83 jetliner on a flight from Dallas-Fort Worth to Boston landed in Nashville Thursday afternoon, May 27, after a note was found saying a bomb or explosive was on board.** American Airlines spokesperson Tim Wagner said the note was found in one of American Airlines Flight 306's lavatories by a flight attendant after the plane took off at 1:46 p.m. (2:46 p.m. ET). The 129 passengers, two pilots and three flight attendants were safely evacuated after the plane landed, Wagner said. **A Department of Homeland Security official said the note claimed there was a bomb in the cargo hold. That official said no explosives had been found while the plane was being cleaned after the incident.** After the note was found, while the plane was over northern Alabama, the pilot asked to land in Nashville, Tennessee, the official said. Wagner said he expected the passengers to be interviewed by security officials and then taken Thursday night to Boston. Air Force One, carrying President Bush on a trip, flew into the same Nashville airport earlier this afternoon.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/US/South/05/27/plane.diversion/index.html>

14. *May 27, Reuters* — **Southwest offers buyout packages to 33,000 workers. Low-cost carrier Southwest Airlines on Thursday, May 27, said it had offered voluntary buyout packages to most of its employees as the industry struggles to battle high fuel prices.** The No. 6 U.S. airline said employees who have worked at the carrier for at least a year — or 33,000 of its 34,000 workers — are eligible for the buyout. Rising jet fuel prices have been a challenge for airlines, several of which have attempted to raise ticket prices and have said they may consider layoffs. Southwest has never laid off workers in its 32-year history. Southwest has been consistently profitable while its larger rivals have posted heavy losses. Within the last week, however, Southwest raised some air fares \$1 to \$2 each way to combat high fuel prices.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2004/05/27/news/midcaps/southwest.reut/index.htm?cnn=yes>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

15. *May 28, Oster Dow Jones Commodity News* — **Avian influenza found on farm in Texas. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation said routine blood tests indicate an avian influenza infection has been found in a 52-week-old commercial chicken breeder flock (which lays eggs for hatching) at a contract grower's farm in Northeast Texas west of Sulphur Springs.** However, there is very little evidence of clinical signs of disease in the birds, which indicates the infection may be low-pathogenic avian influenza, according to the Texas Animal Health Commission. The affected farm, located about six miles from the nearest commercial poultry farm, has been isolated and the flock has been destroyed on-site to prevent the potential spread of the disease, said O.B. Goolsby, president and chief operating officer of Pilgrim's Pride

Corporation. "The flock has been destroyed," he said. **Goolsby said the virus was discovered as part of voluntary testing procedures in cooperation with Texas Poultry Federation and State of Texas authorities.** "Our poultry testing in Texas is believed to be the most aggressive in the nation, with every breeder flock tested every 10 weeks," Goolsby said. "As a result of this diligence, we believe that the virus can be contained, particularly since this flock is so far from any other poultry farms."

Source: http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=25345

16. *May 28, Reuters* — **Australia pushes ID system. The Australian government is providing extra funding for a new system to electronically tag cattle to improve food safety and give better access to international markets.** The funding will improve technology to aid implementation of a National Livestock Identification System (NILS). Federal Agriculture Minister Warren Truss said on Friday, May 28, the government would provide \$1.6 million to promote the scheme. NILS, which traces the history of each animal, will help Australia maintain access to overseas markets and manage disease outbreaks, Truss said. Traditional systems were no longer likely to be acceptable. NILS, which involves electronic tagging of cattle, has been mandatory in Victoria state since January this year and will be introduced in New South Wales for cattle born after July 1.

Source: http://www.agriculture.com/worldwide/IDS/2004-05-28T065758Z_01_SYD239109_RTRIDST_0_FOOD-AUSTRALIA-CATTLE.html

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Food Sector

17. *May 28, Associated Press* — **Northeast warned on fish consumption. Atlantic salmon and trout raised in five federal hatcheries are safe to eat, but have high enough levels of dioxin and other pollutants to trigger advisories limiting consumption, according to tests done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.** The agency commissioned the tests on the brood stock fish to determine whether they were picking up PCBs and other contaminants from feed. The tests came after other researchers found that farm-raised salmon, fed the same diet, had higher levels of the chemicals than wild fish. Each year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's northeast regional office provides about 14,000 Atlantic salmon, lake trout and rainbow trout that are no longer used for breeding to Massachusetts and other eastern states for release in their waterways. The contaminant levels were below both the safety mark set by the Food and Drug Administration for commercial sale and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for consumption of fish taken by recreational anglers. However, the tests showed that the levels of PCBs and dioxins in the salmon and both species of trout were high enough for the EPA to urge anglers to eat no more than half a serving a month.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/local/state/hc-27200543.apds.m0923.bc-ct--salmmay27.0.2923778.story?coll=hc-headlines-local-wire>

18. *May 28, Reuters* — **Mexico bans Texas poultry. Mexico banned poultry imports from Texas on Friday, May 28, after an outbreak of avian flu in Hopkins County, the agriculture ministry said.** The ban covers most poultry products and will remain in place until U.S. authorities provide information showing that the avian flu outbreak is not of the highly contagious strain of the disease, the ministry said. It was the second time this year Mexico has

blocked poultry imports from the United States after a bird flu scare in Texas. An earlier outbreak of the highly contagious strain resulted in a ban on poultry products from the entire United States. Mexico is the fourth-largest importer of U.S. poultry, buying \$93 million worth of chicken and related products in 2003.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=5292329>

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Water Sector

19. *May 27, Palm Beach Post* — Boil water order issued for Boca Raton. Boca Raton, FL's 118,000 water customers are being asked to boil their drinking water until Saturday, May 29 following a burst water main at the city's water treatment plant. A 48-inch artery exploded Wednesday, May 26, creating a 4-foot thick geyser at the plant. Workmen repaired the burst pipe at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27. The chance of contamination is very slim, said utility services director Michael Woika, but residents are asked to boil their water as a precaution. Water pressure in some water lines dropped so low overnight that impurities could have seeped in through fissures in the underground pipes.

Source: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/news/feeds/05_27boil.html

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Public Health Sector

20. *May 30, Associated Press* — FDA found problems at Wyeth plant. A federal inspection of a Wyeth Pharmaceuticals plant that packages a childhood vaccine found numerous quality-control failings last year, a newspaper reported. Wyeth officials say, however, that the safety and effectiveness of Prevnar, a vaccine for pneumonia, ear infections and meningitis, were never compromised, The Star-Ledger of Newark, NJ, reported Sunday, May 30. A Food and Drug Administration (FDA) report detailed sloppy operating procedures, dirty work areas, and instances of contamination at a New York plant. It also found that Wyeth's internal investigations were incomplete and took longer than expected. The agency also found improper environmental monitoring and insects in a hallway outside a room where the vaccine was put into vials, the newspaper reported. **In all, FDA inspectors reported finding 59 problems during an inspection of the plant last October.** A study released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that Prevnar dramatically reduced pneumonia, ear infections and meningitis. But production problems have prompted rationing of the drug.

Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/lateststories/index.ssf?base/politics-3/1085963347238820.xml>

21. *May 29, Washington Post* — SARS cases in Asia show labs' risks. The recent announcement of nine cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) linked to China's National Institute of Virology brings to three the number of lab outbreaks of the disease in the past eight months. The three events — including one in Singapore and another in Taiwan — account for all but four of the known SARS cases since last year's epidemic was brought under control. Together, the three SARS outbreaks have highlighted the unique hazards

to public health that arise from accidental laboratory releases of germs. Such an event happened 26 years ago when the last cases of smallpox — the only human disease ever eradicated — occurred after a laboratory accident. **Laboratory workers can be infected in myriad ways, including needle sticks, animal bites, splashes in the mouth or eyes, and undetected inhalation of infected droplets.** Thirty years ago, a University of Texas microbiologist attempted to count all known laboratory-acquired infections worldwide. He found 3,921 — 4.2 percent of them fatal — with most occurring before the 1960s. Improvements in lab equipment and technique since, as well as development of vaccines against some of the more dangerous microbes, have greatly reduced lab hazards. But infections still occur, and not just from SARS. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64645-2004May 28.html>

22. *May 28, Associated Press* — **Three West Nile cases found in Western states. A health official in Arizona's largest county warned residents Thursday, May 27, that there could be a "possible epidemic" of the West Nile virus after confirmation of the first two locally acquired human cases.** Those two, and one case in New Mexico, are the first human cases of West Nile reported in the nation this season. One of the Arizona cases was contracted last fall, but was not confirmed by health officials until this month. "We're hoping it doesn't grow," said Jonathan Weisbuch, director of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. "But when the virus is implanted in a community, we do see a number of cases. "We could see several hundred cases, ... a possible epidemic," added Weisbuch. "It will depend on how effectively we control the growth of mosquitoes." **On Wednesday, May 26, New Mexico reported its first human West Nile case of 2004 in a San Juan County man.**

Source: http://www.redding.com/redd/nw_national/article/0.2232.REDD.17534_2920225.00.html

23. *May 27, Pennsylvania State University* — **Study suggests double punch could more efficiently kill viruses. A study revealing new information about how viral proteins move between cells and alert the immune system suggests that a double-punch approach to vaccine design would make them more effective.** The study, conducted by Penn State College of Medicine and National Institutes of Health investigators and entitled, "CD8+ T Cell Cross-Priming via Transfer of Proteasome Substrates," was published May 28, 2004, in the journal *Science*. "Our findings suggest a potentially important design principle for vaccines and challenge the prevailing theory used for vaccine design," said Christopher C. Norbury, assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, Penn State College of Medicine. "Ultimately, our information suggests that vaccines should target both pathways that generate T cells, which are our killer cells, to allow the most efficient protection against viruses." Some viruses, like chickenpox, travel outside of cells in the body's bloodstream. When introduced to the body, these viruses trigger antibodies that destroy the virus. For example, the chickenpox vaccine contains dead virus that, when administered, trains the body to recognize and create antibodies to kill the virus. The body is then prepared to react if exposed to live virus. But some viruses, like smallpox, travel inside cells where antibodies cannot penetrate.

Source: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2004-05/ps-ssd052704.php

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Government Sector

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *May 31, Atlanta Journal–Constitution* — **Georgia fire a dress rehearsal.** Several thousand Rockdale County, GA, residents were evacuated last week after a warehouse full of powdered chlorine went up in flames. It could have been worse. It could have happened in Atlanta. **Metro Atlanta has hundreds of warehouses and plants that stock hazardous materials. Hartsfield–Jackson International Airport is near dozens of such facilities. Thousands of tanker trucks roll through the area each week.** Several emergency preparedness officials said it was fortunate the chlorine gas released last week from BioLab Inc. was not more toxic and the surrounding area more populated. The evacuation drill and response that would spring into effect in Atlanta during an emergency would be pretty much the same as in Conyers, officials said. "It would just kick in another level," said Deputy Chief Larry Few of the Fulton County Fire Department. **In some parts of metro Atlanta, a one–mile evacuation radius would affect tens of thousands of people, maybe hundreds of thousands, Cook said. Sometimes advising people to stay at home and turn off their heat or air conditioning to keep out gases ---- "sheltering in place" ---- is a better idea than sending thousands of people into a toxic cloud.** Housing patterns are important, said McConnell, the former Emergency Management Agency director. More people have moved into the city, so they live closer to industrial sites and railroads ---- and to dangerous materials.

Source: http://www6.lexisnexis.com/publisher/EndUser?Action=UserDisplayFullDocument&orgId=534&topicId=17906&docId=1:210531113&st_art=15

25. *May 28, Firehouse.com* — **FEMA releases recommendations for emergency response to major incidents.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Friday, May 28, released a report, "**Responding to Incidents of National Consequence,**" which includes recommendations for fire and emergency services based on the events of September 11, 2001, and other similar incidents. The report was developed by the National Fire Programs Division of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), and includes a prioritized checklist of recommended actions for emergency response agencies and other support information. "This report is important for those emergency response leaders who coordinate or support local incident management at major or complex emergencies and disasters," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "The guidance will help them function efficiently and effectively under the National Incident Management System." The report provides guidance to fire departments and emergency services across America to prepare for, respond to, and recover from major multi–jurisdictional local incidents that have national consequences and may involve national resources. The report will be provided to students who enroll in certain National Fire Academy courses and can be downloaded from:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-282.pdf>

Source: http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?section_Id=1&id=30925

26. *May 28, Associated Press* — **New York doormen receive anti–terror training.** Authorities in this city of apartment buildings have turned to a new ally in the war on the terror: doormen. Anti–terrorism training began this week for 28,000 doormen, superintendents and porters in

3,500 apartment buildings around New York City. **Under a program developed by the Service Employees union, landlord groups, the Police Department and other emergency agencies, the workers will receive four hours of classroom training on how to spot and respond to potential terrorism threats. The course is taught by off-duty police academy instructors.** The workers are warned to be on the lookout for cars or trucks that are parked near buildings for a long time, or that have no license plates; for anyone who takes pictures of the building or lingers too long outside; and for new tenants who move in with little or no furniture. The doormen are also taught to view as suspicious any packages with no return address or too much postage. The doormen will also be taught how to respond to bomb threats and how to identify and contain biological and chemical agents. In addition, there are lessons on how to recognize fraudulent IDs and documents.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-05-28-doormen_x.htm

27. *May 28, Department of Homeland Security* — **Department of Homeland Security implements information exchange system for G-8 Summit events.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as part of its Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) initiative, has announced the implementation of its internet-based counterterrorism communications system for use by homeland security officials, state and local leadership, and first responders during the G-8 Summit events at on June 8-10, at Sea Island, GA. The system will also be implemented for other upcoming National Security Special Events as well as in connecting states, territories, Washington, DC, and 50 major urban areas to strengthen the exchange of information. **This system allows all states and major urban areas to collect and disseminate information between federal, state, and local agencies involved in combating terrorism.** The network is a secure 24/7 real-time collaborative tool that has interactive connectivity with the Department's Homeland Security Operations Center.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3649>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

28. *May 28, Washington Post* — **Starpower partner files for Chapter 11. RCN Corp., a co-owner of Starpower, one of the Washington, DC, area's largest providers of cable television, Internet and telephone service, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection yesterday after it could not keep up with interest payments on its \$1.6 billion in debt.** RCN said its financial troubles should not affect Starpower, its joint venture with Pepco Holdings Inc. The Princeton, NJ-based telecommunications service company has a total of 460,000 customers across the country, including its 40,000 cable television customers in the Washington area. Starpower also provides telephone and Internet service to more than 20,000 homes in DC area. RCN owns and operates its own facilities. RCN has already negotiated terms with its creditors that should speed its exit from bankruptcy, an arrangement often referred to as a prepackaged bankruptcy.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61605-2004May 27.html>

29. *May 27, CNET News.com* — **First known 64-bit virus threat found.** Security technology company Symantec reported Thursday, May 27, that it has analyzed what it believes to be the first known threat to 64-bit Windows systems, a virus labeled W64.Rugrat.3344. However, the

company pointed out that **the threat was merely a so-called proof-of-concept virus -- a worm developed by someone to show that vulnerabilities are present in a particular type of system -- and not a virus already spreading in the wild.** However, Oliver Friedrichs of Symantec said **W64.Rugrat.3344 can attack 64-bit Microsoft Windows files successfully.** He said the virus does not infect 32-bit files and will not run on 32-bit Windows systems. Since 64-bit systems have yet to proliferate widely, Symantec maintains that the virus does not yet represent a serious threat. The 64-bit market is expected to grow rapidly. By the end of next year, most Intel chips, will be 64-bit capable, and virtually all of rival Advanced Micro Devices' processors will be 64-bit chips.

Source: http://news.com.com/First+known+64-bit+virus+threat+found/2100-1002_3-5221949.html?tag=nefd.hed

30. May 27, Reuters — 'Buffalo Spammer' sent to prison. A New York state man who sent out millions of spam e-mails was sentenced to three-and-a-half to seven years in prison, the state attorney general's office said Thursday, May 27. Howard Carmack, known as the "Buffalo Spammer," received the maximum sentence for 14 counts of identity theft and forgery, a spokesman for New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said. **Carmack sent out hundreds of millions of bulk e-mail messages, flooding inboxes and saddling Internet providers with millions of dollars in costs.** But it was his use of stolen identities and forged addresses that caused him to run afoul of state prosecutors. **He was found guilty of violating state forgery and identity-theft laws in April.** Internet provider EarthLink won a \$16.5 million judgment against Carmack last year. Carmack set up more than 300 false e-mail accounts to send 825 million e-mails, starting in March 2002, EarthLink said in its lawsuit. Since Carmack's arrest, EarthLink and other large Internet service providers like America Online have cooperated with state authorities to track down rogue marketers who flood their networks with billions of unwanted e-mails.

Source: http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,63640,00.html?tw=wn_tophead_8

31. May 27, Associated Press — California adopts new wireless protections for consumers. California on Thursday, May 27, became the first state in the nation to adopt consumer protections for cell phone customers. The state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) adopted the so-called Telecommunications Consumer Bill of Rights on a 3-2 vote. **The commission said it received more than 5,000 complaints from consumers last year about wireless companies; nationally, the Council of Better Business Bureaus said wireless carriers are the No. 2 topic of complaints filed with its bureaus, second only to auto dealers.** The industry doesn't have to adopt many of the California reforms until late November. Other changes aren't scheduled to take effect for another year. Wireless carriers still hope to derail the reforms, possibly in court. The Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, an industry trade group, said it "will consider all possible options to challenge the unnecessary and sweeping rules." Supporters say the reforms will make wireless carriers more accountable by forcing them to do a better job explaining rates to customers and to provide better service. In one of the biggest changes, dissatisfied consumers will have the right to cancel their wireless service within 30 days of signing a contract.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1602600,00.asp>

32. May 27, IDG News Service — Suspect charged in Canada for Randex worm. A 16-year-old boy from Mississauga, Ontario, is scheduled to appear in Youth Justice Court in Brampton,

Ontario, June 3 to face charges of computer fraud and mischief to data for helping distribute the Randex computer worm, according to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) spokesman. **Randex spreads by breaking into poorly protected computers running the Windows operating system. The worm first appeared last June and has since spawned dozens of variants, according to anti-virus vendors.** Randex spreads on LANs, exploiting Windows machines with weak passwords by trying to guess the password using a preprogrammed list of values, said F-Secure Corp. Once it infects machines, the worm alters the configuration of Windows so that the worm is launched whenever Windows starts. It also installs a backdoor on the infected machine that allows the worm's author or remote attackers to control the machine using commands issued over an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channel, F-Secure said. **The RCMP investigation followed a tip from law enforcement in a "foreign country" that led to the boy.**

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,93476,00.html>

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: The LSASS exploit code for Windows XP has been perfected for some malicious viruses and worms, as the recent versions of the Korgo IRC Worm prove. The Watch still expects that other exploits for MS04-011 announced vulnerabilities will be perfected and used in the future.	
Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	135 (epmap), 445 (microsoft-ds), 137 (netbios-ns), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 5554 (sasser-ftp), 80 (www), 3127 (mydoom), 139 (netbios-ssn), 3410 (---)
Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center	
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33. *May 31, Washington Post* — **Saudi attack aimed at oil, U.S. Saudi commandos stormed a compound where Islamic extremists had seized foreign oil workers when the gunmen began executing the hostages early Sunday, May 30, Saudi officials said.** About 50 hostages were rescued, but one American and 21 other people were killed in the Persian Gulf city of Khobar, 250 miles northeast of Riyadh, the capital. Saudi officials said they captured the ringleader of the gunmen. They did not identify him by name but said he was among the 25 most wanted terrorist suspects in the kingdom. **A group allied with al Qaeda asserted**

responsibility for the attack and released statements indicating that the plot was an attempt to destabilize world oil markets and drive a wedge between Saudi Arabia and the United States. The attack will have no direct impact on petroleum supplies, analysts said, but showed that extremists are capable of striking this oil-producing region and is likely to intensify concerns about the vulnerability of markets to a supply disruption. It was the fourth time in 13 months that Islamic extremists have launched deadly attacks on foreign targets in Saudi Arabia. The dead included citizens from at least 10 countries. In addition to the American, they included a Briton, an Egyptian, three Filipinos, eight Indians, an Italian, a Swede, a South African, two Sri Lankans and three Saudis, the Saudi Interior Ministry reported. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A2174-2004May30.html>

34. *May 31, International Herald Tribune* — Nuclear parts reached Libya. In March, Libya received a fresh shipment of illegal parts from the nuclear black market, according to a new report by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Muammar el-Qaddafi, the Libyan leader, was not cheating, however. The Libyans may have been as surprised as anybody when the parts — advanced centrifuge components for enriching uranium, a step in making nuclear bombs — showed up in Tripoli's port. **Qaddafi's aides reported the shipment's arrival to U.S. intelligence and to the international agency.** Though accounts of what happened are still contradictory, the U.S.-led team that had originally seized five containers of centrifuge parts from a ship in October had missed one other container, which apparently held parts from somewhere other than the Malaysian factory that was a main supplier to Libya. The additional container, the atomic energy agency said, was full of components for the P-2, the most advanced centrifuge available from the secretive network set up by Abdul Qadeer Khan, known in Pakistan as the father of the country's nuclear bomb. Source: <http://www.ihf.com/articles/522532.htm>

35. *May 31, CNN* — Storms sweep central U.S. The severe weather that brought 84 tornado sightings across eight states Sunday, May 30, was responsible for three deaths, officials said Monday, May 31. A powerful band of severe storms stretched from Texas to the Great Lakes, sweeping eastward from Missouri to Kentucky, smashing homes and downing trees and power lines, authorities said. About 175 tornadoes were reported over the weekend. The National Weather Service issued tornado warnings from eastern Texas up into Wisconsin and Minneapolis and east to Ohio, or from the middle Mississippi Valley to the Ohio River Valley. Indiana Emergency Management Agency spokesman Alden Taylor said that about 13,000 people on the south side of Indianapolis lost power; by Monday morning less than half had power restored. By early Monday, May 31, the leading edge of the band of storms reached from northern Louisiana eastward through Mississippi, north Alabama, northwest Georgia, east Tennessee, west North Carolina and West Virginia. High winds, not tornadoes, were blamed for downed trees and power lines in east Tennessee and northwest Georgia in the hours before sunrise Monday. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WEATHER/05/31/weather.tornadoes/index.html>

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