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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 09, Associated Press* — **Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station suffers fourth outage this year. One of the three power generating units at Arizona's Palo Verde nuclear power plant has shut down. Officials say the problem is a control system malfunction that will take about a week to fix.** Palo Verde's operator has purchased a block of electricity from Idaho to cover any power shortfall. Palo Verde supplies power to about 4 million customers in Arizona and other Western states. Officials say there was no release of radioactive material as a

result of the malfunction of Tuesday, June 8. However, it's the fourth unexpected unit shutdown at Palo Verde this year and the other three did involve small radiation leaks. Palo Verde station is located near Wintersburg, AZ.

Source: <http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=1929939&nav=HMO5Nmdh>

2. *June 09, The Independent (NY)* — **Island-wide blackout drill.** With last year's massive blackout still fresh in Long Islander's minds and the commencement of hurricane season, the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) and the New York State Emergency Management Organization will be conducting an Island-wide Blackout Drill on Thursday, June 10, titled "I'm Ready." **From noon to 3 p.m., residents and businesses are being asked to curtail power usage and simulate what they would do in case of an actual blackout.** The drill "will help make sure that Long Islanders are fully prepared for any type of emergency," said Governor George Pataki. The importance of this drill, said LIPA Chairman Richard Kessel, is for individuals, families, and businesses to "anticipate the actions they will take to respond to a problem before one actually occurs." LIPA suggests everyone should take this opportunity to consider what they would do in a disaster, from hurricanes and black/brownouts, to floods and terrorist attacks.

Source: <http://www.indyeastend.com/cgi-bin/indep/news.cgi?action=article&category=News&id=4323>

3. *June 09, Associated Press* — **Petro-Canada to buy Prima Energy Corp.** Canadian oil and gas company Petro-Canada reported Wednesday, June 9, it will purchase Denver, CO-based Prima Energy Corp. for \$39.50 per share in cash, or \$534 million. **Petro-Canada expects to close the transaction in late July, subject to regulatory clearance.** "The Prima acquisition is an excellent fit with our long-term strategy to sustain and expand our core North American natural gas business," said Petro-Canada President and Chief Executive Officer Ron Brenneman. Prima Energy grows natural gas production from the U.S. Rockies region, largely through developing unconventional gas reserves. Since 1994, Prima has increased production by 11% per year, to current levels of 55 million cubic feet per day of natural gas equivalent before royalties. Petro-Canada expects production to double by 2007.

Source: [http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/040609/petrocanada\\_primaenergy\\_1.htm](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/040609/petrocanada_primaenergy_1.htm)

4. *June 09, The Boston Channel* — **Crews work to contain oil spill.** Environmental crews are still working to contain an oil spill that sent thousands of gallons of home heating oil into the Fore River and nearby wetlands Tuesday, June 8. They said it could be weeks before they have the spill completely mopped up. The oil burst from a pipeline at the Citgo Oil Co. facility in Braintree, MA, about 3 p.m., with 500 to 1,000 gallons seeping into the river. **Officials said the spill of 8,000 to 12,000 gallons of oil was likely caused by a rupture in a four-inch aboveground pipe that carries oil from the Citgo plant to the Braintree Electric Light Department nearby.** "It appears to have been over-pressurization on the line, perhaps because of faulty pressure release valve, and basically a flange on this line blew off, and basically oil spouted in the air like a geyser," said John Fitzgerald of the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/3398494/detail.html>

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## Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *June 09, Firehouse.com* — **Chemical fire breaks out at Ohio plant.** A chemical fire broke out Tuesday, June 8, at a Twinsburg, OH, chemical plant, Univar Corp., located on Highland Road, near state Route 91. The fire was controlled by the sprinkler system until the Twinsburg Fire Department arrived. **The chemical involved in the fire is sodium persulfate, an oxidizer that can irritate and cause difficulty breathing. Environmental Protection Agency and hazardous material teams were also at the scene.** Some businesses near the plant were evacuated, while others were told to close their windows and turn off the air conditioning systems as a precaution. Fire officials says there might be an odor in the area now, but it is OK to go outside. Officials remain on the scene, and are still trying to find out what caused the fire. Source: <http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?section Id=46&id=31467>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 09, Government Computer News* — **Surveillance airship prepped for Iraq. The Army will soon test a 56,000–cubic–foot tethered aerostat surveillance system designed to provide constant monitoring of troops in Iraq.** A private contractor recently delivered the system, equipped with various sensors, and the Army will test it at its Yuma Proving Grounds in Arizona before sending it to Iraq. The airship will be attached by cable to a mooring system for around–the–clock surveillance coverage of troops and other military assets. Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/26156-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/26156-1.html)

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## Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 09, Insurance Journal* — **Oklahoma governor signs identity theft bill.** Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry has signed Senate Bill 1164, a measure designed to help protect victims of identity theft. The law creates an "Identity Theft Passport" to protect innocent victims from arrest or other legal actions. **The new law calls for the creation of a special passport for victims of identity theft to use with law enforcement and other public safety authorities.** The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) will administer the Oklahoma Identity Theft Passport Program. In order to qualify for the passport, the victim must file an identity theft report with a federal, state or local law enforcement agency and provide the report, an identity theft affidavit and supporting documentation to a consumer reporting agency. Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southcentral/2004/06/09/42995.htm>
8. *June 08, Associated Press* — **Bank One name to disappear after merger. The Bank One brand name will disappear following its merger with J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the two banks announced** Tuesday, June 8. Top executives of the merged bank had previously left open the possibility that Bank One's name would be retained for retail bank outlets following the completion of the \$58 billion deal, even though the organization will keep the J.P. Morgan Chase name and New York headquarters. However, they said Tuesday that preparations for

switching to the new brand already have begun, starting with Bank One credit cards. Bank branches will be changed to Chase in early 2005. **The merger, announced in January and expected to be approved by federal regulators within weeks, will create a company with assets of \$1.12 trillion and 2,300 branches.** It would be second only to Citigroup's \$1.19 trillion.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2004/06/08/ap1403158.html>

9. *June 08, Associated Press* — **Fed approves merger of National City, Provident. The Federal Reserve on Tuesday, June 8, approved National City Corp. to acquire Provident Financial Group Inc. and its subsidiary, The Provident Bank. Upon completion of the merger, Cleveland, OH–based National City would become the 10th largest U.S. bank, with total consolidated assets of \$133.5 billion and controlling about 1.4 percent of total U.S. deposits. National City is now the 11th largest U.S. insured depository institution. Also, by acquiring Cincinnati, OH–based Provident, National City would become the largest insured depository institution in Ohio, the Fed said. The combined bank would control \$34 billion in deposits.**

Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Business/ap20040608\\_1825.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/Business/ap20040608_1825.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

10. *June 09, The Cincinnati Post* — **Low-cost airlines wanted. Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport officials plan to meet next week with six low-cost air carriers about the possibility of beginning service at one of the country's highest-fare airports.** Airport spokesperson Ted Bushelman confirmed the meetings, saying bringing in a low-cost carrier would help to continue total passenger growth. "It's something we're always working on," he said. Bushelman declined to name the six carriers. Representatives from American Trans Air, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, AirTran Airways and Frontier Airlines did not return phone messages Tuesday. Laura Bennett, a spokesperson for Ft. Lauderdale–based Spirit Airlines Inc., said low-cost carriers' growth has spurred overtures from airport officials across the country. As far as she knows, there is no meeting set up between Spirit and Cincinnati airport officials.

Source: <http://www.cincypost.com/2004/06/09/airp060904.html>

11. *June 09, Associated Press* — **Summit leaders will endorse measures to improve international airline security.** World leaders at the G–8 summit will endorse nearly 30 wide-ranging measures to improve international airline security in the face of increased terrorist threats, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday, June 8. **The 28 steps, to be implemented by the end of 2005, include boosting passenger screening and information exchanges, tightening the security of travel documents, enhancing intelligence sharing and accelerating the destruction of shoulder-launched missiles, they said.** At the same time, the G–8 will move to streamline and standardize security procedures in an effort to limit disruption and delays in the movement of passengers and cargo by land, sea and air, the officials said. The so-called "G–8 Action Program" for global transportation is to be adopted at the end of the U.S.–hosted summit on Thursday, June 10. **Steps envisioned by the program include reducing the vulnerability of G–8 nation airports to shoulder fired missiles, known as**

MANPADS, and expanding the real-time exchange of specific threats to cover information about lost and stolen passports, as sharing visa and terrorism watchlists, the officials said.

Source: [http://www.11alive.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=47948](http://www.11alive.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=47948)

12. *June 09, Transportation Security Administration* — **TSA issues statement concerning draft GAO report on airport perimeters and access control.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) stated it generally agrees with the report from the General Accounting Office (GAO) and its recommendations and appreciates the discussion of challenges and next steps. It is important to note that the majority of issues raised in the GAO report already have TSA projects or efforts underway to address them. Since the report's study period ended in March of this year, TSA has announced eight airports participating in access control pilot programs; advanced transportation worker identification credentialing technologies; and will soon finalize a process for enhanced background checks and will implement multiple security directives. **If the report fails in any area, it ignores many of the efforts that TSA has undertaken to enhance security for commercial aviation.** To read the report:

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-04-728>

Source: [http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=090005198\\_00ac831](http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=090005198_00ac831)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

13. *June 09, DM News* — **Flat-rate priority mail boxes.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has filed a proposal with the Postal Rate Commission for a recommended decision on an experimental classification and rate for Priority Mail flat-rate boxes. **The USPS said the proposal calls for a two-year trial of the boxes with a flat rate, regardless of package weight or destination.** If approved, the USPS will test two box sizes. One will be similar to a clothing gift box, and the other similar to a shoebox. "By avoiding the need for mailers themselves to weigh and rate Priority Mail parcels, or to visit a post office to get such parcels weighed and rated, postal service customers can simply put an item or items in a box previously obtained from the postal service, apply the known postage amount and address appropriately and enter the piece into the mail," the filing said.

Source: [http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article\\_id=28269](http://www.dmnews.com/cgi-bin/artprevbot.cgi?article_id=28269)

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## **Agriculture Sector**

14. *June 09, USAgNet* — **USDA lab to develop West Nile vaccine. Dow AgroSciences LLC has signed a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratory in Laramie, WY, to develop a plant-made vaccine to protect against West Nile virus.** West Nile virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, is fatal to about one-third of infected horses. West Nile virus is also a threat to birds. The research and development collaboration between Dow AgroSciences and the ARS Arthropod-Borne Animal Disease Research Laboratory resulted when both parties recognized

the potential of producing the vaccine in plant systems. Plant-made vaccines are highly robust, which may result in needle-free delivery techniques such as through food, water, or inhaled mist. In addition, an attractive safety aspect of using plant-made vaccines is that there is less chance of contamination with extraneous disease agents during use.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=609&yr=2004>

15. *June 09, Minnesota Ag Connection* — **DNR investigating report of dead deer. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is investigating a report of several dead deer being found in a small area near the Becker–Otter Tail County line east of Frazee.** Most of these deer were found in one field during normal spring farm work over the past month and a half. The DNR was recently contacted about this issue and is currently trying to determine the cause of the deaths. The deer carcasses that have been found so far have been too deteriorated for any laboratory testing. DNR Wildlife and Enforcement field staff are attempting to collect up to three deer, from the area, that are acting abnormally or are in poor body condition. To date, all deer observed in the area by DNR staff (approximately 100) appeared to be very healthy, except for two that exhibited signs of sickness. Although Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is not suspected at this time, routine CWD testing protocol is being followed. Two deer heads, one from a road-killed doe, have been collected from the area and will be tested for CWD.

Source: <http://www.minnesotaagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=514&yr=2004>

16. *June 08, WALB News (GA)* — **Virus infects tobacco plants. Harvest season is just a few weeks away for South Georgia tobacco farmers, but this year's crop doesn't look as good as in years past — many plants have been destroyed by a deadly insect virus.** Lowndes, GA, Extension Agent Mickey Fourakers sorts through rows of tobacco plants destroyed by the tomato spotted wilt virus. "This is a very serious disease when it comes to tobacco," said Fourakers. The virus is caused by insects known as thrips. They bite the plants and inject a deadly toxin into the leaves. **About 30 percent of tobacco plants in Lowndes County have been affected by the virus.** There are gaps in planted rows where hundreds of plants have been destroyed. Fourakers says the disease has affected just about every tobacco farmer in South Georgia. Unfortunately, once a plant is infected, there's no way to stop the virus.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/Global/story.asp?S=1927402&nav=5kZQNkxD>

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## **Food Sector**

17. *June 09, Dow Jones Newswires* — **Japan partially lifts ban on U.S. poultry imports. Japan has lifted a four-month ban on U.S. poultry imports except for those from six states, saying product safety was confirmed with no fresh outbreak of a virulent type of bird flu, Kyodo News reported.** The ban was imposed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on February 7, following the discovery of chickens infected with avian flu in Delaware, the report said. **The ban on poultry from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, and Texas will remain as the end of an outbreak of a less virulent type of the disease has yet to be confirmed in those states, according to the ministry.** The U.S., the fourth-largest poultry exporter to Japan, annually provides the country with about 50,000 tons, accounting for 10 percent of its total poultry imports.

Source: [http://www.agprofessional.com/show\\_story.php?id=25555](http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=25555)

18. *June 08, CIDRAP News* — **No BSE found in first week of expanded testing. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) says 1,127 cattle were tested in the first week of its expanded testing program for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and were found free of the disease.** Andrea McNally, an Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) spokesperson, told CIDRAP News that plans call for posting the results every Monday. The expanded program began June 1. **The department plans to test more than 200,000 cattle over the next 12 to 18 months to determine how many more BSE cases, if any, exist in American herds.** The decision to expand BSE testing followed the discovery of the nation's first BSE case in Washington state last December. About 20,000 cattle were tested last year. The USDA has said the testing will focus on cattle deemed at increased risk for BSE, including nonambulatory cattle, those with signs of central nervous system disease, emaciated and injured cattle, and cattle that die on farms. Plans also call for randomly testing about 20,000 healthy-appearing cattle over 30 months old. An estimated 35 million cattle are slaughtered in the United States annually. USDA officials have said that testing 268,000 animals during the expanded surveillance program would make it possible to detect one case of BSE among 10 million cattle with 99 percent confidence.

Source: [http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/hot/bse/news/jun080\\_4bse.html](http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/hot/bse/news/jun080_4bse.html)

19. *June 08, Food and Drug Administration* — **Fudge recalled. Fort Fudge Shop, Inc., is conducting a voluntary recall on its distribution of Vanilla Nut Fudge that contains almonds purchaed between August 2003 and June 2, 2004 due to the possibility of contamination with Salmonella Enteritidis.** Salmonella is an organism which 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. Royal Fudge Shop, Inc., distributes this product in Michigan. This recall is in follow-up to a voluntary recall announced in mid-May by Paramount Farms of California of whole and diced raw almonds based on over 20 possible cases of illnesses associated with the almonds.

Source: [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/fortfudge06\\_04.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/fortfudge06_04.html)

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *June 09, USA Today* — **BioShield shortcomings subject of industry conference. Despite the approval of \$5.6 billion in federal funding for vaccines and treatments to fend off or respond to a bioterror attack, and efforts to streamline the approval process for those drugs, many companies are reluctant to enter the market, biotech industry executives and**

**observers say.** Biotech industry concerns are the subject of a conference Wednesday, June 9, hosted by the University of Maryland School of Law. VaxGen President Lance K. Gordon said his company has been able to purchase limited product liability insurance, but given the size of the stockpiles the federal government is considering creating, liability will most likely exceed what the commercial insurance market can provide. How much standby capacity would be required in case more doses are needed of a vaccine, for example, is also unclear. And there are concerns about whether the government will purchase a successful product if it is developed because contracts are being awarded to multiple companies, Gordon said. **Other unsettled issues are how to shorten the lengthy FDA licensing process without creating liability and compensation concerns, the standard of care manufacturers will be held to under an accelerated production schedule, and intellectual property rights.**

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techpolicy/2004-06-09-bios-hield-progress\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techpolicy/2004-06-09-bios-hield-progress_x.htm)

21. *June 09, Associated Press* — **Californian contracts West Nile virus. A 40-year-old San Bernardino County woman contracted this year's first case of West Nile virus in California, health officials said.** The woman, whom officials did not identify, experienced mild to moderate symptoms of the virus last month, the California Department of Health Services said in a statement Tuesday, June 8. California had three confirmed human cases of West Nile last year. In Los Angeles County, dead birds tested positive for the virus were found in Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Hacienda Heights, Harbor City, La Mirada, Reseda, and Santa Fe Springs, according to a news release from the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. District spokesperson Stephanie Miladin said two species of mosquitos in Los Angeles County are carrying the virus.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/news/nation/8880201.htm>

22. *June 08, A Scribe Newswire* — **Public health workforce shortage.** The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) released a report Tuesday, June 8, which indicates that there is an escalating shortage of qualified public health workers in the United States. **The shortage will adversely affect the capacity of state and local public health departments to respond to terrorist events, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health threats and emergencies.** The report, "State Public Health Employee Worker Shortage Report: A Civil Service Recruitment and Retention Crisis," was based on a 2003 survey of senior state and territorial health officials conducted by ASTHO with the Council of State Governments and the National Association of State Personnel Executives. **Key findings from the 37 responding states include that the average age of public health workers is nearly 47, retirement rates in public health can be as high as 45 percent in some states over the next five years, and job vacancy rates are as high as 20 percent in some parts of the country.** The most severe shortages are occurring in the fields of nursing, epidemiology, and laboratory sciences. The report is available at <http://www.astho.org/pubs/Worker-Shortage-Booklet.pdf>.

Source: [http://www.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/spew4th.pl?ascribeid=20040608\\_131546&time=13%2030%20PDT&year=2004&public=1](http://www.ascribe.org/cgi-bin/spew4th.pl?ascribeid=20040608_131546&time=13%2030%20PDT&year=2004&public=1)

23. *June 08, United Press International* — **Study may yield better smallpox protection.** U.S. and international researchers have found a mechanism in mice that could lead to improved protection against smallpox for humans. **A research team at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute has identified proteins in the immune system of mice that determine if a mouse is**

**susceptible to a smallpox-related virus called mousepox. The discovery may allow scientists to combine anti-viral medications to increase the effectiveness of smallpox treatments,** said lead researcher Gunasegaran Karupiah, with the Australian National University. The study showed mice with three types of regulatory proteins called cytokines in their immune systems were resistant to mousepox infection. Mice harboring little or no cytokines were much more susceptible. "We are interested in not only overcoming an acute infection to save the individual, but at the same time helping to induce long-term immunity, which will provide protection against secondary infection," Karupiah said.

Source: [http://washingtontimes.com/upi-breaking/20040608-115421-4140\\_r.htm](http://washingtontimes.com/upi-breaking/20040608-115421-4140_r.htm)

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## **Government Sector**

**24. *June 09, Associated Press* — Largest U.S. embassy slated for Baghdad. The State Department is planning to have more than 900 Americans staff the U.S. Embassy in central Baghdad, assisted by 600 to 700 Iraqis, in the biggest American embassy in the world,** department planners said Wednesday, June 9. Building the embassy will take at least two years and the State Department intends to pay close attention to what Iraqi officials have to say about a site. John Negroponte will become the U.S. ambassador to Iraq after diplomatic relations are formally restored, probably in July.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=542&u=/ap/20040609/ap\\_on\\_go\\_ca\\_st\\_pe/us\\_iraq\\_1&printer=1](http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=542&u=/ap/20040609/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/us_iraq_1&printer=1)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**25. *June 09, Associated Press* — Federal government planning security training complex in Nevada.** Mock border stations, a simulated airline inspection terminal and a dry seaport replica are being planned at the federal Nevada Test Site to train agents to thwart nuclear materials smuggling. **The Department of Homeland Security has allocated \$13 million to design at least eight training venues for a 100-acre complex at the test site, according to plans made public Tuesday, June 8. Construction could begin this fall.** The program would further expand homeland security operations at the test site, where the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile is tested and where counterterrorism and hazardous materials training has been stepped up since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The National Nuclear Security Administration, which manages the test site, made plans for the mock border facilities public following the release of a draft environmental assessment.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/nevada/2004/jun/09 /060910043.html>

**26. *June 09, Associated Press* — Security drill for nuclear plant north of New York includes fake terrorist plane crash. For the first time, a fake terrorist attack was included in a drill of emergency plans at a nuclear power plant near New York City, with crews grappling with a pretend crash of a 767.** The fake crash on Tuesday, June 8, set off an ever-worsening cascade of simulated events for Indian Point plant operators and emergency responders. By the

time the drill ended, a containment building was portrayed as filling with radioactive steam and portions of surrounding counties had been "evacuated" and residents advised to swallow anti-radiation pills. **Nevertheless, critics were not assuaged by Tuesday's drill. The scenario did not include a simulated release of radiation into the atmosphere** — an omission that "speaks to the farcical nature of this exercise," said Kyle Rabin, of Riverkeeper, one of the organizations in the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will evaluate the exercise at a public meeting on Thursday, June 10. Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano, who has called for a shutdown of the Indian Point plants, took part in the drill but **"still feels the evacuation wouldn't work in a fast-breaking scenario of radiation escaping,"** said his chief adviser, Susan Tolchin.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/local/state/hc-09144740.apds.m0172.bc-ct--indijun09.0.166664.story?coll=hc-headline s-local-wire>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

**27. June 09, Government Computer News** — **Government cyberattack profiles vary from global average. Eight of the top ten attacks directed against government systems were associated with Web servers or applications,** according to a study of cyberattack trends in the last half of 2003 by Symantec Corporation. "This differs from global Internet attack activity during this period," analysts said. By far the largest number of attacks against government systems was traced to systems within the United States, which jibes with overall attack statistics. One major difference in this profile was that Germany was the second most active source of government attacks, with nearly four times as many attacks as China, in third place. In the global rankings China ranked second and Germany sixth. Symantec analysts cautioned against reading too much into statistics on source countries because compromised systems can be used by attackers from anywhere in the world. The report is available here:

<http://enterprisesecurity.symantec.com/content.cfm?articleid=1539>

Source: [http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/26161-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/26161-1.html)

**28. June 09, Reuters** — **Phone line cuts hit thousands in Canada. Telephone and Internet services to thousands of customers in Atlantic Canada were disrupted late on Tuesday, June 9, after primary cables were cut in what phone provider Aliant Inc. said was a deliberate act.** Police are investigating the incident, which affected 250,000 people in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as 5,000 in Nova Scotia. About 4,300 workers at Aliant, the dominant phone provider in Eastern Canada, have been on strike since April, affecting service in four provinces. **Emergency 911 service was hit by the line cuts but came back on line quickly.** The striking workers include technicians, operators and clerical staff. About 1,800 managers have been trained and redeployed to replace the strikers. Aliant is 54 percent owned by Montreal-based BCE Inc., Canada's largest phone company.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=businessNews&storyID=5383446>

**29. June 09, Cisco Systems** — **Cisco CatOS Telnet, HTTP and SSH Vulnerability. Cisco CatOS is susceptible to a TCP-ACK Denial of Service (DoS) attack on the Telnet, HTTP and SSH service. If exploited, the vulnerability causes the Cisco CatOS running device to stop**

**functioning and reload.** This vulnerability is currently known to be exploitable only if you have the Telnet, HTTP or SSH service configured on a device which is running Cisco CatOS. The procedure to upgrade to the fixed software version is available here:

[http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/sft\\_6\\_1/configgd/images.htm](http://www.cisco.com/univercd/cc/td/doc/product/lan/cat6000/sft_6_1/configgd/images.htm).

Source: <http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/707/cisco-sa-20040609-catos.shtml>

30. *June 09, eSecurity Planet* — **Threat heightened for Korgo family.** The author of the Korgo family of worms seems to be carrying out experiments with new variants aimed at catching users off guard. "We have not been able to determine to goal of this worm's creator," says Luis Corrons, head of PandaLabs. "The amount of work being put into the development of the Korgo variants would suggest that this is more than just someone having a bit of fun. This is also far form the the typical virus strategy of simply getting as many variants in circulation as quickly as possible to infect as many computers as possible, as they have taken the trouble to make their creations delete their own predecessors." **The Korgo family is made up of network worms that propagate using the LSASS exploit.** According to Panda Software analysts, **these worms try to lay low when they infect computers and therefore users don't see tell-tale signs, such as continuous restarts, in infected computers. They also can, depending on the variant, delete certain files, open communication ports and try to connect to various IRC servers.** Another important characteristic is that some of the Korgo worms use mutex or mutual exclusion objects. These objects can control access to system resources and prevent more than one process from using the same resource at the same time.

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/alerts/article.php/3366021>

31. *June 09, Reuters* — **Encryption firm says secrets for sale at auction.** Laptops containing sensitive financial details and all manner of corporate secrets can be snapped up at auctions for a pittance, a security company said Wednesday, June 9. Stockholm, Sweden-based Pointsec Mobile Technologies said it bought 100 laptop computers from a host of Internet and public auctions over the past two months to show how vulnerable data can be. The company's technicians were able to pull sensitive details from 70 of the 100 machines it bought. In one case, **the company obtained a particularly vulnerable hard drive from online auction site eBay that apparently once belonged to one of Europe's largest insurance companies. On the hard drive were current details of customers' pension plans, payroll records, personnel details, login codes and administration passwords for the company's intranet site.** A bigger problem is laptops lost on the train or at the airport, which are often auctioned to the public if the owners don't claim them. **From laptops it acquired at an auction of items recovered at Britain's Gatwick Airport, Pointsec used generic password recovery software to access information on one in three of them.** It scored a similar rate of success from laptops acquired at auction in the U.S., Germany and Sweden.

Source: [http://news.com.com/Encryption+firm+says+secrets+for+sale+at+auction/2100-7355\\_3-5229544.html?tag=nefd.top](http://news.com.com/Encryption+firm+says+secrets+for+sale+at+auction/2100-7355_3-5229544.html?tag=nefd.top)

32. *June 08, Associated Press* — **More security sought for electronic voting.** The head of a federal voting commission called Tuesday, June 8, for tougher security measures for electronic voting by the November elections, but said the issue of requiring paper receipts as backup needs further study. Some 50 million Americans — about 30 percent of voters — are expected to vote electronically on November 2. In his prepared remarks, DeForest B. Soaries, chairman of the Election Assistance Commission, said **every jurisdiction using electronic voting**

devices should identify and implement new security measures, and consider options including paper verification, "parallel monitoring" in which the machines are randomly tested on Election Day, cryptography measures and chain of custody and management practices. He also said vendors of electronic-voting software should submit certified software to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, which would allow election officials to compare software used in elections against an original version. The four-member, bipartisan commission was created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002. It does not have regulatory authority but is charged with making recommendations for running elections.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A26016-2004Jun 8.html>

- 33. June 08, Netcraft — New virus deletes all files.** The virus that "deletes your whole hard drive" has been a staple in dozens of e-mail hoaxes that have circulated the Net in recent years. According to Symantec, the new VBS.Pub malware targets Windows computers, and arrives in an email bearing the subject "Re" and an attachment that will have an .asp, .hta, .htm, .htt, .html, .vbe or .vbs extension. **Upon infection, the virus uses Microsoft Outlook to send itself to everyone in the Microsoft Outlook Address Book. "If the day is the 6th, 13th, 21st, or 28th, the worm will delete all the files from the computer,"** Symantec reports. Despite its nasty payload, SANS notes that VBS.Pub "doesn't possess any earth-shattering characteristics to make it a significant propagation threat."

Source: [http://news.netcraft.com/archives/2004/06/08/symantec\\_new\\_virus\\_deletes\\_all\\_files.html](http://news.netcraft.com/archives/2004/06/08/symantec_new_virus_deletes_all_files.html)

### Internet Alert Dashboard

<b>DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
<p><b>Watch Synopsis:</b> We continue to receive reports of Korgo Worm Infections from both Public and Private organizations. Such reports indicate that not all organizations have successfully patched their networks for the LSASS vulnerability mentioned in Microsoft Bulletin MS04-011. Most infections in organizations have been traced to Insecure partner VPN connections to external organizations or infected laptops introduced into the network without prior verification that the systems were patched and virus-free.</p>	
<b>Current Port Attacks</b>	
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	445 (microsoft-ds), 135 (epmap), 1026 (nterm), 1027 (icq), 5554 (sassar-ftp), 137 (netbios-ns), 1025 (blackjack), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 9898 (dabber), 80 (www) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center
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## **General Sector**

**34. June 09, CNN — More Madrid bomb suspects arrested.** Spanish police have arrested several people in northern Spain in connection with the Madrid train bombings last March, according to the Interior Ministry. **State news agency EFE reported six people had been arrested in the northern region of Asturias for alleged links to explosives believed to have been delivered there to terrorists who later carried out the attacks on the four Madrid commuter trains on March 11.** The attacks killed 190 people and wounded more than 1,800. The arrests came a day after authorities in Milan, Italy, arrested two people and detained another in connection with the bombings.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/europe/06/09/madrid.arrest.s/>

**35. June 09, Associated Press — American killed in Riyadh. An American who worked for a defense contractor in Virginia was shot and killed Tuesday, June 8, in the Saudi capital, the second killing of a Westerner in the kingdom in three days.** An unknown assailant killed the man in his home, said a spokesman for his employer, Vinnell Corp., based in Fairfax, VA. Seven Vinnell employees were among the 35 people, including nine suicide bombers, who died last year in an attack on a foreigners' housing compound in Riyadh. **Islamic militants have carried out a series of attacks on Westerners, government targets, and economic interests in the kingdom during the past 13 months.** The Saudi Arabian government has blamed the attacks on people inspired by, or belonging to, the al Qaeda network. Insurgents shot members of a BBC team Sunday, June 6, while they were filming a militant's family home in Riyadh. The cameraman was killed, and the correspondent was critically wounded.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A26254-2004Jun 8.html>

**36. June 09, Reuters — Suspected bomb injures at least 17. A suspected bomb exploded in a residential building in the German city of Cologne Wednesday, June 9, injuring at least 17 people.** Authorities said they could not rule out a terrorist link to the explosion in the city's Muelheim district, which has a large Turkish population. However, motives might be found in other areas, such as organized crime. "The background is totally open, we can't rule anything out, we can't rule out a terrorist background at the moment," said a spokesperson for the interior ministry of North Rhine–Westphalia, where Cologne is located. Germany, like the rest of Europe, has been on high alert for bomb attacks by Islamic militants since Madrid train bomb blasts that killed 191. So far the country, which has a large Muslim population, has been spared an attack.

Source: [http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=worldNews&stor\\_yID=5385098](http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=worldNews&stor_yID=5385098)

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