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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *March 02, The Express–Times (NJ)* — **Vandals strike power company transformer.** Jersey Central Power & Light Co. (JCP&L) officials said someone tried to sabotage a local portion of its electrical grid, the first act directly against a power source since the utility's union went on strike three months ago. JCP&L is looking into possible union involvement in the incident, a company news release said. "This action was obviously conducted by someone with a working

knowledge of substation operations and an intent to sabotage the equipment," said JCP& L President Steve Morgan. The union denied it. Oil valves were opened on two transformers sometime after 9 p.m., on Monday, February 28, at the Marble Hill substation in Lopatcong Township, NJ, company spokesperson Scott Surgeoner said. The act of vandalism caused an estimated several hundred gallons of oil to drain from the units. Crews were sent before power was lost at the substation, which serves 2,100 customers, including Warren Hospital and a nearby Aqua New Jersey water treatment plant, Surgeoner said. Officials at both the hospital and water company confirmed the vandalism caused no problems. Surgeoner said the hole cut in the fence measured about two feet by two feet, and the oil was contained within a concrete pad that extends around the area.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/expresstimes/nj/index.ssf?/base/news-6/110975786553100.xml>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *March 02, ISU Bengal (ID)* — Toxicologist studies lasting effects of Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Within the natural enclave that is the Prince William Sound in Alaska, marine biologist and toxicologist Dr. Riki Ott has found her ideal laboratory. The coastal area is the sight of the infamous 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. After millions of gallons of oil, estimates range from 11 to 35 million gallons, spilled from the Valdez oil tanker and covered 12,000 coastal miles, the immediate toll on wildlife and the ocean were clearly visible. Now, research on the long-term effects is shaping health policies, environmental laws and legal debate. The money paid by Exxon has allowed public trust scientists to study the sound for 16 years. Ott's research on the toxicity of petrochemicals has highlighted effects on the reproduction of wildlife and the food chain in the Prince William Sound, but also includes the effect on human health. At times, up to 11,000 people worked to clean up the oil spill, about half of that population is now dealing with asthma, depression and chemical sensitivities as a result of their extended exposure to petrochemicals, Ott said.

Source: <http://www.isubengal.com/news/2005/03/02/News/Toxicologist.Studies.Lasting.Effects.Of.Exxon.Valdez.Oil.Spill-881633.shtm> l

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *March 02, IT World Canada* — Canadian provincial government officials help businesses battle identity theft. Ontario government officials are taking action to help businesses protect themselves from identity theft, Consumer and Business Services Minister Jim Watson announced Monday, February 28. The provincial initiative, launched to coincide with Fraud

Awareness Month, includes an identity theft kit and checklist for businesses. Business owners can link to the kit and checklist from the ServiceOntario Website at <http://www.serviceontario.ca>. It provides strategic options for data collection; security and storage; data disposal and a response plan to manage a breach in security. "Businesses now have useful tips and tools on how to handle and safeguard consumer information," said Watson. "Consumers will have greater confidence that their personal and financial information is protected," said Watson. Federal, provincial and territorial consumer ministries jointly developed the kit and checklist in consultation with banks, business associations, privacy commissioners, credit-reporting agencies, credit card companies, law enforcement officials and consumer groups. The new measures hope to reduce the risk of identity theft.

Source: <http://www.itworldcanada.com/Pages/Docbase/ViewArticle.aspx?ID=idgml-61bf24df-a88f-4ab8-b372-939718e5b432&News=Daily%20Twire>

- 4. *March 02, Associated Press* — California's pioneering identity theft laws aren't enough, experts say.** Despite pioneering legislation aimed at clamping down on rampant identity theft, California is a top target for thieves and was the only state last year believed to have more than one million victims. That unflattering distinction forced cash-strapped law enforcement officials to ask for help from politicians, businesses, consumer advocates and even victims who gathered Tuesday, March 1, during the state's first identity theft summit. Sheriffs, legislators, postal workers and consumer watchdogs want to increase the amount of funding for prosecutors and for five state task forces dedicated to identity theft crimes — now about \$12.4 million per year. Only about 11 percent of identity theft cases statewide are solved, said Jan Scully, Sacramento County district attorney. California's dubious status as the nation's identity theft capital could also be tied to soaring methamphetamine sales. Prosecutors say meth dealers often use credit scored from identity theft to get money for labs raw materials and to pay pushers. According to a September study by the National Development and Research Institutes, Fresno is the nation's meth capital, with nearly three times as many people shooting up as the national average.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/states/california/northern_california/11024885.htm

- 5. *March 02, L.A. Times* — ChoicePoint had earlier data leak.** Scammers penetrated ChoicePoint Inc.'s vast online database of personal records five years ago in an operation similar to a more recent case that has triggered a national furor over privacy, court records show. Two Nigerian-born fraud artists were arrested in Los Angeles in 2002 by federal officials who charged that the pair used ChoicePoint to gain access to confidential information of about 7,000 people. That security breach, which received no public attention at the time, is similar to the case in which a North Hollywood man, also a Nigerian native, pleaded no contest last month to felony identity theft. He had obtained as many as 145,000 ChoicePoint records by setting up a fake business claiming to have a legitimate need for the information. The most recent incident came to light because of a new California law that requires credit agencies to notify victims of identity theft. California Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) said Tuesday, March 2, that the discovery of the previous case gave ammunition to proponents of a national disclosure law. "In the most recent case, if it weren't for the California law, I don't believe they would have done anything about it," said Feinstein.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-choicepoint2mar02.1.20 73187.story>

6. *February 28, Internal Revenue Service* — **IRS announces the 2005 "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on Monday, February 28, unveiled its annual listing of notorious tax scams, the “Dirty Dozen,” reminding taxpayers to be wary of schemes that promise to eliminate taxes or otherwise sound too good to be true. The “Dirty Dozen” for 2005 includes several new scams that manipulate laws governing charitable groups, abuse credit counseling services, or rely on refuted arguments to claim tax exemptions. The agency also sees the continuing spread of identity theft schemes preying on people through e-mail, the Internet or the phone, sometimes with con artists posing as representatives of the IRS. “The Dirty Dozen is a reminder that tax scams can take many forms,” IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. “Don’t be fooled by false promises peddled by scam artists. They’ll take your money and leave you with a hefty tax bill,” said Everson.
Source: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0..id=136337.00.html>

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Transportation Sector

7. *March 02, Department of Transportation* — **Grants awarded to help Florida fund aviation infrastructure improvements.** Federal grants totaling approximately \$89.2 million will help to enhance safety and expand capacity at airports throughout Florida, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced on Wednesday, March 2. Thirty-one airports throughout Florida will receive money for projects that include rehabilitating and extending runways, constructing taxiways, improving runway safety areas and environmental mitigation. The funds come from the Airport Improvement Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration. A major share of the grants will go to the state’s larger air carrier airports, including Miami International that will receive \$8 million for construction of runway 8L/26R and \$1.5 million for security enhancements. St. Petersburg–Clearwater International Airport will receive \$12.7 million to extend runway 17L/35R, enhance security, and improve a terminal building.
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot3605.htm>
8. *March 02, Department of Transportation* — **Grants awarded to enhance safety, expand capacity at New Mexico airports.** Federal grants totaling approximately \$17.3 million will help to enhance safety and expand capacity at airports throughout New Mexico, Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced on Wednesday, March 2. The funds include \$1 million to build a new general aviation airport for Vaughn. Twenty-five airports and the state will receive money for projects that include building, rehabilitating and extending runways, constructing taxiways, and improving runway safety areas, among other projects. The funds come from the Airport Improvement Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration.
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot3505.htm>
9. *March 02, Associated Press* — **House panel approves \$284B highway bill.** A House committee on Wednesday, March 2, cleared the road for action on a six-year, \$284 billion highway and mass transit bill, a major jobs and infrastructure initiative that stalled last year over a money dispute between the White House and Congress. This year, with the White House on board and the threat of a presidential veto removed, chances for passage are improved,

although some in the Senate are still pressing for more money and there's still an issue over how to most fairly distribute the funds among the states. The House Transportation Committee voted by voice to renew and significantly expand the highway–spending program that has been running on temporary extensions since the last six–year plan, funded at \$218 billion, expired in September 2003. The full House is expected to vote next week.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory?id=544902>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

10. *March 02, Associated Press* — **U.S. better prepared to deal with anthrax.** The U.S. is better prepared to protect Americans against an anthrax attack like the ones that killed five people in 2001, a senior U.S. Postal Service security official told The Associated Press Tuesday, March 1. In America, anthrax identification equipment is part of a new biohazard detection system now running in nearly 100 of the country's 283 mail processing facilities — with the remainder to be installed by November, said Zane M. Hill, the inspector in charge of the U.S. Postal Service's dangerous mail and homeland security division. The equipment can stop an anthrax–laced letter, meaning that, "all the employees there would be protected and nobody in the public would get sick," Hill said. The U.S. Postal service could have responded faster and more effectively to the anthrax attacks had there been a system in place that allowed for immediate coordination with scientists and other experts, said Hill. "We didn't know about the science or a lot about the health risk," said Hill. "We learned that as we went."

Source: http://www.theunionleader.com/articles_showa.html?article=51456

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Agriculture Sector

11. *March 02, Agricultural Research Service* — **Anti–stress formula gives calves a boost.** An "infant formula" for calves that may help them fight infection from Salmonella and other microbes — especially during stressful times — has been developed by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientist Susan Eicher. The dietary supplement alters calves' immunity enough to help them cope with transport stress, which appears to be among the worst sources of stress early in an animal's life. The formula contains beta–glucan from yeast cell walls and vitamin C. Studies showed it reduced stress in Holstein dairy calves taken from their mothers within 24 hours after birth and transported. To mimic commercial operations, Eicher and colleagues took Holstein dairy calves — usually three to 10 days old — on six to eight hour trips to measure stress. They treated half of the calves in each truckload with one of two versions of the experimental formula. Formula–fed calves regained their appetites and resumed normal growth — with improved nutrient utilization — faster than those not fed the formula. They were also more active and had lower levels of fibrinogen, a liver protein that typically increases with transport stress. Calves given the formula had higher levels of immunoglobulins, which are indicators of a good immune system.

Source: <http://www.ars.usda.gov/News/docs.htm?docid=1261>

12. *March 02, Pantagraph (IL)* — **Soybean rust overwintering in Florida.** Florida agriculture officials have found soybean rust growing on kudzu in Pasco County, along the Gulf of Mexico. The news marks the first discovery of soybean rust overwintering in the U.S. this year. "It does make it more certain," said Glenn Hartman, University of Illinois soybean pathologist, of the chances for the fungal disease to appear in the Midwest this summer. "Sentinel plots have already been planned for Georgia and Louisiana. It will be interesting to see if the disease is moving." Pasco County lies just below Florida's frost line. Soybean rust spores must have living tissue in order to survive. Kudzu, a vining weed that lives in Southern Illinois, provides a perfect host. Growers in South America, Africa, and parts of Asia have battled the disease for years. It was detected in the U.S. for the first time in November 2004 in Louisiana. Rust has caused yield losses of 80 percent in Taiwan and 50 percent in China and Japan.
Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/stories/030205/bus_20050302008.sht_ml

13. *March 02, Missouri Ag Connection* — **Definitive text on forage toxins.** University of Missouri agronomist Craig Roberts and animal scientist Don Spiers, along with Chuck West of the University of Arkansas, co-edited "Neophytodium in Cool-Season Grasses." The work addresses every aspect of naturally occurring toxins in pasture grasses — a huge problem for livestock producers. "Neophytodium" is the Latin word for the fungus — also called the endophyte — that occurs in tall fescue grass. The most common endophyte strain produces toxins that sicken grazing animals. One of the less obvious symptoms is a dramatic decline in the animal's weight gain — and the producer's profits. "It's been estimated that in the U.S., the annual loss to cattle producers alone is \$600 million," Spiers said. "It includes contributions from just about every kind of agricultural scientist you can imagine: veterinary toxicology, molecular biology, entomology, plant pathology, biochemistry, and animal science," Roberts said. Although producers might find the information useful, Roberts said, "It's intended mostly for educators and researchers in the forage and livestock industry."
Source: <http://www.missouriagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=123&y r=2005>

14. *March 01, Associated Press* — **Monsanto buys seed company.** Monsanto Co. said Tuesday, March 1, its fledgling holding company will buy seed-marketer NC+ Hybrids Inc. for \$40 million in cash, continuing the agribusiness' shopping spree for regional seed companies. St. Louis, MO, based Monsanto said NC+ Hybrids Inc., based in Lincoln, NE, is the latest acquisition by its American Seeds Inc. unit, formed last year to support regional seed businesses with capital, genetics, and technology investments. The purchase is the latest by Monsanto, which last month announced it was buying Emergent Genetics Inc. — the nation's third-largest cotton seed company — for \$300 million. That announcement came less than a month after Monsanto agreed to a one billion dollar cash deal to buy Seminis Inc., the Oxnard, CA, based supplier of more than 3,500 seed varieties to commercial fruit and vegetable growers, dealers, distributors, and wholesalers in more than 150 countries. Late last year, Monsanto's American Seeds Inc. acquired Indiana based seed company Channel Bio Corp. for \$120 million cash. Monsanto already makes the DeKalb and Asgrow brands of seeds.
Source: <http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/business/stories.nsf/0/EA5B4AC959C6421486256FB70075B1FF?OpenDocument>

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

15. *March 03, San Jose Business Journal* — **Snow survey forecasts good water year.** The heavy rainfall in California in February has added to the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, and that should spell a summer without water shortages for most of the state. Central and Northern California areas get most of their water for industry, agriculture and household use from melting snow in the mountain range. Measurements taken Tuesday, March 1, show that the state's snowpack has water content that is above average for the measurement date, according to the California Department of Water Resources. Four monthly measurements are made through April to help determine spring runoff into reservoirs. Snow–water content is important in determining the coming year's water supply, the department says. The measurements help hydrologists prepare water supply forecasts as well as provide others, such as hydroelectric power companies and the recreation industry, with much needed data. Monitoring is coordinated by the Department of Water Resources as part of the multi–agency California Cooperative Snow Surveys Program.

Source: <http://sanjose.bizjournals.com/sanjose/stories/2005/02/28/daily21.html>

16. *March 02, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO–05–165: Wastewater Facilities: Experts' Views on How Federal Funds Should Be Spent to Improve Security (Report).** Since the events of September 11, 2001, the security of the nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure has received increased attention from Congress and the executive branch. Wastewater facilities in the United States provide essential services to residential, commercial, and industrial users by collecting and treating wastewater and discharging it into receiving waters. These facilities, however, may possess certain characteristics that terrorists could exploit either to impair the wastewater treatment process or to damage surrounding communities and infrastructure. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to obtain experts' views on (1) the key security–related vulnerabilities affecting the nation's wastewater systems, (2) the activities the federal government should support to improve wastewater security, and (3) the criteria that should be used to determine how any federal funds are allocated to improve security, and the best methods to distribute these funds. GAO conducted a systematic, Web–based survey of 50 nationally recognized experts to seek consensus on these key wastewater security issues. Environmental Protection Agency expressed general agreement with the report, citing its value as the agency works with its partners to better secure the nation's critical wastewater infrastructure. Highlights:

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05165high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05165.pdf>

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Public Health Sector

17. *March 02, Bloomberg* — **Chiron allowed to resume making flu vaccine.** Chiron Corp. won

approval Wednesday, March 2, to resume production of flu vaccine at a United Kingdom plant after a five-month suspension that led to a shortage in the U.S. The company is "free to recommence full manufacturing of the vaccine," the United Kingdom Department of Health said in a statement. Production was halted in October because the unit didn't meet department standards. The decision allows the company to resume production of its Fluvirin vaccine in time to ensure supplies for the 2005–2006 flu season. Chiron's suspension wiped out almost half of the 100 million flu shots U.S. authorities said were needed.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000103&sid=aXj4zzf3NOOU&refer=us>

18. *March 02, Oregonian* — **West Nile threat multiplies.** West Nile virus could hit Oregon hard this summer, warn health officials. The disease, which has been detected in eight counties, was found in Southern and Eastern Oregon last year, sickening five people as well as 23 birds and 32 horses. In other states, human cases of West Nile have peaked during the second or third year after the virus gained a foothold. Emilio DeBess, who is Oregon's point man for the disease, said health officials need to be ready for anything — even the remote possibility of a state of emergency if hospitals become overwhelmed with cases. Epidemiologists theorize that the disease can enter an area in three stages. In the beginning stage, infected birds fly into a state and are bitten by mosquitoes, which in turn become infected with the virus. During the second stage, the virus spreads widely among mosquitoes. The mosquitoes bite a large number of people who become infected. DeBess said it is likely that Oregon is entering the second stage and will see substantial numbers of human infections this year. In the third year and beyond, the number of human cases typically declines rapidly because those who were previously exposed to the virus acquire an immunity to it.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/fro nt_page/1109768543320790.xml

19. *March 01, Associated Press* — **Nearly 100 ill aboard cruise ship.** Nearly 100 passengers and crewmembers were sickened with a gastrointestinal illness on a five-day Carnival Cruise Line voyage, the company said Tuesday, March 1. About four percent of passengers and crew were infected with what officials believe was a norovirus epidemic on a cruise from Florida to the Bahamas aboard the Celebration. The cruise ended Saturday, February 26. Final test results are pending.

Source: <http://www.wilmingtonstar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050301/APA/503011340&cachetime=5>

20. *March 01, Agence France Presse* — **WHO sees bird flu outbreak easing despite latest cases.** The latest reports of bird flu in Vietnam are not necessarily alarming and the current outbreak is probably ending, the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed. "It's not an alarming situation," Vietnam's WHO representative Hans Troedsson said Tuesday, March 1. "What we see is the end of this outbreak." Troedsson said the additional death and the three new cases in Vietnam, which ended a three-week respite when no cases were reported, did not signal a worsening of the outbreak. "Three or four new cases don't mean something has dramatically changed," he said. "We could see sporadic cases popping up irregularly, or some time-limited outbreaks with human clusters. It is very difficult to predict." Thirty-five of Vietnam's 64 provinces and cities have been hit by bird flu this year and more than 1.5 million poultry have been destroyed in a bid to control the disease.

Source: <http://health.news.designerz.com/who-sees-bird-flu-outbreak-easing-despite-latest-cases.html?d20050301>

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Government Sector

21. *March 02, Department of Homeland Security* — **Department of Homeland Security announces protection zone grants.** The Department of Homeland Security on Wednesday, March 2, announced \$91.3 million in grant funding to protect and secure areas surrounding critical infrastructure and key resource sites such as chemical facilities, dams, and nuclear plants across the country. The Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP) provides targeted funding through states to local jurisdictions to purchase equipment that will extend the zone of protection beyond the gates of these critical facilities. Under the new grant program, states will be expected to submit Buffer Zone Plans (BZPs) and equipment purchasing plans to the Department by the end of April 2005, allowing the Department's Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) to perform a financial and programmatic review while the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) directorate performs a technical review and final approval of the plan. Following approval of the plans, local jurisdictions may use their approved funding to purchase any equipment found on ODP's Approved Equipment List and identified in their purchasing plan. The Buffer Zone Protection Program provides both funding and coordination in bringing federal, state and local levels of government, law enforcement and the private sector together to create Buffer Zone Plans to reduce vulnerabilities in areas surrounding critical infrastructure and key resources.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4380>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *March 02, The Patriot-News (PA)* — **Day-care sites near Three Mile Island say they lack plan for evacuation.** Day-care centers within ten miles of Three Mile Island (TMI) Nuclear Generating Station near Middletown, PA, are struggling to prepare emergency plans, says a survey of 38 licensed centers. Questionnaires were sent to centers asking how much support they have received from federal, state and local authorities to develop plans for a nuclear emergency: 87 percent don't know who would provide transportation for their children; 58 percent don't know to which relocation center they should take children; and two-thirds have not been provided transportation by the state, the county or a municipality. Craig Conklin, chief of the Nuclear and Chemical Hazards Branch of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said his staff will review the state's compliance with federal guidelines this summer during a mock emergency drill at TMI. Adrian King, director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, which oversees emergency planning, said the state is complying with federal regulations. Each county with a nuclear station has designated resources to carry out an evacuation, he said. Last year, Governor Ed Rendell also required all licensed child day-care centers to file emergency plans as part of their licensing process.

Source: <http://www.pennlive.com/news/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/new>

<s/1109773201288670.xml>

23. *March 01, The Star Ledger (NJ)* — **New Jersey schools will get security checkups.** New Jersey schools will soon get new lessons in anti-terrorist tactics, computerized surveillance, and other strategies that would make them so-called "hardened targets." Acting Governor Richard Codey announced in January that he would ensure every school in the state is protected against the possibility of terrorist attack, citing last summer's assault on an elementary school in Russia that led to the deaths of more than 300 children and adults. Each district will be asked to complete a survey of about 50 items, from their surveillance equipment and other hardware to procedures for checking visitors and monitoring contractors. At the same time, the state is launching training sessions in every county for police and school officials to outline what to look for in the individual school inspections. The local police will then conduct the audits, starting in April. A practice run in a handful of districts will likely start even sooner, officials said, where both local and state officials can walk through the process and see if adjustments are needed before it goes statewide.
Source: http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-20/110968_8932277190.xml

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

24. *March 02, Secunia* — **RealPlayer WAV and SMIL file handling buffer overflows.** Two vulnerabilities have been reported in various RealNetworks products, which can be exploited by malicious people to compromise a user's system: 1) A boundary error within the processing of WAV files can be exploited to cause a buffer overflow via a specially crafted WAV file; and 2) A boundary error within the processing of SMIL files can be exploited to cause a stack-based buffer overflow via a specially crafted SMIL file. Successful exploitation of the vulnerabilities allows execution of arbitrary code. Updates available at:
http://service.real.com/help/faq/security/050224_player/EN/
Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/14456/>
25. *March 01, Federal Computer Week* — **Wireless struggles with security.** Agency officials in charge of setting policies for wireless use and related technologies such as radio frequency identification (RFID) still have a difficult job. Technologies are evolving, as are the security standards that they use, and employees are not always judicious about using their own wireless devices on an agency network. What employees see as simple conveniences — such as using a handheld device to send and receive e-mail — can cause nightmares for security officials, according to panelists speaking today at the E-Gov Institute's Wireless/RFID conference in Washington, D.C. "Even a simple thing like putting a password on a cell phone is hard to sell" to employees, said Jaren Doherty, director of information security and awareness at the National Institutes of Health. "But it's important if the phone is also enabled to get your e-mail or log on to the Internet."
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2005/0228/web-wireless-03-01-05.asp>
26. *March 01, CNET News* — **New Bagle variant ramps up.** A new variant of Bagle is spreading rapidly, security companies have warned. Rather than a mass-mailing worm, BagleDI-L is a

Trojan horse that damages security applications and attempts to connect with a number of Websites. It has been sent via spam lists to millions of addresses in the past 12 hours, said security company McAfee, which has upgraded it to a "medium" risk. The new variant could also have boosted overall Bagle traffic, which has increased five times in the past 24 hours, e-mail security vendor Postini said Tuesday, March 1. According to antivirus companies F-Secure and Sophos, the Websites linked to by the new Bagle currently contain no malicious code. However, Trojan and worm writers have been known to add malicious code to a Website after the initial attack has calmed down. For this Trojan to work, users must manually open a ZIP-file attachment that displays the programs "doc_01.exe" or "prs_03.exe," which must be run manually to infect a computer.

Source: http://news.com.com/Watchdog-attacking+Bagle+ramps+up/2100-7349_3-5594201.html?tag=nefd.top

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis	
Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.	
<p>US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: Multiple variants of the Beagle worm have emerged over the past few days and are becoming a rather sizeable threat in terms of infection rate. Many of these variants are being reported as a mass-mailing worms that uses its own SMTP engine to send out copies of the tooso trojan.</p> <p>The US-CERT suggests ensuring that updated anti-virus signatures have been deployed to machines on your network. For more information on the Beagle worm and the tooso trojan, please see the following link: http://securityresponse.symantec.com</p>	
Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	445 (microsoft-ds), 135 (epmap), 139 (netbios-ssn), 1025 (----), 1026 (----), 1027 (icq), 80 (www), 53 (domain), 137 (netbios-ns), 25 (smtp)
Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center	
To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov .	
Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/ .	

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General Sector

27. *March 02, Reuters* — Ukraine secret service seizes uranium at airport. Ukraine's SBU security service arrested a man at Kiev's airport who had a case containing radioactive uranium-238 in his car, the Emergencies Ministry said Tuesday, March 2. It said the man was detained at Boryspil airport, Ukraine's main international gateway, with 1.28 pounds of uranium. It did not say when the arrest took place or whether he had been attempting to leave the country. "SBU officers detained the person who was moving a case with a radioactive substance — Uranium-238 — in his car," the ministry said in a statement. Depleted uranium, where uranium-238 is normally found, can theoretically be used to make nuclear "dirty bombs," but it is often used in gun ammunition and armor because of its high density. Ukraine gave up its share of the Soviet nuclear arsenal after independence in 1991 but remains home to some of Europe's largest nuclear power stations. The country is trying to strengthen security and border controls. Eastern Europe's vast pool of nuclear technology is of major concern to the United States and the International Atomic Energy Agency as it remains open to theft and black market trade.

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