



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 22 April 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- CNN reports a South Carolina high school senior arrested in an alleged bomb plot had the ingredients to assemble a bomb in minutes, police said Monday. The teenager was arrested Saturday after his parents called police when ten pounds of ammonium nitrate was delivered to their home. (See item [24](#))
- According to KOAT 7 Albuquerque, forestry officials said that the Trigo Fire in the Cibola National Forest had grown to 3,745 acres Monday morning, nearly triple the size it was early Sunday. The Torrance County, New Mexico, emergency manager called the situation severe. (See item [36](#))

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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. *April 21, Bloomberg* – (International) **Oil rises to \$117 record on Nigerian supply cuts, OPEC stance.** Crude oil rose above \$117 a barrel for the first time in New York as Nigeria lost more output through rebel attacks and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said it will maintain production. Crude oil for May delivery rose as much as 91 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$117.60 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. OPEC’s secretary-general said Sunday that there is no shortage of oil in the market. “The price seems to be rising inexorably towards \$120,” said the director of energy at Medley Global Advisors. “OPEC has a

very limited amount of spare capacity left and maybe they're trying to keep that in case there's actual physical disruption," he said.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aZxXyM6kVGKM&refer=energy>

2. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Avalanches in Alaska may increase power costs.** A series of avalanches, which hit at 4 a.m. on Wednesday, took out a mile and a half of power transmission line and destroyed or severely damaged five support towers along a steep mountainside outside the Snettisham Hydroelectric facility, some 40 miles from downtown Juneau. The plant provides about 85 percent of the city's energy, the president of Alaska Electric Light and Power (AEL&P) said. Diesel generators were already running on Wednesday morning and were expected to continue to supply most of Juneau's power needs for the next three months, albeit at a much higher cost than hydropower-generated electricity. He said AEL&P was filing for an emergency cost of power adjustment with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to pass on the cost of diesel generation to consumers. Repairing the line is estimated to cost \$5 million to \$10 million, but conditions are too unstable at the site to assess the situation from the ground. A spokeswoman for the governor said two engineers from the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority would assess the damage.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/20/us/20Juneau.html?ref=science>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

3. *April 21, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Explosion and fire at Sparrows Point.** An explosion burned one person and caused a two-alarm fire at a Cole Chemical building in the Sparrows Point Industrial Complex, near downtown Baltimore, Maryland. Officials from the Baltimore County Fire Department said liquid steel came in contact with water causing the explosion around 12:30 Monday morning. According to Baltimore County Police, the explosion took place in an area where raw materials are kept for steel making. The victim was immediately taken by fellow employees to an on-site medical center, where he was treated for burns. Hazmat crews were called to the scene as a precaution, but later canceled. The fire was extinguished in about 30 minutes. Baltimore County Police say the explosion is under investigation.

Source:

[http://www.abc2news.com/content/news/breaking/story.aspx?content\\_id=4c336b54-3ed7-4775-9c2f-b57bb83dcc32](http://www.abc2news.com/content/news/breaking/story.aspx?content_id=4c336b54-3ed7-4775-9c2f-b57bb83dcc32)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

4. *April 21, Dowagiac Daily News* – (Michigan) **Palisades nuclear plant watchdogs warn about earthquake risks.** Friday's early morning 5.2 magnitude earthquake, originating in southeast Illinois but felt in southwest Michigan, revived concerns of

atomic watchdog groups that a powerful enough earthquake jolting the Palisades atomic reactor site could spell radioactive catastrophe for Lake Michigan and communities downwind and downstream. Palisades has nearly three dozen concrete and steel silos holding irradiated nuclear fuel rods. The silos, called dry casks, rest upon two concrete pads. The concrete slabs are located upon loose sand amidst the dunes of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Some containers of radioactive waste are just 150 yards from the water. The earthquake is a reminder that Palisades' mounting radioactive wastes put Lake Michigan and the drinking water supply at risk.

Source: <http://www.dowagiacnews.com/articles/2008/04/21/columnists/dncolumn03.txt>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

5. *April 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Military's gun of choice under fire.** For over a decade, the military has relied on Colt Defense to make M4 carbine rifles. As Congress considers spending millions more on the guns, this arrangement is being criticized as a bad deal for U.S. forces, according to interviews and research conducted by the Associated Press. At about \$1,500 apiece, the M4 is overpriced, according to a U.S. senator. It jams too often in sandy environments, he adds, and requires far more maintenance than more durable carbines. U.S. military officials say when the time comes to replace the M4, they want a combat rifle that is leaps and bounds beyond what is currently available. In 2006, a non-profit research group surveyed 2,600 soldiers who had served in Iraq and Afghanistan and found 89 percent were satisfied with the M4 and 19 percent had their weapon jam during a firefight. Colt's exclusive production agreement ends in June 2009. The Army may have other gunmakers compete along with Colt for continued M4 production, or it might begin looking for a totally new weapon. Some point to the "SCAR," made by Belgian armorer FN Herstal, and the HK416, produced by Germany's Heckler & Koch, as possible contenders. Both weapons cost about the same as the M4, their manufacturers say. Special Operations Command is replacing the M4s and several other rifles in its arsenal with the SCAR. The HK416 is being used by elite units like Delta Force. The command said there are "a small number" of the carbines in its inventory. A key difference between the Colt carbine and the competitors is the way the rounds are fed through the rifle at lightning speed.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24229068/>

6. *April 20, Defense News* – (National) **U.S. Navy finds glaring flaws in 2 surface ships.** The U.S. Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey, or InSurv, conducted inspections in March aboard the Norfolk, Virginia-based destroyer Stout and the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii-based cruiser Chosin. The verdict for both ships: "unfit for sustained combat operations." Most of the missiles could not be fired, and neither could any of the big guns. The Aegis radars key to the ships' fighting abilities did not work right. The flight decks were inoperable. Most of the lifesaving gear failed inspection. Corrosion was rampant, and lube oil leaked all over. High-ranking officers now are searching for what led to the problems revealed by the two inspections. "There's a discussion active inside the community about self-assessment issues and processes," said the assistant chief of staff for maintenance and engineering with Naval Surface Forces in San Diego. He

pointed out that a great number of the problems on the two ships were known even before the inspections. But InSurv turned up more problems than were expected. He said the ships' material condition was not due to lack of funds and noted that the ships are entering mid-life. "Stout is...due for a mid-life upgrade in about four years," he said of the 14-year-old destroyer. The Chosin, commissioned in 1991, is scheduled for an upgrade under the cruiser modernization program.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3488407&c=AME&s=SEA>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *April 21, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Oregon credit union customers target of text message scam.** The Oregon Community Credit Union is investigating fraudulent charges made to some customer accounts following a text message scam over the weekend. The messages were sent out before 6:30 a.m. Saturday to both members and nonmembers saying their credit union accounts had been closed due to unusual activity and listing a Florida phone number to call. When they called, an automated message told them to provide three pieces of information, starting with their debit card number. At least 2,000 people called the credit union and the Eugene police to report the scam.  
Source: [http://blog.oregonlive.com/breakingnews/2008/04/oregon\\_credit\\_union\\_customers.html](http://blog.oregonlive.com/breakingnews/2008/04/oregon_credit_union_customers.html)
8. *April 21, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Theft leaves 700,000 identities at risk.** The theft of a computer server may have exposed Social Security numbers and other personal information of as many as 700,000 people. The information containing customer-billing records for about 100 Indiana businesses was on a server stolen last month from a debt collection agency. The data was limited to past-due billing information that had been turned over for debt collection to the Central Collection Bureau, the agency said Friday. The bureau collects overdue bills on behalf of dozens of Indiana businesses, including doctors and hospitals. The server was stolen March 21. The information was protected by two passwords but was not encrypted, said the Central Collection Bureau president. The data also included past due billing statements for 51,000 former Citizens Gas customers, including names, last known addresses and Social Security numbers. The data was on customers the utility had not been able to find on its own, a spokesman said. The Indiana attorney general's office also is investigating the theft.  
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/nation/906211,identity042108.article>
9. *April 21, WKBV 7Buffalo* – (New York) **SUNY security breach grows.** The college security breach is getting bigger as a stolen laptop containing information on SUNY Fredonia students, along with 16,000 Buffalo State College students and 1500 high school students, who applied to SUNY Brockport, was taken over a month ago from a college consultant. The Fredonia President says the social security numbers of 958 current students, alumni and previous applicants may have been compromised. Those affected at Fredonia will be contacted about the situation over the next several days.  
Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/17940059.html>

## **Transportation Sector**

10. *April, U.S. Customs and Border Protection* – (National) **U.S. Customs and Border Protection announces pilot for Global Entry™ program.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) recently announced the Global Entry™ pilot program, scheduled to launch this summer. Global Entry is designed to expedite the processing of low-risk, frequent international “trusted” travelers entering the U.S. Global Entry will be available for U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents who are frequent international travelers, who have not been found guilty of a criminal offense, charged with a customs or immigration offense, or declared inadmissible to the U.S. under immigration legislation. Upon returning from international travel, Global Entry -enrolled travelers may bypass the regular passport control line and proceed directly to the Global Entry™ kiosk. At the kiosk, the Global Entry traveler will activate the system by inserting his or her passport or U.S. permanent resident card into the document reader. The kiosk will direct the traveler to electronically provide his or her fingerprints and will compare that biometric data with the fingerprint biometrics on file. A digital photograph will also be taken of the traveler as part of the transaction record. Finally, the traveler will be prompted to answer several CBP declaration questions posted on the kiosk’s touch-screen. Once the process is successfully completed, the traveler will be issued a transaction receipt which must be presented to the CBP officer as the participant leaves the CBP inspection area. The pilot will be initially conducted at John F. Kennedy International Airport, George Bush Intercontinental Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport. The program will begin processing applications from the public starting May 12 with operations at the three initial airports scheduled to begin June 10.  
Source: <http://hospitality-1st.com/PressNews/USCBP-042108.html>
  
11. *April 21, Examiner* – (Maryland; Virginia) **2 planes land in area after lightning strikes.** Two planes landed in Maryland and Virginia after being struck by lightning on Sunday morning. Both incidents occurred around 10:30 a.m., according to a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman. The first aircraft, Continental Jetlink #1202, was on its way to Newark, New Jersey, when it was hit. It made an emergency landing without incident at Baltimore /Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. The other flight, United Express 7795 departed from Dulles International Airport on its way to Toronto, and turned around and returned after being stuck. No one was injured.  
Source: [http://www.examiner.com/a-1351379~2\\_planes\\_land\\_in\\_area\\_after\\_lightning\\_strikes.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-1351379~2_planes_land_in_area_after_lightning_strikes.html)
  
12. *April 20, USA Today* – (National) **DOT chief: Panel to examine aviation safety.** An outside team of aviation safety experts will review the government’s oversight of the airline industry in the wake of the maintenance scandal that has rocked the aviation industry in recent weeks, the Transportation Secretary said Friday. She also demanded that federal aviation regulators and American Airlines explain why the airline had to ground nearly half its jet fleet and cancel 3,100 flights last week after botching required safety inspections and maintenance. In addition, she said she will create a system to track when airline inspections are overdue and establish a squad of government

inspectors to conduct special safety reviews. “These steps will help make inspectors and managers more accountable, keep airlines focused on safety and minimize disruptions for travelers,” she said. The actions drew swift criticism from a key lawmaker, who called the announcement a “long-overdue recognition that the safety oversight between the FAA and the airlines isn’t working as well as it should.”

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-04-18-aviation-safety\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-04-18-aviation-safety_N.htm)

13. *April 20, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **Derailed train hauling chlorine prompts evacuation near SAU.** A train hauling chlorine derailed Friday morning near Southern Arkansas University, leading authorities to evacuate the campus and nearby residents. No one was injured, and no chlorine leaked, but the threat of a chlorine leak during the cleanup late Friday afternoon prompted officials to clear the area as a precaution. Two nearby plants also sent employees home early after the derailment. Five tanker cars each carrying 17,000 gallons of chlorine derailed. Three were knocked on their sides. The train was bound for the Albermarle Corp. plant outside Magnolia. The plant makes cleaning products and other items that use chlorine.

Source: <http://www.nwanews.com/adg/News/223322/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to Report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

14. *April 21, California Farmer* – (California) **USDA under fire over apple moth.** In early April, a California congressman continued his aggressive questioning of federal officials who are involved in aerial spraying of the Central Coast’s light brown apple moth. An in-depth look at the moth issue is scheduled for the May issue of California Farmer. The California Department of Food and Agriculture has announced plans to aerial spray several California cities with pheromones this summer. “For the past two months I have questioned several Department of Agriculture officials on how they are handling the light brown apple moth,” the congressman said. “So far, the answers I have received have been incomplete and inadequate. We must determine whether this spraying is harmful to humans and we must determine whether spraying is even necessary.”

Source: <http://californiafarmer.com/index.aspx?ascxid=fpStory&fpsid=33348&fpstid=2>

15. *April 21, Farm Futures* – (International) **U.S. beef ready to roll back into South Korea.** On Friday, the U.S. and South Korea announced an agreement that will open the South Korean market to all ages and all cuts of U.S. beef. According to the undersecretary of the U.S. Agriculture Department, it will not take long to start moving beef into South Korea. “We expect the products that are in the pipeline already will be allowed to enter South Korea under this new protocol,” he said. “The details and specifics of the protocol we anticipate will take effect sometime around mid-May when

this will be fully in compliance.” Before a 2003 ban related to the discovery of mad cow disease in the U.S., South Korea was the third largest customer of U.S. beef. Korea’s acceptance of World Health Organization guidelines opens opportunities to pursue other markets in Southeast Asia and worldwide.

Source:

<http://www.farmfutures.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=CD26BEDECA4A4946A1283CC7786AEB5A&nm=News&type=news&mod=News&mid=9A02E3B96F2A415ABC72CB5F516B4C10&tier=3&nid=C6DA4DCE392C4175AABD2D994F22A46C>

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## **Water Sector**

16. *April 21, CNN* – (International) **Water pollution: Dawn of the ‘Dead Zones.’** The “Dead Zone” in the Gulf of Mexico has been caused by a flood of nutrients, such as agricultural fertilizers, which boost algae production in the sea. These growths consume huge amounts of oxygen, creating a “marine desert” almost devoid of life. Similar “Dead Zones” are being discovered across the world, and a major United Nations (UN) report in 2003 found that the number had doubled each decade since the 1960’s. The UN report also warned that the number will continue to increase as intensive agriculture spreads around the world and that they are already having a significant impact on commercial fish stocks. The effects of intensive agriculture can be acute in the developing world, where the pressure to feed a growing population combined with a low level of regulation can cause serious problems. Legislators around the world are calling for a closer integration of environmental and agricultural policies, and more help for farmers in managing potentially hazardous substances. But many environmentalists see a solution with increased incentives for organic farming, which uses fewer chemicals and with no appreciable decrease in yields.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/asiapcf/04/20/eco.waterpollution/>

17. *April 20, Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Water law coming into play.** Colorado’s complex system for appropriating water will come into play if Glade Reservoir is built. State water law is based on the concept “first in time, first in right,” also known as the doctrine of prior appropriation. Whoever has the longest-standing claim on a specific amount of water and can put it to beneficial use has the first right to use it. Water rights retain their seniority when they are sold or traded. Poudre River water that is claimed, but cannot be used or stored, flows out of state. One of the rights that would be used to divert water into Glade is considered a “junior” right. It could only be taken during times of high flows on the Poudre, typically during the height of spring runoff. The reservoir also would take in water owned by two irrigation ditch companies that already draw from the river.

Source:

<http://www.coloradoan.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080420/NEWS01/804200329/1002/CUSTOMERSERVICE02>

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## Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *April 21, Associated Press* – (International) **South Korea will cull millions of birds to contain bird flu.** South Korea will slaughter at least 5.32 million birds to contain its latest outbreak of bird flu, the highest-ever number of poultry killed in the country to stop the disease's spread. South Korea has killed 4.85 million birds since the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu broke out earlier this month for the first time in more than a year, an Agriculture Ministry official said on Monday. The Agriculture Ministry issued a nationwide high alert last week to prevent the disease's further spread. South Korea killed 5.29 million poultry in 2003 to halt bird flu, the previous record slaughter. Seven outbreaks of the deadly virus hit poultry farms across South Korea between November 2006 and March 2007, resulting in the slaughter of about 2.8 million birds.

Source:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB120876554029830597.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB120876554029830597.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

19. *April 21, Xinhua* – (International) **Vietnam tests bird flu vaccines among humans.** Vietnam has conducted its first large-scale trial of a locally-produced H5N1 vaccine on 30 volunteers, local newspaper Vietnam News reported Monday. The trial starting last weekend was implemented on healthy volunteers aged 18-45, who are students and staff from the Hanoi capital-based Military Medical Institute. If the trial is successful, Vietnam will conduct the second test on 240 other students and staff of the institute in June. If everything goes as scheduled, the H5N1 vaccine will be produced in Vietnam in 2009 at a price of two U.S. dollars per dose. An earlier human trial on ten local researchers directly involved in H5N1 vaccine production project has proved successful, the paper said. All of the volunteers are now healthy. Bird flu virus strain H5N1 has killed five people in Vietnam since early this year, according to the Vietnamese Ministry of Health.

Source: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-04/21/content\\_8020597.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-04/21/content_8020597.htm)

20. *April 21, Associated Press* – (National) **CDC: More than 180 sickened in 10 states from 'toxic' vitamins.** Health officials are investigating more than 180 reports of illness in people who took dietary supplements containing toxic levels of the mineral selenium. Last month, federal officials warned consumers about harmful doses of selenium – a mineral considered healthful in small amounts – in plastic bottles of liquid Total Body Formula and Total Body Mega Formula. The manufacturer recalled the product March 27, but reports of 184 illnesses indicate many people are still taking it, health officials said. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found up to 200 times the label level of selenium in the products. The agency also found 17 times the label level of chromium but has not yet concluded if those levels are toxic. Toxic levels of the minerals were in about 1,200 bottles distributed in 16 states and over the Internet, said a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention official, who is leading the team working on the investigation. Health officials are looking into an escalating number of illnesses in ten states – Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Louisiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,351942,00.html>

21. *April 20, San Jose Mercury News* – (National) **Drug studies for hire.** The huge cost and complexity of testing potential new medical products has precipitated the creation of hundreds of so-called contract research organizations (CROs), which are contracted to carry out the testing and research on behalf of biotech companies. This has created a multibillion-dollar industry that many people say provides an essential service and is bound to expand. However, according to one CRO manager in San Jose, California, many CROs “are unqualified.” The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is also concerned. In recent months, it has alerted at least two Bay Area biotech companies about problems with some of their tests in which CROs were involved. It is important for CROs or anyone else to correctly manage the studies – called clinical trials when they involve people – because mistakes potentially could lead to everything from a product’s approval being delayed to a test subject developing unanticipated side effects. Yet CRO critics say no one – including the FDA – knows how often the contract outfits cause problems because the businesses operate with scant government oversight.  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_8991804?source=most\\_email](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_8991804?source=most_email)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

22. *April 21, Associated Press and KWMU 90.7 Saint Louis* – (Missouri) **Fire department says chemical spill prompted evacuation of police dispatch center.** St. Louis police dispatchers returned to work after a strong odor forced them to evacuate the downtown dispatch center Saturday night. The department activated a backup center while authorities dealt with the problem. Ten workers were treated for sore throats and difficulty breathing. The odor came from chemical solvents spilled into the sewer system. The source was probably a metal plating plant in the Central West End.  
Source:  
[http://publicbroadcasting.net/kwmu/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE\\_ID=1263613&sectionID=1](http://publicbroadcasting.net/kwmu/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1263613&sectionID=1)
23. *April 21, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Cherokee County courthouse evacuated after bomb threat.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation of the Cherokee County Justice Center and historic courthouse in Canton, Georgia, about 9:15 a.m. Monday. The sheriff’s department spokesman said the 911 center received a call that there was a bomb at the courthouse and that it would go off before noon. “To be on the safe side, we evacuated both buildings,” he said. Sheriff’s deputies and dogs completed searches of the perimeter and parking deck by 11:30 a.m. As it was then close to noon, they decided to wait until 12:15 p.m. to start searching the interior of the buildings.  
Source:  
[http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/cherokee/stories/2008/04/21/courthouse\\_0422.html](http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/cherokee/stories/2008/04/21/courthouse_0422.html)
24. *April 21, CNN* – (South Carolina) **Teen could have made bomb in minutes, police say.** A South Carolina high school senior arrested in an alleged bomb plot had the ingredients to assemble a bomb in minutes, police said Monday. The teenager was arrested Saturday after his parents called police when ten pounds of ammonium nitrate,

an oxidizing agent in explosives, was delivered to their home, a police official said. The teen told authorities he had experimented with explosives in the past and that he planned to make several bombs to detonate at Chesterfield in a “Columbine followup,” the official said. He planned out in detail his intentions for multiple explosions at the school and even recorded an audiotape meant to be heard after he attacked the school and killed himself, though he had not set a date for his plans, said the same source. The police chief said investigators are not aware of any accomplices.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/04/21/school.bomb.plot/>

25. *April 21, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Federal prison violence leaves 2 dead, 5 injured.** A lockdown remained in effect Monday at a federal penitentiary after a series of deadly fights broke out. Two inmates died and at least five others were rushed to the hospital with injuries. The fights reportedly involved as many as 100 prisoners. The U.S. Penitentiary, where the fights erupted, is the second-most secure of three federal prisons located south of Florence, Colorado. A U.S. attorney for Colorado told the Rocky Mountain News that authorities believe the violence was started by white supremacist inmates, who targeted minorities. Investigators believe the clashes started at about 12:30 p.m., Sunday, in the recreation yard when a group of inmates began openly celebrating Adolph Hitler’s birthday. No prison employees were injured.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/15942880/detail.html>

26. *April 18, WWSB 7 Sarasota* – (Florida) **Teen sets off chemical bomb he learned to build on the Internet.** Bradenton Police said that Wednesday, a 15-year-old set off a chemical bomb at J.T. Bray Park in Bradenton, Florida. Police found the ninth grader making a homemade bomb near a walking trail in the park. The teenager admitted he had already set off a bomb once before the police even arrived. He also told police he learned to assemble the explosive on YouTube.com. The ingredients were easy to come by and could be found in the grocery store. Nobody was injured by the explosive. The 15-year-old said that he did not know what he was doing is illegal.

Source: [http://www.mysuncoast.com/Global/story.asp?S=8184364&nav=menu577\\_1](http://www.mysuncoast.com/Global/story.asp?S=8184364&nav=menu577_1)

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## Emergency Services Sector

27. *April 20, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **High-risk EMS procedure gets a low level of oversight.** An examination by the Star-Telegram has found that at least two people in Texas have died and another has become permanently disabled after being deprived of oxygen during Rapid Sequence Intubation, a controversial procedure that can be used without restriction in the state even though it is heavily regulated elsewhere. The incidents, detailed in court records stemming from lawsuits filed by the patients’ families, show the harrowing downside of the procedure, which requires that endotracheal intubation, a difficult skill under any circumstances, be performed in the field on people who can no longer breathe on their own. And the three incidents may indicate a much wider problem, according to some involved in EMS, because the majority of such cases remain unknown to outsiders, even the families of those affected. The situation also raises larger questions about EMS in Texas, illustrating what some

believe is a state system that allows paramedics with minimal training to engage in increasingly invasive procedures. The procedure calls for EMS personnel to induce paralysis with drugs before intubating patients whose airways otherwise would be difficult to manage because of gagging, clenched teeth, combativeness, or other factors. If the airway is not secured after the drugs are administered, the patient can be deprived of oxygen, which has the potential to result in brain damage and death.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/275/story/593026.html>

28. *April 21, Mid-Hudson News* – (New York) **Growth means more demand on emergency services, says commissioner.** The continued growth of population in and around Orange County, New York, continues to place more demand on its emergency services, said the County Emergency Services Commissioner. The conversion of New York Route 17 to I-86 in the next few years and the development of Stewart Airport will add more strain. To aid in that readiness effort, the county will be moving into its new Emergency Services Center adjacent to the Sheriff's Office in the next few months.

Source: [http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/April08/21/OC\\_emerserv-21Apr08.html](http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/April08/21/OC_emerserv-21Apr08.html)

29. *April 20, Virginian-Pilot* – (North Carolina) **Coast Guard to stage oil spill drill in North Carolina.** The Coast Guard will stage an oil spill drill this week along the Cape Fear River. The Coast Guard is working with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Invista. The "oil spill response exercise" will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at the New Hanover County Emergency Operations Center. The Invista site on the northeast Cape Fear River will be used as the site of the drill. The entire exercise will be executed using what is called a unified command approach. "This allows for an effective, coordinated response across multiple agency jurisdictions as well as the public and private sector," said a Coast Guard official. The results of the exercise will be used by the Coastal North Carolina Area Committee to update and strengthen the Area Contingency Plan.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2008/04/coast-guard-stage-oil-spill-drill-north-carolina>

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## **Information Technology**

30. *April 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Rock Phish gang adds second punch to phishing attacks.** A notorious online gang known for its prolific phishing operations has expanded its means of attack, potentially putting more PC users at risk of losing personal data. The Rock Phish gang surfaced around 2004, becoming well-known for its expertise in setting up phishing sites, which seek to trick people into divulging sensitive data, as well as for selling phishing kits designed for less technical cybercriminals. Now, the phishing sites linked with the Rock Phish gang are being rigged with a drive-by download, a type of attack that can infect a PC with malicious software without any interaction by the user, researchers from vendor RSA said Monday. The one-two punch means that even people who go to the phishing site but are not fooled into inputting their

personal details could still be infected, wrote a senior researcher, on RSA's blog. The phishing Web site tries to exploit any software vulnerabilities, and if it finds one, will then load the Zeus Trojan onto the PC. Zeus is particularly dangerous: it can collect data on forms, take screen shots, pilfer passwords from browsers, and remotely control the computer, the researcher wrote. Zeus also comes in at least 150 flavors. One of the phishing kits being sold now for US\$700 masks how Zeus appears to security programs. Source:

[http://www.infoworld.com/archives/emailPrint.jsp?R=printThis&A=/article/08/04/21/Rock-Phish-gang-adds-second-punch-to-phishing-attacks\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/archives/emailPrint.jsp?R=printThis&A=/article/08/04/21/Rock-Phish-gang-adds-second-punch-to-phishing-attacks_1.html)

31. *April 21, vnunet.com* – (National) **Microsoft warns of web server flaw.** Microsoft is investigating a newly reported flaw that could put websites at risk of attack. The company has issued an advisory on the vulnerability, which affects Windows XP Professional SP2, Windows Server 2003, Windows Vista, and Windows Server 2008. The problem exists in Windows' handling of code within its Internet Information Services (IIS) and SQL Server. If exploited, the vulnerability could allow a user to elevate access privileges to that of the LocalSystem administration tool. Microsoft warned that companies that make extensive use of user-provided code, such as site hosts, are especially vulnerable. Microsoft has yet to receive any reports of the vulnerability being targeted, but security experts have already warned of a possible attack. "The vulnerability is limited to a local privilege escalation, but IIS' susceptibility is concerning," wrote a McAfee researcher. "The web server is widely used on the internet, and is a top pick by web-hosting providers. We might see web-hosting providers targeted, and their clients' websites breached." Microsoft is still investigating the reports and will make a decision on whether to issue a patch immediately or wait until its next scheduled security update on May 13.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2214722/microsoft-warns-web-server>

32. *April 19, ars technica* – (International) **EU states agree that inciting terrorism on the Internet is a crime.** Representatives of the EU's 27 member states formally agreed today to harmonize their respective countries' definitions of criminally prosecutable acts of terrorism by expanding them to include three new types of crimes: "public provocation to commit a terrorist offence, [terrorist] recruitment, and training for terrorism." The definition of "public provocation" was especially controversial, and it encompasses content posted on the Internet, including not only direct incitements to violence but also terrorist propaganda and bomb-making expertise. The decision was not without controversy, and misgivings about the possible limits on freedom of expression implied in the Amendment to the 2002 Council Framework Decision on combating terrorism were aired in a round-table session on Monday. An EU Parliament report on the round-table summarized the concerns of one British representative, who recounted how British law enforcement had allegedly threatened to use anti-terror laws to arrest some of the protesters at the London leg of the Olympic torch relay. Her concern, much like those who have been raising objections to this "public provocation" language since it was proposed last year, is that the Amendment will push member states down a slippery slope toward criminalizing legitimate political expression.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/news.ars/post/20080419-eu-states-agree-that-inciting-terrorism-on-the-internet-is-a-crime.html>

33. *April 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **CNN cyberattack called off.** A planned cyberattack against CNN’s Web site fizzled out Saturday as the group backing the event called it off. “Our original plan for 19 April has been canceled because too many people are aware of it and the situation is chaotic,” wrote a group called “Revenge of the Flame,” according to a translation posted on the Dark Visitor Blog. “At an unspecified date in the near future, we will launch the attack.” Pro-China hackers had called for the attack in protest of the news network’s coverage of Tibet, which they believe has been overly critical of China. Participants had been instructed to flood CNN’s Web site with Internet traffic in hopes of knocking it offline, something known as a distributed denial of service attack. Some had begun hitting the site ahead of the April 19 attack date. On Friday, CNN reported that it had been attacked Thursday causing the site “to be slow or unavailable to some users in limited areas of Asia.” The net effect of the attack was “imperceptible,” CNN said. Network monitoring company Arbor Networks observed that [www3.cnn.com](http://www3.cnn.com) was hit with a minor 14-MB-per-second attack that lasted about 21 minutes, according to the company’s chief research officer.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2008/041908-cnn-cyberattack-called.html>

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## Communications Sector

34. *April 19, IDG News Service* – (National) **EarthLink redirect service poses security risk, expert says.** A vulnerability in servers used by EarthLink Inc. to handle mistyped Web page requests may have allowed attackers to launch undetectable phishing attacks against any Internet site, according to a noted Internet security researcher. The bug, which was patched earlier this week, underscores a fundamental security risk in the way that some Internet service providers are attempting to generate advertising revenue from mistyped Web addresses, said the director of penetration testing at IOActive Inc., a security consulting firm. The vulnerability was in a service called Barefruit, which EarthLink has been using since August 2006 to return Web pages with search terms and advertising to customers who mistype a domain name in their browser. With Barefruit’s servers, users are told that nonexistent addresses do exist and are then sent to a Web page that displays advertising and suggested search terms. Because of a bug in the software used to redirect users to these advertising and search pages, the researcher was able to get the pages to run his own JavaScript code, enabling him to steal users’ cookies, create fake Web sites that appeared to be hosted on legitimate domains, and even log into certain Web sites without authorization. EarthLink is not the only Internet

service provider to be testing this system. The researcher said he found evidence of Barefruit or similar systems being tested on Verizon, Time Warner, Qwest, and Comcast, which outsources some of its network to EarthLink. “The security of the entire Web for these ISPs is right now limited by the security of some random ad server run by a British company,” he said.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9079099&source=rss\\_topic17](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9079099&source=rss_topic17)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

35. *April 20, United Press International* – (Florida) **Old bomb warning worrying Fla. residents.** A warning from government officials that a portion of Orlando, Florida, may contain World War II-era weaponry has prompted concern, residents say. Several residents have been worried since officials informed them old chemicals or explosives could be hidden in a 2,100-acre portion of the city, the Orlando (Florida) Sentinel reported Sunday. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the potential threat Friday after corps officials found photographs of bombs being dropped on portions of the city. While military officials have attempted to downplay the potential threat, the U.S. Department of Defense has received a request for \$1.2 million to investigate, the Sentinel said. Workers have found several bombs buried in southeast Orlando since last July, all on the former site of a military training site called Pinecastle Jeep Range.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top\\_News/2008/04/20/old\\_bomb\\_warning\\_worrying\\_fla\\_residents/5962/](http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Top_News/2008/04/20/old_bomb_warning_worrying_fla_residents/5962/)

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

36. *April 21, KOAT 7 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Trigo Fire nearly triples in size.** Forestry officials said that the Trigo Fire in the Cibola National Forest had grown to 3,745 acres Monday morning, nearly triple the size it was early Sunday. And fire crews said they have virtually no containment on the fire because it has grown so quickly. Torrance County’s emergency manager said the Trigo Fire was moving very quickly Monday morning and called the situation severe.

Source: <http://www.koat.com/news/15939499/detail.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

37. *April 20, Messenger-Inquirer* – (Kentucky) **Status of Rochester Dam worries Ohio, Muhlenberg officials.** In Kentucky, erosion is eating away at the 170-year-old stone dam that straddles the Ohio-Muhlenberg line at the intersection of Ohio, Muhlenberg,

and Butler Counties. If it washes out, the source of water for 46,000 people and a major industry will be gone, said the superintendent of the Ohio County Water District. The superintendent hopes they will get the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to stabilize the dam, and then leave maintenance to local entities that pull water from the river. In Muhlenberg County, erosion has washed away the large stones on both sides of a natural rock formation that once tied into the dam near the west bank.

Source: <http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/1398647/>

38. *April 20, WYOW 34 Eagle River* – (Wisconsin) **Crews repair small leak in dam.** One of the gates of the Merrill, Wisconsin, hydro-electric dam is closed, and there are four plastic kiddie pools in front of those gates. Wisconsin Public Service says they are there because of a leak in a part of the dam. Crews found the leak while doing routine maintenance. They believe it was caused by a separation within a concrete slab. The pools are acting as weights to push down the raised concrete to reduce the leakage. The leak will not be permanently fixed until the spring thaw is over. They will draw down the reservoir then, so workers can repair that separation in the concrete.

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