



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 30 March 2007

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

- The Associated Press reports that more than two months after first disclosing that hackers accessed customers' financial data from its computers, discount retailer TJX Cos. has revealed that information from at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards was stolen over an 18-month period. (See item [5](#))
- The Associated Press reports that one month after winning federal approval for a coveted nonstop route to China, United Airlines launched its inaugural flight Wednesday, March 28, from Washington's Dulles International Airport to Beijing. (See item [10](#))

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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. *March 28, Associated Press* — **World's largest-producing solar power plant inaugurated in Portugal.** A project slated to become the world's largest-producing solar power plant was inaugurated Wednesday, March 28, in Portugal, though construction actually began last summer. The 11-megawatt \$78.5 million plant, a joint project of U.S. and Portuguese energy companies, spreads across a 150-acre hillside in Serpa, 124 miles southeast of Lisbon. GE Energy Financial Services and PowerLight Corporation of the United States are working with Portuguese renewable energy company Catavento on the project. "This is the most productive solar plant in the world, it will produce 40 percent more energy than the second largest one, Gut

Erlasse in Germany," said Howard Wenger of Powerlight. The new plant will produce enough power to supply 8,000 homes and will be used in place of fossil-fuel burning plants that would emit 30,000 tons of greenhouse gases each year, planners say. The photovoltaic system it uses employs silicon solar cell technology to convert sunlight directly into electricity. It will produce 20 gigawatt hours of power per year.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/business/technology/16987790.htm>

- 2. *March 28, Associated Press* — China reportedly makes oil find that could be its largest domestic source in ten years.** PetroChina Ltd. has found an offshore field that could become China's biggest new domestic petroleum source in a decade, with reserves of 2.2 billion barrels, the Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday, March 28. The scale of the find, if confirmed, would be welcome news to the communist government. China became a net oil importer in the late 1990s and now is the world's No. 2 consumer after the U.S., and consumption last year rose another 9.3 percent to 2.4 billion barrels. "In terms of energy security, a two billion barrel discovery is going to be very welcome, not only to PetroChina but to China's energy planners," said Gavin Thompson of Wood Mackenzie. PetroChina disclosed last week that it found a new field in Bohai Bay but released no details. Despite the reported size of the Bohai field, it was unclear how it would affect China's need for imports. Daily production could reach 200,000 barrels within three years, according to Xinhua. But that still would be equal to just a fraction of China's 2006 imports of 2.9 million barrels per day. The discovery "helps lessen the pressure (for higher imports), but still it's going to be significant pressure," Brock said.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/20070328-0656-china-newoilfield.html>

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

- 3. *March 29, Associated Press* — Driver dies in Florida tanker explosion.** A tanker truck crashed and exploded, killing the driver and closing part of a highway indefinitely. The tanker truck overturned on a single-lane overpass connecting I-275 to I-375 in St. Petersburg, FL, at approximately 10:45 p.m. EDT Wednesday, March 28. The blaze took about three or four hours to put out. Fuel also spilled down into the storm sewers, causing fires to erupt down there. The explosion and fire also caused damage to the road. At least one section of I-375 will remain closed until repairs can be done.

Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070329/BREAKINGNEWS/70329009/1086>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

- 4. *March 28, CongressDaily* — Navy resists offers of more ships, submarines for 2008.** Navy leaders on Wednesday, March 28, found themselves in the awkward position of resisting generous offers by supporters in Congress to add five ships to the service's fiscal 2008 budget, arguing at a Senate hearing that the shipbuilding industry would be unable to meet the increased

orders. Their resistance set up a potential clash between the Navy and many of its traditional allies on Capitol Hill, especially some senior House lawmakers, who want to significantly boost purchases of ships next year to breathe life into the increasingly anemic U.S. shipbuilding industry. "We're very concerned about the industrial base's limitations," Navy Secretary Donald Winter told reporters after testifying before the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. "The need and the availability of funding have got to get matched to the capacity of the industrial base." The country's few remaining domestic shipbuilders have struggled through many lean financial years, during which investments in facilities and workers often were sub-par. Problems at some shipbuilding facilities, Winter added, were exacerbated by Hurricane Katrina.

Source: [http://govexec.com/story\\_page.cfm?articleid=36476&dcn=todays\\_news](http://govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36476&dcn=todays_news)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. *March 29, Associated Press* — **TJX: At least 45.7 million card numbers stolen.** More than two months after first disclosing that hackers accessed customers' financial data from its computers, discount retailer TJX Cos. has revealed that information from at least 45.7 million credit and debit cards was stolen over an 18-month period. In a regulatory filing that gives the first detailed account of the breach initially disclosed in January, the owner of T.J. Maxx, Marshall's and other stores in North America and the United Kingdom also said another 455,000 customers who returned merchandise without receipts had their personal data stolen, including driver's license numbers. TJX spokesperson Sherry Lang said that about 75 percent of the compromised cards either were expired or had data from their magnetic stripes masked, meaning the data was stored as asterisks, rather than numbers. Lang said the extent of the damage may never be known because of the methods used by the intruder. Much of the transaction data was deleted by TJX in the normal course of business between the time of the thefts and the time they were discovered, the filing said, making it impossible to know how many card numbers were obtained.

Source: [http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ats-ap\\_business10mar29.0.1556914.story?coll=sns-business-headlines](http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ats-ap_business10mar29.0.1556914.story?coll=sns-business-headlines)

6. *March 29, VNUnet* — **Pump-and-dump scam targets German investors.** European investors were warned to be on their guard against pump-and-dump stock scams following the discovery of a large-scale spam campaign designed to manipulate the share price of a company listed on the German stock exchange. IT security firm Sophos said that, unlike previous pump-and-dump scams, the new campaign tries to influence the share price of a company listed outside the U.S. The scam tries to encourage German investors to buy shares in U.S.-based energy company Stonebridge Resources Exploration Ltd, which announced its listing on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange on March 1 under the ticker symbol S3C. "This is the first time we have seen a widespread spam campaign trying to influence a stock market based outside the U.S.," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at Sophos.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2186770/euro-investors-hit-large-scale>

7. *March 28, InformationWeek* — **Report: Identity theft driven by dramatic spikes in threats.** Identity theft is being propelled forward by explosive growth in two of its biggest drivers —

phishing and malware, according to a new study. In the first two months of this year, alone, phishing attacks grew by 50 percent and malware attacks dramatically increased by 200 percent, according to a study from Cyveillance, a risk monitoring company. The number of companies being phished has been consistently growing by more than 200 new victims each quarter, with a recent increase of 50 percent from January to February. The Cyveillance data supports a study that came out earlier this month showing that identity theft is exploding in the U.S., with 15 million Americans victimized in just a 12-month period. Credit Unions are showing the biggest growth as phishing targets, with a 584 percent increase this year, according to Cyveillance. Banks are getting picked on 325 percent more, insurance company attacks are up 300 percent, and singling out payment service companies increased by 285 percent. Cyveillance also reported a 200 percent increase in malware attacks in the first two months of 2007 with more than 1 million unique Webpages containing some type of malicious code.

Report: <http://www.cyveillance.com/IDTheftreport/>

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=4UTCFLHMBUBCQSNDLRSKHSCJUNN2JVN?articleID=198700822>

8. *March 28, Department of Justice* — **Indiana resident sentenced to 27 months for selling more than \$700,000 worth of counterfeit software on eBay.** An Indiana man has been sentenced to 27 months in prison for selling more than \$700,000 worth of counterfeit computer software on the eBay Internet auction site, the Department of Justice announced on Wednesday, March 28. Courtney Smith admitted that he purchased counterfeit Rockwell Automation computer software through the eBay Internet auction site and then duplicated and resold the copyright protected software to other eBay users. Between March 6 and May 26, 2004, Smith sold counterfeit copies of Rockwell Automation software in 32 or more separate eBay auctions, receiving \$4,149.97. The actual retail value of this software was in excess of \$700,000. The case arose from a Department of Justice initiative to combat online auction piracy.

Source: [http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2007/March/07\\_crm\\_198.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2007/March/07_crm_198.html)

9. *March 28, IDG News Service* — **Hackers build private IM to keep out law enforcement.** Hackers have built their own encrypted instant-message (IM) program to shield themselves from law enforcement trying to spy on their communication channels. The application, called CarderIM, is a sophisticated tool hackers are using to sell information such as credit-card numbers or e-mail addresses, part of an underground economy dealing in financial data, said Andrew Moloney, business director for financial services for RSA during a presentation at the International e-crime Congress in London on Wednesday, March 28. The name, CarderIM, is a reference to the practice of "carding," or converting stolen credit-card details into cash or goods. It's not known how widely CarderIM is being used, but its distribution appears to be limited, Moloney said. "To get ahold of it [CarderIM] you need to be part of one of the trusted groups, which we have agents within," Moloney said. The application supposedly uses encrypted servers that are "offshore" and does not record IM conversations.

Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9014675&intsrc=hm\\_list](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9014675&intsrc=hm_list)

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

10. *March 30, Associated Press* — **United Airlines launches first District of Columbia to Beijing route.** One month after winning federal approval for a coveted nonstop route to China, United Airlines launched its inaugural flight Wednesday, March 28, from Washington's Dulles International Airport to Beijing. Direct routes between the U.S. and China are strictly rationed by international agreement, in part because of busy airports in China and a desire to protect domestic airlines there from competition.  
Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/business/20070328-1431-united-china.html>
  
11. *March 29, Daily Sun (Nigeria)* — **Man arrested with gun on British Airways flight.** A potentially fatal security breach was averted in Lagos, Nigeria, on Tuesday night, March 27, when a man with a gun and 50 rounds of ammunition was arrested inside a London-bound British Airways jet at the Murtala Muhammed Airport just a few minutes prior to its takeoff. The man, whose identity was not disclosed was said to have beaten the various security checks at the airport and was comfortably seated when an eagle-eyed security agent inside the plane arrested him and handed him over to the airport security.  
Source: <http://www.sunnewsonline.com/webpages/news/national/2007/mar/29/national-29-03-2007-03.htm>
  
12. *March 28, ABC News* — **Captain orders coughing teen off ten-hour flight.** A Continental Airlines pilot ordered a 16-year-old girl off a plane in New York Tuesday, March 27, for coughing too much, a decision that infuriated parents eagerly awaiting her return thousands of miles away. "I can confirm that there was a passenger who was asked to deplane because she was very ill," said Julie King, a Continental Airlines spokesperson. "As a precautionary measure for the passengers around her, she was asked to get off [the plane]." The circumstances surrounding the flight may have influenced the pilot's decision to remove Collier from the aircraft. The nonstop flight to Honolulu, HI, was 10 hours long, and five of those hours were over the open ocean. If the pilot was forced to land the plane for an ailing passenger, there would be nowhere to touch down in open water.  
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=2989761&page=1>
  
13. *March 28, Associated Press* — **Flaming objects miss jetliner in air.** Pilots of a Chilean commercial jetliner spotted flaming objects falling past their plane as it headed for a landing in New Zealand, airline officials said Wednesday, March 28. U.S. experts suggested the objects were likely meteors burning up in the earth's atmosphere and questioned Australian media reports they were probably pieces of a falling Russian spacecraft. Websites of several Australian news media quoted officials as saying that pieces of a Russian satellite had narrowly missed the jet. But Nicholas Johnson, orbital debris chief scientist for NASA's Johnson Space Center, said that was likely not the case. Russian space junk was expected to come back to Earth but not until about 12 hours after the incident with the jet, Johnson said. He said he checked with the Russians and the debris from an empty Progress resupply ship that had been at the International Space Station re-entered Earth's atmosphere on schedule. "Unless someone has their times wrong, there appears to be no correlation," Johnson told The Associated Press.  
Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=nation\\_world&id=5161919](http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=nation_world&id=5161919)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

**14. *March 28, DM News* — PRC's Blair hopes for expedited decision on rate reconsideration.**

The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) is hoping to expedite its reconsideration of certain rates based on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Governors' rate decision announced March 19. This was a key message from Dan Blair, the new chairman of the PRC. "The [USPS] will be filing a document outlining possible proposals for how they would like us to look at [the reconsidered rates], and from there we will establish a process," Mr. Blair said. "We expect that to happen soon — even this week. This will be intended to make the process move quickly and efficiently so we can get back to what is on our plate, which is establishing a new system." The USPS Governors approved the PRC's proposed 7.6 percent rate average increase and set May 14 as the date for the implementation of these changes.

Source: <http://www.dmnews.com/cms/dm-news/direct-mail/40546.html>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

**15. *March 28, Agence France–Presse* — Suspected case of mad cow in Slovenia.** A new suspected case of mad cow disease was detected in central Slovenia during regular testing on a seven-year-old cow slaughtered earlier this week, veterinary authorities said Wednesday, March 28. The affected cow was born and bred in a small farm near the town of Celje, 50 miles north of Ljubljana. The farm, which owns five other cows, has been isolated until final test results are known. If confirmed, this would be the seventh case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in a Slovenian-born cow.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070328/hl\\_afp/sloveniahealthmadcow\\_070328175216;\\_ylt=Ak\\_tL89.t.5teh.BvLdzY8.JOrgF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070328/hl_afp/sloveniahealthmadcow_070328175216;_ylt=Ak_tL89.t.5teh.BvLdzY8.JOrgF)

**16. *March 28, Associated Press* — No CWD found in 19 Wisconsin counties.** There's no evidence chronic wasting disease (CWD) has spread into the deer herd in 19 west central Wisconsin counties. The Department of Natural Resources tested thousands of deer samples last fall and found southern Wisconsin remains the only area of the state where the fatal deer disease has been found since it was discovered five years ago. About 7,500 deer killed last fall were tested for the disease. The deer came from St. Croix, Pierce, Pepin, Dunn, Chippewa, Eau Claire, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Jackson, Clark, Marathon, Portage, Wood, Adams, Juneau, Monroe, La Crosse, Vernon and Crawford counties.

CWD information: <http://www.cwd-info.org/>

Source: <http://www.wkowntv.com/News/index.php?ID=10389>

**17. *March 28, Agence France–Presse* — South Korea helps North Korea fight foot-and-mouth disease.** South Korea on Wednesday, March 28, shipped medicine and equipment worth about \$280,000 to help North Korea fight an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, the unification ministry said. Foot-and-mouth has been spreading since it broke out on a farm near Pyongyang in January and authorities have destroyed hundreds of cattle and thousands of pigs.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070328/hl\\_afp/healthnkoreaskor\\_eaaid\\_070328191618;\\_ylt=AuWxC\\_niT.rizpvJrID.OCuJOrgF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070328/hl_afp/healthnkoreaskor_eaaid_070328191618;_ylt=AuWxC_niT.rizpvJrID.OCuJOrgF)

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## **Food Sector**

18. *March 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Nationwide olive recall.** Charlie Brown di Rutigliano & Figli S.r.l, in Bari Italy, is recalling Cerignola Olives, Nocellara Olives and Castelvetro Olives from distribution because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium that can cause a life-threatening illness or death. The recalled olives were distributed to wholesalers, who then distributed them nationally to restaurants and retail stores. This recall covers the following brands: Borrelli, Bonta di Puglia, Cento, Corrado's, Dal Raccolto, Flora, Roland and Vantia. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem. The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing found that the product had a higher than required pH.

Source: [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/charliebrow03\\_07.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/charliebrow03_07.html)

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## **Water Sector**

19. *March 29, Orange County Register (CA)* — **Water shortage called serious.** Freeway signs usually reserved for warnings of child abductions and traffic tie-ups greeted motorists with an unusual message Wednesday, March 28: "Orange County Water Emergency. Conserve Water." Officials in charge of Orange, CA's water supply are scrambling to get the message out — save water now or risk running out. Water reservoirs across Orange County were draining so swiftly that the Orange County Fire Authority was poised to roll with water tankers on fires in Yorba Linda and Placentia to ensure an adequate water supply. San Clemente water crews combed streets and asked those watering lawns to refrain. The shortage is a result of a weeklong shutdown for upgrades at the Robert B. Diemer plant in Yorba Linda, combined with unusually warm weather. Water officials are asking residents and businesses to conserve through Tuesday, April 3, to allow depleted reservoirs around the county to refill. But in some parts of the county, water use was 30 percent above normal; water officials didn't know, countywide, how much consumption was up.

Source: [http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/homepage/abox/article\\_1\\_633377.php](http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/homepage/abox/article_1_633377.php)

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## **Public Health Sector**

20. *March 29, Reuters* — **Bird flu deaths in Indonesia, China.** A 14-year-old boy and a 28-year-old woman have died of bird flu in Indonesia, a health ministry official said on Thursday, March 29. The deaths brought Indonesia's confirmed human death toll from the H5N1 virus to 71, the highest in the world. The boy was from West Sumatra and died on March 24, while the woman was from the capital, Jakarta, and died on Wednesday, March 28, Joko Suyono of the ministry's bird flu center said. The news from Indonesia came on the same day that Chinese state media announced a teenager in that country died from bird flu. The death

marked the country's third human infection from the virus this year. The 16-year-old boy from Bengbu in the rural eastern province of Anhui died Tuesday, March 27, Xinhua news agency reported. Medical authorities appeared to have little idea how the boy encountered the virus, raising questions about how effectively China, with its huge population and threadbare rural healthcare, can track its spread through birds and people.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2007/HEALTH/conditions/03/29/birdflu.asia.reut/>

21. *March 28, Reuters* — **Doctors test double Tamiflu dose to cut H5N1 deaths.** Doctors in Asia and the U.S. will give double doses of Tamiflu to patients suffering bird flu and severe seasonal human flu from May in a trial aimed at cutting high death rates from avian flu. People infected with the H5N1 bird flu virus are now prescribed the standard dose of Tamiflu, which is one capsule twice daily for five days. But less than half the patients survive. "In animal studies, higher doses of Tamiflu have resulted in higher cure rates for H5N1. The death rate from H5N1 is 60 percent, we want to see if we can solve this problem," said Tawee Chotpitayasunondh, senior medical officer at Thailand's Ministry of Public Health. Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and the U.S. will participate in the Tamiflu clinical trial. All bird flu victims will be included in the trial and each country will pick 100 patients suffering from severe human flu.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUKHKKG13303120070328>

22. *March 28, Carolina Newswire* — **'MIDAS' project researchers will use TeraGrid to help predict spread of disease.** RTI International and the Network Dynamics and Simulation Science Laboratory (NDSSL), part of the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute at Virginia Tech, will use the TeraGrid, the world's largest cyber-infrastructure, to develop models projecting the spread of infectious disease. The National Science Foundation, which funds the TeraGrid, awarded RTI and NDSSL use of the TeraGrid for a two-year period, during which they will develop new methods for mapping large-scale disease models. "In the past, we have conducted simulations on single cities of up to 19 million people," said Doug Roberts, RTI's leader for the Computational Infrastructure Group of Models for Infectious Disease Agent Study, known as MIDAS. "By using the TeraGrid, we will be able to run simulations of the entire population of the U.S., which will provide public and emergency officials with more accurate information to help them prepare for potential disease pandemics." The project is a part of MIDAS, an initiative sponsored by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The goal of the initiative is to provide policymakers, public health officials and others within the scientific community with the analytical tools and computer models required to respond effectively to infectious disease outbreaks.

Source: <http://carolinanewswire.com/news/News.cgi?database=1news.db&command=viewone&id=3540&op=t>

23. *March 28, Government Health IT* — **Delaware first with statewide health information exchange.** The Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN) will go live the week of March 26 with initial functionality for a small group of users. The network's builders say the network is the first implementation of a statewide health information exchange. At first, the network will deliver lab test results, radiology reports, and admission, discharge and transfer reports to the participants — three hospital systems, five doctors' practices with 30 offices and 70 physicians among them, and LabCorp. More users will be added while the next phase — a record locator system — is developed. The network will deliver all lab results, regardless of where they originate, in the same standard format. The reports can be delivered by fax or e-mail or

transferred into a provider's e-health records system.

Source: <http://govhealthit.com/article98071-03-28-07-Web>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**24. *March 28, Fire Chief Magazine* — DHS adopts NFPA protective equipment standards.** The U.S Department of Homeland Security (DHS) adopted eight National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for first responder personal protective equipment. Three of the eight documents were adopted for the first time by DHS and the remaining five were re-adoptions of the latest editions of standards currently being recognized by DHS. The requirements set by the documents aid state and local procurement officials in selecting the best protective equipment available. The standards will better protect first responders in emergencies involving chemical, biological and other hazards. They also will provide manufacturers with the necessary guidelines for designing, testing and certifying this equipment.

Source: [http://firechief.com/news/dhs\\_adopt03282007/](http://firechief.com/news/dhs_adopt03282007/)

**25. *March 28, Government Technology* — Virginia Beach to host regional public safety training exercise.** On Tuesday, April 3, the City of Virginia Beach, VA, will host "Operation Chain Reaction," a full scale regional public safety training exercise. The purpose of this event is to properly exercise the region's emergency medical services system and to prepare public safety personnel to respond to a major emergency incident in the Hampton Roads region. Because this is a full-scale regional exercise it is anticipated that there will be a large volume of first responders, apparatus, and emergency vehicles on site from all participating cities in the Hampton Roads region.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=104653>

**26. *March 28, Los Angeles Times* — National Guard ill-equipped at home, commander says.** The head of the National Guard warned Tuesday, March 27, that units nationwide have less than half the equipment they need to deal with natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other threats at home. Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum told members of the House armed services subcommittee on readiness that guardsmen being deployed to Iraq and other foreign hot spots are adequately equipped but that Army National Guard units stateside have, on average, just 40 percent of their required equipment on hand. That deficit cuts into the Guard's ability to respond to national emergencies and keep its "citizen soldiers" adequately trained for rapid deployment, he said.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-guard28mar28.1.7908287.story?coll=la-headlines-nation&ctrack=1&cset=true>

## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

27. *March 29, Sophos* — **Spammers hack PHP Websites to make money from online pharmacies.** Sophos has warned Internet users of the importance of properly securing their Websites after it has uncovered evidence that spammers are hacking into sites in their attempt to sell goods. Spam campaigns advertising Internet pharmacies peddling drugs are directing users to Webpages hosted on hacked innocent Websites that then automatically redirect surfers to the online store. The hacked Websites are all using PHP, a scripting language used by many Internet sites, which has suffered from serious security vulnerabilities in the past. Because the spam messages point to an innocent Website rather than directly to the online pharmacy, there is a risk that sites unaware of the spam campaign may have their reputations tarnished. Anti-spam products often use information about the Webpage pointed to by an e-mail as an indicator of whether the message is spam or not.  
Source: <http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2007/03/php-spam.html>
28. *March 28, CNET News* — **Web filters mistakenly blocking Yahoo.** Websense's products are meant to block malicious Websites, but on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27–28, the Web filters also blocked Yahoo.com. The blockade is the result of an erroneous update sent out to Websense customers late Tuesday afternoon, a representative for the company said. "The details are still under investigation but some IP addresses associated with the Yahoo.com site were classified incorrectly," the representative said. As a result, Web surfers at organizations that use Websense filtering software are unable to access the popular Website.  
Source: [http://news.com.com/Web+filters+mistakenly+blocking+Yahoo/2100-1029\\_3-6171423.html](http://news.com.com/Web+filters+mistakenly+blocking+Yahoo/2100-1029_3-6171423.html)
29. *March 28, Federal Computer Week* — **DoD to set information-sharing strategy.** The Department of Defense (DoD) has been focusing on making data accessible from anywhere at any time, but now it is figuring out the best ways to share that information. DoD Chief Information Officer (CIO) John Grimes is close to issuing an information-sharing strategy, and his office is developing an information-sharing implementation plan to help change the culture of how data is analyzed and shared. Dave Wennergren, DoD deputy CIO, said the strategy is awaiting Grimes' signature and the implementation plan is three to four months away from being ready. The plan will try to help the services answer a few important questions: Who needs the information? What information do they need and when do they need it?  
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article98077-03-28-07-Web>
30. *March 27, CNET News* — **Open-source bug hunt project expands.** A year after its original launch, a U.S. government-backed project that scans open-source code for flaws is expanding. The effort, supported by a research contract from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is now scanning code of 150 open-source projects, up from the original 50. "This allows open-source developers to find and resolve defects introduced into the project," said David Maxwell, open-source strategist for Coverity. Coverity makes source-code analysis tools and shares the DHS contract with Stanford University and Symantec. Since the start of the project, 6,000 bugs that were found have been fixed. About 700 developers are now registered to access

the bug data and 35 million lines of code are scanned every day.

Source: [http://news.com.com/Open-source+bug+hunt+project+expands/2100-1002\\_3-6171105.html](http://news.com.com/Open-source+bug+hunt+project+expands/2100-1002_3-6171105.html)

**31. *March 27, ComputerWorld* — Oregon joins states considering open-source legislation.**

Oregon has joined Texas, California and Minnesota as states that may vote this year on legislation that would mandate the use of open document formats for public documents and records. Oregon state representative Peter Buckley, a Democrat from Ashland, proposed House Bill 2920, which would require state government agencies, the state library, and all public libraries in the state to make certain documents and records available in open document formats. The bill as it is currently written appears to more explicitly favor the use of free, open-source software such as OpenOffice and its native format, Open Document Format for Office Applications (ODF), than do pending proposals in other states.

Proposed bill: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/asures/hb2900.dir/hb2920.intro.html>

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