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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. *September 07, Miami Herald (FL)* — **Two and a half million wait for power.** With Frances finally moving out of its operating area, Florida Power & Light (FPL) had repair crews moving

quickly to restore service in the greatest outage the company has ever faced. **At 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 6, 1.5 million FPL customers were still without electricity. About another million customers of other utilities also had no power. Eighty percent of Palm Beach County was in the dark. After FPL crews had already restored service to 1.25 million customers, the first of 6,000 out-of-state repair workers arrived early Monday afternoon, and another 800 workers and equipment were on their way.** Palm Beach County continued to have severe problems. More than 538,000 customers were still without power. About 120,000 have had power restored. In Broward County, 196,700 customers still had no electricity, while 393,900 had power restored. And in Miami-Dade, 67,300 had no power. Workers had brought back service to 356,000. An FPL spokesperson said that because of the record power outage and the broad path of destruction, the restoration effort could be longer than the two weeks that were required to restore service to all of the area hit by Charley last month.

Source: <http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/state/9596990.htm>

- 2. *September 07, Bloomberg News* — BP, BHP evacuate workers from Trinidad rigs as Ivan approaches.** BP Plc, Europe's largest oil company, said it evacuated 500 non-essential workers from offshore rigs near Trinidad and Tobago as Hurricane Ivan approached the Caribbean country. BHP Billiton, Australia's biggest oil and gas company, and BG Group Plc, the U.K.'s third-largest natural gas producer, also evacuated workers. BP's evacuation reduced the company's Trinidad oil output to 30,000 barrels a day from 50,000 barrels a day, spokesperson Toby Odone said. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) production was unaffected as London-based BP left skeletal staffs on the rigs, he said. BHP, which is developing the Angostura offshore field, said it evacuated all non-essential personnel from its two drilling rigs Monday, August 6. **Trinidad and Tobago produces about 120,000 barrels of oil a day and is also the largest supplier of LNG to the U.S.**

Source: http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000086&sid=a2kSSEvtEfQU&refer=latin_america

- 3. *September 07, Pacific Gas and Electric Company* — Pacific Gas and Electric urges customers to conserve electricity.** According to the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), the Geysers Fire is affecting the power supply in the Santa Rosa, CA, area because 400-megawatts of geothermal generating units and four high-voltage transmission lines were taken off-line as fire fighters continue to battle the blaze. **As a result of the reduction in transmission capacity into the area, the ability to maintain the integrity of the local system is at-risk. If the local system is compromised, local outages may be necessary to protect the customers in the impacted area.** In this call for conservation, the California ISO requests that consumers watch their energy consumption, curtailing the use of electricity whenever possible, especially in the high demand afternoon hours from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Source: http://www.pge.com/news/news_releases/q3_2004/040907.html

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *September 07, Government Computer News* — **Air Force enhances airborne networking.** The Air Force has developed an interim Internet capability that will soon allow intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance forces to use their computers to send e-mail and attachments with critical enemy target information, images and coordinates. Airborne networking is a way for troops "to overcome a worldwide command and control problem," according to an Air Force news release. The Internet protocol connection will be possible at the air and space operations center and other sites via the worldwide Secret Internet Protocol Router Network (SIPRNet). It is an interim solution until the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) wideband network is rolled out, officials said. Low-rate initial production of JTRS begins next year.
Source: http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/27188-1.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *September 07, Channel NewsAsia* — **OCBC warns customers over Internet phishing scam.** Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation (OCBC) has informed the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Singapore Police Force that it has been hit by an Internet scam called **phishing**. The bank has sounded the alarm on an e-mail containing a hyperlink, which asks its recipients to perform an Internet banking account verification by entering their access code and Personal Identification Number or PIN. The e-mail circulated in the phishing scam claims to be part of the bank's verification process. However, OCBC says it is not its standard practice to conduct random security verification checks on customers. Neither is it the bank's practice to send e-mails to customers requesting them to provide their passwords, PIN or confidential account information via hyperlinks, redirection links within an e-mail or on a third party Website.
Source: http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/corporatenews/view/10_5416/1.html
6. *September 06, Detroit Free Press* — **Charities do detective work in war on terror.** Increasingly, private and corporate philanthropic foundations are checking charities and the people who run them against government watch lists before handing out a dollar. Most potential grant recipients never know they are checked against thousands of terror suspects' names and dozens of lists compiled by the U.S. government, the United Nations and foreign agencies. **The foundations are reacting to laws and guidelines enacted after the September 11, 2001, attacks to prevent terrorists from using nonprofit charities as a means of secretly raising money. Foundations fear that even an unintentional or indirect link to a terror group could ruin their reputations and cause the federal government to freeze assets.** The use of background checks is an emerging debate within the philanthropic community as thousands of smaller groups, taking cues from larger organizations, struggle with how to comply with the expanding universe of antiterrorism efforts. The problem, legal experts say, is that the new laws and rules lack clarity. No law explicitly requires foundations to check terrorist watch lists, but the government will hold foundations and charities accountable for

even unknowingly funding a terrorist cause.

Source: http://www.freep.com/news/mich/charity6e_20040906.htm

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Transportation Sector

7. *September 07, Department of Transportation* — **Transportation Secretary Mineta outlines plans to fight traffic.** The Bush Administration is promoting innovative, traffic-fighting solutions that will bring short-term relief to commuters and has proposed record levels of long-term investment in road and transit systems that would go even further in reducing congestion, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta said on Tuesday, September 7. Secretary Mineta's comments came as the Texas Transportation Institute prepared to release its annual report on road congestion. The Transportation Department's traffic solutions are helping ease congestion in numerous areas of the country. For example, at least 22,000 Seattle drivers each day check an Internet traffic map that provides real-time information on road conditions, helping motorists steer clear of trouble spots and better plan their trips. **Federal Highway Administrator Mary E. Peters, the nation's top highway official, said the Federal Highway Administration recently released a comprehensive study that for the first time linked the causes of congestion to proven solutions and focused on the need to make travel times reliable for motorists.** The report cites congestion-cutting solutions proposed by the Department that local officials around the country are using to help reduce travel time by drivers. The report is available at http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/congestion_report/index.htm. Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot16704.htm>

8. *September 07, New York Times* — **US Airways pilots reject wage and benefit cuts.** Leaders of the US Airways pilots' union rejected a bid to have pilots vote on a proposal by the airline for \$295 million in wage and benefit cuts, the union said early Tuesday, September 7. In a statement, US Airways said it was "profoundly disappointed that the actions of a few prevent our pilots from making their own decisions. Nevertheless, we remain firmly committed to reaching an agreement that is responsive to our pilots' needs, but also meets our required financial target," the statement said. **Support by the pilots for concessions is critical for the struggling airline to win agreement from other unions on wage and benefit cuts it says are needed to avoid a second bankruptcy. US Airways has said unless it gets a total of \$800 million in concessions from its 28,000 employees by the end of September, it is likely to seek bankruptcy protection.** US Airways is seeking a third round of concessions from its employees, on top of two sets of cuts granted while the airline was in bankruptcy protection. US Airways, which emerged from bankruptcy in April 2003, is trying to transform itself into a low-cost airline so that it can compete with rivals like Southwest and JetBlue. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/09/07/business/07usair.html?hp>

9. *September 07, Associated Press* — **South Carolina sheriff wants to inspect trucks for terror threats.** With budget cuts thinning the ranks of the State Transport Police, Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon wants his deputies to have the authority to check truck cargo for terror and other threats. **The Port of Charleston is the nation's fourth-busiest container port and the State Transport Police patrol roads and inspect big rigs for problems.** But budget cuts have left fewer transport officers on the highways and, since late March, accidents involving big

trucks have claimed five lives in the Charleston area. Cannon has set up a commercial vehicle enforcement unit to watch for traffic violations by truckers, bus drivers and other commercial drivers. He wants the unit to check cargo and inspect trucking logs as well. That would likely require a change in state law or an agreement authorizing deputies to act for the State Transport Police.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/article/article.jsp?id=16772&siteSection=1>

10. *September 07, Monterey County Herald (CA)* — **Cruise ship security tightened.** Owners of dinghies at Monterey, CA's Fisherman's Wharf will be subject to new Homeland Security measures when cruise ships anchor in the harbor, including eight visits over the next three months. **Harbormaster Stephen Scheiblaue** said the regulations are part of a "facilities security plan" required by the Homeland Security Act for ports that manage visitors from large, foreign-flagged ships. In Monterey's case, that means cruise ships. And for owners of dinghies moored at the wharf that welcomes cruise passengers, that means they will have to show identification to use the wharf when the ships are in town. Scheiblaue said the regulations are meant to keep track of who gets on and off the cruise ship shuttle boats and to ensure that those who reboard the ships are the same passengers who disembarked. "All manners of transportation are considered to be potential targets (of terrorism), so the Homeland Security Act is very broad and deals with all manner of risks," said Scheiblaue.

Source: <http://www.montereyherald.com/mld/montereyherald/news/9598994.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *September 07, CIO* — **Mailroom security.** Although 22 infections and five fatalities were eventually attributed to the 2001 anthrax attacks, three years have faded much of that initial fear. Many of the precautions that companies put in place were phased out after the initial crisis passed, and in most companies the mailroom work is once again considered just another rote administrative task with few or no security implications. "It's out of sight, out of mind," says senior vice president with Executive Protection Systems (EPS), a security consultancy that provides WMD protection equipment, training and services to the U.S. Congress and Department of Defense, Mike Guevremont, who estimates that only three to five percent of private industry is currently prepared to handle a mail-borne security threat. Since the attacks, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has taken the lead in educating private companies about the standards and practices that are fundamental to mail security, offering onsite consultations to help companies improve their security procedures. Thomas Day, vice president of engineering for the USPS, has seen his job transformed by the anthrax attacks from a focus on expediting the movement of mail to strengthening the Postal Service's defences against future attacks. **Day says CSOs have an important role to play in ensuring mail security. But that message has yet to be received in many security departments.**

Source: <http://cio-asia.com/pcio.nsf/0/32AF33CA52FE630E48256F0800CF19A?OpenDocument>

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Agriculture Sector

12. *September 07, Reuters* — **EU may allow sale of GM seeds. The European Commission is likely to authorize the first genetically modified (GM) seeds for commercial use across European Union (EU) territory this week, in the face of widespread consumer resistance to biotech crops.** No biotech seeds have so far been approved at EU level, but some national authorizations exist in countries such as France and Spain. This means that only farmers in those countries can buy and then plant the approved seeds. However, under an established legal procedure, once an EU state gives the green light for a seed to be sold on its territory — and assuming all EU legislation is complied with — the Commission is obliged eventually to extend that authorisation onto an EU-wide basis. At a meeting on Wednesday, September 8, the EU executive will discuss entering 17 different strains of Monsanto's 810 maize into what is called the Common Catalogue — the EU's overall seed directory that includes all national seed catalogues. The parent maize seed, engineered to resist certain insects, won EU approval for cultivation just before the bloc began its ban on new GMO approvals in 1998 that lasted nearly six years. At present, very few "live" GM crops may be grown in the EU. Also likely to be on their agenda is a draft law on how much GM material may be tolerated without labelling in batches of conventional seed.

Source: <http://www.reuters.co.uk/newsArticle.jhtml?type=scienceNews&storyID=6159908§ion=news>

13. *September 07, Illinois Ag Connection* — **Virus detected in deer.** A virus has killed white-tailed deer in four Illinois counties and is suspected of causing the death of deer in five others, the state Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources reported Friday, September 3. **Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), an often-fatal virus that causes high fever and severe internal bleeding, has been confirmed in Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, and Wayne counties, and is considered the probable cause of unexplained herd deaths in Macon, Pope, Sangamon, Shelby, and Vermilion counties.** "All the confirmed cases have occurred in captive deer herds, but wild deer are included among the suspected cases where the cause of death hasn't been determined," State Veterinarian Dr. Colleen O'Keefe said. "One farm, in Effingham County, lost 17 of its 22 deer to the disease." Other wild ruminants also are susceptible, including elk, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep. Domestic animals such as livestock may become infected, but rarely exhibit signs of the disease or develop serious illness.

Source: http://www.illinoisagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=706&y_r=2004

14. *September 07, Delta Farm Press* — **New form of mastitis found. A form of mastitis previously unreported in Louisiana, mycoplasma, has been detected and could prove costly to the state's \$72 million dairy industry if not contained.** The Louisiana State University (LSU) AgCenter, in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, has been testing every dairy herd in the state since March. The tests will continue until March 2005. Milk from cows with severe mastitis is not allowed in milk that is sold to the public, said Gary Hay, an LSU AgCenter dairy expert. About 829 million pounds of milk were sold by Louisiana milk processing plants in 2003. Maxwell Lea, state veterinarian with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, said so far mycoplasma mastitis has been found in only four of Louisiana's 312 dairy herds since testing began in March. There is no treatment for mycoplasma mastitis, which is spread primarily from cow to cow during the

milking process.

Source: <http://deltafarmpress.com/news/090704-mastitis-found-louisiana/>

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

15. *September 07, Associated Press* — **In-sewer sensors. Engineers at the University of Notre Dame are developing arrays of bacteria-sniffing sensors that could help cities reduce damaging overflows of raw human waste when storms swamp their antiquated sewer systems.** Their idea, to be tested next year in South Bend, Indiana's sewers, is to pair wireless sensors with communications nodes linked to remotely activated "smart valves" that would close off select sewer pipes during wet weather. The sensor networks the researchers envision could give about 800 cities nationwide plagued by discharges a real-time picture of where and how much wastewater is in their sewers and let them better forecast overflows. A top goal of the two million dollar project is creating technology to allow cities to fully use the storage potential of their sewer pipes.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/articles/4/176747-2424-009.html>

16. *September 07, El Paso Times (TX)* — **Smugglers use tunnels.** Illegal drugs were seized from a storm drain tunnel. Splashing sounds coming from a manhole cover in El Paso, TX, on Sunday, September 5, led to a marijuana seizure and the arrest of two suspected smugglers, Border Patrol officials said. The men allegedly abandoned a bag with 328 pounds of marijuana inside a drainage tunnel at Olive and Dallas streets. **Officials said tunnel smuggling is also becoming more popular. Border Patrol officials said smuggling attempts of drugs and undocumented immigrants through El Paso's more than 600 miles of storm drains, which are accessible through openings along the dry bed of the Rio Grande, occur weekly.**

Officials said the practice is dangerous, and three people have died in storm drains since 1993.

In April, three scuba divers were charged with criminal mischief for prying open a tunnel's gates in the Lower Valley in what is believed to have been a botched drug smuggling attempt.

Source: http://www.borderlandnews.com/stories/borderland/20040907-16_5696.shtml

17. *September 07, St. Petersburg Times (FL)* — **Acidic spill. At least 41 million gallons of contaminated water have spilled from a Riverview, FL, phosphate plant into a creek that leads to Hillsborough Bay. Another 20-million could end up in the creek by Tuesday, September 7, officials said.** Cargill Crop Nutrition, a fertilizer manufacturer, mixed the highly acidic wastewater with a neutralizing agent, hoping to minimize its environmental impact. Company and government officials also counted on heavy rainfall brought by Frances to help dilute the polluted water. But initial test results show the creek water was much more acidic than normal. **The problem was caused when a dike at the top of a 100-foot-high gypsum stack holding 150 million gallons of polluted water broke Sunday, September 5, after**

waves driven by Hurricane Frances bashed the dike's southwest corner. The water streamed from a 60-foot opening at the top of the stack down its side and into a stormwater ditch that runs around its 400-acre base. Cargill decided to open a valve and release water from the ditch into Archie Creek, after consulting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Source: http://www.sptimes.com/2004/09/07/Hillsborough/Acidic_spill_tops_41_.shtml

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Public Health Sector

18. *September 07, Reuters* — Vietnam says bird flu kills boy. Vietnam officials said on Tuesday, September 7, initial tests showed a 14-month-old boy died from bird flu, but it was unclear if the child was infected with the same H5N1 strain of the virus that killed 19 people in the country earlier this year. "We have found this is the type A H5 virus," Tran Duc Long, deputy director of the Health Ministry's legal department said. He said the boy, from the outskirts of the capital city Hanoi, died on Sunday, September 6, from pneumonia. The World Health Organization said it had not received any official report of the death. Eight people in Thailand also died of the H5N1 bird flu virus this year. In early August Vietnam reported three human deaths from the H5 virus and was only able to confirm the N1 component two weeks later. There are 15 sub-types of influenza virus known to infect birds but the H5N1 strain is deadly to humans.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/HAN28598.htm>

19. *September 07, Associated Press* — Two hospitalized with Malaysian bird flu. Two people were under hospital observation in northern Malaysia with flu-like symptoms Tuesday, September 7, as the country fought to contain the second case of deadly bird flu in two weeks. The patients, a 10-year-old boy who lived near the affected house and a veterinary worker, displayed fever, cough, and diarrhea, and doctors were watching for signs of the potentially lethal H5N1 strain of bird flu, the Health Ministry said in a statement. **The two were among more than 800 people screened for signs of the illness after chickens and quail were found dead of suspected H5N1 in the Kampung Belian area.** Health Minister Chua Soi Lek said officials were awaiting the results of tests to see if the patients had H5N1 and called their hospitalization "a preventive measure." A new six mile quarantine zone is being imposed for 21 days around the site of the latest reported case, said Hawari Hussein, director-general of the veterinary service. The area, near Malaysia's northern border with Thailand, is believed to have been infected by smuggled fighting cocks. The H5N1 bird flu strain has killed at least 27 people in Vietnam and Thailand this year, and about 100 million chickens have died of the disease or been culled to stop it spreading.

Source: <http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/newssentinel/9599787.htm>

20. *September 07, Medical News Today* — Defensive action by influenza viruses demonstrated. Combating viruses is often a frustrating business. Find a way to destroy them — and before you know it, they've found a way to defend themselves and neutralize the anti-viral treatment. In an article published in the journal *Proteins*, a Hebrew University of Jerusalem researcher, Isaiah Arkin, has revealed just how influenza-causing viruses adapt to nullify the effectiveness of the anti-viral drug symmetrel (generic name). **The revelation can have significant**

consequences in leading drug researchers to develop new and more effective means to block influenza and other viruses in the future. Administered at an early stage at the onset of flu symptoms, symmetrel is intended to destroy the virus by binding to and blocking a proton-conducting channel which the virus needs in order to continue functioning and multiplying. Rather than conceding defeat, however, the virus takes its own counteractions -- either by narrowing its channel to the extent that the blocking element in the drug is unable to bind and create a seal, or by widening its channel so that the blocker can get in, but can't totally seal the channel.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=12996>

21. *September 06, Reuters* — **West Nile fever more severe than formerly thought. West Nile fever is not simply a three to six day disease with limited symptoms, but rather a severe illness that can incapacitate people for a month or longer, findings from a new study indicate.** "We found that West Nile fever was quite a bit more severe than had previously been recognized," lead author John T. Watson, from the Chicago Department of Public Health, said. The typical time needed "for patients to get back to a point considered normal was 60 days and about a third of patients required hospitalization." The findings, which appear in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, are based on a survey of 98 patients who survived a 2002 outbreak of West Nile virus infection in Illinois. All of the subjects had lab tests confirming their infection, but none had symptoms of encephalitis. Although the duration of fever was typically just five days, other symptoms persisted for much longer. For example, fatigue, headache, muscle weakness, and difficulty concentrating were all common symptoms that lasted for about 36, 10, 28, and 14 days, respectively. **Sixty-three percent of subjects still reported symptoms 30 days after becoming infected.**

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=6161869>

22. *September 06, Duke Medical News* — **Cold virus can cause polio in mice. Virologists at Duke University Medical Center have discovered that, under the right conditions, a common cold virus closely related to poliovirus can cause polio in mice.** The researchers injected a cold virus called Coxsackievirus A21 into mice that were engineered to be susceptible to this particular virus. However, instead of developing a cold, the mice unexpectedly displayed paralytic symptoms characteristic of polio. The researchers determined that administering the virus directly into muscles, instead of the virus's normal home in the nasal cavity, was critical for development of polio. The findings challenge traditional views as to what defines a poliovirus, said Matthias Gromeier, a Duke virologist and senior author of the study. "In principle, Coxsackieviruses could cause polio in humans," said Gromeier. **"We are in the process of eradicating polio worldwide, but if we eliminate the poliovirus and cease polio vaccinations, our immune systems wouldn't produce antibodies against polio, and Coxsackievirus could theoretically fill the niche of eradicated polio" he said.** Until now, it has been widely accepted that Coxsackievirus and poliovirus cause distinct illnesses because they bind to different docking sites. Results of the study will be published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Source: http://www.dukemednews.org/news/top_story.php

23. *September 04, Trentonian (NJ)* — **Hundreds exposed to African virus. New Jersey Transit commuters and international air travelers were exposed to a Trenton, NJ, man who was killed by a deadly African fever a week ago. The rarely seen in the U.S. African virus**

known as Lassa fever is spread through sneezes and other bodily fluids, but the man spent long periods of time confined in self-contained airplane cabins and transit railcars. New Jersey health officials revealed Friday, September 3, that the man may have infected people on two international flights and a Transit commuter train as he traveled from Africa to his Trenton home. According to state health officials, the man traveled to Liberia and Sierra Leone on business over the past five months. After he became ill from the infection, he decided to return home to Trenton. The man departed Sierra Leone on August 23, 2004 onboard Astraeus Airlines flight 72 — a plane with as many as 150 people onboard. Flight 72 arrived at London's Gatwick Airport at about 7:45 a.m., local time. The man had a four hour layover inside Gatwick Airport. He boarded Continental Airlines Flight 29, on August 24, and arrived in Newark, NJ, at 3:20 p.m. on the same afternoon. He then boarded a New Jersey Transit train bound for Trenton on August 24.

Source: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=12852243&BRD=1697&PAG=461&dept_id=44551&rft=6

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Government Sector

24. *September 07, Department of Homeland Security* — **An overview of America's security since 9/11.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has published a Fact Sheet discussing how the country has made strides toward improving the security of the homeland since September 11th. **Whether by land, sea, or air, it is now substantially more difficult for terrorists to enter the United States; homeland security professionals are sharing information like never before; and America's citizens are better prepared for a natural disaster or terrorist attack.** For example, air travel is safer now than ever before due to the layered security DHS has put in place – hardened cockpit doors on 100% of large passenger aircraft, vulnerability assessments at over 75 of the nation's largest airports, 100% of all checked baggage is screened, deployment of thousands of federal air marshals and a professionally trained screener workforce which has intercepted more than 12.4 million prohibited items since their inception. In addition, a robust screening system is in place for all international flights into the United States, and all passenger names for domestic flights are checked against an expanded terrorist watch lists. For the text of Secretary Tom Ridge's remarks on "America Since 9/11: Stronger, Safer, Better," see <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3987>
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3988>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *September 07, Government Technology* — **Indiana Governor announces new homeland security training site.** Indiana Governor Joe Kernan has announced an agreement that includes the creation of a homeland security training center at the Muscatatuck State Development Center. "Muscatatuck provides a ready-made, first-of-its-kind training center for military and civilian security agencies," Kernan said. "Not only will this help strengthen homeland security efforts, but this use of the facility will also bring new opportunities to Jennings County."

Through a memorandum of understanding between the state of Indiana, the military department of Indiana and Purdue University, the state will transfer 850 acres including the Muscatatuck State Development Center facility, as well as the Brush Creek reservoir and an additional tract of land south of the reservoir, for use as a training center to be operated by the Indiana National Guard. **Operation of the center will begin in the summer of 2005. It will offer homeland defense and security training for federal, regional, state and local military and civilian agencies.** "Our primary intent is to simulate real-world urban scenarios through real and virtual training for first responders involved in counter-terrorism operations," said Adjutant General Martin Umbarger of the Indiana National Guard.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=91387>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

26. *September 06, Secunia* — **Tutti Nova unspecified vulnerabilities.** Various unspecified vulnerabilities with an unknown impact exist in Tutti Nova. Successful exploitation reportedly requires that "register_globals" is enabled. Upgrade to version 1.0:

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=28405

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/12467/>

27. *September 06, Secunia* — **gnubiff POP3 buffer overflow and denial of service vulnerabilities.** Two vulnerabilities exist in gnubiff, which potentially can be exploited to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) or compromise a vulnerable system. An unspecified boundary error exists within the POP3 functionality. This can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow and may potentially allow execution of arbitrary code. Update to version 2.0.0 or later:

http://sourceforge.net/project/showfiles.php?group_id=94176

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/12445/>

28. *September 06, Computerworld* — **Federal audit raises doubts about IRS security system.** Software performance and functionality problems continue to plague the Security Audit and Analysis System (SAAS) designed to detect hacking and other unauthorized activities on computers at the Internal Revenue Service, according to auditors within the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The problems are limiting the ability of business managers and IT security workers at the IRS to identify improper uses of new applications that provide online tax services and information about refunds, the auditors said in a report issued last month by the Office of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. **"Not having an effective audit-trail review process is a significant security weakness that should weigh heavily on whether to accredit future modernization applications," the report said.** Daniel Galik, chief of mission assurance for the IRS, said that the system met all defined requirements and passed all tests before it was accepted. Galik wrote that the IRS is taking steps to correct the system problems and expects all the major components of SAAS to be fully functional by the end of October.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,95705,00.html>

29. *September 06, eWeek* — **IT labor boomerangs back home.** For all its promise of cost savings,

enterprises disillusioned and dissatisfied with offshoring IT labor are starting to bring that work home. Language barriers, time zone differences and even unscheduled overtime are just some of the issues causing some U.S.–based enterprises increased frustration and pushing them to not just reconsider their offshoring policies but scrap them outright. **A recent survey by Boston–based IT research company AMR Research Inc. reported that less than one–third of the 220 companies surveyed that currently outsource some IT work are satisfied with the cost savings enjoyed by the process.** Still, AMR predicts that the number of companies that will use IT outsourcing in the next two years will grow significantly. While large software developers such as Oracle Corp. and SAP have shifted a lot of internal development to places such as India and China, some vendors are finding that "Made in the U.S.A." has a certain cachet.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1759.1642853.00.asp>

30. September 03, Federal Computer Week — CIO Council releases info–sharing guide. Federal managers received new policy guidelines this week to help them minimize risks when sharing sensitive information online. **The guidelines, issued by the federal Chief Information Officers Council, are supposed to help federal decision–makers balance the often–conflicting demands to guarantee information security and privacy and against demands to carry out their agencies' missions.** For federal managers who are developing new information systems, the guidelines urge thinking about data privacy and data security as early as possible and at the highest levels possible. In an era of extensive information sharing, "information assurance specialists by themselves can no longer be charged to protect enterprise resources," the guidelines state. If agency managers follow the guidelines, they will find security and privacy controls affecting all aspects of information systems development and operations, including how they measure their systems performance, engineer workflow, design directory information, achieve interoperability and exchange data.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0830/web-fea-09-03-04.a.sp>

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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.	
US–CERT Operations Center Synopsis: The US–CERT Operations Center strongly encourages Windows XP users to upgrade to Service Pack 2 if they have not already done so. SP2 offers significant protection against many of the emergent attacks that target Browser Helper Objects and Cross Domain Vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer. See http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/alerts/SA04-243A.html for more information.	
Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	135 (epmap), 445 (microsoft-ds), 137 (netbios-ns), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 2277 (---), 9898 (dabber), 5554 (sasser-ftp), 22 (ssh), 1026 (nterm), 3127 (mydoom)

Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

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