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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. *June 04, Associated Press* — Nations vow to promote renewable energy. More than 150 nations meeting in Bonn, Germany, pledged on Friday, June 4, to promote alternative energy sources "with a sense of urgency," closing a global conference marked by warnings about the vulnerability of world oil supplies to terrorism. The Renewables 2004

conference set no specific global targets, but approved an "international action program" of 192 projects by governments and international organizations to further wind, solar, geothermal and other energies. A final declaration said governments "reaffirm their commitment to substantially increase with a sense of urgency the global share of renewable energy in the total energy supply." German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder urged delegates Thursday, June 3, to "address the fact that the global economy's one-sided dependence on oil greatly increases our vulnerability to such terrorism." The United States pledged research and development efforts to bring down the cost of solar and wind energy, and said it would expand production tax credits for alternative energies.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A14960-2004Jun 4.html>

2. *June 04, Reuters* — **ConocoPhillips naphtha reformer down on fire.** An early morning fire Thursday, June 3, shut a naphtha reformer at the ConocoPhillips refinery in Trainer, PA, the company said on Friday, June 4. The fire was a relatively small one that caused no injuries but did shut the reformer. The company's spokesperson, Jeff Callender, did not say how long the unit will be down, but trade sources said it will be out a week. **Callender said no other units at the refinery are down, and the plant, which has the ability to distill 190,000 barrels per day of crude, is operating at reduced capacity because of the outage of the reformer.**

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/040604/energy_conoco_trainer_1.html

3. *June 03, Nuclear Regulatory Commission* — **NRC staff issues bulletin to nuclear power plants on inspecting certain reactor piping components.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has issued a Bulletin to companies licensed to operate pressurized water reactors in the United States, requesting information on current inspection methods of certain equipment so that NRC staff can determine if supplemental measures are needed. **Some alloys used in components of nuclear reactors are susceptible to cracking when exposed to coolant water during normal operation.** The inspections covered in the Bulletin examine components made of those alloys that impact reactor piping, such as the sleeves for heater elements in a reactor's pressurizer, a device which allows coolant to remain liquid at higher temperatures. Experience with these components shows this issue is not an immediate safety problem. Inspections that detect through-wall leakage from the components in question, conducted at a plant's next refueling outage, should help licensees determine the components' structural integrity.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2004/04-066.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *June 05, Odessa American (Odessa, TX)* — **Impact causes chemical spill.** A volatile gasoline additive spilled after a low-speed train car collision Friday morning, June 4, spurred Odessa, TX, Hazmat crews into action. Crews from Huntsman Polymers, Halliburton, Key Enterprises, TMTD Environmental, Union Pacific and the Texas Department of Transportation assisted the Odessa Hazmat team in cleaning up the chemical, a poisonous and highly flammable gasoline additive called toluene. Odessa Fire Department Battalion Chief Stan Tinney said about 3,500 gallons of the chemical spilled from an eight-inch gash left in a tank car after it collided with an open-topped car full of pipe and scrap metal. According to

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, toluene is a common gasoline additive that is also an ingredient in household items such as paint, paint thinner and fingernail polish remover. Fumes from toluene can cause dizziness, unconsciousness and even death in concentrated doses. Tinney said the tank car was carrying about 30,000 gallons of toluene on the southern tracks at about 2:30 a.m.

Source: <http://www.oaoa.com/news/nw060504a.htm>

5. *June 05, Charlotte Observer (NC)* — **Firm quits using chemical.** Marlin Co., which leaked a gas Thursday, June 3, that temporarily forced several hundred Lenoir, NC, residents from their homes and sent 25 people to the hospital, will no longer use the chemical that produced the leak. Marlin has used sodium sulfide to make fertilizer, said Marty Waters, company owner and president. The fertilizer goes into a mixture used to make bacteria that help clean oil spills, Waters said. **But Marlin has decided sodium sulfide is too sensitive to use, he said. "We're not going to take the chance of making that particular product," Waters said.** On Thursday, moisture got into the chemical at Marlin's Underdown Avenue plant and started a reaction that produced hydrogen sulfide -- a colorless gas that can cause injuries or death, depending on the amount breathed.

Source: <http://www.charlotte.com/mld/observer/news/local/8844806.htm?1c>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 04, Reuters* — **U.S. Air Force to cut order of F-35 version.** The U.S. Air Force will cut its previously planned purchases of the conventional landing and takeoff version of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to buy another version, the service's top weapons buyer said on Friday, June 4. **Fewer of the so-called Conventional Take-off and Landing (CTOL) versions are needed because the Air Force has opted to buy significant numbers of the short take-off vertical landing model, or STOVL,** said Marvin Sambur, the assistant secretary for acquisition. **The Air Force had planned to buy a total of 1,763 F-35s, part of a projected \$245 billion multi-service U.S. purchase of about 2,400 by 2027, the largest warplane project ever.** The project involves building three models of the aircraft for the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and UK Royal Navy with 80 percent common parts. Full-rate production of the Joint Strike Fighter is projected to start in 2013. The program is viewed by many as a model for cooperative development and production among the United States and its allies. Eight other countries have pledged to invest more than \$4.5 billion in the F-35's planned 12-year development phase.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/business/manufacturing/newswire/2004/06/04/rtr1396203.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 04, Pravda.Ru (Russia)* — **FATF appreciates Russia's efforts in fight against money-laundering.** The Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering (FATF) has a high opinion of Russia's efforts in the fight against money laundering and the funding of

terrorism. Addressing the international conference on "Corporate Management and Economic Growth in Russia" Friday, June 4, Claes Norgren, FATF president, said that in recent years Russia achieved tangible successes in this sphere and the Russian leadership could be proud of this. In Claes Norgren's opinion, **Russia must "itemize and finalize its legislative base" related to the fight against money laundering and the funding of terrorism so that Russian and foreign investors could act in compliance with international standards applied in this sphere.** The FATF president also believes that Russian law-enforcement agencies must draw up concrete rules and standards to be able to fight more effectively with the crimes in this sphere.

Source: <http://newsfromrussia.com/world/2004/06/04/54276.html>

8. *June 04, United Press International* — **Software hobbles Canada's biggest bank. The Royal Bank of Canada, the country's largest bank, was in its fifth day of near-paralysis Friday, June 4, because of software modifications that hid account balances.** Since the problem appeared Monday, May 31, the Royal Bank of Canada had 155 programming staff during the day and 90 overnight working on the glitch. None of the bank's 10 million customers are able to determine their balances, and other banks that handle payroll and other transfers from Royal are unable to tell their clients when the funds will show up.

Source: <http://www.washtimes.com/upi-breaking/20040604-061113-8368r.htm>

9. *June 04, Philadelphia Inquirer* — **Sovereign Bank replacing over 80,000 compromised cards. Sovereign Bank is the latest institution to replace debit cards compromised in a security breach at BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. The Philadelphia, PA-based bank said it mailed letters last month to 83,000 customers warning them that their accounts were possibly at risk and telling them that replacement cards would arrive soon.** "Based on the work of the U.S. Secret Service, we decided to take a broad approach," Sovereign spokesperson Dick Ehst said. The Secret Service, which enforces laws protecting currency and payment systems, is investigating the security breach. Ehst said the bank learned of the problem in April, and it has been working since then to determine its breadth and impact. **Ehst said the bank covered unauthorized charges on about 700 cards, of which 300 were held by customers in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.** BJ's, of Natick, MA, said in March that it was working with law enforcement agencies and credit-card companies to investigate thefts of card information. Ehst said 10 major banks had been caught up in the security breach. Although banks are responsible for debit-card losses, the American Banker recently reported that some victims are discussing legal action against BJ's.

Source: <http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/business/8832928.htm?1c>

10. *June 04, Reuters* — **National City to acquire Wayne. National City Corp. will acquire bank holding company Wayne Bancorp Inc. for \$180 million to expand in northern Ohio, the companies said on Friday, June 4.** Cleveland, OH-based National City offered to pay Wooster, OH-based Wayne Bancorp shareholders \$28.50 in cash for each Wayne share. The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter of this year, according to a release by both companies.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/040604/finance_wayne_1.html

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Transportation Sector

11. *June 04, Associated Press* — **Airline execs present dire industry outlook. Airline executives said Thursday, June 3, that rising fuel costs have undermined a budding industry-wide recovery and that carriers cannot afford to pay an additional \$435 million in security-related fees sought by the Bush administration.** Members of a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee signaled a willingness to extend war-risk insurance coverage. But they criticized executives for the way they have handled higher fuel costs and said Congress would not support another industry bailout. Since the September 11 attacks, the government has made available some \$18 billion in cash, security-fee reimbursements and loan guarantees to the struggling industry, which has lost nearly \$25 billion since the start of 2001. Several executives said attempts to raise fares have failed because their competitors did not follow suit, forcing them to rescind the increases out of fear of losing customers. "None of us wants to find out what will happen to load factors and yield," said United Airlines chief executive Glenn Tilton, using the industry terms to describe the percentage of seats filled and profit margins.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TRAVEL/06/03/airlines.outlook.ap/ind ex.html>

12. *June 04, U.S. Coast Guard* — **U.S. Coast Guard deploys units to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Vice Admiral James D. Hull, the U.S. Coast Guard's Atlantic Area Commander, has ordered the deployment of additional Coast Guard forces to support ongoing efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom.** Admiral Thomas H. Collins, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, approved a Department of Defense (DoD) request and ordered the deployment of two, additional 110-foot Patrol Boats, two Law Enforcement Detachments and supporting forces, to support U.S Central Command operations. **As a multi-mission, maritime force, the Coast Guard has had a presence in Operation Iraqi Freedom since its inception and has provided forces to this area since the Gulf War in 1990.** Currently four patrol boats, one Port Security Unit, two Law Enforcement Detachments and one support unit continue to operate in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, supporting national defense requirements in this vital theater of operations. **The additional deployments will raise the number of Coast Guard deployed forces from approximately 300 personnel to about 400.** In addition to this support, the Coast Guard will continue to protect the American public at home by preventing the threat of terrorism along our coasts, saving lives in peril at sea, interdicting illegal drugs, protecting natural resources and ensuring the safe flow of commerce.
Source: <https://www.piersystem.com/external/index.cfm?cid=651&fuseaction=EXTERNAL.docview&documentID=40517>

13. *June 03, General Accounting Office* — **GAO-04-837T: Commercial Aviation: Despite Industry Turmoil, Low-Cost Airlines Are Growing and Profitable (Testimony).** Under the 2003 Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 108-11) and Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act (P.L. 108-176), Congress mandated that the General Accounting Office (GAO) review measures taken by air carriers to reduce costs, improve their revenues and profits, and strengthen their balance sheets. A series of largely unforeseen events — among them a steep decline in business travel, the September 11th terrorist attacks, war in the Middle East, and global recession — have combined to seriously disrupt the demand for air travel. Since 2000, the financial condition of legacy airlines, as a group, has deteriorated significantly. Despite their cost-cutting efforts, legacy airlines' unit

costs have not declined, and low-cost airlines enjoy even a greater cost competitive advantage. **Meanwhile, neither legacy nor low cost airlines have been able to significantly improve their revenues owing to weak fare growth and overcapacity in the system. As a result, legacy airlines have recorded nearly \$25 billion in operating losses since 2001, while low-cost airlines have remained profitable throughout. Two major legacy airlines have already declared bankruptcy; others may follow.** GAO is making no recommendations in this statement. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d04837thigh.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-837T>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

14. *June 04, Associated Press* — Postal installation of hazard detectors. Installation of biological hazard detectors at mail facilities is being resumed, the Postal Service said Friday, June 4. Installation of the equipment began in March, but was suspended April 28 because some machines were giving inconclusive readings. The problem has been corrected and work is resuming, postal vice president Azeezaly Jaffer said. **The detectors are planned for 283 mail handling and sorting facilities across the country. They are intended to detect biological hazards, warn postal workers, and help prevent the delivery of dangerous items.** Jaffer said the inconclusive test results did not mean there was a threat in the mail, only that some tests had to be rerun. Had anthrax been present, it would have been detected, he said. Currently, fewer than a dozen facilities have the equipment. Nationwide installation is expected to be complete in November, 2005.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/business/index.ssf?newsflash/get_story.ssf?cgi-free/getstory_ssf.cgi?f0143_BC_MailHazardDetectors&&news&newsflash-financial

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Agriculture Sector

15. *June 04, Associated Press* — Budget problems work against farm research. Government-sponsored farms and labs across the country are being closed or consolidated because of budget problems. Dennis Avery, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and an agriculture expert for the State Department in the 1980s, said agricultural research has been critical in enabling U.S. farmers to produce more per acre and prevent the plowing up of more acreage unnecessarily. And he said new technologies produced by research are needed to protect and maintain crops. **"The short-term impact will be higher costs for farmers," he said of budget cuts. "The ultimate impact is that society will need more land to feed people."** In the past two years, the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources has downgraded one of its five research centers to a thinly staffed agricultural lab. The university also closed two labs where veterinarians had advised livestock farmers and conducted autopsies on animals to diagnose any diseases. The research farm staff at Iowa State University's College of Agriculture has been reduced by one-third over the past four years. Last year the college closed three of its 12 farm research operations. In Ohio, farm

research will be cut by \$1.4 million this year and \$2.1 million next year.

Source: <http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/journalgazette/business/8835546.htm>

16. *June 04, USAgNet* — **British prepare for possibility of BSE in sheep. The British Department of Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, the Northern Irish Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Scottish and Welsh Devolved Administrations, have launched a consultation on the UK contingency plan outlining the possible actions to be taken if bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) were confirmed in sheep.** The present situation is that BSE has not been found naturally occurring in sheep. However, researchers claim there is a theoretical risk that BSE could be present in sheep, masked as scrapie, but they say there is no information to suggest there is now a higher likelihood of BSE being in the UK sheep flock. The objective of the contingency plan is to protect public health, safeguard animal welfare, and manage the impact on the industry — to enable the sector to recover and supply the food chain as quickly as practicable. The contingency plan is designed to build on the success of the Scrapie Plan, which uses genotyping as a means through which genetic resistance to scrapie within the national flock can be increased.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=596&yr=2004>

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Food Sector

17. *June 04, News Journal (DE)* — **Scrapple recall. Milton Sausage & Scrapple Co. Inc. in Milton, DE, is recalling about 350 pounds of fully cooked scrapple that may be contaminated with the bacteria that causes listeriosis, a serious and potentially fatal illness.** The recalled products are the one pound and two pound packages of "The Old Home Made Brand Milton Scrapple." The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service discovered listeria monocytogenes bacteria during a routine sampling for the pathogen, said Matt Baun, spokesman for the safety and inspection service. The inspection service has received no reports of illness associated with the scrapple, he said.

Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/newsjournal/local/2004/06/04miltoncompanyre.html>

18. *June 04, Brownsville Herald (TX)* — **Prior-notice rule begins. The U.S. government is ordering that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) receive prior notice of consumable food being imported into the country beginning Friday, June 4.** The mandate is Phase III of the 2002 Bioterrorism Act. The act was passed following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to help the nation defend against bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. The prior-notice rule applies only to commercial shipments. Businesses importing food by trucks must give the government a two-hour notice prior to reaching the border; imports by railcars or cargo airplanes must give four-hour notices, and imports by cargo ships eight-hour notices. Included in the notice is the origin of the shipment, what it is and its destination. **Under Phase III, importers failing to provide prior notice to the CBP or FDA on the type of foods being imported will result in the goods being refused entry in the U.S., officials said.** The food items will be held at the port of entry or FDA facilities and the importer will have the chance to voluntarily export them back to the country of origin.

Source: http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/ts_comments.php?id=59573_0_10_0_C

19. *June 03, Xinhuanet* — Children poisoned by milk powder. Mass food poisoning struck two kindergartens Thursday, June 3, in Guiyang city, capital of southwest China's Guizhou province, sickening some 80 children, local health sources said. "Most of the kids in our hospital are now in stable conditions except some who lost too many body fluids due to repeated vomiting," said Jiang Wenyu, pediatrician at Guiyang Medical College Hospital, which took in 56 poisoned children. Shi Jianyang, another pediatrician with Wudang People's Hospital, said 27 kindergarten pupils were hospitalized in his hospital. The children reported symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, and fever after they had milk powder of the same brand belonging to Guiyang City Shanhua Milk Industry Company. The city government has suspended the sales of the suspect milk powder and organized departments to recall the powder from markets.

Source: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2004-06/03/content_1506927.htm

20. *June 03, Food and Drug Administration* — Alfalfa sprouts recall. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has been alerted that Sprouters Northwest, Inc. of Kent, WA, is recalling institutional trays of its raw alfalfa sprouts sent to various food institutions because they may be linked to a recent increase in Salmonellosis in Oregon and Washington State. To date, 12 cases of Salmonella Bovismorbificans possibly linked to the consumption of raw alfalfa sprouts have been reported. In light of these outbreaks, FDA is reiterating its previous alerts about eating raw sprouts. Salmonella Bovismorbificans is an organism rarely seen in the U.S. that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis, and arthritis. **FDA is working closely with state officials and the company to determine the cause of this problem and what steps can be taken to combat it.**

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2004/NEW01075.html>

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Water Sector

21. *June 04, Associated Press* — Levee break. A levee break in Stockton, CA, flooded farm fields, forced the evacuation of nearly 300 people, and sent authorities scrambling to safeguard drinking water for cities as far away as Los Angeles. A fisherman first noticed water bubbling under the levee about 8:15 a.m. Thursday, June 3, and reported it to authorities, said Chris Stevens of the San Joaquin Valley Sheriff's Department. About 65 feet of the inland levee gave way about 8:45 a.m., said Coast Guard Petty Officer Wendy MacLean. It grew to about 300 feet by early afternoon. **The break allowed saltwater from the San Francisco Bay to rush into a freshwater delta. Drinking water is channeled from the delta 738,000 acres of wetlands and waterways to much of California.** The federal Bureau of Reclamation quickly cut its water exports from the delta by 80 percent and increased flows from the Sacramento River to stabilize the freshwater supply, said spokesman Jeff McCracken. Officials with the Metropolitan Water District, which imports water to cities in Southern California, said there was enough water stored at reservoirs for its 18 million customers to weather the break.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission said its water supply was not threatened.

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040604_256.html

22. *June 04, Australian* — Contaminated water. Contaminated water from a public reservoir is believed to have killed as many as 27 people and sickened more than 3000 over the past two weeks in Hyderabad, Pakistan, health authorities said in a statement Friday, June 4. A government investigation to determine the cause of the contamination is under way. Officials have said they believe water in Lake Mancher, which supplies Hyderabad, may have been contaminated by chromium, lead, and other toxins flowing from upstream factories. The contaminated water has caused an epidemic of diarrhea and vomiting. Public health officials have urged citizens to chlorinate or boil their water before consuming it.

Source: http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,574,4,9742368%255E1702,00.html

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Public Health Sector

23. *June 04, National Institutes of Health* — New method to identify blood proteins may spur disease marker discoveries. Using conventional technologies, researchers supported by the National Cancer Institute have developed a new method for identifying proteins found in trace quantities in the blood. **The method offers hope for detecting tiny amounts of these blood-borne molecules that signal the presence of certain diseases, such as cancer, infectious diseases, behavioral disorders, developmental defects, and neurodegenerative diseases.** The researchers crafted a multi-step procedure for separating blood proteins derived from serum, which is the clear, yellowish liquid that separates out from blood after clotting and does not contain any cells. Together, all of these proteins are known as the serum proteome. Prior efforts to identify low-abundance proteins were not as successful mainly because separation steps to reduce amounts of large, high-abundance proteins caused a simultaneous loss of the smaller, low-abundance proteins. Separation and fractionation are needed to produce samples that can be analyzed by mass spectrometry, a high-throughput technique for identifying individual proteins. Previous studies by other scientists had found evidence of blood-borne molecules related to disease states. This new method offers refinement, which may lead to identification of more sensitive disease markers.

Source: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/jun2004/nci-04.htm>

24. *June 04, Reuters* — New SARS tracing method. Scientists in Singapore said on Friday, June 4, they had developed a faster method of detecting strains of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus. A new chip containing a genetic fingerprint reduces the length of molecular testing of the disease to three days from about one week, the Genome Institute of Singapore said. The faster a strain of SARS is pin-pointed, the quicker health workers can identify the origin of an outbreak and who else may be infected — critical steps in bringing outbreaks under control. Molecular tests are one of several tests to identify strains of the virus. The institute said the chip can process up to 50 samples at the same time, allowing large numbers of SARS patients to be screened at once, and can be adapted to detect other illnesses.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=5347890>

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Government Sector

25. *June 04, Reuters* — **House panel approves \$32 billion for homeland security.** A U.S. House of Representatives panel on Thursday, June 3, cleared a \$32 billion bill to improve border protection, enhance transport security and bolster defenses against possible attacks on U.S. soil. The bill, which would finance the Department of Homeland Security in the 2005 fiscal year beginning on October 1, is \$896 million above President Bush's request and represents a \$2.8 billion increase over 2004. The bill, one of 13 Congress must pass each year to fund the federal government, must be approved by the full House and Senate. Democrats said that the measure does not do enough to boost border security between the United States and Canada and fails to meet airport and chemical plant security needs. **Nearly one third of the money would go toward border protection, including technology to screen high-risk cargo arriving in land and seaports and immigration security.** The legislation would also provide \$5.7 billion for transport security, including \$2 billion for passenger screening and \$1.4 billion to screen baggage and for new technology to detect explosives.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/politics/politics-security-congress.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *June 05, CNN* — **Bulldozer rampage gunman dead.** A gunman who went on a rampage with a homemade armored bulldozer, demolishing buildings in the small town of Granby, CO, has died, apparently after shooting himself, according to a local county official. No one was killed after the man exchanged gunfire and drove the massive vehicle into town buildings Friday, June 4, believed to be intentionally targeted as a result of a zoning dispute that affected his business. Granby is about 70 miles northwest of Denver, near Rocky Mountain National Park. **At the height of the rampage, the bulldozer demolished or heavily damaged a concrete batch plant, the town hall, a bank, a library and the local newspaper offices. The property of the former mayor, who held office at the time of the zoning dispute, was also damaged.** "Every indication is that these were all targeted hits," said Granby Town Manager Tom Hale. "They were all properties that people who worked there were involved in the zoning decision." Damage to town hall and the concrete batch plant broke gas lines to those buildings. **Police and other law enforcement officers evacuated many residents and shut down roads in the town of about 1,500 residents, Curran said. Authorities used a reverse 911 system to warn residents in the bulldozer's path to get out, Grand County Commissioner Dwayne Dailey told reporters.**

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/US/Central/06/05/bulldozer.rampage/index.html>

27. *June 05, San Francisco Chronicle* — **Phone system activated to alert citizens.** Emergency preparedness, Palo Alto, CA, officials have learned, is emergency preparedness — whether the emergency is an earthquake, a terrorist attack or a mountain lion. Last month, when a mountain lion strayed into a neighborhood in the heart of Palo Alto, police were so busy mobilizing

officers, alerting schools and fielding news media questions that authorities didn't activate a \$172,000 telephone alert system. Many Palo Altans were furious that city officials hadn't used the auto-dialing system to warn residents — some of whom had children playing outside — that a powerful predator was on the prowl. On Thursday evening, June 3, a Menlo Park dog walker reported seeing either a bobcat or mountain lion on the Palo Alto side of San Francisquito Creek. Palo Alto police quickly put the computerized system to work, phoning an alert to 2,500 creek side residents. **Palo Alto purchased the Teleminder phone alert system in response to the criticism that the city had failed to issue timely alerts in 1998, when swollen creeks rose overnight and caused flooding.** Until last month, the system was considered a tool for warning residents about natural disasters and, after September 11, 2001, terrorist threats. It had been used only four times before this week. **Officials can use the system to alert all 80,000 Palo Alto homes, or they can pinpoint just a few houses or a neighborhood.**

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2004/06/05/BAGCO71FC61.DTL>

28. *June 05, The Daily News (Jacksonville, NC)* — **Onslow receiving security equipment for first responders.** Fire and rescue crews and law enforcement officers Friday, June 4, received their first shipments of 1,100 kits including two level-C hazmat suits. **The delivery is part of more than \$500,000 worth of equipment ordered for Onslow County, NC, fire, rescue and law enforcement using grant money from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.** The Onslow County Sheriff's Department received two positive-pressure respirators, with more on the way, and the Jacksonville Fire Department received six monitors that detect harmful gases. The suits, made of a material called Tyvex, will allow first responders at the scene of a terrorism event or a hazmat spill to get to a safe area. "We can go in and assess the situation and we will be safe doing it," said Col. Mark Shivers of the Onslow County Sheriff's Department. Source: <http://www.jdnews.com/SiteProcessor.cfm?Template=/GlobalTemp/lates/Details.cfm&StoryID=23128&Section=News>

29. *June 04, The Cincinnati Post (OH)* — **Cincinnati to test response.** Cincinnati has been chosen to participate in a pilot program to test new anti-terrorism and disaster response technology. Sen. George Voinovich (R-OH) announced Friday, June 4, that he will announce details of the program at a press conference Monday, June 7, with Homeland Security Under Secretary Charles McQueary. **The program is a partnership between the city and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to identify gaps in the city's security and find the technology to plug them, Homeland Security Spokesman Donald Tighe said.** Examples of issues they might address are radio compatibility among first responders and ensuring that equipment allows fire departments to communicate efficiently, he said. Cincinnati was chosen in part because it has a proven record of using new technology and of working well regionally to address security problems, Tighe said. Source: <http://www.cincypost.com/2004/06/05/sec060504.html>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

30. *June 04, Federal Computer Week* — **Congress heeds state issues.** As part of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers' (NASCIO) fourth annual DC Fly-In, 15 state

CIOs spoke to Congress about national issues such as communications interoperability, information security and state-specific topics. **Reps. William Lacy Clay (D-MO) and Clay Shaw (R-FL) sought NASCIO's input on two bills, one focusing on state and local geospatial data for infrastructure protection and the other on privacy protection for Social Security numbers.** Both bills came up as the CIOs met with their state delegations and with members in oversight and appropriations roles. Many discussions centered on issues the CIOs wanted to raise, such as conflicting requirements attached to federal funding and grants, but governance and collaboration between different portions of government dominated many of the conversations, Wethington said. **Governance also came up during a roundtable discussion with federal and industry experts on wireless communications interoperability. As state officials eliminate communications interoperability problems, they can't create new barriers between one state and another,** said Matthew Miszewski, Wisconsin's CIO. Source: <http://fcw.com/geb/articles/2004/0531/web-nascio-06-04-04.asp>

31. *June 04, Government Computer News* — **DoD provides IPv6 access to its research network. The Department of Defense's (DoD) High Performance Computing Modernization Program office has purchased three IPv6 access servers to provide IPv6 connections to its research network over plain old Internet links.** The Defense Research and Engineering Network (DREN) is one of two DoD networks piloting the department's transition to the next generation of the Internet Protocol. The Internet Protocols are the set of rules underlying the Internet, defining how computers and other devices communicate with each other. Most hardware and software today uses IPv4. The Internet community developed Version 6 during the 1990s. It provides improved security, increased IP address space and greater authentication capabilities. DOD has announced it will move its IT infrastructure to Version 6 by fiscal 2008. DREN is one of two pilot DoD networks that will pave the way for the transition, moving to IPv6 this year.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/26091-1.html

32. *June 04, VNUNet.com (UK)* — **Harry Potter virus targets children.** Virus authors have tapped into excitement over the latest Harry Potter film to spread an old worm. Netsky.P was the second most common virus in May, according to figures from anti-virus companies. Now the worm seems to have found new life by enticing young computer users with promises of material relating to the Hogwarts hero. **While there is nothing sophisticated about the worm's technique, innocent youngsters have been opening the attached file and letting Netsky.P wriggle on to the family hard disk.** The email arrives with an attachment that has the words 'Harry Potter' in the file name. Parents have been warned that the virus is also appearing on file-sharing sites. Ensure your anti-virus software is up to date and make sure any children using your computer are aware of the problem.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/news/1155604>

33. *June 03, Federal Computer Week* — **E-voting requires risk management.** A governments move to electronic voting, and there is no single answer for gaining public trust, officials said last week at the Government Solutions Forum in Washington, DC. Voter identity verification is one of the biggest concerns. **Officials in Ontario, Canada, have set up a two-step registration process to ID citizens before they come to the polling place or vote online, and identification must be presented when they vote.** It's a simple measure, but citizens are embracing the new voting systems and processes so far, using both the Internet and

touch–screen systems without any qualms, said Sheila Birrell, town clerk in Markham, Ontario. The UK held several local pilot tests of e–voting systems in 2002 and 2003, and in all cases auditors found no identity fraud, Bowrey said. There is no way to tell what will happen as the pool of voters gets larger, but officials need to weigh that possibility along with the risks that even a paper–based system can face, Bowrey said. **The possibility that the systems themselves could be tampered with is another concern, but other than testing and validating previous tests, the best way to mitigate risk seems to be to standardize on a system so everyone faces the same risks,** said David Walsh, assistant principal in the franchise section of Ireland's Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Source: <http://fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0531/web–evote–06–03–04.asp>

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: There is a new Worm called Plexus that exhibits many of the same characteristics that MyDoom exhibited. The initial variant does not target federal or military systems, but we can be certain that future variants may do so. This worm appears to be a blended threat and propagates by at least 5 various methods.

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	445 (microsoft–ds), 135 (epmap), 1433 (ms–sql–s), 1026 (nterm), 1027 (icq), 139 (netbios–ssn), 137 (netbios–ns), 3127 (mydoom), 5000 (BackDoorSetup), 1434 (ms–sql–m) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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34. June 04, Associated Press — Bomb kills eight in Russian market. A bomb hidden behind a kiosk exploded in a crowded market Friday, June 4, in central Russia, killing eight people and wounding 37, prosecutors and emergency officials said. **The bomb, which went off about midday in the Kirov market in Samara, 500 miles southeast of Moscow, contained about two pounds of plastic explosives,** regional prosecutor Alexander Yefremov said, according to the ITAR–Tass news agency. "The explosion was very powerful, and the place was packed with people," said Timofei Zakharchenko, a spokesman for the Samara branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry. The explosive was placed on the back wall of one of the kiosks, ITAR–Tass said. **Interfax said that the epicenter of the explosion was near a railway that ran alongside the market.** Prosecutors opened a criminal investigation on

charges of terrorism and murder, ITAR–Tass reported, but officials did not say whether they suspected political terrorism or a business dispute was behind the blast.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,121753,00.html>

35. June 03, Agence France Presse — Al Qaeda suspect links terror group to Philippine Muslim rebels. An Egyptian suspected of al Qaeda membership has revealed links between the terror network and the Philippines' main Muslim separatist group, the military chief said Thursday, June 3. **Hassan Mustafa Bakry entered the Philippines in 1999 with six other unidentified foreigners and trained local Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) guerrillas in demolitions in camps on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, General Narciso Abaya said.** Bakry, who was arrested in the town of Datu Piang on Tuesday, June 1, had even helped to defend the MILF stronghold Camp Abubakar before it fell to government forces in 2000, Abaya said. **"We have long suspected that there are foreign instructors that were giving instructions on explosives, demolitions and even ... in the manufacture of RPGs (rocket–propelled grenades). They do have links to the al Qaeda,"** Abaya added. The al Qaeda network of Saudi–born Osama bin Laden has previously been linked by Washington and Manila to local Muslim rebel group the Abu Sayyaf, which has engaged in kidnapping–for–ransom and bombing attacks.

Source: http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/content.asp?y=2004&dt=0604&pu=Utusan_Express&sec=World&pg=wo_08.htm

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