



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 27 February 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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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://www.esisac.com>]

1. *February 26, Associated Press* — **TXU, largest electricity producer in Texas, announces \$32 billion sale to private-equity firms.** TXU Corp., Texas' largest electricity producer, said Monday, February 26, it has agreed to be sold to a group of private-equity firms for about \$32 billion in what would be the largest private buyout in U.S. corporate history if shareholders go along. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group led a group that included Goldman Sachs & Co. and three other Wall Street firms that will pay \$69.25 per share for TXU. They will also assume about \$13 billion in debt. The firms won support for the buyout from some environmentalists who have criticized TXU by agreeing to sharply scale back

TXU's controversial \$10 billion plan to build 11 new coal-fired power plants that would produce tons of new greenhouse gas emissions. They also agreed to cut electricity prices 10 percent, which they said would save TXU residential customers more than \$300 million per year, and limit prices until September 2008. TXU, with more than 2.3 million customers, has prospered because electric rates in Texas are tied to the price of natural gas while TXU generates much of its power more cheaply at coal and nuclear plants.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/4581713.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *February 25, Associated Press* — **Leaked gasoline sparks sewer system explosion.** Residents on six streets in Nelsonville, OH, returned home Sunday, February 25, after an explosion in the storm sewer system forced them from their houses overnight. Gasoline leaked from an overturned vehicle into the sewers and caused the explosion, but it was unclear what ignited the fuel. About 50 homes were evacuated and about 20 people spent the night at an emergency shelter at Hocking College set up by the Red Cross. By Sunday morning firefighters began escorting residents back to their homes and inspecting the damage.

Source: <http://zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070225/NEWS01/70225004/1002>

3. *February 25, 13 Central Florida News* — **Residents return to homes after chemical fire.** Fire officials in Palm Bay, FL, gave the all clear to residents Sunday, February 25, who evacuated their homes because of a nearby chemical fire. Officials asked for the voluntary evacuation of 33 homes in the Waterstone subdivision off of South Babcock Street Saturday night because of a fire started inside a cargo container in nearby Wheeler Groves. The container contained fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides, which give off toxic fumes when burned. Because of an expected wind shifts, fire officials called for the voluntary evacuations.

Source: http://www.cfnews13.com/News/Local/2007/2/25/chemical_fire_news.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *March 01, National Defense* — **Communications improving, but not perfect, operators say.** Today, special operations troops say their communication systems have improved. But they still have items on the wish lists, including better batteries, lighter equipment and simpler designs. “Interoperability has greatly improved during the last five years,” said Sgt. 1st Class Rob Hicks, the noncommissioned officer in charge of communications for 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. “The global war on terrorism has nearly eliminated the problems with interoperability,” he said. Special operators have unique communications requirements, he explained. “We are almost always separated from the main military nodes of communication. We operate independently in small groups, but still have to have all the capabilities of the regular military.” Operators in the field must be equally adept at setting up satellite links in remote locations as they are using standard radios to

communicate with allies. Hicks said acquiring the bandwidth for satellite links is an issue that never goes away. The ability to take more detailed photos with today's high-tech digital cameras, and to send streaming video and audio, is creating more demand for radio spectra, he said.

Source: <http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/issues/2007/March/CommunicationsIm.htm>

5. *February 26, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-396R: Defense Management: DLA Has Made Progress in Improving Prime Vendor Program, but Has Not Yet Completed All Corrective Actions (Correspondence).** The Department of Defense (DoD) operates a worldwide supply system, with the vast majority of the items being managed by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). In June 2006, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) summarized the main findings of DLA internal reviews, and an external review conducted by the Defense Contract Management Agency at DLA's request, of DLA's prime vendor programs. The findings highlighted five deficiencies: management metrics that were too narrowly focused on sales; a prime vendor concept that was not suitable for all commodities; a lack of management oversight; inadequate pricing reviews; and a lack of knowledge or skills in the workforce. GAO also reported that DLA had experienced persistent problems in overseeing prime vendor contracts, despite the existence of oversight policies and procedures and the identification of corrective actions prior to November 2005. A House Armed Services Committee report accompanying the fiscal year 2007 Defense Authorization bill directed GAO to review DLA's actions and submit a report to the defense committees no later than March 1, 2007. GAO's objective was to determine the extent to which DLA's corrective actions have addressed the main deficiencies in the prime vendor program.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-396R>

6. *February 23, Associated Press* — **Defense firms to compete on satellites.** The Air Force will replace 24 satellites in orbit with a new system, dubbed Global Positioning System III, that is intended to improve navigation by air, land and sea, and be more difficult for enemies of the U.S. military to disable. The Pentagon is expected to seek bids for the first phase of the contract in mid-to-late March and announce a single winning team by late August, Candrea Thomas, a spokesperson for the Air Force's Los Angeles-based Space and Missile Systems Center, said Friday, February 23. The first phase of the contract, according to the Air Force, will be for eight satellites to be delivered by 2013. The second phase is for another eight satellites by 2016, and the third phase is for another 16 satellites by 2019. The Air Force has yet to say whether it will seek two contractors for its next-generation satellite system. However, the department is expected to pick one contractor for the deal.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070223/air_force_satellite_contract.html?v=2

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *February 27, Associated Press* — **FDIC warns against fraudulent e-mails.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and VeriSign Inc., which manages domain registry names, say fraudulent e-mails claiming to be from them should be considered a malicious attempt to collect personal data. The FDIC and VeriSign sent a memo Friday, February 23, to various financial institutions warning them about the false e-mails, which request recipients to

run a "security guard script" to secure Websites. They FDIC said in a press release Friday that financial institutions and consumers should not download the attached file and should report any situations to the FDIC's Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section. The e-mails say they are sent from "FDIC Legal Information Technology," "FDIC Information Security," or "Verisign Inc." The FDIC is working with US-CERT to determine the exact effects of the file. The FDIC's Cyber-Fraud and Financial Crimes Section's e-mail address is alert@fdic.gov. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D8NHHH6G0.htm>

8. *February 26, Government Computer News* — **FBI unsure if missing notebook PCs contain sensitive data.** The FBI has reduced notebook PC losses by 312 percent since 2002, but the bureau has failed to adequately report whether stolen computers contain classified or sensitive data, the Justice Department Office of the Inspector General said in an audit report last week. The FBI's data was incomplete, auditors found. Of the 160 notebooks that disappeared between February 2002 and September 2006, employees filed only 152 forms to provide information about whether the notebooks contained sensitive or classified information. This information could include counterintelligence or counterterrorism case information, personal identifying information or classified information on FBI operations, the report said. The bureau agreed with most of the recommendations and plans to implement them. Source: http://www.gcn.com/online/vol1_no1/43200-1.html

9. *February 26, Associated Press* — **Task force targets identity theft.** Officials in Oklahoma City with a task force of state, local and federal agencies targeting identity theft say the state has dropped from 18th in the nation to 23rd in the percentage of residents whose identity has been stolen. Still identity theft is the most common consumer complaint in the state and ranks as the top complaint for the seventh straight year. Officials say identity theft victims lost more than eight million dollars from July 2005 through last December. U.S. Attorney John Richter in Oklahoma City says during that same time the task force made 185 arrests related to identity theft and recovered more than one-and-half million dollars. And Richter says another 21 people have been either arrested, indicted, sentenced or convicted of identity theft-related crimes this year. The task force includes the Secret Service, Postal inspectors, the I-R-S, the F-B-I, the U-S Attorney, Oklahoma County District Attorney, Oklahoma City police, Midwest City police and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Source: <http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=6143949>

10. *February 26, Associated Press* — **Study suggests new ways to battle counterfeiters.** A new study estimates 30 out of every million 100-dollar bills is a fake. So to overcome those increasingly creative counterfeiters, the National Research Council has some suggestions. They're calling on the government to use plastic for low-denomination notes. They also recommend using complex starburst patterns that copiers can't reproduce. Other ideas include using inks that change color according to temperature, and varying the feel of the paper or other material that notes are printed on. The Council's report warns that within ten years, even low-skill amateurs will be able to duplicate almost any two-dimensional image. Report: <http://books.nap.edu/catalog/11874.html> Source: <http://www.whbf.com/Global/story.asp?S=6143306>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

11. *February 26, Newsday (NY)* — **Rail work to disrupt LIRR for months.** Track work and construction programs, which began Monday, February 26, on the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) could affect some branches for months, LIRR officials announced. Riders on some branches should expect delays and cancellations of trains during off-peak hours and on weekends, the rail road said. And riders on the main line east of Ronkonkoma may be forced to use provided buses for their commutes between now and May 18. Work on various branches in the system includes track tie replacement, grade crossing renovations and other track maintenance, LIRR officials said.

Information on the schedule changes is also available at the MTA Website:

<http://www.mta.info>

Source: http://www.newsday.com/news/local/longisland/ny-lilirr0227.0_5974316.story?coll=ny-top-headlines

12. *February 26, Associated Press* — **JetBlue cancels 68 flights due to storm.** JetBlue canceled 68 flights because of snow Monday, February 26, testing the airline's pledge to compensate customers for more than 1,000 canceled flights during the Valentine's Day storm two week earlier. The embattled carrier wasn't alone this time as other carriers also grounded flights in and out of the Northeast. JetBlue's cancellations at John F. Kennedy International Airport affected flights to or from Columbus, Oh Richmond, VA; Washington, DC, Portland, ME; and Chicago. The company also canceled flights into and out of Chicago and the Washington area during the weekend. The cancellations were an attempt to make sure crews and planes were situated so the company could quickly resume operations after the snow, JetBlue Airways Corp. spokesperson Alison Eshelman said. Earlier this month, JetBlue was heavily criticized after bad weather stranded passengers in planes at Kennedy, its main hub, for up to 10 1/2 hours. But as the storm brought as much as four inches of snow to the New York metropolitan area, Delta Air Lines Inc. reported 175 canceled flights throughout the Northeast. American Airlines canceled 20 flights in and out of JFK and was experiencing slight delays of 15 to 20 minutes by afternoon, said spokesperson Ned Reynolds.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070226/jetblue_cancellations.html?.v=7

13. *February 26, Bloomberg* — **UK rail crash caused by missing track equipment.** Network Rail Ltd., which operates Britain's railroad track and signaling network, apologized for the disaster that happened when a Virgin train traveling from London to Glasgow jumped the tracks at 8:25 p.m. local time on Friday, February 23. It passed over a switch near the village of Grayrigg in the English Lake District. One person was killed and 22 were taken to a hospital after all nine cars of the train left the track. Five people remain in hospital, three of them in a critical condition, the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) said on its Website. One of three "stretcher bars" at the points was not there, the RAIB said. Points are used to allow trains to divert or join between two routes. Two rails, known as switch rails, move from one side of the track to the other and select the route. The switch rails are supposed to be kept the correct distance apart by the stretcher bars, the RAIB said. The two other stretcher bars were fractured, one of them possibly before the crash and vital bolts were not in place.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601102&sid=aDXUmbfJZXxU&refer=uk>

14. *February 23, Department of Transportation* — **Secretary Peters announces emergency relief.** Ten states will receive more than \$112.7 million in federal emergency relief grants to cover costs of repairs to highways damaged by rain or flooding in one of the wettest winters on record, U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters said on Friday, February 23. Through its Emergency Relief program, the Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reimburses states for expenses associated with emergency situations. The projects paid for by the funds include rebuilding or replacing damaged bridges, highways, lighting, guardrails and signs, creating detours and debris removal. The states receiving emergency relief funds include Alaska, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington. A chart listing the date, location and amount of each emergency relief incident is available on the DOT Website. A description of each incident is available by calling the FHWA Office of Public Affairs at 202–366–0660. Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fhwa0207.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *February 26, Postal Regulatory Commission* — **Postal Regulatory Commission opinion on rate increase request.** The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) on Monday, February 26,, recommended a U.S. Postal Service rate increase, which may be implemented as early as May. The Postal Service filed the request last May explaining it would otherwise lose \$5.9 billion in 2008. The Commission found additional income necessary to satisfy the “breakeven” requirement that postal revenues match costs. The Commission recommends that the price of a First–Class stamp rise by two cents, to 41 cents. The Postal Service had proposed a 42–cent First–Class stamp. The Commission also approved the Postal Service’s “Forever Stamp” proposal — specifically designed to ease the public’s transition to new single–piece letter rates. Forever Stamps will be sold in reasonably limited quantities for the price of a First–Class one–ounce letter, and continue to be worth the price of a First–Class one–ounce letter even if that price changes. “This is a prime example of the Postal Regulatory Commission working together with the Postal Service in the best interest of the citizen mailer,” said PRC Chairman Dan G. Blair. The decision follows an administrative proceeding involving mailers, employee organizations, consumer representatives and competitors. While the rate increase will impact numerous classes of mail to varying degrees, the average rate increase will be 7.6 percent. Source: <http://www.prc.gov/>

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Agriculture Sector

16. *February 26, Orlando Sentinel (FL)* — **Shortage of new trees threatens citrus' future.** Florida's citrus industry, which has lost about 16 million trees to canker in recent years and faces an even deadlier disease known as greening, now confronts a new crisis: growing enough new trees to replace those that have died. The number of commercial citrus nurseries that sell to Florida's growers has plummeted by more than half — to just 35 — in the past five years. As a result, the price of fledgling citrus trees has doubled. And there might not be enough to go

around. Florida's citrus growers are allowed to purchase young trees only from nurseries within the state. But nurseries have been hit hard by new restrictions prompted by greening, a disease carried tree-to-tree by a tiny insect that weakens and finally kills trees. The affliction is rampant in South Florida but its presence has not been confirmed in Central Florida. To help prevent young trees from becoming infected by the psyllid, a fly that carries the bacteria that cause greening, the state now requires that the trees be grown in greenhouses. That has raised costs and prompted many nurseries to close.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/orl-nursery2607feb26.0.6003684.story?coll=orl-home-headlines>

17. February 26, Baltimore Examiner — Maryland agriculture officials test for equine herpes.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is testing eight horse stables from around the state for a strain of equine herpes virus that attacks a horse's brain, sometimes resulting in death. The department was notified of the problem by the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, VA, which found the strain in a horse from St. Mary's County, MD, that was being treated for colic, said Sue duPont, a spokesperson for the department. The eight stables are being tested because the infected horse could have been in recent contact with horses from those stables. However, none tested so far appears to have the virus.

Equine herpes virus information:

<http://www.vet.uga.edu/vpp/IVM/ENG/ERD/EHV-4and1.html>

Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-585816~Agriculture_officials_test_for_equine_herpes_virus.html

18. February 23, Xinhua (China) — Foot-and-mouth disease hits Vietnam. Vietnam's central provinces of Quang Binh and Quang Nam have been stricken by foot-and-mouth disease in the last few days, according to local media on Friday, February 23. The disease broke out in Dong Hoi city of Quang Binh, affecting two bulls, and in Tam Ky city of Quang Nam, infecting seven pigs and eight bulls, the newspapers Pioneer and Youth reported. The disease has hit 18 communes in five provinces, namely Tuyen Quang, Yen Bai and Thai Nguyen in the north, and Phu Yen and Kon Tum in the central region, said the department.

Source: http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2007-02/23/content_812597.htm

19. February 22, Associated Press — Regional mad cow testing laboratory to close. The only mad cow testing laboratory in the Pacific Northwest will close March 1. The Washington State University (WSU) lab opened after the nation's first mad cow case in December 2003 prompted some new safeguards. The closure of mad cow testing at WSU and several other locations across the country comes after the U.S. Department of Agriculture determined the prevalence of the disease in the nation's cattle herd is "extraordinarily low." Costly testing and tracking programs aren't necessary, the federal agency said in reducing mad cow testing by more than 90 percent. Of 759,000 animals tested — including 45,000 in the Northwest — only two other infected cows were found after the initial mad cow scare.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/6420AP_WA_Mad_Cow_Lab.html

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Food Sector

20. *February 26, Yonhap News (South Korea)* — **South Korea recalls U.S. peanut butter.** The South Korean food watchdog said Monday, February 26, it is recalling imported American peanut butter after it was linked to an outbreak of salmonella food poisoning in the U.S. The Korea Food and Drug Administration said it has banned the sale of peanut butter products made by ConAgra Foods Inc., a U.S. manufacturer, and ordered their immediate recall. Peter Pan, one of two brands confirmed to be infected with salmonella, was imported to South Korea in December last year, and some of the peanut butter is believed to be currently in circulation, it said.

Source: <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/Engnews/20070226/61000000020070226191229E6.html>

21. *February 23, Associated Press* — **California company recalls cantaloupes.** A wholesale produce importer on Friday, February 23, recalled several thousand cartons of cantaloupes after some tested positive for salmonella. Castle Produce said the recall covered roughly 2,560 cartons of cantaloupes delivered on or after February 16 to wholesalers in Los Angeles and San Francisco for distribution in the western states. The cantaloupes originated in Costa Rica. Salmonella, which commonly originates from the feces of birds and animals, can cause diarrhea, fever, dehydration, abdominal pain and vomiting.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/health/20070223-1927-cant-aloupererecall.html>

22. *February 23, Channel NewsAsia (Singapore)* — **Singapore confirms Salmonella not present in U.S. peanut butter.** The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has confirmed that Salmonella, a food-borne bacteria, is not present in any of its samples of Peter Pan Peanut Butter. The AVA tested the product after receiving reports from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that the peanut butter might be tainted with Salmonella.

Source: <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/vi ew/260280/1/.html>

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Water Sector

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Public Health Sector

23. *February 26, Associated Press* — **Kuwait discovers cases of bird flu.** Kuwait confirmed Monday, February 26, 12 more cases of the H5N1 strain of bird flu in chicken and turkeys, raising the number of recent cases to 32. But there was still no sign of human infection. "Bird flu was discovered in three turkeys and nine chickens in home pens," said Ahmed al-Shatti, a spokesperson for the Health Ministry. He said tests in local labs on samples from the birds showed they were infected with the H5N1 strain. The turkeys and the chicken came from small farm houses in Wafra, south of Kuwait City, and the northern district of Doha, he said. The Health Ministry closed Kuwait Zoo and the bird markets on Sunday, February 25, and banned all imports and exports of birds, after tests confirmed 20 cases of bird flu in falcons, chickens and turkeys.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/02/26/africa/ME-GEN-Kuwa-it-Bird-Flu.php>

24. *February 26, Agence France-Press* — **Bird flu kills chickens in northern Vietnam.** A new bird flu outbreak has killed a number of chickens on a farm in northern Vietnam, a television news report Monday, February 26, quoted the agriculture minister as saying. The state-run VTV report said the birds had tested positive for the H5N1 strain and the bird deaths occurred in Hai Duong province, near the northern port of Haiphong. It gave no further details.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070226/hl_afp/vietnamhealthflu_070226141925

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *February 23, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — **President declares emergency disasters for New York, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania.** The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced Friday, February 23, that federal disaster aid has been made available for New York, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania. In New York, the declaration will supplement state and local response efforts in the area struck by record snow and near record snow during the period of February 2-12, 2007. In Louisiana, the declaration will supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes during the period of February 12-13, 2007. In Pennsylvania, the declaration will supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding during the period of November 16-17, 2006.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/recentnews.fema>

26. *February 23, Government Technology* — **Honolulu establishes Department of Emergency Management.** Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann Thursday, February 22, announced the formal establishment of the new City Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to replace the Oahu Civil Defense Agency. DEM will not replace or control the activities of city first responders. The primary role of the department will be to coordinate and facilitate emergency operations, training, information sharing, and federal Department of Homeland Security grant application and administration. In the event of an emergency, DEM will activate the City's Emergency Operating Center to ensure the timely and accurate dissemination of critical emergency information to the public.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=104041>

27. *February 23, Government Technology* — **Texas city helps county handle emergency and prepares for reverse 911 capabilities.** The Georgetown, TX, Police Department for a time handled 911 calls from Williamson County following failure of the county's system server, call rerouting switch, and manual switch on Wednesday night, February 21. According to published accounts, 911 service was disrupted for about 15 minutes in the unusual multiple failure. Last

week, Georgetown announced that the city's Police Department will begin testing an emergency notification system that will enable them to directly contact the homes or businesses in a certain area. The system, which works like the so-called "reverse 911" program, will allow emergency management personnel to place more than 2,000 calls in 30-minutes. The system will send a recorded message to a home or business phone. Messages of up to 30 seconds in length can be created to notify people when there is a public safety threat. Those situations could include hazardous chemical spills, wildfires, bomb threats, or persons with weapons.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=104052>

28. *February 22, GovExec* — Report: Emergency health officers strained for time to train.

Officers deployed as part of a uniformed service run by the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) have trouble finding time to train, and many lack hands-on experience that would help them better respond to public health emergencies, according to a new report from the department's inspector general. "[Public Health Service] Commissioned Corps officers deployed in response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita provided valuable services, but the corps could improve its response to public health emergencies," the report found. The role of the corps is to provide health care and other services in areas with a shortage of health professionals. The report found that while most officers met readiness standards, the cost of meeting such standards was often high. Officers are regularly employed with agencies within and outside HHS, meaning they must simultaneously fulfill their responsibilities to their regular agency and to the corps. As agency employees, officers must negotiate with their supervisors for time to maintain their readiness training. If they are unable to train during normal work hours, officers often must use personal time to meet the standards.

Report: <http://www.oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-09-06-00030.pdf>

Source: http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36184&dcn=to_daysnews

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

29. *February 26, Computerworld* — Microsoft Office 2003 apps, Explorer hit with new crash

bugs. Microsoft's Word 2003 and Excel 2003 can be crashed by attackers who feed the business applications malformed documents, Symantec Corp. reported Monday, February 26. "A remote attacker may exploit this vulnerability by presenting a malicious WMF file to a victim user," said Symantec's report. "The issue is triggered when the application is used to insert the malicious file into a document." Specially crafted WMF (Windows Metafile) image files were the root of a major attack in late 2005 and early 2006 that was launched from hundreds of malicious Websites and compromised thousands of PCs. The Excel flaw can be leveraged by a malformed spreadsheet file rather than a WMF image, Symantec added. Attacks using either vulnerability require users to download malicious files from a Website or open them when they arrive as e-mailed file attachments. Also at risk, said Symantec, is XP's and Server 2003's Windows Explorer, the operating system's file interface. Explorer will crash when attempting to open a malformed WMF image.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewA>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

30. *February 26, Associated Press* — Surveillance cameras' latest job: interpret the threats they see. Never-blinking surveillance cameras, rapidly becoming a part of daily life in public and even private places, may soon get a lot smarter. Researchers and security companies are developing cameras that not only watch, but also interpret what they see. Soon, some cameras may be able to find unattended bags at airports, guess your height, or analyze the way you walk to see if you are hiding something. Most of the cameras used today are used to identify crooks after-the-fact. But so-called intelligent video could transform cameras from passive observers to eyes with brains, able to detect suspicious behavior and potentially prevent crime. The innovations could mean fewer people would be needed to watch what cameras record, and make it easier to install more in public places and private homes. Companies that make the latest cameras say the systems, if used broadly, could make video surveillance much more powerful. Cameras could monitor airports and ports, help secure homes, and watch over vast borders. Intelligent surveillance uses computer algorithms to interpret what a camera records. The system can be programmed to look for particular things.

Source: http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2007/02/26/surveillance_cameras_latest_job_interpret_the_threats_they_see/

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