



# Department of Homeland Security IAIP Directorate Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 25 February 2005

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is  
**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS  
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## Daily Highlights

- Reuters reports the United States and Russia have agreed to enhance nuclear security cooperation in a effort to counter evolving terrorist threats. (See item [1](#))
- Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health in a report states that for a number of reasons, subway systems are vulnerable to a range of health and safety hazards, both naturally occurring as well as man-made. (See item [8](#))
- The Associated Press reports the U.S. government is getting ready to test a bird flu vaccine, and will be stockpiling both vaccine and antiviral drugs as the threat grows that a deadly strain of avian influenza will begin spreading from Asia. (See item [20](#))

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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. **February 24, Reuters** — **U.S., Russia agree on nuclear security.** The United States and Russia agreed Thursday, February 24, to enhance nuclear security cooperation. In a joint statement issued by President Bush and Vladimir Putin, the two leaders said that the goal of the agreement was to "counter the evolving terrorist threats." They vowed to work together on international measures to protect nuclear material and to share information on how to best improve security at nuclear facilities. "Building on our earlier work, we announce today our

intention to expand and deepen cooperation on nuclear security with the goal of enhancing the security of nuclear facilities in our two countries and, together with our friends and allies, around the globe," they added. They said they would convene this year a senior-level nuclear security workshop to foster disciplined, well-trained and responsible custodians and security personnel and well-maintained security systems.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=politicsNews&storyID=7729721>

- 2. February 24, Associated Press — First weapons-to-fuel nuclear shipment made to nuclear reactor.** The first shipment of commercial reactor fuel made from the government's stockpile of weapons-grade uranium has arrived at a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) nuclear station in Alabama, ready for loading this spring. The delivery comes more than seven years after TVA, the nation's largest public utility, struck a deal with the Department of Energy to put surplus Cold War weapons material to use generating electricity for TVA's residential and business customers. Over the next four years, 39 metric tons of highly enriched uranium will be diluted or "downblended" into low-enriched commercial reactor fuel for TVA's Browns Ferry station near Athens, AL. That's enough to provide electricity to every household in the United States for 122 days. For TVA, it will be more than enough for 10 reactor refuelings, which occur every 18 months to two years. DOE is spending about \$500 million on the project -- and that's estimated to be about half the cost of continuing to store or dispose of the material. The first shipment arrived January 23. Most of the uranium comes from the Savannah River Site in South Carolina and the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge, TN.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Enviro/03EnviroENV01022405.htm>

- 3. February 24, L.A. Daily News (CA) — Power shortage possible for parts of California.** Much of Southern California could be at risk for rolling blackouts like those in the 2000-2001 energy crisis if August and September are unusually hot, state energy officials warn. Last summer, California's electricity consumption set records seven times despite average temperatures, and peak demand was at a level not expected to occur until 2006, the California Energy Commission said. If temperatures this year reach levels that occur once every decade, electricity demand in August and September could outstrip supply in areas served by Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas and Electric, the commission said. If summer temperatures are average, power supplies should be adequate, state officials said, but they are still worried about the possibility of breakdowns at plants, less imported electricity than expected, or forest fires affecting high-power lines. In the Pacific Northwest, where hydroelectric dams produce power that gets sent to California, low rainfall and a scanty snowpack this year have Seattle residents worried about drought. The Northwest had a drought in 2001, contributing to California's power woes. Northern California's energy reserves are expected to be sufficient, even in unusually hot weather, for at least two years, commission forecasters said.

Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/Stories/0.1413.200~20943~2728683.00.html>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

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*February 24, 9 News (CO)* — **Tanker spills thousands of gallons of fuel in Colorado.** A tanker truck rolled over in Denver, CO, during the morning commute Thursday, February 24, causing thousands of gallons of diesel fuel to spill and sending the driver to the hospital. The accident happened around 5:45 a.m., at the junction of southbound I-25 and eastbound I-76. The tanker appears to have tipped as it went around the sharp curve. Colorado State Patrol Trooper Eric Wynn says the truck was carrying about 5,000 gallons of fuel, much of which poured out of the tanker, forming a pool nearby. A hazardous materials crew was brought in to soak up the diesel.

Source: [http://www.9news.com/acm\\_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJECTID=45407246-0abe-421a-018a-f7128460cb15&TEMPLATEID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf](http://www.9news.com/acm_news.aspx?OSGNAME=KUSA&IKOBJECTID=45407246-0abe-421a-018a-f7128460cb15&TEMPLATEID=0c76dce6-ac1f-02d8-0047-c589c01ca7bf)

5. *February 24, KUTV (UT)* — **Chemical leak forces evacuation of 600 people.** A leak in a large tank holding hydrogen peroxide forced the evacuation of 600 people Thursday, February 24, at a warehouse on the west side of Salt Lake City, UT. One person was taken to the hospital with symptoms of exposure to the chemical. Symptoms include a sore throat and headache — but fire department spokesperson Dennis McKone says it is nothing that would be considered life threatening. Hazardous material teams from Salt Lake City and West Valley City have been called in to mitigate the problem.

Source: [http://kutv.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_055120031.html](http://kutv.com/topstories/local_story_055120031.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

6. *February 24, Aging Aircraft Public Affairs* — **Aging aircraft are looked at closely.** As the topic of aging aircraft matures, professionals in the aviation industry will have to pay more attention to the emerging issues. The attendance at a recent conference on aging aircraft not only increased 39 percent over last year, it is an indication that slowly but surely, engineers, technicians, maintainers and others involved in the aircraft community worldwide are coming to grips with aging aircraft issues. "People have taken to heart that these are issues that are not going away," said Bob Ernst, the head of Naval Air Systems Command's (NAVAIR) Aging Aircraft Integrated Products Team (AAIPT). Issues such as obsolescence and diminishing manufacturer sources and material shortages (DMSMS) are particular problems of AAIPT and NAVAIR, especially since operations tempo has increased along with the average age of the Navy's aircraft. These were issues that were brought to the fore at the conference. "The Department of the Navy estimates the cost of obsolescence and DMSMS is \$750 million," said Capt. Mike Ahern, head of Resources and Policy for NAVAIR. Ahern said, "Right now, for the first time, the average age of our aircraft is older than the average age of our ships, and that's pretty amazing."

Source: [http://www.dcmilitary.com/navy/tester/10\\_08/national\\_news/33493-1.html](http://www.dcmilitary.com/navy/tester/10_08/national_news/33493-1.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *February 24, Anti-Phishing Working Group* — **Group reports increase in phishing attacks.** The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) on Thursday, February 24, reported that phishers are commanding ever larger arrays of co-opted Internet infrastructure and using it to take aim apparently at smaller financial institutions. "It could mean the counter-phishing systems that big banks have deployed are effective and the phishers are moving onto softer targets. It could mean the phishers have enough resources to target institutions in which the probabilities of getting a hit on a broad spam-based attack is relatively low," said APWG Chairman David Jevans. In January, there were 12,845 new, unique phishing e-mail messages reported to the APWG, an increase of 42% over the unique reports for December. Over the past two months, more worrying to the financial sector, has been the proliferation of banking and financial services attack targets. In January, the number of reported hijacked brands rose to 64, including nine brands first reported this month — eight of them financial institutions," the APWG reported. This comes after December's report in which eight of nine other newly phished brands that month were also held by financial institutions. The report is available at: [http://antiphishing.org/APWG\\_Phishing\\_Activity\\_Report-January2005.pdf](http://antiphishing.org/APWG_Phishing_Activity_Report-January2005.pdf)  
Source: [http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news\\_view&newsId=20050224005631&newsLang=en](http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20050224005631&newsLang=en)

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *February 24, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health* — **Major review of subway systems suggests potential for significant health and safety hazards.** Although information on subway safety is generally very limited, a new paper by safety experts at the Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health provides the first comprehensive look at health and safety hazards that might affect both riders and subway workers. Findings of the report, "Health and Safety Hazards Associated with Subways," by Dr. Robyn Gershon will appear in the March Journal of Urban Health, a publication of the New York Academy of Medicine. The report indicates that while subways in general are relatively safe, especially in comparison to automobile use, a number of concerns remain. For a number of reasons, subway systems are vulnerable to a range of health and safety hazards, both naturally occurring as well as man-made," states Gershon, associate professor of Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School. The Director of the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia's Mailman School, Dr. Irwin Redlener thinks that subways make a likely target, because, as he states, "not only would large numbers of people be victimized by such an attack, but the urban community itself would be adversely affected." The urban infrastructure, including the subways, remains one of the top priorities of the Department of Homeland Security, Redlener points out.  
Source: <http://www.mailman.hs.columbia.edu/news/gershon-subways.html>
9. *February 24, Associated Press* — **Discount carriers, location key to small airports' success.** Ohio's Akron-Canton Airport and other small to midsize airports are taking business from larger hubs with a formula for success that starts with a discount airline. Add in proximity to a big metro area, light traffic and short lines and the passengers seem to follow. Akron-Canton has tripled its number of passengers in the last 10 years to nearly 1.4 million last year. Except for 2001, Akron-Canton's passenger traffic has increased every year since AirTran Airways began flying from there in 1996. Low-fare airliners have been the key to success for smaller

airports, said Richard V. Butler, professor of economics at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. Passengers are attracted to the low fares and rival carriers then are drawn in to compete for the traffic that's been generated. It's the same story at Bishop International Airport in Flint, MI, which topped one million passengers last year. AirTran spokesperson Judy Graham-Weaver said the company chose Akron-Canton and Flint because they were in underserved markets with high fares. Both also have a great location. Akron-Canton is just 50 miles from Cleveland. Bishop is 70 miles from Detroit and the closest airport to booming Oakland County.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2005-02-24-small-airport\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2005-02-24-small-airport_x.htm)

10. *February 24, The Day (CT)* — **Coast Guard seeks security restrictions for national drill plan.** The U.S. Coast Guard wants to establish temporary security zones around Fort Trumbull and Ocean Beach, CT, during the upcoming TOPOFF national-security exercises that will take place in April. The areas that would be declared off-limits from April 2-10 would encompass the Fort Trumbull state park and its piers and adjacent waters of the Thames River about 100 yards from the park. In addition, a safety zone is being proposed for Ocean Beach that would encompass the waters of Long Island Sound about 100 yards off the beach area. The safety zones, according to the Coast Guard proposal, would prohibit both vessels and people from entering the area unless they were authorized by the captain of the port of Long Island Sound or a designated representative. The TOPOFF, or Top Officials, exercise will be held from April 4-10. The expansive exercise will involve the region's emergency services and is the third of the congressionally mandated weapons of mass destruction national exercises.  
Source: <http://www.theday.com/eng/web/news/re.aspx?re=E160F0B0-7AD6-4D41-87FD-A34047959EF5>

11. *February 24, USA TODAY* — **Demands of the job strain airport screeners, air security.** Security screeners at airports have one of the highest injury rates in the nation. The bulk of the injuries reported are to luggage screeners, who often work in basements or other locations that keep them out of public view. Injured workers at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), more than two-thirds of whom are screeners, missed nearly a quarter-million days of work last year. The lost job time has contributed to a staffing shortage that has strained checkpoint security and lengthened lines at airports. That absenteeism rate raises new worries about aviation security. Among the problems caused by the staffing shortages: (1) repeated violations of a post-9/11 law requiring all checked luggage to be screened with bomb-detection machines — often because workers weren't available to operate the devices; (2) missed training for screeners, which the former Department of Homeland Security inspector general blames for recent failures to detect weapons and explosives; (3) extensive overtime that increases fatigue and turnover; and (4) a \$67 million cost to taxpayers from July 2002 to June 2004 to cover wages and medical expenses for injured screeners.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-02-23-tsa-strained\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-02-23-tsa-strained_x.htm)

12. *February 23, Information Week* — **Homeland Security keeps focus on the sky.** When the Office of Air and Marine Operations (AMO) upgraded its IT infrastructure last year, it was the first step in the agency's plans to secure the nation's airspace. Now AMO, part of the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection agency, is looking to leverage its tech-savvy speed and power to give law enforcement and antiterrorism agents a more complete picture of nationwide radar activity. AMO wants to implement by the end of the June a software-development strategy that will let the organization's Air and Marine

Operations Center in Riverside, CA, transform radar-surveillance data feeds from agencies as diverse as the Department of Defense, the Federal Aviation Administration, and 20 regional Air Route Traffic Control Centers into a comprehensive data map of airborne activity over the United States and the Caribbean. This would include an application that analyzes aircraft flight plans against actual flight patterns and can automatically alert operation center staff when an aircraft deviates from its flight plan. The Bush administration proposed in its fiscal 2006 budget \$44.2 million in funding for long-range radar technology used to detect and intercept aircraft attempting to avoid detection while entering the United States.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=JEF5RVE45B2GEOQSNDBCSKH0CJUMEKJVN?articleID=60402851>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

13. *February 23, KGBT-TV (TX)* — **Suspicious package found in postal truck.** Hazmat crews and the FBI had a truly sticky situation on their hands at the Texas State Bank Tower in North McAllen after a McAllen postal employee found a suspicious piece of mail in his truck on Wednesday, February 23. "The mail carrier saw sort of like a gluey substance in the letter or package. Following protocol he identified it as a suspicious package and called the fire department." Just over two hours into their investigation the Postal Service revealed that the package didn't pose a threat. Someone admitted to the FBI and postal workers that they were just playing a joke.

Source: <http://www.team4news.com/Global/story.asp?S=2988858&nav=0w0v Wk40>

14. *February 23, Government Executive* — **Postal Service prepares for rate hike.** The U.S. Postal Service has begun the process to raise its 2006 rates. Last week, the Postal Board of Governors told agency managers to begin preparing to file a case for a rate increase with the Postal Rate Commission. But unlike most postal rate increases, this one won't pay for operating expenses. Rather, the rate hike will cover \$3.1 billion the Postal Service is required to put into escrow in 2006. If the Postal Service did not have this obligation, rates would stay at their current levels for at least another year, Postal Service CFO Richard Strasser said. Industry experts estimate that rates will need to rise 5.5 to six percent to cover the \$3.1 billion. Strasser said the Postal Service is moving toward more frequent, but smaller, rate increases, at least for commercial postage. The escrow requirement was included in the 2003 Postal Civil Service Retirement System Funding Reform Act. The Postal Service had discovered that it was over-funding its pension obligations. It was allowed to use the first three years' savings for expenses and debt, but starting in 2006, the money is supposed to go into escrow until Congress approves a plan for the funds.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0205/022305dk1.htm>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

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*February 24, Food Navigator* — **Food animal identification standard.** The Association for Automatic Identification and Mobility (AIM) has developed a draft standard for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for food animals to address growing concerns about the threat of terrorist attacks and the recent disease outbreaks in different parts of the world. All technical standards published by AIM, the trade association recognized as the worldwide authority on automatic identification and mobility, undergo a rigorous review process by experts around the world. According to AIM's subcommittee chair Bill Hoffman, the purpose of the proposed standard is to provide two standards-based approaches to animal identification. RFID technology, which hooks antennas up to computer chips to track items at a distance, is being seen as the best means of ensuring animal traceability. At the moment, current International Standards Organization (ISO) animal identification standards provide for a globally unique identification number that permits tracking of an animal via database lookup. The AIM standard incorporates the use of UHF RFID with expanded memory capacities, along with UHF's greater range, to allow information about the animal's history and condition to be placed in the RFID ear tag on the animal itself. This eliminates the need to look this data up in a remote database.

Source: <http://www.foodnavigator.com/news/news-NG.asp?n=58304-aim-develops-food>

16. *February 24, Associated Press* — **Fewer vets going into large animal care.** In rural areas nationwide, the availability of veterinarians to treat large farm animals is increasingly uncertain. As older practitioners retire, younger vets are showing less interest in large-animal care. The trend is "alarming," according to Ray Stock, a lobbyist for the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Of 71,116 AVMA-member vets in the U.S. last year, only about 22 percent treated large farm animal such as cattle, pigs, and sheep at least part-time. More than 45 percent of the organization's 32,338 members did so in 1986, the earliest year for which statistics are available. An AVMA survey of graduates from the nation's veterinary schools last year found about 25 percent willing to devote at least part time to large animals -- down from 36 percent a decade earlier. The trend is a problem for South Dakota, where "we have five cows for every man, woman, and child," says Sam Holland, the state veterinarian. "What do you do when your ranch is 70 miles from town and there's only one vet in town, and during the calving season the vet may be called to go three different directions at the same time?" Holland asked.

Source: <http://www.rednova.com/news/display/?id=130603>

17. *February 24, News-Press (FL)* — **Canker spreads in Florida.** Citrus canker, a threat to Florida's citrus industry, has jumped the Cape Coral border and appeared in North Fort Myers for the first time, state officials confirmed Wednesday, February 23. State crews cut down a canker-infected citrus tree last week in North Fort Myers' Tamiami Village RV Park. They had already cut down another infected tree in October near the intersection of Hancock Bridge Parkway and Orange Grove Boulevard. The infected trees were found a mile or less from the Cape border -- but two to three miles from the Cape's last reported canker-infected trees. State officials said Hurricane Charley blew canker from Cape Coral to North Fort Myers. The new trees mean hundreds of canker-exposed trees must be cut down. Those trees stand within 1,900 feet of infected trees, and they're considered at risk for developing canker. Tamiami Village will probably lose all its citrus trees, said manager Steve Pigman. "At least 100 trees will be cut," he said.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2005022>

18. *February 23, Monroe Times (WI)* — **More chronic wasting disease found in Wisconsin.** Two deer testing positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) were identified recently in the northeast corner of Lafayette, WI, just outside the western CWD Disease Eradication Zone boundary, the Department of Natural Resources said Monday, February 21. One deer, a three-year-old buck, was shot by a hunter in Argyle Township four miles north of the village of Argyle. The second positive deer was a two-year-old doe that bedded down and died overnight near a home two miles north of Argyle. The two are the first CWD-positive deer detected in Lafayette County. To date, 1,014 deer have been tested for CWD in Lafayette County during the past three years, including 405 so far during the 2004–2005 hunting season. Source: <http://www.themonroetimes.com/a0223cwd.htm>

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## **Food Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Water Sector**

19. *February 24, Environmental Protection Agency* — **EPA revises list of drinking water contaminants.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Wednesday, February 23, that it is researching and evaluating a list of 51 unregulated, new or emerging drinking water contaminants for possible regulation. The Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) process was established by the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) as a tracking and priority-setting mechanism to determine if new regulations are needed to protect drinking water safety. The list comprises unregulated contaminants that are known or anticipated to occur in drinking water. The SDWA requires EPA to conduct extensive research into the occurrence and health effects of the listed contaminants before issuing new regulations or standards. With this announcement, EPA is releasing the second CCL — which carries over a number of contaminants from the first CCL — and announcing plans to expand and strengthen the contaminant candidate listing process.

Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/b1ab9f485b098972852562e7004dc686/868fcfdbd9095a6685256fb10075f3de!OpenDocument>

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *February 24, Associated Press* — **U.S. prepares to test bird flu vaccines.** The U.S. government is getting ready to test a bird flu vaccine and stockpiling both vaccine and antiviral drugs as the threat grows that a deadly strain of avian influenza will begin spreading from Asia. Two million doses of vaccine are being stored in bulk form for possible emergency use and to test whether it maintains its potency, officials said Wednesday, February 23. The vaccine to be

tested was prepared in two different concentrations — 4,000 doses each — and is nearly ready to be shipped to the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for clinical trials, Len Lavenda, a spokesperson for the pharmaceutical firm Sanofi Pasteur, said. NIAID Director Anthony Fauci said the vaccine will be tested at centers in Rochester, NY, St. Louis, MO, and in Maryland and Texas to make sure it is safe and to determine the correct dosage in such groups as the elderly, children, and healthy young people.

Source: [http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/02/23/ap/headlines/d\\_88esln00.txt](http://www.sfexaminer.com/articles/2005/02/23/ap/headlines/d_88esln00.txt)

**21. *February 24, ArriveNet* — Vaccine protection against smallpox in three days.**

IMVAMUNE, a third-generation Modified Virus Ankara (MVA) vaccine under development by Bavarian Nordic of Denmark, is expected to be effective against smallpox three days after one vaccination compared to traditional replicating vaccines that only show protection after 10 to 14 days. The biological mechanism behind traditional replicating smallpox vaccines that are available today or under development, takes time to build up in the body to a level where an immune response can be detected. In contrast, Bavarian Nordic presented data showing that a non-replicating MVA vaccine given at a higher injectable dose induces an immune response very quickly, with the added benefit that it is safer than the traditional smallpox vaccines. In an emergency situation, where protection against smallpox is a top priority, IMVAMUNE has shown in trials to-date to be both a safer vaccine with a faster-acting onset of action significantly earlier than traditional vaccines. All traditional replicating smallpox vaccines have been associated with the severe side effects such as encephalitis, generalized vaccinia infection, Eczema vaccinatum, local progressive vaccinia infection, and Myo-pericarditis. Because of these severe side effects — 25 percent of the population should NOT be given current smallpox vaccines.

Source: <http://press.arrivenet.com/bus/article.php/598313.html>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**22. *February 24, The Messenger (AL)* — Disaster drill tests emergency response.** Emergency crews were called to a dangerous chemical spill drill on Tuesday, February 24, at the Troy Sportsplex in Troy, AL, with several injuries and possible fatalities reported. The call and the accident scene were both part of an exercise designed to test the response time and methods of the police, fire, ambulance and hospital crews in Troy. The accident simulation was a chlorine spill from a tanker truck. This marks the first time that all of the city emergency crews have gotten together to conduct an emergency drill. Jennifer Ventress, chief nursing official for Troy Regional Medical Center, felt there were some areas that could use some improvement. "We had a full Emergency Room when the kids were brought in," Ventress said. "While we had enough staff to take care of everybody, we were stretched pretty thin." Chris Schwan, field supervisor for Haynes Ambulance Service, felt his team "did a good job, but there's always

room for improvement. We'll work on sorting out which patients are more serious than the others."

Source: [http://www.troymessenger.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/newss0\\_1.txt](http://www.troymessenger.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/newss0_1.txt)

23. *February 23, Jacksonville Daily Progress (TX)* — **Disaster drill helps teams prepare for worst.** Emergency response personnel from organizations throughout Cherokee County, TX, responded to a disaster drill Tuesday, February 22, with coordination and cooperation, officials said. The drill began just after 10 a.m., when the fire department and other emergency personnel responded to reports of an unidentified substance at the "post office." Students from Jacksonville High School participated in the event by posing as postal workers and patrons. Students were cleaned at the scene by the first responders and then shipped to either East Texas Medical Center (ETMC) or Mother Frances hospital, with some students going to each hospital for a thorough exam and complete decontamination. Jana Bateman, emergency coordinator for ETMC, said the drill is part of recent requests by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations to be more prepared for these types of disasters. Officials said the operation went smoothly.

Source: <http://www.jacksonvilleprogress.com/articles/2005/02/23/news/news01.txt>

24. *February 23, The Mississippi Press* — **Exercise planned in south Mississippi.** Emergency personnel from Keesler Air Force Base and Jackson County, MS, will join forces May 24–26 to stage a Homeland Security emergency training exercise in Vancleave, MS. The objective is to prepare south Mississippi for a terrorist attack. A delegation of coordinators appeared before Jackson County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, February 22. "The Life Savers series of exercises are designed to link federal, state and local capabilities to come out with best ability of saving lives in the event of a weapons of mass destruction attack," Col. Joseph U. Contiguglia, U.S. Air Force, said. The mock drill will involve scores of emergency personnel, but is designed to be a low-key event to prevent a disruption of the daily routine of residents. Vancleave was selected because it's in a somewhat rural area that would not be highly impacted by traffic. Gulfport Fire Chief Pat Sullivan said state and local emergency personnel must be able to respond and function for 48 hours until the federal government's specialized teams arrive. Jackson County fire coordinator Ray Watson said federal money has been received and equipment purchased to prepare for an emergency. The county's Hazmat team will begin the exercise.

Source: <http://www.gulflive.com/news/mississippi/index.ssf?base/news/110915737444120.xml>

25. *February 22, Columbia Daily Tribune (MD)* — **Local officials praise federal training for emergencies.** Seventy representatives from Boone County, MD, faced a simulated snow storm, a pair of tornadoes and a storm's aftermath last week in a course at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD. The drill tested all aspects of emergency management in Boone County and revealed areas that need to be improved, said Paula Hertwig Hopkins, assistant manager for the city of Columbia. The county needs to improve volunteer coordination and public works tasks during the aftermath of a disaster, Boone County Presiding Commissioner Keith Schnarre said. City and county public works departments would be vital in helping with downed power lines and clearing of debris, he said. The Boone County Public Works Department needs more training in rapid damage assessment and debris removal, said Director David Mink. Executive Director Jutta Hopkins of the Boone County chapter of the

American Red Cross said her agency would increase its efforts to train volunteers. She said she wants to offer more classes to train people to set up shelters, drive trucks and provide mental–health counseling. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the training to about 140 communities each year, at a cost of about \$25,000 to \$30,000 apiece.

Source: <http://www.columbiatribune.com/2005/Feb/20050222News007.asp>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

**26. February 24, Secunia — Cyrus IMAP server buffer overflow vulnerabilities.** Multiple vulnerabilities have been reported in Cyrus IMAP Server, which potentially can be exploited by malicious people to compromise a vulnerable system. These are due to off–by–one boundary errors. Successful exploitation may allow execution of arbitrary code. Update to version 2.2.11 or later: <http://asg.web.cmu.edu/cyrus/download/>  
Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/14383/>

**27. February 24, Associated Press — Japanese government hit by cyber attacks.** A series of cyber attacks disrupted Japanese government computer networks this week, although no damage was reported, Japan's top government spokesperson said Thursday, February 24. The attacks, three times each on Tuesday and Wednesday, targeted the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Office, causing computers to freeze up under a deluge of data and made it impossible for anyone to access the two Websites, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said. There was no significant damage, since the attacks were not designed to destroy key programs, and the government networks have since returned to normal operations, he said. Officials are investigating who launched the attack, but having trouble tracking the data. “We don't know whether the attack came from inside or outside the country,” Hosoda said.  
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/technology/AP–Japan–Cyber–At tack.html?>

**28. February 24, ComputerWeekly — Britain launches Internet virus alert service.** Britain's Home Office has launched a high–profile campaign to secure the Internet against hacking groups using networks of infected computers to launch worm, spam and denial of service attacks against critical businesses and services. The campaign, which features a Website and an alert service to help non–IT specialists protect their computer systems, is designed to plug one of the weakest links in security on the Internet: home and small business PCs. The campaign will encourage home users and small businesses to sign up to an alert service, run by the National Infrastructure Security Coordination Centre (NISCC), part of the Home Office, which will give advice on urgent threats that affect home PCs, PDAs and mobile phones. Although the service is not designed to replace alert services run by firewall and anti–virus companies, NISSC believes that its links with international IT security organizations will help it to identify new computer threats as quickly as or before commercial alerting services. For more on the new service, visit <http://www.itsafe.gov.uk>  
Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/articles/article.asp?liArticleID=136955&liArticleTypeID=1&liCategoryID=2&liChannelID=22&liFlavourID=1&sSearch=&nPage=1>

29. *February 23, K-Otik Security* — **IBM Hardware Management Console (HMC) guided setup wizard vulnerability.** IBM released a security update for HMC to address an issue where a local attacker could gain elevated privileges. This flaw is due to an unspecified error in the "Guided Setup Wizard." Update using APAR MB00913:  
<https://techsupport.services.ibm.com/server/hmc>  
 Source: <http://www.k-otik.com/english/advisories/2005/0200>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

**DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis**

**Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.**

**US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis:** Microsoft released an out of cycle patch on Tuesday of this week for Windows XP Service Pack 2 and Windows Server 2003 systems to address an issue that can cause a computer to stop responding if certain firewall or anti-virus programs are installed on the machine. The following knowledgebase article discusses the patch: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/887742>  
 To obtain the patch, please visit the following link:  
<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com> The FBI is also reporting that emails claiming to be from its 'Internet Fraud Complaint Center' are actually virus-laden scams. The FBI never sends out unsolicited emails and asks that if you receive one of these bogus emails, please report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <http://www.ic3.gov>.

**Current Port Attacks**

<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	445 (microsoft-ds), 135 (epmap), 139 (netbios-ssn), 1025 (----), 53 (domain), 1026 (----), 80 (www), 3074 (----), 1433 (ms-sql-s), 1027 (icq) <small>Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a>; Internet Storm Center</small>
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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **General Sector**

30. *February 24, Associated Press* — **Arrests halted terror plot according to Philippine officials.** Philippine police said Thursday, February 24, they thwarted planned attacks on an

airport, malls, a church and U.S. troops with the arrests of three members of an al Qaeda linked terror group who allegedly came to the Philippines to train Muslim militants to make bombs. The two Indonesians and a Malaysian — all alleged Jemaah Islamiyah members — were arrested in southern Zamboanga city in December along with a Filipino member of the Abu Sayyaf Muslim extremist group with bomb-making manuals, bomb parts and money for attacks, officials said. The men allegedly belonged to a previously unknown Jemaah Islamiyah terror cell in the country, the authorities said. The arrests were not immediately announced to allow authorities time to identify six of their local comrades, one of whom has been arrested, said Chief Supt. Ismael Rafanan, head of the Philippine police Intelligence Group. Philippine police intelligence officials said the targets included a Roman Catholic church, the airport in the bustling port city of Davao, unspecified malls in Manila, and U.S. soldiers participating in joint training with the Philippine military.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/apasia\\_story.asp?category=1104&slug=Philippines%20Terror%20Plot](http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/national/apasia_story.asp?category=1104&slug=Philippines%20Terror%20Plot)

**31. February 24, Reuters — Terrorist outfits broken in Pakistan, Musharraf says.** Pakistan has broken the back of terrorism in the country, killing and arresting hundreds of terrorists and destroying the structure of their organizations, the president of the Islamic nation said Thursday, February 24. Pervez Musharraf, who survived two assassination attempts by terrorists linked to al Qaeda just over a year ago, said an army offensive in semi-autonomous tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan had led to the capture of guerrilla bases and forced the leaders into the mountains. He said several hundred foreign terrorists had been caught and hundreds more eliminated and their bases destroyed. "There may be some small pockets in the mountains left," Musharraf said, adding that terrorist networks were no longer able to communicate or coordinate with each other. The U.S. has begun advertising rewards of up to \$25 million on Pakistan television for information leading to the capture of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al Zawahri along with 12 other terrorist suspects.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=worldNews&storyID=7726699>

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