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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. *March 18, Reuters* — OPEC's March cuts fall far short as total output rises. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) producers look likely to have cut

just 150,000 barrels per day of oil output in March despite a pledge to eliminate oversupply, and the group's total production has risen because of increased exports from Iraq, according to a tanker tracking consultant. Petrologistics told clients it expected the 10 OPEC members with quotas to produce 25.63 million barrels a day in March, down from 25.78 million bpd in February. That would put the OPEC-10 in March at 1.13 million bpd in excess of their official supply quotas of 24.5 million, compared to 1.28 million bpd in excess during February. OPEC ministers agreed last month to eliminate oversupply above existing quotas and cut official production limits in April by one million bpd to 23.5 million bpd.

Source: <http://www.gulf-news.com/Articles/news.asp?ArticleID=114683>

- 2. *March 17, Oil & Gas Journal* — Caspian oil production not enough to help U.S. according to analyst. Caspian Sea region oil reserves will not free the U.S. from its dependence on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) by 2008, said Wayne Andrews, analyst with Raymond James & Associates Inc. "Politically, the stakes may be high, but from a pure energy supply standpoint, the region is only a minnow in the vast ocean of Middle Eastern oil," Andrews said in a research note last month. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline will bring oil from Caspian fields to Turkey where it will be exported to world markets. **Caspian oil would provide slightly more than 1% of global supply in 2008, said Andrews, noting that amount "will not come even remotely close to replacing the West's dependence on Persian Gulf oil."** Meanwhile, OPEC is expected to supply 35-45% of world oil supplies in 2008. "In short, the Caspian's output potential is simply too low to be of any real significance for the oil market, so there is every reason to believe that OPEC will be at least as firmly in control of the market in 2008 as it is today," Andrews said.**

Source: http://ogj.pennnet.com/articles/web_article_display.cfm?Section=OnlineArticles&ARTICLE_CATEGORY=GenIn&ARTICLE_ID=200848

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

- 3. *March 18, Aerospace Daily* — Roche: F/A-22's readiness for key testing phase is 'iffy'. Air Force Secretary James Roche acknowledged March 17 that the F/A-22 Raptor may not be ready to begin a key testing phase in two weeks as planned. "I think it's iffy," Roche said. Defense acquisition officials are scheduled to meet March 22 to determine whether the F/A-22 is ready to start its initial operational test and evaluation (IOT&E) March 31. IOT&E is to pave the way for a December 2004 decision on whether to begin full-rate production. Roche said the F/A-22 has overcome many of the problems that have plagued parts of the aircraft, including the canopy and vertical fin. However, he said test flight rates continue to be lower than desired. The General Accounting Office said in a recent report that test pilots could fly only about 53 percent of their planned flights from October 2003 to January 2004, with maintenance problems being a major culprit. **Despite the F/A-22's problems, Roche defended the need for the****

aircraft. He said the Raptor will provide improved capabilities against moving targets and advanced surface-to-air missiles. Additionally, the F/A-22's speed will allow the Raptor to position itself for a second shot against a cruise missile, something other planes generally cannot do.

Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_aerospacedaily_story.jsp?id=news/raptr03184.xml

- 4. *March 18, CongressDaily* — Navy, Marine leaders urge no delay in Joint Strike Fighter program. Warning that every year of delay adds \$1 billion to the cost of the program, Navy and Marine Corps leaders Wednesday, March 17, asked Congress not to impose further delays on the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF).** The officials also strongly defended the short takeoff and vertical landing -- or STOVL -- version of the proposed fighter, which is intended primarily for the Marines. Navy Secretary Gordon England, Adm. Vern Clark, the chief of naval operations, and Gen. Michael Hagee, the Marine Corps commandant, found themselves defending one of their highest priority programs during a hearing of the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee. When asked about delaying the program, England said additional delays would mean the naval services would have to keep flying older aircraft, which are getting increasingly expensive to maintain. Clark noted that the early model Navy F/A-18 Hornets the JSF would replace are getting old and their operating costs increase 13 to 20 percent each year.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0304/031804cdam1.htm>

- 5. *March 17, Navy News Stand* — Navy to stand up Fleet Anti-submarine Warfare Command.** The Navy is boosting its antisubmarine warfare capabilities with the creation of the Fleet Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) Command (FASWC) in San Diego, CA, on April 8. The new operational command's mission will include integrating advanced ASW networks, establish doctrine and new operating concepts, fleet ASW training and assisting naval leadership with ASW policy. **FASWC's primary goal will be to ensure Navy warfighters can neutralize enemy submarine threats. To do this, Navy ASW must be able to detect and engage ASW threats at will.** It must also be able to form maritime shields against submarines and mines that will permit U.S. and coalition forces protected passage to and from operational theaters. Bob Brandhuber, the director for ASW improvement and deputy chief of staff for training at U.S. Pacific Fleet, said the resurgence in ASW is a major step in the right direction to meet new threats in shallow, brown-water areas, as well as open ocean.

Source: http://www.news.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=12396

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Banking and Finance Sector

- 6. *March 17, Canadian Press* — New \$100 bill aimed at anti-counterfeiting. The Bank of Canada released its redesigned \$100 bills into circulation Wednesday, March 17, promising new security features will make them more acceptable to wary retailers. The bills, which feature four new security features, are to be distributed across the country during the next two weeks.** "The new \$100 note incorporates state-of-the-art security features designed to combat counterfeiting," Bank of Canada governor David Dodge said in a statement. Security features include a metallic holographic stripe, a watermarked portrait, a

windowed color–shifting thread, and a see–through number. Fears of counterfeit currency have led many storeowners to refuse any \$100 bill, making them unpractical for consumers. However, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police say retailers and consumers shouldn't worry. "Bank notes have security features that are reliable and easy to use," said Staff–Sgt. Paul Marsh.

Source: <http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Canada/2004/03/17/385656–cp.html>

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Transportation Sector

7. *March 18, The Trucker* — **Truckers say Natso wrong about parking situation.** Truck drivers — the people who actually must find a place to park their rigs each day or night — say Natso (National Association of Truck Stop Operators) is wrong when it stated there is no parking shortage. Natso stated that government funding to build more parking spaces was not needed since there is no shortage of truck parking spaces. Natso, which represents America's truck stops and travel plazas, urged the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to reject the provision. However, truck drivers don't agree. **Parking was already considered a problem by many drivers, especially in certain areas, before the new Hours of Service rules became effective January 4.**

Source: http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/03_04/0318_parking_reactio_n.html

8. *March 18, Star Telegram* — **American airlines offers good and bad news.** American Airlines' cost–cutting campaign is on track despite rising fuel prices, but revenue remains flat as competition intensifies, executives said Wednesday, March 17. The guidance, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, offered more evidence that Fort Worth–based American's financial footing has stabilized thanks to its aggressive drive to cut expenses, which included \$1.6 billion in annual concessions approved by employees last year. **But it also indicated that sustained profits will probably remain elusive as low–fare rivals and other carriers keep airfares at the lowest prices in decades. Competition is growing as more discount carriers target the coast–to–coast routes that had been among the most profitable for the major airlines.** In their report, executives blamed "intensifying competition, particularly on transcontinental routes, and the effects of significant increases in industry capacity" for the lagging revenue. The news came after several Wall Street analysts backed away from predictions of an industry recovery this year because of persistently high fuel prices, heavy competition from low–fare airlines and the inability of carriers like Delta Air Lines to win concessions from union–represented workers.

Source: <http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/business/8216703.htm>

9. *March 18, The Saint Paul Pioneer Press* — **NWA pilots ready to take cuts.** Northwest Airlines' union pilots are willing to be the first group of employees to give the struggling carrier the wage and other labor–cost breaks it says it needs to turn itself around. **But the pilots would expect stock, enhanced job security and other rewards for going first — and striking a deal before a bankruptcy becomes a real possibility for the Eagan–based airline, the leader of the pilots' union said Wednesday, March 17.** And they expect other employees to follow them in making sacrifices that bring their wages and work rules toward current industry standards. Pilots are weighing a proposal to give Northwest \$200 million a year in labor savings

through 2006. The savings would flow primarily from wage reductions and work–rule changes. At Northwest, pilots start at about \$35,000 annually. The most–senior pilots can make \$225,000 or so a year.

Source: <http://www.twincities.com/mld/pioneerpress/8212571.htm>

10. *March 18, U.S. Newswire* — **TSA and Florida team up to tighten seaport security.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Florida state House and Senate leaders, and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles announced a groundbreaking new partnership today to strengthen security at the State's seaports. **The partnership, formalized in a Memorandum of Agreement signed in mid–February, will define requirements for background checks and state–of–the–art identification credentials for truck drivers, dockworkers and others who require unescorted access to the secure areas of the seaports.** TSA will provide the infrastructure of the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC), which offers a giant leap in transportation security by balancing the needs of commerce and individual privacy with those of security. The program provides a high–tech credential that verifies workers' identities and ties each worker to a background check to ensure that high–risk individuals are denied access to sensitive areas of the nation's transportation system. By having one universally recognized credential, workers will no longer have to carry numerous cards or go through redundant background investigations to enter secure areas at multiple facilities.

Source: <http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=127–0318200 4>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

11. *March 17, Government Executive Magazine* — **Contractors take over security jobs at Agriculture facility. Private security guards have begun working at a Department of Agriculture research facility in the Washington area, despite protests from a federal employee union and two senators. The union and lawmakers have requested an investigation of Agriculture's decision to outsource the security work.** Guards from Metropolitan Protective Service Inc., a minority– and women–owned business based in Landover Hills, MD, this week started working alongside the federal employees who until now have protected the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, a 7,000–acre government facility in a northeast suburb of Washington, from property damage and other criminal activity. Senators Barbara Mikulski, D–MD, and Paul Sarbanes, D–MD, have asked the Department of Agriculture to halt the transition until the department's inspector general has a chance to investigate whether Agriculture gave federal employees involved in the public–private competition for 24 security positions a fair chance to defend their jobs. The American Federation of Government Employees has claimed that that Agriculture conducted a biased competition, overestimated the cost of keeping the current guards and did not give adequate

consideration to the security implications of outsourcing the work.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0304/031704a1.htm>

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Food Sector

12. *March 17, St. Louis Post–Dispatch* — **Poll uncovers illness at more St. Louis schools. St. Louis, MO, school officials are investigating reports of illnesses similar to those suffered by 45 students at Lafayette Elementary on Tuesday, March 16, in a suspected case of food poisoning.** Meanwhile, executives of the district's food service company, Aramark Corp., flew in from their headquarters in Philadelphia, PA, Wednesday, March 17, to discuss the problem with school and city health officials. After the outbreak at Lafayette, where dozens of students were vomiting and complaining of stomach pains, school officials polled other schools to find if there were similar problems. School district spokesperson Glynn Young said students at Buder, Hamilton, Monroe and Shenandoah complained of feeling sick after lunch. Teachers at Madison Elementary also said they felt ill. **City health officials are preparing to inspect the district's food warehouse,** Young said. Samples of Tuesday lunches have also been sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees school meal programs.

Source: <http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/0/7EE6A7426BC0979A86256E5A00689824?OpenDocument&Headline=Poll+uncovers+illness+at+more+St.+Louis+schools>

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Water Sector

13. *March 18, Washington Post* — **EPA urged to tighten rules on tap water. Congressional leaders urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Wednesday, March 17, to change its rules governing lead contamination of tap water,** saying the recent crisis in the District of Columbia (DC) has revealed multiple flaws in the federal regulations. In a seven–page letter to the EPA's top water administrator, Benjamin Grumbles, members of the House Government Reform Committee called the agency's regulations "weak" and urged major changes in the way local jurisdictions are required to test for lead, control corrosion of pipes and notify residents of contamination problems. **If the EPA enacts the recommended changes, utilities in every state likely would be required to increase testing and report more data to the federal agency.** More explicit public notification about potential health risks and incentives for replacing private portions of lead service lines also would be required. DC's experience has exposed flaws in the assumptions guiding the EPA's rules on detecting high lead levels and solving the problem. Required EPA tests, covering just 50 homes in DC, did not find the severity and breadth of the problem.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A2996-2004Mar17.html>

14. *March 18, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration* — **NOAA reports precipitation improves drought conditions in parts of West.** The 2003–2004 winter season produced bouts of extreme winter weather, but overall, the December–February season will go down in the

record books as near average for the nation, according to scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climatic Data Center in Asheville, NC. Winter precipitation in the western U.S. helped alleviate drought in some areas. **At its most recent peak in fall 2003, moderate-to-extreme drought had affected 80 percent of the West, but the affected areas fell to nearly 50 percent of the region by the end of February.** Although most reservoirs remained below average due to four to five years of warmer and drier-than-normal conditions in many parts of the region, this winter's precipitation resulted in average-to-above-average mountain snowpack levels in much of the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West at the end of February. However, **snowpack was below average in large areas of the Southwest and Rockies, and the most severe long-term drought impacts at the end of February were located in areas of the Southwest and parts of the Northern Rockies, especially southern Idaho and southwestern Montana.**

Source: <http://www.noaaneews.noaa.gov/stories2004/s2189.htm>

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Public Health Sector

15. *March 18, nature.com* — **Disease risk prompts UK blood-donor ban. The UK government is to ban people who have received blood transfusions in the past 24 years from donating blood, in order to reduce the risk of spreading vCJD, the human form of mad cow disease. The new move will exclude some 52,000 donors, prompting concern that vital bloodstocks will fall.** Health Secretary John Reid made the announcement yesterday, three months after the first suspected case of variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) being transmitted by a blood transfusion was announced. An unidentified patient developed the fatal, degenerative brain disease after receiving blood from a donor who subsequently died from vCJD. It is not known if the patient caught the disease from the transfusion or contracted it by eating infected meat. But researchers have long thought it possible for the disease to pass through blood transfusions. The ban will reduce this risk. "The risk of transmission through contaminated blood is exceedingly small," says infectious-diseases expert Roy Anderson from Imperial College, London. "But it is theoretically possible." Sheep injected with contaminated blood cells develop a CJD-like illness, he says. In December, the UK government said that 15 other people are known to have received blood from donors who subsequently developed vCJD. The patients have been contacted and informed about the theoretical risk.

Source: <http://www.nature.com/nsu/040315/040315-8.html>

16. *March 18, SignOnSanDiego.com* — **UCSD scientists find key link in bacterial illness.** Researchers at the University of California-San Diego (UCSD) have identified an important step involved in severe bacterial infections such as anthrax, bubonic plague and typhoid fever that overwhelm the body's immune system. **It appears that toxins in such bacteria hijack a protein in the immune system's white blood cells, prompting it to trigger a cascade of events that lead the cells to self-destruct, the scientists found. Without the cells, known as macrophages, the immune system loses its first line of defense and is unable to launch a full-scale assault against infection. Bacterial infections then can run rampant.** In their study, which appears today in the journal *Nature*, the scientists from the University of California San Diego found that mice genetically engineered without the protein, called PKR, retained healthy macrophages resistant to attack by several types of bacteria. **This also may**

apply to secondary infections that accompany severe cases of the flu. Bacterial infections that follow flu viruses kill tens of thousands of people a year. The UCSD paper is the first to identify a PKR connection to the runaway destruction of macrophage cells during bacterial infection, said Yale University researcher Akiko Iwasaki, who studies the role of innate immunity in viral infections.

Source: http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/education/20040318-9999-news_1m18anthrax.html

17. *March 18, Howard Hughes Medical Institute* — Experiments establish "protein-only" nature of prion infections. Two independent research groups have established conclusively that prions are proteins, and that they do not depend on genes or other factors for transmission of their traits. **According to the scientists, the studies answer a nagging question that had raised doubts among some researchers about the validity of the so-called "protein-only" hypothesis of prion infectivity.** The two research groups established that the strains could be accounted for by different misfolded conformations of the same protein. The researchers say this finding could contribute to better understanding of the functioning of disease-causing prions in animals and humans. Both groups published their findings in the March 18, 2004, issue of the journal *Nature*. Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator Jonathan S. Weissman at the University of California at San Francisco led one group. The other effort was led by Chi-Yen King at Florida State University. Both groups worked with yeast prions, which are similar to the mammalian prions known to cause fatal brain-destroying human diseases such as Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and kuru, and the animal diseases bovine spongiform encephalopathy ("mad cow disease") and scrapie.

Source: <http://www.hhmi.org/news/weissman3.html>

18. *March 18, HealthDayNews* — New way to treat hepatitis B? Swiss researchers have found that an enzyme can block reproduction of the hepatitis B vaccine, a discovery they say could lead to a new treatment for this dangerous liver infection. Their theory is that if the enzyme can block the genetically engineered hepatitis B proteins found in the vaccine, it might also work against the virus itself. More than 250 million people worldwide are infected with hepatitis B, which can cause cirrhosis and liver cancer. About 300,000 Americans contract the infection each year. In about 90 percent of such cases, the virus disappears after several months. Chronic infections are treated by injections of interferon and by two relatively new antiviral drugs, which are not completely effective. Chronic infection carries the risk of potentially fatal liver conditions. Now the researchers from the University of Geneva report in the March 19 issue of *Science* that an enzyme designated as APOBEC3G (understandably abbreviated to A3G) has blocked reproduction of the hepatitis B vaccine in laboratory-grown cell lines. **This is the first study to show that A3G can act against a DNA-containing virus such as hepatitis B, according to study author Dr. Didier Trono, chairman of microbiology and molecular medicine at Geneva.**

Source: <http://www.healthday.com/view.cfm?id=517971>

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Government Sector

19.

March 17, Government Executive Magazine — **Homeland Security bureau studies lessons of Spain bombings.** In the wake of deadly bombings in Spain last week, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) bureau is examining ways to beef up security, such as combing through databases for suspicious immigration patterns, protecting federal infrastructure or mobilizing explosives detection units, the agency's director said Wednesday. **Assistant Secretary Michael Garcia said ICE is waiting to receive initial results of the investigation into train bombs that killed 201 people last week in Madrid to determine how the bureau can help increase U.S. security efforts.** "We're going to have to look at what happened; look at what the vulnerabilities were, what the planning was, get the details on it and then look at that model and bring it back and go forward," Garcia said. "Right now, we're looking at rail security as [a border and transportation security] issue. Can we be of any help given our expertise in explosives detection?" **Garcia noted that ICE includes the Federal Protective Service, which guards about 8,800 federal facilities and uses canine explosives detection teams.** ICE is able to comb through databases to determine suspicious travel patterns in the United States, especially people who might have criminal records or be in violation of immigration laws.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0304/031704c1.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *March 18, The Pueblo Chieftain* — Quick response in Colorado. When a 900–pound tank of nitric acid exploded at the Air Products plant Monday afternoon, in Pueblo, CO, it triggered an immediate response from Pueblo city and county police, sheriff deputies, firefighters and other emergency workers. In this tense era of terrorism, it was reassuring to see our community's "first responders" act quickly and professionally, with smooth cooperation. District 70 officials also moved swiftly to evacuate children from the Baxter Child Care Center. **It was a case of practice paying off. Every year, those first responders practice dealing with mock disasters, often at the airport or some other location. And the drills usually generate only mild interest in the community. No more. Last week's train bombings in Madrid were another horrific reminder that we live in a dangerous world where terrorists are looking to wreak havoc and murder on people going about their lives.**

Source: <http://www.chieftain.com/editorial/1079593200/1>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

21. *March 18, vnunet.com* — OpenSSL patches denial of service flaws. The OpenSSL Project issued patches Wednesday, March 17, to fix two flaws that could leave secure servers open to denial of service (DoS) attacks. An advisory posted on the site warned that both vulnerabilities could allow a remote attacker, using a carefully crafted Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS) handshake against a server using the OpenSSL library, to cause OpenSSL to crash. Depending on the application this could lead to a DoS. These vulnerabilities have been fixed in OpenSSL 0.9.6m and 0.9.7d, available from the project's

Website: <http://www.openssl.org/>
Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/News/1153589>

22. *March 18, ZDNet UK* — **Bagle uses Outlook flaw to speed replication.** Until the appearance of Bagle variants Q, R and S, users had to click on an e-mailed attachment to be infected by the worm. The latest Bagle incarnation has done away with the attachment altogether and spreads when a vulnerable user opens the email using an unpatched version of Microsoft Outlook. **If their Outlook preview pane is open, the victim's machine will be compromised automatically.** Graham Cluley of Sophos said: "This has the potential to spread very quickly because so many people, particularly home users, have not applied the patches." Mikko Hyppönen of F-Secure said that **the latest variant uses a list of about 600 IP addresses, which all seem to be home computers connected to an ADSL service that have been infected by previous versions of Bagle.** These "zombie" machines have been updated and are now used to send copies of the new worm to any computer on which the victim uses a vulnerable copy of Outlook to view an infected email message. Outlook uses elements of Internet Explorer to render the HTML for its preview pane, so to avoid the new Bagle worms, users should apply a patch for Internet Explorer that Microsoft released in October 2003.
Source: <http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/0,39020369,39149406,00.htm>

23. *March 18, Federal Computer Week* — **ITAA creates wireless task force.** The Information Technology Association of America's (ITAA) Federal Committee has formed a wireless task force to keep organizations up to date on the capabilities of wireless data and voice technologies. "New and existing wireless technologies can be the difference between good federal computing solutions and exceptional ones," said ITAA President Harris Miller, in a statement. **"As our homeland security challenges broaden and diversify, ITAA sees an increased role for wireless.** Our federal committee, which has been dedicated to educating the government customer for many years, remains on the cutting edge by recognizing the need for wireless adaptation in the public sector, which can save money, time and increase government effectiveness."
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0315/web-ita-03-18-04.asp>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Alert Levels	
 AlertCon: 1 out of 4 https://gtoc.iss.net	 Security Focus ThreatCon: 1 out of 4 http://analyzer.securityfocus.com/
Current Virus and Port Attacks	
Virus:	#1 Virus in the United States: WORM_LOVGATE.G Source: http://wtc.trendmicro.com/wtc/wmap.html , Trend World Micro Virus Tracking Center [Infected Computers, North America, Past 24 hours, #1 in United States]

Top 10 Target Ports	3127 (mydoom), 135 (epmap), 80 (www), 445 (microsoft-ds), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 7100 (font-service), 1080 (socks), 3128 (squid-http), 6129 (dameware) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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General Sector

24. *March 19, CNN* — Taiwan's President and Vice President Shot While Campaigning for Saturday's Election. Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian and Vice President Annette Lu have been rushed to hospital after being shot while campaigning for Saturday's election. Chen was shot in the stomach at 0545 GMT Friday, but his office states that his condition is not critical. Lu's leg was grazed by a bullet. The presidential elections and a controversial referendum that China considers a harbinger for a vote on the island's independence will be held on Saturday. The referendum will ask voters to consider if China should reduce its military threat against the island. The Chinese government had no immediate public reaction to the news of the shootings. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/asiapcf/03/19/taiwan.chen/index.html>

25. *March 18, CNN* — Pakistanis prepare assault on al Qaeda fighters. The Pakistani military was preparing to launch a heavy air assault after sunrise Friday, March 19, on al Qaeda troops believed to be protecting a "high-value" leader near the Afghanistan border, Pakistani sources told CNN. **Intelligence indicated the surrounded figure is Ayman al-Zawahiri, al Qaeda's No. 2 leader, two Pakistani government sources told CNN. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said helicopter gunships and artillery were used Thursday to bombard the region in Waziristan, a remote region in northwestern Pakistan. He said the area surrounded has a perimeter of about 12 to 15 miles (20 to 25 kilometers). Musharraf did not name the al Qaeda figure believed to be surrounded, referring to him as a "high-value" target.** Government sources said 18 al Qaeda operatives and some tribesmen were captured two days ago, and the information they provided suggested al-Zawahiri was in the area. The sources said they were concerned the fighters could try to use the cover of darkness to flee across the border. While Pakistani forces are trying to seal off the area, they cannot not do so completely, the sources said. The 52-year-old al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian national, is considered to be Osama bin Laden's closest adviser and is viewed by many analysts as the operational brains behind the al Qaeda terror network. U.S. officials believe bin Laden may be within miles of al-Zawahiri. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/asiapcf/03/18/pakistan.alqaeda/index.html>

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