



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 24 May 2007

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Daily Highlights

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- Computer World reports a new, enhanced 911 response system -- completely separated from the existing public telephone switching systems -- is being built in New York City to help residents get quicker and more efficient assistance from police, fire, and other first responders in times of emergency. (See item [24](#))

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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. *May 23, Reuters* — **U.S. hurricane forecasters urge safety on oil stockpiles.** Forecasters urged the oil industry this summer to stockpile supplies away from the U.S. Gulf Coast, which they predict will be hit by hurricane-force winds, potentially sending sky-high gas prices even higher, according to hazard models released on Wednesday, May 23. "It is almost certain there is going to be significant production disruption in the Gulf of Mexico this year," said storm tracker Chuck Watson. "We're really urging the oil industry to keep the stocks outside the Southeast as high as you can because otherwise you risk disrupting the whole country if there is

a storm impact." Energy companies struggled for months to restore operations after hurricanes pummeled oil and natural gas platforms and shut coastal refineries in the Gulf of Mexico 2005. Much of the Atlantic and Gulf coastlines face "substantially higher than normal risks" for a hurricane strike in 2007 as a result of continuing warm ocean temperatures and expected La Nina conditions, Watson and fellow storm tracker Mark Johnson said in their forecast. Of 852 coastal counties included in their analysis, they said Carteret County in North Carolina has the highest probability of getting hit with hurricane-force winds in 2007 at 22.4 percent.

Hurricane Data: <http://hurricane.methaz.org/>

Source: [http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2007-05-23T043008Z\\_01\\_N22475174\\_RTRUKOC\\_0\\_US-WEA\\_THER-HURRICANES-GULF.xml&WTmodLoc=NewsHome-C3-scienceNews-3](http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=scienceNews&storyID=2007-05-23T043008Z_01_N22475174_RTRUKOC_0_US-WEA_THER-HURRICANES-GULF.xml&WTmodLoc=NewsHome-C3-scienceNews-3)

2. *May 23, Anchorage Daily News* — **Water leak at Prudhoe plant cuts flow of oil.** Prudhoe Bay oil production in Alaska is down by almost a quarter due to a ruptured pipe, and BP workers and state inspectors are checking to see whether corrosion is again to blame for a bobble in the nation's largest oil field. The bad pipe doesn't run overland. Rather, it's part of the plumbing inside a key processing plant called Gathering Center 2 on the field's west side, said BP spokesperson Daren Beaudo. About 1:45 a.m. local time on Monday, May 21, workers discovered a leak coming from a weld in the T-shaped piece of piping, Beaudo said. About 840 gallons of water leaked, but the water went into a sump and none escaped the building, he said. The pipe rupture forced BP to idle Gathering Center 2, cutting Prudhoe oil output by about 100,000 barrels per day or roughly 12 percent of total North Slope production. The outage marks a long string of breakdowns since early last year in Prudhoe.  
Source: [http://www.adn.com/money/industries/oil/prudhoe/story/891133\\_4p-8811311c.html](http://www.adn.com/money/industries/oil/prudhoe/story/891133_4p-8811311c.html)
  
3. *May 22, Salt Lake Tribune (NV)* — **Refinery, rail problems fuel premium shortage at Costco.** The high cost of premium gasoline apparently has not discouraged customers from buying it, and Costco stations are having a hard time meeting demands. At least one store posted a sign blaming the shortage on "severely restricted supply." One of Costco's suppliers, the Tesoro refinery in Salt Lake City, NV, has had trouble obtaining the high-octane blend that is mixed with regular gas to produce premium, the result of an unspecified hangup in rail transportation, Tesoro spokesperson Natalie Silva said Monday, May 21. As of late Monday, Silva said the issues had all been resolved and that premium gas would be readily available to all its customers. Yet even Maverick, which sells more fuel in Utah than any other retailer, is having a hard time tapping supplies. "Finding any product at all has been a big challenge over the last few months. Sometimes it's premium. Sometimes it's unleaded," said Maverick spokesperson Brad Call. "We were sending trucks to the middle of Wyoming to secure product when we would normally just get it here." Part of the problem is timing, he said. Refineries have to convert operations from producing winter blends to summer blends just as the travel season heats up.  
Source: [http://www.sltrib.com/business/ci\\_5958814](http://www.sltrib.com/business/ci_5958814)
  
4. *May 22, Associated Press* — **Alabama nuclear plant restarts reactor after 22-year shutdown.** Utility officials restarted a long-dormant nuclear reactor Tuesday, May 22, 22 years after it was shut down because of safety concerns at what was once the nation's largest nuclear power plant. The restart capped a five-year, \$1.8 billion renovation at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant near Birmingham, AL. Plant spokesperson Craig

Beasley said there were no reports of problems. Extensive testing remained to be done before electricity from the Unit 1 reactor began flowing on transmission lines. The plant's other two reactors remained at full power. The entire three-reactor plant was idled in 1985 amid mounting worries over plant safety and management. The Unit 2 and 3 reactors were restarted in the 1990s after extensive renovations and upgrades. Restarting the reactor "gives TVA another dependable, safe and emissions-free source of generation to help meet the growing demand for power in the Tennessee Valley," TVA Chief Executive Tom Kilgore said. Capable of powering 1.95 million homes total, Browns Ferry was the nation's largest nuclear plant until it was shut down.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/Global/story.asp?S=6552240&nav=0RZF>

5. *May 21, Platts Energy Bulletin* — **Floods, fires and strike create obstacles for U.S., Canadian coal.** The major U.S. coal-hauling railroads are battling forest fires, floods and other operational hurdles that are hampering their ability to haul the commodity, while north of the border, one of the major Canadian railroads is trying to run trains while its main maintenance worker union is on strike. Those challenges have contributed to overall declines in coal hauls in the U.S. and Canada in recent weeks. Coal shipments on U.S. railroads were down seven percent in the week ending May 12, compared with the year-ago week, according to latest data from the Association of American Railroads. Year to date, coal shipments on U.S. railroads were down almost two percent to slightly below 2.6 million carloads. A Midwestern coal shipper noted that coal trains have been running slower in the past few weeks, but he said he is not worried now because inventories are sufficient to allow the utility to weather a temporary slowdown in shipments. "We can take this swing in deliveries for the time being," he said. "But if this continues, we're going to be in trouble." The shipper said coal stockpiles have been flat at his plants in the past several weeks, following months of steadily rising inventories.

Source: <http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6387171.xml?sub=Coal&p=Coal/News>

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

6. *May 22, KARE 11 (MN)* — **Dozen people sickened after chemical spill.** A lab worker at the Aspen Medical Clinic in Maplewood, MN, dropped a container of phenol, which is used in treating warts. The container broke, spraying the chemical on the leg of the lab worker. She suffered minor burns on her legs. The fumes moved through the clinic, sickening about a dozen people. They were taken to a hospital for observation and treatment.

Source: [http://www.kare11.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=254791](http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=254791)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *May 22, ABC 7 News (CO)* — **Computer hacker gains access to students' personal information.** The names and Social Security numbers of thousands of students at the University of Colorado Boulder have been exposed by a computer hacker, the university announced Tuesday, May 22. A school official in Boulder say a computer worm attacked a computer server used by the College of Arts and Sciences. The hacker was then able to have access to the vital information for 45,000 students who were enrolled at CU Boulder from 2002 to the present. IT security investigators said they do not believe the hacker who launched the worm was looking for personal data, but rather was attempting to take control of the machine to allow it to infiltrate other computers both on and off campus. CU said a series of human and technical problems led to the security breach. The hack was discovered May 12. IT security investigators said that the worm entered the server through a vulnerability in its Symantec anti-virus software, which had not been properly patched by the IT staff at the Arts and Sciences Advising Center.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/13366476/detail.html>
8. *May 22, Arizona Republic* — **Eleven arrested in credit card scam.** Officials arrested 11 people Tuesday, May 22, who they said encoded stolen personal information onto their own credit cards and made at least 100 purchases totaling more than \$500,000. Dariusz "Derek" Mitrega was a key player in a scam to obtain victims' personal information through various means, encode it onto other credit cards using an inexpensive scanning device and distribute the phonies to "associates" to make fraudulent purchases. The other ten people arrested Tuesday either knew each other or became involved through word-of-mouth, officials said in Mesa, AZ. Detective Joachim Dankanich said the suspects usually entered stores in groups of two or three, split up and purchased mostly big-ticket electronic items or gift cards. "They especially like these Visa gift cards because they can take them anywhere," Mesa Detective Helen Simmonds said. The credit cards were difficult to detect because they usually belonged to the user though the information on the magnetic strip did not. A way the retailer could catch the criminals was to compare the last four digits on the receipt to those on the purchaser's credit card.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/0522evskimming0523.html>
9. *May 17, Department of the Treasury* — **Department of the Treasury identifies financial network of Ismael Zambada Garcia.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Thursday, May 17, designated six companies and twelve individuals in Mexico that act as fronts for Ismael Zambada Garcia, the leader of a Sinaloa, Mexico-based drug trafficking organization. Ismael Zambada Garcia was named as a Tier I drug kingpin by President George W. Bush on May 31, 2002, pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act). Adam Szubin of the Office of Foreign Assets Control said, "Today's action further exposes the network of front companies and financial associates that Zambada Garcia uses to hide and launder his drug monies and cuts them off from the U.S. financial system." The OFAC designation targets Nueva Industria de Ganaderos de Culiacan S.A. de C.V., a Mexico-based cattle and dairy company. Zambada Garcia's former spouse, Rosario Niebla Cardoza, and their four daughters, Maria Teresa, Midiam Patricia, Monica del Rosario, and Modesta Zambada Niebla, are also designated. Other companies designated are Establo Puerto Rico S.A. de C.V., Jamaro Constructores S.A. de C.V., Multiservicios Jeviz S.A. de C.V., Estancia Infantil Niño Feliz S.C., and Rosario Niebla Cardoza A. en P.

Chart of Zambada Garcia's financial network:

<http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/reports/0517%20zambada%20garcia%20network%20chart.pdf>

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/hp410.htm>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

- 10. *May 23, Department of Transportation* — U.S. and China to increase passenger and cargo flights.** The number of daily passenger flights between the United States and China will more than double by 2012 and air cargo companies will have greatly expanded commercial freedom by 2011 as part of a new civil aviation agreement reached on Wednesday, May 23, by U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters and Chinese Minister of Civil Aviation Yang Yuanyuan. Starting this year, Peters said, the new agreement will allow for 13 new daily flights operated by U.S. carriers to and from China within five years. One new daily flight will be added in 2007 and 2008, four new daily flights in 2009, three more daily flights in 2010, and two new daily flights in 2011 and 2012 for a total of 23 per day. Under the current agreement, U.S. airlines today can operate only 10 daily flights into Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. This agreement will allow the U.S. to designate three additional U.S. carriers to operate to China: one in 2007 and two in 2009. The deal also will provide U.S. cargo carriers with virtually unfettered access to Chinese markets by lifting all government-set limits on the number of cargo flights and cargo carriers serving the two countries by 2011.  
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot5207.htm>
- 11. *May 23, Federal Aviation Administration* — FAA expands air traffic program to minimize summer delays.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expanding an air traffic program that reduces flight delays during the peak summer season. The Airspace Flow Program, as it is known, gives airlines the option of either accepting delays for flights scheduled to fly through storms or flying longer routes to safely maneuver around them. The agency successfully launched the program last year at seven locations in the Northeast. On bad weather days at major airports in the region, delays fell by nine percent compared to the year before. Cost savings for the airlines and the flying public from the program are estimated to be \$100 million annually. "This is a much better way to handle summer traffic," said FAA Administrator Marion C. Blakey. "If your flight isn't scheduled to fly through bad weather you don't have to sit on the tarmac. If it is, your airline has the choice of taking a delay shared evenly by all the affected flights or flying around the storm." On bad weather days, agency and airline officials collaborate to decide where and when the programs should be put in place.  
Source: [http://www.faa.gov/news/press\\_releases/news\\_story.cfm?newsId=8889](http://www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=8889)
- 12. *May 23, Canadian Press* — Senators introduce bill to use driver's licenses instead of passports.** Canada's push for an alternative to passports at the border has a major endorsement: Two U.S. senators have introduced legislation to create a secure driver's license for Americans to use instead. Minnesota's Norm Coleman and Susan Collins of Maine say it would be foolish not to allow the voluntary program since there have been a lot of improvements in the security of licenses. The bill would require U.S. officials to wait on the passport plan at land crossings until a pilot project using enhanced licenses in Washington state and British Columbia is

finished.

Source: <http://www.canada.com/topics/news/world/story.html?id=07fe2b24-66f3-4cc6-9edf-f9fff4b966f4&k=89370>

13. *May 23, Associated Press* — **VRE riders trapped by vandals.** Virginia Railway Express (VRE) has removed metal gates from a pedestrian bridge after vandals trapped commuters this week. The gates at the Rippon station in Woodbridge, VA, hadn't been closed in years. But on Monday afternoon, May 21, vandals closed them with a U-shaped lock. About 40 people who got off the train found they couldn't get out. They had to wait about 20 minutes for authorities to get the lock off. VRE workers removed the gates with a blowtorch yesterday to prevent a repeat of the incident. The gates were originally put there to keep vandals out of the station. Source: [http://www.wusa9.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=58972](http://www.wusa9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=58972)

14. *May 22, Department of Transportation* — **Reducing human error and strengthening hazardous materials tank cars top rail safety agenda for 2007.** The Department of Transportation will issue a final rule to prevent human factor-caused train accidents and complete research for new hazardous materials tank car design standards this year to continue recent improvements in rail safety, said Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters as part of a progress report on a Department campaign to improve rail safety. She noted that preliminary data for 2006 shows the number of train accidents declined for the second year in a row and there were fewer highway-rail grade crossing collisions. The positive safety trend is, in part, the result of the aggressive implementation of the Department's National Rail Safety Action Plan, the Secretary noted. The Federal Railroad Administration will complete a research project into the structural integrity of hazardous materials tank cars, including assessing the dynamic forces acting on a tank car in an accident, testing the ability of tank car steels to resist fracturing when impacted under various conditions, and ranking tank car risk or vulnerability to catastrophic failure, Peters added. The information will be used to develop new federal design standards for hazardous materials tank cars.

For a copy of the National Rail Safety Action Plan Progress Report 2005-2007:

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/>

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fra1707.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

15. *May 23, Associated Press* — **Government probes soybean rust in Iowa.** An announcement that Asian soybean rust had been found in Iowa earlier this year made farmers worry that the destructive growth could damage their fields. But they were relieved Tuesday, May 22, when officials said the single leaf infested with the destructive fungus must have been brought into the state from outside, perhaps to make people think it had grown in Iowa. The investigation

has been turned over to the federal government. Asian soybean rust is a fungus that can sweep through fields, infecting plants and drastically cutting yields. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of the Inspector General declined to name the person who submitted the sample. It reportedly came from Mahaska County in March. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said the sample was submitted to Iowa State's Plant Disease Clinic and the USDA confirmed it tested positive for Asian soybean rust. Officials with the state agency traveled to Mahaska County and examined the bin and the fields the leaf reportedly came from, as well as surrounding fields. They found no evidence of rust.

Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/michigan/index.ssf?/base/business-74/117990896976220.xml&storylist=business>

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## **Food Sector**

16. *May 23, USAgNet* — **Raid leads to more than 100 arrests at poultry plant.** Federal immigration agents raided a poultry plant Tuesday, May 22, and arrested more than 100 workers who are believed to be illegal immigrants. Most of those arrested at a George's processing plant in Butterfield, MO, were from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, said Pete Baird, an agent in charge of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigations office in Kansas City. The arrests were part of a probe into identity theft and false documents, including stolen Social Security numbers, allegedly used by illegal immigrants, Baird said. Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1190&yr=2007>

17. *May 22, Agence France-Presse* — **U.S., Canada declared 'controlled risk' zones for mad-cow disease.** The U.S. and Canada have been classified as countries with a "controlled risk" of mad-cow disease, the world's top agency for safety in meat and farm animal trade agreed on Tuesday, May 22. In a reaction to the ruling, the U.S. said it would call on its trade partners to set a timetable for easing any lingering restrictions on U.S. beef. The decision was reached unanimously by 150 delegates in the scientific commission of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), its director general, Bernard Vallat, said. The U.S. had sought classification by the OIE after sales of beef were hit by import bans in more than a dozen countries, triggered by concern over bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), as mad-cow disease is called. Most of those countries have fully or partially lifted the restrictions, but the U.S. beef industry is lobbying hard for a full resumption of trade. Canada, whose sales of cattle were also hit after BSE surfaced among local livestock a few years ago, also sought OIE classification.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070522/pl\\_afp/healthfarmmadcow\\_us\\_070522190126;\\_ylt=Aq\\_QRb5A7EXDUEkTEzCf0QqJOrgF](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070522/pl_afp/healthfarmmadcow_us_070522190126;_ylt=Aq_QRb5A7EXDUEkTEzCf0QqJOrgF)

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## **Water Sector**

18. *May 22, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* — **District of Columbia to pay penalty for reporting inaccurate lead sampling data.** The District of Columbia Water and Sewer

Authority (WASA) will pay a \$10,000 penalty for not complying with data management and reporting requirements of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) order to address past problems with lead in the district's drinking water. The penalty results from the settlement of an August 2006 EPA administrative complaint concerning WASA's failure to comply with a 2004 Safe Drinking Water Act consent order. In accordance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the 2004 order required WASA to sample drinking water from at least 100 homes that were at higher risk of lead-contaminated drinking water due to lead service lines or pipes with lead solder. However, according to EPA, for the July to December 2005 monitoring period, 12 of the 103 drinking water samples had to be eliminated because of inaccurate data. These 12 samples were either taken from homes that never had lead service lines or homes where the lead service lines had already been replaced. EPA's 2006 complaint noted that WASA submitted these samples because of a shortfall in its data management. Correct information would have indicated that these samples were not high risk residences.

Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/743eda788e9edd09852572e30049dff5?OpenDocument>

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## **Public Health Sector**

**19. *May 23, Reuters* — Girl dies, man in hospital in Asia bird flu cases.** An Indonesian girl has died of bird flu and Vietnam reported on Wednesday, May 23, its first suspected human infection since late 2005, in a string of cases across Asia when the H5N1 virus is usually less active. In Pakistan, authorities said thousands of chickens were culled at three poultry farms on the outskirts of Islamabad, while Bangladesh struggled to control the virus in birds after outbreaks on dozens of farms. The 5-year-old Indonesia girl, from Central Java province, died last week, a Health Ministry official said on Wednesday. Authorities were still investigating the case, but at least 20 chickens had died suddenly near her home, the official said. The girl's death brings the number of confirmed human fatalities in Indonesia to 77, the highest in the world. Vietnam said on Wednesday a 30-year-old man was in a serious condition and the World Health Organization said it would verify tests that showed he was infected with bird flu. State media said the man, from Vinh Phuc province near the capital Hanoi, had developed a fever and had difficulty breathing two days after he helped slaughter chickens at a friend's wedding about a month ago.

Source: [http://in.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2007-05-23T142751Z\\_01\\_NOOTR\\_RTRJONC\\_0\\_India-299\\_544-3.xml](http://in.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=worldNews&storyID=2007-05-23T142751Z_01_NOOTR_RTRJONC_0_India-299_544-3.xml)

**20. *May 23, Reuters* — Shortage of pandemic flu vaccine to last five years.** A global shortage of pandemic influenza vaccines will last for at least five years, leaving three-quarters of the population unprotected against a potential outbreak, a senior United Nations official said on Wednesday, May 23. David Heymann, head of communicable diseases for the World Health Organization (WHO), said drugmakers can produce enough vaccine for only 1.5 billion of the globe's 6.2 billion people. The WHO agreed this week to revamp its 50-year-old rules requiring countries to share flu virus samples to meet concerns from Indonesia and other developing nations that samples they provided were being used to create costly commercial vaccines that they could then not afford to buy. It set up a working group to revise the terms of reference for WHO laboratories which analyze samples of viruses, such as the deadly H5N1

bird flu strain, and to draft rules for sharing samples with external researchers and drug companies.

Source: [http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSL2331344320070\\_523](http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSL2331344320070_523)

21. *May 22, Reuters* — **Some health staff wouldn't work during a pandemic.** A survey of U.S. healthcare workers suggests that not all will be willing to be on the frontlines if there should be an outbreak of bird flu or other infectious disease. Results are based on surveys completed by 169 nurses, doctors and other hospital workers regarding their willingness to report to work in the event of bird flu pandemic. The average age of those surveyed was 38 years and 32 percent were male. About 50 percent of the hospital workers said "yes" they would report to work, while 42 percent said "maybe" and eight percent said "no, even if I would lose my job." Doctors (73 percent) were more likely than nurses (44 percent) or other hospital personnel (33 percent) to indicate that they would report to work in the event of bird flu pandemic. Men were more likely than women to indicate that they would report to work (66 percent versus 42 percent). For the "maybe" responders, the factor making the biggest difference (83 percent) was their level of confidence that the hospital would protect them.

Source: [http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSHAR26607620070\\_522](http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSHAR26607620070_522)

22. *May 19, Arizona Republic* — **Migrants weak link in facing bioterror.** Maricopa, AZ, health officials are devising a strategy to gain the trust of illegal immigrants in the event of a bioterrorism attack. A year after the county received a poor grade for its bioterrorism-preparedness plan, it is at the forefront of the issue nationwide as communities scramble to meet federal mandates. To contain a bioterrorism attack, county health officials would have just 48 hours to get lifesaving medicine to every man, woman and child — more than four million people in all. "They are going to rank as among the hardest-to-reach populations," said Mark Hart, the health department's special-populations coordinator. "It is a twofold challenge: finding and informing them, and then getting them to come." In April 2006, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention gave the county a "red" rating, the lowest possible, for its bioterrorism-preparedness plan, in part because officials hadn't addressed how they would reach the entire community. With about 500,000, Arizona proportionately has the largest illegal population of any state. The majority of illegal immigrants are believed to live in Maricopa County, the 13th-largest metropolitan area in the country.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0519bioterrorism0519.html>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *May 22, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — **President declares major disaster for South Dakota.** The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced Tuesday, May 22, that federal disaster aid has been

made available for the state of South Dakota to help people and communities recover from the effects of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding beginning on May 4, 2007, and continuing. FEMA Administrator David Paulison said the assistance was authorized under a major disaster declaration issued for the state by President Bush. The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Beadle, Brown, Clark, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Miner, Sanborn, Spink, and Yankton counties.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=36491>

24. *May 22, Computer World* — **Enhanced 911 system being readied in New York City.** A new, enhanced 911 response system is being built in New York City to help residents get quicker and more efficient assistance from police, fire, and other first responders in times of emergency. A key change in the system is that for the first time, the 911 emergency response and dispatching infrastructure will be completely separated from the existing public telephone switching systems, making it exclusively available for 911 calls in emergencies. The existing 911 system uses a shared infrastructure with the public telephone network system. A spokesperson for the city's Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) said the enhanced 911 system will be built in several phases over the next several years. The new 911 system will allow all emergency 911 calls to come into the same call center, where operators and officials from the city's police, fire, and ambulance departments will be shoulder to shoulder for the first time ever, the DoITT spokesperson said. Presently, 911 calls for police come into a 911 center while fire calls can be routed to several locations.

Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=networking\\_and\\_internet&articleId=9020659&taxonomyId=16](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=networking_and_internet&articleId=9020659&taxonomyId=16)

25. *May 21, KPRC-TV (TX)* — **New hurricane evacuation plan released in Texas county.** With less than two weeks until hurricane season, Harris County, TX, released a new evacuation plan based on ZIP codes to get families to safety if a storm strikes. Smooth evacuations are a priority for city and county leaders after thousands got stuck in hours of gridlock trying to leave before Hurricane Rita hit in September, 2005. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett says ZIP codes will be used to identify the houses in the three storm surge areas. Up to 300,000 people live in the most vulnerable neighborhoods. He said people who live on higher ground should be prepared to shelter-in-place. Those with special medical needs should register with 211. The state has also implemented four main evacuation routes out of Houston: I-10 west to San Antonio; I-45 north to Dallas; I-59 north to Nacodoches; and Highway 290 west to Austin or Waco.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/13360621/detail.html>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

26. *May 23, SC Magazine* — **Microsoft releases a non-security security update.** Microsoft on Tuesday, May 22, released a non-security-related security bulletin to fix Windows Update issues. The fix addresses an issue forcing PCs to become unresponsive when Microsoft Update or Windows Update is performs scans prior to downloads, according to Microsoft. Christopher Budd, Microsoft security program manager, said that PC users should have no problem downloading the bulletin even if they're experiencing update issues. Users experiencing issues with Windows Update or Microsoft Update may experience see systems, access violation errors

in svchost.exe, memory leaks while scanning for updates and lengthy scanning times, sometimes taking hours to complete. The errors have occurred in Windows 2000 with Service Pack 4, Windows XP with Service Pack 2, XP Professional x64 edition with and without Service Pack 2 installed, Windows Server 2003 with Service Pack 1 and Service Pack 2 and Windows Server 2003 x64 Edition with Service Pack 1 and Service Pack 2.

Microsoft Security Advisory (927891) — Fix for Windows Installer (MSI):

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/927891.ms.px>

Source: <http://scmagazine.com/us/news/article/659362/microsoft-releases-non-security-security-update/>

27. *May 23, CNET News* — **Promising antispam technique gets nod.** An Internet standards body gave preliminary approval on Tuesday, May 23, to a powerful technology designed to detect and block fake e-mail messages. Yahoo, Cisco Systems, Sendmail and PGP Corporation are behind the push for DomainKeys, which the companies said in a joint statement will provide "businesses with heightened brand protection by providing message authentication, verification and traceability to help determine whether a message is legitimate." The draft standard that the Internet Engineering Task Force adopted is more promising than most other anti-spam and antiphishing technologies because it harnesses the power of cryptographically secure digital signatures to thwart online miscreants. DomainKeys works by embedding a digital signature in the headers of an outgoing e-mail message. If the cryptographically secure signature checks out, the message can be delivered as usual. Otherwise, it can be flagged as spam. In the long run, DomainKeys is more promising than existing antispam and antiphishing technologies, which rely on techniques like assembling a "blacklist" of known fraudsters or detecting such messages by trying to identify common characteristics. But the DomainKeys approach does suffer from one serious, short-term problem: it's only effective if both the sender and recipient's mail systems are upgraded to support the standard.

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28. *May 21, Government Computer News* — **Cyberattacks get physical.** At City Hall in the fictional New England town of Harborville, two computer systems containing sensitive data have been penetrated. The police department's 911 system is not working right and the computer-aided dispatch system is sending police on false calls. Communications are down at the hospital, and false reports of fires and bioterrorism attacks are causing panic. That was the opening scenario of a tabletop exercise done by the Dartmouth College Thayer School of Engineering at the recent GovSec Conference in Washington. The goal was to demonstrate how information technology problems can affect decisions and emergency responses. Hierarchies and chains of command fall apart when communications are interrupted and information can't be trusted, said Mark Stanovich, lead developer of the exercise. Cyberattacks increasingly will be used to magnify the effect of physical attacks or hamper responses to them, said analysts from the U.S. Cyber Consequences Unit (US-CCU). The US-CCU is a government-funded, independent research organization Established in 2004, it receives government funding for on-site surveys of critical infrastructure facilities.

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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

**29. *May 23, CNN* — Liberty University student plotted to set off explosives, police say.** A first-year Liberty University student was arrested in what police said was a plot to detonate explosive devices Tuesday, May 22, the day of the Rev. Jerry Falwell's funeral. Mark David Uhl's intended target is unknown, authorities said. ABC News reported the youth told authorities he had made the bombs -- which were found in his car -- to stop protesters from disrupting Falwell's funeral. Police received a call about 11 p.m. EDT Monday from one of Uhl's family members, who said they had talked with him and he had "mentioned some explosive devices he had made," said Maj. Steve Hutcherson of Campbell County, VA, sheriff's office. Authorities found in Uhl's vehicle "what appeared to be about six explosive devices" that had detonation devices with them, Hutcherson said. The homemade devices were canisters with some kind of liquid inside. A Virginia State Police bomb squad was summoned to ensure the items were safe, he said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/05/22/va.bombarrest/index.html>

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## **General Sector**

**30. *May 21, Daily Bulletin (CA)* — Street crime tied to Los Angeles terror threats.** The United States is just as vulnerable to attack as it was on September 11, 2001, with gangs funding terrorist groups and draining resources from law-enforcement agencies, a panel of terrorism experts said Monday, May 21. Speaking at a forum at the University of California at Los Angeles, officials said the war on terrorism has been replaced by the war on gangs -- a huge concern in Los Angeles, which has an estimated 40,000 gang members and is an attractive target for terrorists. Officials said the links between organized crime and terrorism are particularly troubling in light of a message posted on an al Qaeda Website saying the group wants to kill four million Americans in retribution for the number of Muslims killed by the U.S. and its allies in recent years. "Al Qaeda recently announced on their Website that they have two main targets -- Los Angeles and Melbourne, Australia," said Michael Intriligator, a terrorism expert and UCLA professor. Intriligator said Los Angeles has a number of potential targets, including Los Angeles International Airport, its downtown skyscrapers, and the nation's largest port complex. He is especially concerned about the potential for an attack using a black market nuclear device.

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