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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. *May 03, California Independent System Operator* — **California power agency to conduct summer simulation.** The California Independent System Operator (California ISO) began a system simulation on Tuesday, May 3, to test power flows and deliverability of electricity on the ISO grid as well as the ability to handle expected high loads during the peak demand season. The summer simulation will test the grid and electrical resources under normal

conditions or a 1-in-2 scenario as well as extreme heat wave conditions or a 1-in-10-summer scenario. Over the course of three days, utilities and other energy companies that use the grid will submit simulated electricity schedules to the ISO as if it were a hot day in the middle of summer. Customers will feel no impact at all because mock schedules will be used. The ISO will run the schedules through a sophisticated computer model of the grid, which simulates how the power will actually flow. The simulation will be open to accept schedules for three days. However, conducting the simulation, performing the analysis and publishing results will take a couple of weeks.

Source: <http://www.caiso.com/docs/2005/05/03/2005050311131225998.pdf>

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

2. *May 03, Salt Lake Tribune (UT)* — **Chemical cloud leads to evacuation of workers.** An unanticipated chemical reaction in northwest Logan, UT, on Monday, May 2, created a hazardous cloud of vapor that was visible more than three miles away. Dave Stettler, facility engineer for Campbell Scientific Inc., said 170 employees were evacuated from three of its buildings. The company manufactures battery-operated data loggers, data-acquisition systems, weather stations and sensors for agricultural, meteorological, environmental, water resources and industrial measurements. Two other nearby businesses at also evacuated, according to Logan Fire Chief Mark Meaker. The incident was caused by two Campbell employees who mixed 14 five-gallon buckets containing an epoxy resin and a curing agent, Meaker said. Although no one was injured, Meaker said the chemical mixture is corrosive to the skin and poses a respiratory risk. Employees were transported by two Logan Transit District buses to a safe zone about three-quarters of a mile away from their work sites, Meaker said. Local hospitals were alerted in case patients presented themselves with breathing problems.

Source: [http://www.sltrib.com/utah/ci\\_2702729](http://www.sltrib.com/utah/ci_2702729)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *May 03, Washington Post* — **Rocket divisions to merge.** Lockheed Martin Corp. and Boeing Co. said on Monday, May 2, that they will merge their struggling government rocket businesses, an acknowledgment that tight federal budgets and growing costs made it difficult to operate independently. The joint venture — to be known as the United Launch Alliance — will end a bitter two-year legal battle between the Pentagon's largest contractors in which Lockheed accused Boeing of cheating to win rocket launch work. It also eliminates competition in a market that includes launching weather satellites for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, science satellites for NASA, spy satellites for the National Security Agency and communications satellites for the Air Force. The companies said they expect the joint venture to generate \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion in revenue per year from the government and save it \$100 million to \$150 million a year. The firms have a similar joint venture to manage the day-to-day operations of NASA's space shuttle program.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *May 03, Associated Press* — **Bank employee charged with computer identity theft.** An employee from Georgia of SunTrust Banks Inc. has been charged with selling information that could be used to counterfeit checks, police and bank officials said. Penny Renee Brown, 25, of Jonesboro, worked in the bank's processing center in Stockbridge, and sold the stolen information to Demarco Letroy Statham, 25, of Atlanta, said Henry County police Lt. Jason Bolton. Customers affected by the identity theft will be notified soon, said SunTrust spokesperson Barry Koling. The scheme didn't involve any information that could be used to open fraudulent accounts, he said. "People should know that their financial information has not been compromised," Koling said, adding that Brown, who has been fired, was exposed to about 2,000 checks per month since November.  
Source: [http://www.accessnorthga.com/news/ap\\_newfullstory.asp?ID=60218](http://www.accessnorthga.com/news/ap_newfullstory.asp?ID=60218)
  
5. *May 02, eWeek* — **Phishing attempts decrease according to reports.** Two recent reports suggest that the flood of phishing attacks that has washed over Internet users in recent months may be ebbing. Managed e-mail provider Postini Inc. said Monday, May 2, that phishing attempts decreased 45 percent between March and April. The report comes just days after the Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG), an industry consortium, released its March report, which showed that reports of phishing e-mail rose by just two percent in March, continuing a two month trend of slower growth following double-digit month-over-month growth for most of the last year. The slower growth may be a sign that anti-virus and anti-spyware software is beginning to stem the tide of attacks, or simply that phishing has lost its novelty and that recipients are becoming desensitized to the attacks, said Peter Cassidy, secretary general of the APWG. Despite the decrease in phishing e-mail sent to APWG, the group noted an almost seven percent increase in the number of Web servers linked to phishing attacks, suggesting that the problem is still growing. The United States was the leading source of phishing attacks, with 34 percent of all attacks launched from domestic servers, according to the APWG report.  
Anti-Phishing Working Group: <http://www.antiphishing.org/>  
Postini: [http://www.postini.com/news\\_events/pr/pr033105.php](http://www.postini.com/news_events/pr/pr033105.php)  
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1791626,00.asp>
  
6. *May 02, InformationWeek* — **Database aids fight against crime.** The National Retail Federation is building a database that retailers and law enforcement agencies can access to gather information on organized retail crime and petty theft. These two problems account for between \$15 billion and \$30 billion in merchandise losses annually, the industry group estimates. The Retail Loss Prevention Intelligence Network database, referred to as RL-PIN, "will allow retailers to look at potential trends at the local, state, and federal level to see what types of items are being stolen and where," says Richard Garodnick, an intelligence analyst with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's criminal investigative division. The database is scheduled for release later this year, and the National Retail Federation will host it. RL-PIN will house data on burglaries, fraud, and robberies that have occurred at stores throughout the country. Law-enforcement agencies and retailers will be able to search the data using keywords

to find information on specific regions, stores, and even brands. The data could help identify patterns among the crimes, making it easier to prevent and solve them.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=162100086&tid=6004>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

7. *May 03, Associated Press* — **Freeway shooting investigative team set up in California.** After the eighth Southern California freeway shooting in two months, the California Highway Patrol has announced it has created an investigative team to more quickly track down leads in the cases. The new unit will work with local law enforcement agencies as troopers also increase their patrols on the region's freeways, officials said. Four people have been killed in 11 freeway shootings this year. Even as they announced the stepped-up enforcement efforts, officials released figures showing there have actually been two fewer freeway shootings this year than in the same period last year. "We don't want the public to think there's an onslaught" of shootings, Assistant Chief Art Acevedo said Monday, May 2. The latest shooting came during the afternoon commute Monday, May 2, on Highway 14 in the Newhall Pass area, when a bullet pierced a windshield of a sport utility vehicle. The male driver, the only one in the vehicle, was not injured. In the past five weeks, two men were killed in separate incidents on the Harbor Freeway in Los Angeles. Two others were recently killed in freeway shootings in neighboring counties.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/05/03/freeway.shootings.ap/index.html>

8. *May 03, Associated Press* — **Rail safety bills introduced.** Spurred by the deadly Metrolink commuter train crash in Glendale, two California lawmakers introduced bills Monday, May 2, to improve rail safety in the state. The legislation would create a task force for improving freight train safety, increase penalties for drivers who violate rail crossing rules and allocate \$25 million more in funding for rail safety programs statewide. "California is ranked one of the worst states in America when it comes to grade-crossing accidents," said Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer, D-Glendale. "We need to ensure that we are doing everything possible at the state level to protect our rail passengers." The hearing will focus on the "push-pull" train configurations used by Metrolink that has the heavy locomotive at the rear of the train when it is pushing in one direction and on the front when it pulls in the other direction. Some contend that pushing lighter passenger cabs increases the likelihood of derailment. Officials with the Federal Rail Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, the state Public Utilities Commission and Metrolink have been invited to testify at the public hearing.

Source: [http://www.sacunion.com/pages/state\\_capitol/articles/4518/](http://www.sacunion.com/pages/state_capitol/articles/4518/)

9. *May 03, Transportation Safety Board of Canada* — **Incorrect part led to collapse of landing gear on Norcanair flight.** The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) on Tuesday, May 3, released its final report (A04C0174) into the collapse of the landing gear on a Northern Dene Airways aircraft while making a landing at La Ronge Airport, Saskatchewan, on September 21, 2004. A Northern Dene Airways Metro III left Stony Rapids, Saskatchewan, with two crew and nine passengers on a flight to La Ronge. On touchdown, the left wing dropped and the propeller made contact with the runway. The aircraft left the runway and traveled approximately 200 feet

through the infield before the nose and right main gear were torn rearwards; the left gear collapsed into the wheel well. The aircraft slid on its belly before coming to rest approximately 300 feet off the side of the runway. In its investigation, the TSB found that an incorrect part was used in the left landing gear assembly and that a check that might have revealed the problem was not performed. The TSB is an independent agency that investigates marine, pipeline, railway and aviation transportation occurrences. It is not the function of the Board to assign fault or determine civil or criminal liability.

Source: [http://www.tsb.gc.ca/en/media/communiques/air/2005/comm\\_a04c\\_0174.asp](http://www.tsb.gc.ca/en/media/communiques/air/2005/comm_a04c_0174.asp)

10. *May 03, New York Times* — **Congress plans to require closer scrutiny to get a driver's license.** Congress is moving quickly toward setting strict rules on how states issue driver's licenses, requiring them to verify whether each applicant for a new license or a renewal is in this country legally. State officials complain that the new requirements will add a costly, complicated burden to the issuance of driver's licenses, which has been their responsibility for almost a century. The proposed regulations, intended to deter terrorist attacks, would replace a provision of the intelligence bill passed in December that called on state and federal agencies to develop new rules for licenses. That law did not specifically require states to check the citizenship or immigration status of applicants. Eleven states now grant driver's licenses to noncitizens who do not have visas. There is no reliable estimate of how many licenses have been issued to noncitizens, whether in the country legally or illegally. Under the rules being considered, before granting a driver's license, a state would have to require proof of citizenship or legal presence, proof of an address and proof of a Social Security number. It would need to check the legal status of noncitizens against a national immigration database, to save copies of any documents shown and to store a digital image of the face of each applicant.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/03/politics/03licenses.html?o\\_ref=login](http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/03/politics/03licenses.html?o_ref=login)

11. *March 31, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-05-375: Preventing Nuclear Smuggling: DOE Has Made Limited Progress in Installing Radiation Detection Equipment at Highest Priority Foreign Seaports (Report).** Since September 11, 2001, concern has increased that terrorists could smuggle nuclear weapons or materials into this country in the approximately seven million containers that arrive annually at U.S. seaports. Nuclear materials can be smuggled across borders by being placed inside containers aboard cargo ships. In response to this concern, since 2003, the Department of Energy (DOE) has deployed radiation detection equipment to key foreign seaports through its Megaports Initiative (Initiative). The Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined the (1) progress DOE has made in implementing the Initiative, (2) current and expected costs of the Initiative, and (3) challenges DOE faces in installing radiation detection equipment at foreign ports. GAO recommends that DOE (1) develop a comprehensive long-term plan for the Initiative that identifies, among other things, criteria for deciding how many and which lower priority ports to complete if DOE continues to have difficulties initiating work at its highest priority ports and (2) reevaluate the current per port cost estimate and adjust long-term cost projections as necessary. DOE concurred with our recommendations. DOE is working on a plan for the Initiative and will reevaluate its cost estimate at the end of fiscal year 2005.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05375high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-375>



## Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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## Agriculture Sector

12. *May 03, Illinois Farm Bureau* — **Rust stripe called threat to Kansas winter wheat.** As the Kansas winter wheat crop is nearing its home stretch of development, it has hit a snag in the form of stripe rust, according to a Kansas State University scientist. "We still have a lot of good-looking wheat out there, but stripe rust, particularly, has been found in wheat around the state," said Kansas State Research and Extension plant pathologist Jim Stack. "It really seems to be exploding in southern and western Kansas." The disease has been found at low severity in many areas around the state, but not in every field, he said. Stripe rust outbreaks occurred as recently as 2001 and 2003, but the difference this year is that about half the wheat planted in those years was resistant to stripe rust, Stack said. Much of that wheat was Jagger, which has been a stripe rust-resistant variety. The races of stripe rust this year, however, appear to be different than during those outbreaks, so Jagger's and other varieties' ability to fend off this race of stripe and other rusts is not fully known. If left unchecked, stripe rust can kill the leaves of a wheat plant, so that it has no energy to form kernels, Stack said.

Source: <http://ilfb.aghost.net/index.cfm?show=4&id=14180>

13. *May 03, Associated Press* — **Sunflower industry fears budget cuts will stop rebound from crop disease.** Sunflower industry officials are working to restore federal funding for research they say is crucial to the future of the crop and a hoped for reversal in the nationwide shortage of snacking seeds. The budget President Bush sent to Congress eliminates funding for a molecular geneticist position at a federal lab in Fargo, ND, and for a multistate research initiative dealing with a crippling sunflower crop disease. Larry Kleingartner, executive director of the National Sunflower Association, said the long-term vitality of the industry could be damaged if the budget cuts are not restored. An outbreak of the disease sclerotinia in the late 1990s led to a push for more research of the fungus that affects not only sunflowers but other crops including soybeans and canola. Prior to the move, researchers were unwilling to tackle the complex disease because developing a resistant variety will take years, and many institutions expect quicker results from scientists, Kleingartner said. Without the \$1.4 million to fund the program in the coming year, the research will stop, Kleingartner said. Considering that sclerotinia caused an estimated \$100 million in damage last year to sunflowers in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Canadian provinces, that could be devastating, he said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/TECH/science/05/03/flower.fears.ap/>

14. *May 03, Western Farm Press* — **Onion thrips expected with mustard weed flush.** This spring's flush of mustards and other weeds is a likely harbinger of heavy pressure from yield and quality robbing onion thrips on San Joaquin Valley onion fields, warns Rich Coviello, Fresno, CA, farm advisor. Both onion thrips and western flower thrips (WFT) have a wide range of hosts, from various weeds to cereals and broadleaf crops, but the onion species, which can claim half a crop, is considered more damaging to onions than WFT. Onion thrips is also

suspected of vectoring a new disease to the San Joaquin Valley, iris yellow spot virus. The sucking insects first attack undersides of leaves and in the whorl of the onion plant, creating an abraded effect. Later, as populations swell, they move on to exposed leaf surfaces. Coviello said the higher the thrips populations, the higher the percentage of under-sized bulbs. In his small plots to evaluate insecticides at Five Points he saw harvestable onion yields slip from 135 pounds in treated portions to 60 pounds in untreated controls.

Information about onion thrips: <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/hortcrops/english/thrips.html>

Source: <http://westernfarmpress.com/news/5-3-05-onion-thrips/>

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## **Food Sector**

15. *May 03, USAgNet* — **Workers in processing plant being infected with tuberculosis.** A screening of 222 workers at a Tyson chicken processing plant in Broken Bow, OK, revealed that 41 were infected with tuberculosis, the Oklahoma State Health Department said. The health department said the infections did not pose any danger to consumers. Health workers began testing workers at the plant after a worker there was diagnosed with the tuberculosis. Health workers said it was possible that some of the infected workers were exposed years ago from unrelated cases, and were not diagnosed until now.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=461&yr=2005>

16. *May 02, Associated Press* — **Salmonella outbreak linked to poultry.** Nine people from New Mexico and four other states have been reported with salmonella infections in the past two months, and six of those cases are linked to young poultry from a New Mexico hatchery. The New Mexico Health Department is collaborating with the Colorado Health and Environment Departments to investigate salmonella cases that have been reported in New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Seven of the nine cases in March and April were in children age one or younger, the New Mexico agency said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=721768>

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## **Water Sector**

17. *May 03, New York Times* — **Officials avoid drastic change in western water policy.** Federal officials announced Monday, May 2, that a winter of heavy rain and snow across much of the West had made it unnecessary to adjust the water levels of the two largest reservoirs on the Colorado River, a prickly subject among the seven states that rely on water from the river. Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton warned last fall that she might change for the first time the decades-old formula for moving water between the reservoirs, Lake Powell in Utah and Lake Mead in Nevada. Norton said then that five years of drought had raised the likelihood of severe water shortages along the river, which generates power and provides water to farms and about 25 million people. Though emphasizing that the drought was not over, Norton said in a letter to the seven states on Monday that water storage was 10 percent better in April than had been

projected. As a result, she said, she would not order a reduction in the amount of water scheduled to be released from Lake Powell to Lake Mead.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/03/national/03water.html?>

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## **Public Health Sector**

**18. *May 03, Agence France Presse* — Chickens in Vietnam to be vaccinated for bird flu.** About 600,000 chickens in Vietnam's business capital Ho Chi Minh City will be vaccinated against the H5N1 bird flu virus as a trial for the possible vaccination of poultry across the country. If the results are successful, poultry in other parts of the country will also be vaccinated, he said. The deadly H5N1 strain of the bird flu virus has killed 36 people in Vietnam since late 2003. Another 12 have died in Thailand and four in Cambodia.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050503/hl\\_afp/healthfluvietnam\\_050503083018;\\_ylt=Aip.c132K\\_oRxEYbQ\\_RqSbaJOrgF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050503/hl_afp/healthfluvietnam_050503083018;_ylt=Aip.c132K_oRxEYbQ_RqSbaJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU)

**19. *May 03, Agence France Presse* — Angola's Marburg death toll up to 280.** The death toll from the outbreak of Marburg virus in Angola has reached 280, most of whom succumbed to the disease in the northern Uige province, the health ministry and the World Health Organization (WHO) said. Of the 280 dead, 269 were in Uige province and a further 208 people are under medical observation in that region after coming into contact with an infected person. There have been a total of 313 cases detected since monitoring of the outbreak began on October 13. Angolan Deputy Health Minister Jose Van Dunem told journalists that a health team traveled to the village of Ngombe, 95 miles north of Uige, on Sunday, May 1, and were told that a woman who had attended the funeral of a relative in Uige had spread the virus to the village. "When she returned to Ngombe, she contaminated 12 other members of her family and they all died," said Van Dunem.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050503/hl\\_afp/angolahealthvirus\\_050503073926;\\_ylt=Am13i\\_aoQ8NyY8h\\_jQHbBNCJOrgF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050503/hl_afp/angolahealthvirus_050503073926;_ylt=Am13i_aoQ8NyY8h_jQHbBNCJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU)

**20. *May 03, Food and Drug Administration* — Vaccine approved to help protect adolescents against whooping cough.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Tuesday, May 3, approved the first combination vaccine that provides a booster immunization against whooping cough (pertussis) in combination with tetanus and diphtheria for adolescents. Pertussis is a highly communicable disease of the respiratory tract that can be especially serious for infants less than one year old, and may even be fatal. Pertussis can cause spells of coughing and choking that make breathing difficult. The disease is generally less severe in adolescents, but it is thought that they might transmit the disease to susceptible infants and other family members. In the last 20 years, rates of pertussis infection have been increasing in very young infants who have not received all their immunizations and in adolescents and adults. Although booster vaccines for adolescents containing tetanus and diphtheria are currently licensed and marketed for use in this age group, none contain a pertussis component.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/2005/ANS01354.html>



21. *May 02, New York Times* — **Polio detected in Indonesia.** A case of polio has been detected in Indonesia, World Health Organization officials said Monday, May 2, indicating that an outbreak spreading from northern Nigeria since 2003 had crossed an ocean and reached the world's fourth-most-populous country. The virus, found in a village in Java, is most closely related to a strain that was found in Saudi Arabia in December, they said, and the most likely explanation is that it was brought back either by an Indonesian working there or by a pilgrim who went to Mecca in January. Indonesia's last case was in 1995, and it is now the 16th country to be re-infected by a strain of the virus that broke out of northern Nigeria when vaccinations stopped there, then crossed Africa and the Red Sea. Officials recommended that Indonesia immediately vaccinate five million children on the western end of Java, including the capital, Jakarta, to control the virus.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/05/02/health/02cnd-virus.html?ex=1272686400&en=52b2818a89a2c0f7&ei=5090&partner=rssuserland&emc=rss>

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## **Government Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *May 03, silicon.com* — **Police chief battered by cyber attack.** A UK police chief has been bombarded with thousands of threatening emails in a denial of service attack aimed at crippling his force's computer systems. At one point 2,000 emails an hour were being sent to Greater Manchester Police (GMP) chief constable Michael Todd. The attacker spoofed some of the email addresses to show President George Bush as the sender, while other emails warned that the attacker knew where Todd and his family lived. GMP said the attack was an attempt to crash the force's computer systems through the volume of emails being sent. It has launched an investigation. A statement issued said: "GMP has been subject to a cyber attack using emails in an attempt to disrupt GMP's service to the public. However, safeguards in place were effective and prevented any disruption to the force."

Source: <http://software.silicon.com/malware/0,3800003100,39130039,00.htm>

23. *May 02, Daily Nexus (CA)* — **California community tests fire evacuation plan.** In a practice drill, over 200 residents in Mission Canyon, CA, evacuated their homes on Saturday, April 30, urged on by public advisory warnings broadcast from police car speakers and Search and Rescue teams traveling door to door. The evacuation was part of the Santa Barbara (SB) County Fire Department's first annual Operation Safe Canyon, a drill designed to prepare residents of Mission Canyon and coordinate emergency response teams in case a fire should occur. SB County Office of Emergency Services planner Joe Guzzardi said residents requested that the Fire Department host the drill in the neighborhood, which is highly susceptible to fire due to the high concentration of flammable vegetation and housing in the area. Guzzardi said the Fire Department experienced minor communication problems with the reverse 9-1-1 system, as well as with noise from the helicopters drowning out the sound of the squad

car-mounted PA systems. Residents also complained that they were unsure of what to do with their pets.

Source: <http://www.ucsbdailynews.com/news/2005/9618.html>

24. *May 01, The News Journal (DE)* — **Exercise simulates attacks.** A "full-scale exercise" to test emergency preparedness measures and the ability of multiple agencies to coordinate their response was held Saturday, April 30, beneath the grandstand at Dover International Speedway in Delaware. Sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security, the exercise involved more than 250 emergency responders ranging from local firefighters to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Saturday's exercise was preceded by a November "tabletop exercise" that brought together representatives from the various agencies to discuss how they would handle a disaster on a race weekend. With roughly 140,000 spectators packing the grandstands for a Nextel Cup race, Saturday's exercise couldn't begin to duplicate the crowd and traffic problems that would arise in an actual emergency. However, Ryan Winmill, regional exercise manager for the federal Department of Homeland Security, said, the exercise was a valuable way to determine how well the agencies work together and to produce recommendations for improvement. A total of 30 officials monitored and evaluated the exercise and will help produce an "after-action improvement program" as well as a plan that similar large venues nationwide can use, Winmill said.

Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/newsjournal/local/2005/05/01emergencyrespon.html>

25. *May 01, The Sun News (SC)* — **Exercise tests chapter's response to a disaster.** An evening tornado touched down near Surfside Beach, SC, and forced about 50 families to seek help from the American Red Cross. That was the scenario Saturday, April 30, for an American Red Cross training exercise held at the agency's office. The exercise gave officials at the Horry County Red Cross chapter an opportunity to assess the agency's readiness for disaster response. Horry County's Red Cross chapter is equipped to handle disasters that involve fewer than 50 families, according to Saturday's assessment by Dan Hughes, a volunteer for the American Red Cross Mid-Atlantic Service Area. The agency has ample material resources but needs more volunteers and training to be able to handle larger disasters. Anderson said the drill was based on a tornado to test the group's response to disasters that require immediate reaction, unlike a hurricane for which preparations occur over several days. At the end of the training, officials from the Mid-Atlantic Service Area suggested goals and objectives to help the local chapter improve enough to service 50 or more families in one disaster, Hughes said.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/myrtlebeachonline/news/local/11536322.htm>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

26. *May 02, Secunia* — **Mtp Target format string and denial of service vulnerabilities.** Two vulnerabilities in Mtp Target, which can be exploited to malicious people to cause a DoS (Denial of Service) or compromise a user's system. A format string error in the client code when displaying messages from other users can be exploited to execute arbitrary code on a user's system. A signed error in the server code can be exploited by a client to crash the game via a specially crafted parameter. There is no solution at this time.

Source: <http://secunia.com/advisories/15195/>

27. *May 02, FrSIRT* — **GlobalScape Secure FTP Server remote buffer overflow vulnerability.**

A buffer overflow vulnerability was identified in GlobalScape Secure FTP Server, which could be exploited by remote attackers to execute arbitrary commands. The flaw occurs when handling specially crafted FTP commands, which could be exploited by a remote and authenticated attacker to compromise a vulnerable server.

Upgrade to the latest version: <http://www.cuteftp.com/support/srv.asp>

Source: <http://www.frstirt.com/english/advisories/2005/0441>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

<b>DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: Multiple vulnerabilities have been reported in Firefox, which can be exploited by malicious people to conduct cross-site scripting attacks, bypass certain security restrictions, and compromise a user's system. Successful exploitation may allow execution of arbitrary code.	
<b>Current Port Attacks</b>	
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	<a href="#">[fetch Target Ports (auto)]</a> <a href="#">[fetch Target Ports (manual)]</a>
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## Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

28. *May 03, Miami Herald (FL)* — **Bomb threat prompts building evacuations in downtown Miami.** Hundreds of workers in downtown Miami were evacuated from their office buildings and traffic rerouted due to a bomb threat called into Washington Mutual bank on Tuesday morning, May 3, Miami police said. As many as five buildings adjacent to the bank at 100 SE Second St. were emptied, as police are searching floor by floor for any suspicious packages. The bank had received a call at 9:30 a.m. that a bomb would go off at 10 a.m. The Miami Police bomb squad was quickly sent to the bank to secure the area, said police Lt. Bill Schwartz.

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## General Sector

Nothing to report.

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