



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 04 October 2005

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

- The Des Moines Register reports three USDA agencies have combined to form the National Centers for Animal Health, tasked to uncover traces of mad cow, anthrax, and a host of other dreaded animal diseases imported by terrorists or by mistake. (See item [8](#))
- The Indianapolis Star reports four Veolia Water employees have been subpoenaed to testify in a federal investigation into possible falsification of water quality documents in Indianapolis. (See item [13](#))
- The Associated Press reports one person was killed in an explosion near a packed football stadium at the University of Oklahoma, in what authorities said appeared to be a suicide. (See item [28](#))

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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. *October 03, Associated Press* — **President prepared to tap heating oil reserve.** President Bush is ready "to do whatever it takes" including, if necessary, tapping government stocks of heating oil to counter supply shortages this winter, his energy secretary said Monday, October 3. Samuel Bodman said the twin hurricanes Katrina and Rita have dealt "a very significant

blow" to the country's energy infrastructure with almost all of the Gulf Coast's oil production, nearly 80 percent of the region's natural gas supplies, and a fifth of the country's refining capacity still shut down. Bodman said that a decision to release additional government stocks of crude oil, or for the first time tap the government's Northeast heating oil reserve, will be considered by Bush. Congress five years ago created a two million barrel Northeast heating oil reserve that is to be used in case of supply shortages or delivery problems in nine states from Maine to Pennsylvania. Fuel oil is widely used in the Northeast to heat homes and businesses. The government stockpile of heating fuel, which is rotated regularly while held at private terminals in New York Harbor and Connecticut, has never been used.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/10/03/AR2005100300788.html>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *September 30, Associated Press* — **Chlorine leak prompts highway closure in New Jersey.** Chlorine gas unexpectedly boiled from a batch of chemicals at a swimming pool supply plant in Kearny, NJ, Friday, September 30, prompting authorities to close a busy highway during the morning rush hour before determining within two hours there was no danger to the public. The incident happened about 8:30 a.m. EDT when a ton of a chemical mix, including about 60 percent granular chlorine, began emitting gas and heat. Workers at businesses near the plant in Kearny were evacuated for several hours, and people across the Hackensack River in Jersey City were told to stay indoors and shut windows. Hazmat teams found only negligible levels of chlorine outside the plant because its pollution control system prevented a dangerous release. One worker at the plant, operated by Alden Leeds Inc., was taken to a hospital for observation. Source: <http://www.nj.com/newsflash/jersey/index.ssf?base/news-16/128085441210131.xml&storylist=jersey>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *October 03, Gulf News (United Arab Emirates)* — **UAE banks must boost efforts against money laundering and terrorist financing.** The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Central Bank on Sunday, October 2, directed banks and financial institutions in the country to tighten their internal systems and controls in their fight against money laundering and terrorist financing. "The government, Central Bank and the National anti-money laundering committee, over the last five years or so, have codified and implemented a national policy in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing," said Sultan Bin Nasser Al Suwaidi, Governor of the Central Bank. "But it is time for banks and financial institutions to refocus their efforts on their internal

procedures, controls and on-the-job training of their staff to safeguard their institutions and the banking system as a whole against money laundering and terrorist financing," said Suwaidi. He said training and awareness are two of the key ingredients in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing.

Source: <http://www.gulf-news.com/Articles/BusinessNF.asp?ArticleID=184955>

4. *October 01, Reuters* — **California makes phishing punishable by law.** California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a bill Friday, September 30, making Internet phishing identity theft scams punishable by law. The bill is the first of its kind in the U.S. and makes phishing a civil violation. Victims may seek to recover actual damages or \$500,000 for each violation, depending upon which is greater. Phishing often involves the use of names of legitimate banks, retailers and financial institutions to convince recipients of bogus e-mail offers to respond.
Source: <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/9547692/>

5. *September 30, USA Today* — **Meth addicts hack into identity theft.** Methamphetamine addicts are using the Internet to commit identity theft, law-enforcement officials and medical experts in the U.S. and Canada say. Meth is a highly addictive, cheap alternative to cocaine and heroin. Meth addicts, already adept at stealing personal information from mailboxes to finance drug habits, now are hacking PCs to steal information, says Bob Gauthier, a detective in the Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Police Service's meth project team. In the U.S. the problem is increasing "in complexity and size" in the West and Midwest, says Robert Brown, agent-in-charge of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. He says meth addicts also are participating in phishing e-mail scams and selling stolen goods on auction sites. Many are employed by identity theft rings run by non-drug users, he says. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) has introduced a bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee that asks the Department of Justice to investigate a link between identity theft and meth use. "The meth epidemic is creating a wave of identity theft," she says.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/2005-09-29-meth-id-theft_x.htm

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

6. *October 03, Associated Press* — **Cause sought in deadly New York boat accident.** The captain of a tour boat that capsized, killing 20 people, told authorities it was hit by waves from another vessel or vessels and went over as he tried to steer out of them, authorities said Monday, October 3. The postcard perfect day of sailing on Lake George suddenly turned horrific Sunday, October 2, when the 40-foot boat, the Ethan Allen, flipped over so quickly that none of the 47 passengers could put on a life jacket. Seven people were hospitalized. All the passengers were from Michigan, Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland said Monday. Their names were not immediately disclosed. People from nearby boats on the busy lake tried to rescue the victims from the chilly water. Witnesses described a chaotic scene as the older victims, some who relied on walkers, cried out. There had been hundreds of boats on Lake George on the sunny Sunday afternoon, causing "a lot of wave action," Cleveland said.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20051003/ap_on_re_us/boat_overtur ned:_ylt=ArdTjDRpbf.NND12RBe505dG2ocA:_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mB

7. *September 30, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-05-945: Commercial Aviation: Bankruptcy and Pension Problems Are Symptoms of Underlying Structural Issues (Report)**. Since 2001 the U.S. airline industry has lost over \$30 billion. Delta, Northwest, United, and US Airways have filed for bankruptcy, the latter two terminating and transferring their pension plans to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). The net claim on PBGC from these terminations was \$9.7 billion; plan participants lost \$5.3 billion in benefits (in constant 2005 dollars). Considerable debate has ensued over airlines' use of bankruptcy protection as a means to continue operations. Many in the industry have maintained that airlines' use of this approach is harmful to the industry. This debate has received even sharper focus with pension defaults. Critics argue that by not having to meet their pension obligations, airlines in bankruptcy have an advantage that may encourage other companies to take the same approach. At the request of the Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has continued to assess the financial condition of the airline industry and focused on the problems of bankruptcy and pension terminations. This report details: (1) the role of bankruptcy in the airline industry, (2) whether bankruptcies are harming the industry, and (3) the effect of airline pension under-funding on employees, airlines, and the PBGC. The Department of Transportation and PBGC agreed with this report's conclusions.
Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05945high.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-945>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

8. *October 02, Des Moines Register* — **New lab wages war on animal diseases**. Ground zero in the U.S. government's efforts to uncover traces of mad cow, anthrax, and a host of other dreaded animal diseases, many of which can be passed to humans, is at the National Centers for Animal Health, a collection of three U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies located in Ames, IA. With the discoveries of mad cow in cattle in Washington state and Texas, an intensified testing program for mad cow has taken place in Ames. Adding to the urgency is the threat of foot-and-mouth disease, or any other foreign animal disease, being imported by terrorists or by mistake. Such a circumstance could threaten the \$62 billion U.S. livestock production industry. The three USDA agencies which constitute the lab include the National Animal Disease Center, the National Veterinary Services Laboratory, and the Center for Veterinary Biologics.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051002/NEWS/510020325/1001/RSS01>

9.

September 30, United States Department of Agriculture — **USDA announces additional funding to eradicate citrus canker.** United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns on Friday, September 30, announced an additional \$53.75 million in emergency funding to eradicate citrus canker in Florida. "This critical funding from USDA will help accelerate eradication activities and keep citrus canker from spreading in Florida," said Johanns. "USDA is providing these funds to help Florida protect the health of the citrus industry, which has been placed at greater risk by a series of hurricanes that have spread the wind-borne disease," said Johanns. Citrus canker is a rapidly spreading, highly contagious bacterial disease that causes fruit to drop prematurely. In addition, citrus canker lesions make infected fruit unmarketable. Because there is no chemical cure or treatment for citrus canker in Florida, the only way to eradicate the disease is to destroy all infected or exposed trees. According to the USDA, accelerating eradication activities is essential to the health of Florida's citrus industry, which represents 77 percent of U.S. citrus production.

Source: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB/.cmd/a/d/ar/sa.retrievecontent/c/6.2.1UH/.ce/7.2.5JM/.p/5.2.4TQ/.d/1/th/J.2.9D/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB?PC.7.2.5JM.contentid=2005/09/0413.xml&PC.7.2.5JM.navtype=RT&PC.7.2.5JM.parentnav=LATESTRELEASES&PC.7.2.5JM.navid=NEWS_RELEASE#7.2.5JM

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Food Sector

10. *October 02, Food Safety and Inspection Service* — Illinois firm recalls cooked chicken sausage products and beef wieners. New Packing Co., Inc., a Chicago, IL, firm, is voluntarily recalling approximately 1,076 pounds of chicken sausage products and beef wieners that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced on Sunday, October 2. Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal disease. Healthy people rarely contract listeriosis. However, listeriosis can cause high fever, severe headache, neck stiffness and nausea. Listeriosis can also cause miscarriages and stillbirths, as well as serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems, such as infants, the elderly and persons with HIV infection or undergoing chemotherapy.

List of products being recalled:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 042 2005 Release/index.asp>

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News & Events/Recall 042 2005 Release/index.asp>

11. *October 02, Food and Drug Administration* — FDA issues nationwide health alert on Dole pre-packaged salads. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is issuing a nationwide warning to consumers against eating certain pre-packaged Dole salad products because these products have been associated with an outbreak of *E. coli* O157:H7 in Minnesota. The affected products include three brand names and are labeled with "best-if-used by" dates, as listed below, and a production code beginning with "B250." Illnesses have been associated with consumption of Dole salad products purchased from a single grocery store chain, Rainbow Foods, in its Minnesota locations. However, salad products containing the affected production codes are also distributed nationwide. The three prepackaged salad products involved are:

Classic Romaine — with a "best-if-used-by (BIUB)" date of September 23, 2005 and a production code beginning with "B250;" American Blend — with a "best-if-used-by (BIUB)" date of September 23, 2005 and a production code beginning with "B250;" and Greener Selection — with a "best-if-used-by (BIUB)" date of September 22, 2005, and a production code beginning with "B250." To date there have been reports of eleven cases of illness attributed to E. coli O157 in Minnesota. Of these eleven cases, two individuals have been hospitalized. The latest reported illness was September 19, 2005.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2005/new01239.html>

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Water Sector

12. *October 03, San Bernardino County Sun (CA)* — High Desert pipe nearing completion. A goal dating back three decades to pipe water to Newberry Springs, from the California Aqueduct is edging toward reality. The 76-mile Mojave River Pipeline, linking the aqueduct south of Adelanto to the Newberry Springs farming and retirement community is in its final phase of construction. "We expect to complete the pipeline by late December so water can start to flow in January," said Kirby Brill, general manager of the Apple Valley-based Mojave Water Agency, which is building the line. When completed, the \$53 million pipeline will be able to deliver as much as 188 acre-feet of aqueduct flow daily or about 68,000 acre-feet per year. An acre-foot, 326,000 gallons, is about the amount of water a family of six consumes in a year. For the thousands of people living along the river between Victorville and Newberry Springs, the pipeline helps ensure a reliable source of water into the indefinite future. The 400-mile-long California Aqueduct, a key part of the State Water Project, carries water from Northern California dams to Southern California. Giant pumps lift the flow over the Tehachapi Mountains into the High Desert.

Source: http://www2.sbsun.com/news/ci_3081824

13. *October 03, Indianapolis Star (IN)* — Water test results probed. Four Veolia Water Indianapolis employees have been subpoenaed to testify in a federal investigation into possible falsification of water quality documents. Water company officials would provide no details Sunday, October 2, about the investigation or what positions the four employees hold in the company. The employees received the court order Friday, September 30, from the U.S. Attorney's Office. In a statement issued Sunday night, Carolyn Mosby-Williams, Veolia vice president of communications and community affairs, said the company was "fully cooperating and providing requested information." She said Indianapolis residents should trust that their drinking water is clean. A longtime critic of Veolia, City-County Councilman Jim Bradford said he learned about the investigation Sunday morning and was told the four employees will go before a federal grand jury Tuesday as part of a criminal investigation. Bradford said the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and other agencies are involved in the investigation.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051003/NEWS01/510030395/1006/NEWS01>

14. *October 01, News Observer (NC)* — Water-use limits take on urgency; mandatory curbs coming in Raleigh. The region's persistent drought will force Raleigh, NC, to enforce

mandatory water cutbacks starting Tuesday, October 4 — a last-straw plan to fight dwindling water supplies. Raleigh's move comes as cities across the Triangle watch their lake levels drop three, six, even eight feet. At least a dozen cities, including Durham, have asked people to cut water use by 10 percent. But too few people complied, City Manager Russell Allen said Friday, September 30. "It's almost inevitable," he said. "We're going to have inspectors out." Eight other towns depend on Raleigh for water and must follow its lead on restrictions: Garner, Wake Forest, Rolesville, Fuquay–Varina, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Wendell, and Zebulon. The region got about eight-tenths of an inch of rain in September, compared with the normal four inches.

Source: <http://newsobserver.com/news/story/2807798p-9252093c.html>

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Public Health Sector

15. *October 03, Canadian Press* — New United Nations pandemic czar warns avian flu could alter world. A flu pandemic could fundamentally alter the world as we know it, warns Dr. David Nabarro, the public health veteran charged with coordinating United Nations planning for and response to the avian flu threat. Inadequate — and inequitably shared — global resources and the uncertainties inherent in trying to predict the behavior of influenza combine to create planning dilemmas that are "monster difficult," Nabarro said in an interview describing his new job and the challenges ahead. One of the monster dilemmas Nabarro describes relates to antiviral drugs. There are only two drugs which, in laboratory settings, work against all possible pandemic strains, oseltamivir (sold as Tamiflu) and zanamivir (sold as Relenza). Both are expensive and made in limited quantities, and there appears to be no quick or easy way to ramp up production. In addition, the supplies that exist are spoken for by the world's wealthy nations. "So we're going to have very little stuff and it's already stuck away in stockpiles...And yet we're going to have to find some way to ration these things so that they are given to the folk who need them the most," Nabarro says.

Source: http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051003/flu_pandemic_051003/20051003?hub=Health

16. *October 03, Los Angeles Times (CA)* — U.S. rushes to finish influenza pandemic plan. Even before it can tally the full cost of post-hurricane reconstruction, the Bush administration is seeking congressional support for an expanded government effort to prepare for a worldwide influenza pandemic. The Department of Health and Human Services is rushing to complete its first comprehensive plan for coping with a possible flu pandemic, and could release the final version as early as this week. It is expected to be accompanied by a request for several billion dollars in new funding, and Congress appears to be willing to cover at least a portion. Health authorities are particularly concerned about a virulent strain of avian flu in Asia that has killed several dozen people who handled infected birds. The administration's pandemic plan is part of a broader effort to accelerate preparations for a potential health disaster. Conservative estimates of fatalities in a flu pandemic number in the millions worldwide, and in the tens of thousands in the U.S. The current draft of the administration's plan fills several hundred pages. It describes the role of the federal government in coordinating the response to a flu pandemic and outlines steps to be taken at all levels of government before and during an outbreak.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-bushflu>

17. *October 03, Agence France-Presse* — **Indonesian man with suspected bird flu dies in hospital.** An elderly man suspected of contracting bird flu has died in hospital in the Indonesian capital after suffering from breathing difficulties. Sudarmaji, 68, died on Sunday, October 2, after being treated for two days for symptoms including high temperatures and coughing, said Ilham Patu, a spokesperson at the Sulianti Saroso Hospital which is designated to treat bird flu cases. However, the results of lab tests which will determine whether Sudarmaji had bird flu will not be known until Tuesday, October 4. Six people are confirmed as having died from the H5N1 strain of bird flu virus in Indonesia this year out of more than 60 confirmed or suspected cases, raising new fears of a possible pandemic. Of the six, only three have been confirmed as bird flu deaths by the World Health Organization's lab at Hong Kong University, with the results for the other three still pending.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/afp/20051003/hl_afp/healthindonesiaflu_051003110008

18. *October 02, Associated Press* — **Japanese Encephalitis claims 1,243 lives.** Japanese encephalitis has claimed another 25 lives in India, raising the death toll in South Asia to 1,243 over the last six months. However, doctors said new infections are decreasing as monsoon rains ease and there are fewer puddles for disease-carrying mosquitoes to breed in. About 400 people, mostly children, are being treated for the disease in various hospitals across Uttar Pradesh, the worst hit Indian state where at least 907 deaths have been reported in the region's worst outbreak in decades, said Vijay Shankar Nigam, who heads the state's communicable disease department. Another 65 people have died in eastern Bihar state and 271 in neighboring Nepal, authorities said. Doctors have suggested that if the local government cannot afford to vaccinate all children in the state, then it should start inoculating pigs — the source of the disease. The proposal came as the state government prepared to vaccinate seven million children under 15 years of age beginning in November at a cost of \$55.5 million.

Source: <http://health.yahoo.com/news/124796>

19. *October 01, The Navhind Times (India)* — **Action plan to prevent entry of avian influenza in India.** An action plan has been devised by the Indian administration to prevent the entry of the avian influenza and to combat the disease in the event of an outbreak. The action plan was created by the Forests and Wildlife Department and Animal Husbandry Department of Chandigarh as a precautionary measure. Under the action plan, those working in poultry farms would be educated about the disease and a list of guidelines for prevention of avian influenza will be circulated. In addition, the technical staff of the Animal Husbandry Department will visit poultry farms every two weeks and issue regular instructions to breeders. Forest officials will visit Sukhna Lake — a migratory bird hotspot — twice daily to monitor migratory birds to see if they show any symptoms of the disease. Birds will also be tagged for identification and blood samples and droppings of wild birds will be regularly collected with the help of the Bombay Natural History Society in Pinjore. Also under the plan, all farms will have to adopt a vigilance system for early detection of suspected cases of disease and for appropriate follow up action.

Source: http://www.navhindtimes.com/stories.php?part=news&Story_ID=1_0021

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October 01, United Press International — **British stockpiled flu drug may be useless.** The virus that causes avian influenza in humans appears to be developing resistance to an anti-viral drug the British government has stockpiled. The Department of Health spent \$329 million on 14.6 million courses of Tamiflu. If the H5N1 virus becomes resistant to the anti-viral, Tamiflu would be useless. Because influenza viruses mutate so readily, vaccines are difficult to develop. British authorities hoped the Tamiflu could be used to contain an epidemic until a vaccine was found.

Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/upi/?feed=TopNews&article=UPI-1-20051001-20034000-bc-britain-birdflu.xml>

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Government Sector

21. *September 30, Federal Computer Week* — **Auditors hack Interior's financial and personal data.** Lapses in the Department of Interior's oversight allowed government-hired hackers to infiltrate the agency's systems, according to a September 6 Interior memo. Since November 2004, Interior's inspector general has been independently testing the department's network security. "Due to vulnerabilities in several bureaus' information technology systems, [Interior] internal networks, as a whole, are vulnerable to unauthorized access," Earl Devaney, Interior's IG, wrote in his most recent assessment. Most recently, IG employees hacked National Park Service systems and personal and financial data on National Business Center systems -- again. They had broken into the center's systems last spring. The report states that evaluators "penetrated a National Park Service system and created a Web page to indicate our control over the server." Meanwhile, spokesperson Dan DuBray said the department will "continue its aggressive program to monitor and strengthen the perimeter of its IT systems."

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article90981-09-30-05-Web>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *October 03, Associated Press* — **Philadelphia International Airport conducts disaster drill.** The Philadelphia International Airport conducted a large-scale emergency preparedness exercise known as EPEX 2005 on Sunday, October 2. The drill involved local, state and federal agencies and hundreds of area firefighters, police, and other first responders. The scenario involved a Boeing 737 catching fire as it landed on the runway. The mock accident was determined to be a terrorist attack, after a caller told airport police there were two explosive devices onboard the plane. Firefighters and medics performed triage, combing through a crowd of more than 100 volunteers from area emergency medical service squads who played the part of dazed, wounded passengers. Some "victims" were put on stretchers and taken to the 20 area hospitals that participated in the drill. Philadelphia Airport spokesperson Mark Pesce said the drill stressed the importance of interagency cooperation, noting that in the event of an actual emergency, "We would not be able to do this ourselves." Officials planned to meet privately on Sunday to evaluate the outcome of the drill. The results of the drill will not be released to the public.

Source: <http://www.airportbusiness.com/article/article.jsp?id=3736&siteSection=4>

23. *October 03, Federal Computer Weekly* — Hurricane Katrina highlights need for state telecommunicator teams. National advocates for an advanced emergency number system say they want states to have teams of trained dispatchers on hand in case disasters damage or destroy 911 centers. Only a handful of states have recognized teams of dispatchers, or telecommunicators, as they are known. The National Emergency Number Association (NENA) wants to assist states in developing similar telecommunicator emergency response teams. “It’s basically a program put in place so when states experience a situation like [Hurricane] Katrina or a situation where a communication center gets wiped out, they can deploy their own telecommunicators to other states to assist during emergencies and, in fact, they have done that for this particular emergency,” said Patrick Halley, NENA’s government affairs director. Deploying such teams requires formal approval through a national process called the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), Halley said. EMAC is a congressionally ratified agreement among most states to request mutual aid. The agreement also addresses liability and reimbursement issues. The National Emergency Management Association administers the agreement. NENA officials will hold a meeting Tuesday, October 25, in Greensboro, NC, to provide information to state and local officials on how to create telecommunicator teams.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article91005-10-03-05-Web>

24. *October 01, The Register-Guard (OR)* — Oregon disaster team to enlist fishermen. Oregon fishermen may officially become first responders to the state's next big disaster. Among the specifics mentioned in a disaster preparedness summit held Friday, September 30, is a plan to mobilize Oregon's fishing fleet following a coastal earthquake or tsunami, which Lincoln County Commissioner Terry Thompson is spearheading. A group of fishermen on the coast are working with local and state officials to finalize an agreement whereby fishermen would transport and provide food, fuel and supplies to people struck by a disaster, since waterways may be the only viable transportation routes. The fleet could even move up the Columbia River, if necessary, to respond to survivors in Portland, OR, in the event of a big earthquake, said Ken Murphy, director of Oregon Emergency Management. In exchange for the fishermen’s assistance, Thompson is working to get assurance from the federal government that the fleet will be reimbursed for its costs. Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski also announced at the summit plans to create a preparedness task force, to analyze Oregon's response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita and to identify whether the state is prepared for a natural disaster of similar proportions.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/news/2005/10/01/a1.disastersumm.it.1001.p1.php?section=cityregion>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

25. *October 01, Fr33d0m.net* — ProZilla "ftpsearch" results handling client-side buffer overflow vulnerability. A vulnerability has been identified in ProZilla, which could be exploited by attackers to execute arbitrary commands. This flaw is due to a buffer overflow error in "ftpsearch.c" when processing, via "get_string_ahref()", specially crafted ftpsearch

results.

Source: <http://www.fr33d0m.net/content-1549.html>

26. *September 30, News.com* — **New worm spoofs Google, Yahoo and MSN sites.** Security experts have discovered a malicious program aimed at tricking users into clicking on phony search results on fake Google, Yahoo and MSN sites. According to an antivirus company, users with infected machines that try and visit these sites are redirected to spoof sites. The spoof sites serve up bogus search results intended to generate traffic and revenue for other sites that are presumed to be in on the scheme.

Source: http://news.com.com/New+worm+spoofs+Google%2C+Yahoo+and+MSN+sites/2100-7349_3-5886484.html?tag=sas.email

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.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT has received reports of increased activity on Ports 1029 UDP, 1030 UDP, 1028 UDP (and No Protocol), originating primarily from the following IP blocks, located in China: 61.233.40/24, 61.235.155/24, 61.236.95/24, 218.66.104/24, 220.164.140/24, 218.204.97/24, 219.148.126/24, and 220.164.140/24. Packet captures indicate that this traffic may be a new form of pop-up SPAM. Network Administrators should check their netflows and take appropriate action.

US-CERT encourages Mozilla users to upgrade to version 1.0.7 and Mozilla Suite users to upgrade to version 1.7.12 as soon as possible, due to VU#573857 – Mozilla-based browsers contain a buffer overflow in handling URIs containing a malformed IDN hostname.

US-CERT warns users to expect an increase in targeted phishing emails due to recent events such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. For more information please refer to: <http://www.us-cert.gov/current/#kat>

US-CERT strongly recommends that all users reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site for a list of legitimate charities to donate to their charity of choice. <http://www.fema.gov/>

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	6881 (bittorrent), 1026 (win-rpc), 445 (microsoft-ds), 139 (netbios-ssn), 135 (epmap), 40000 (---), 41234 (---), 53 (domain), 10629 (---), 80 (www)
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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.

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27. *October 03, Associated Press* — Mardi Gras 2006: the floats will be ready. Blaine Kern, dubbed "Mr. Mardi Gras" after more than five decades of involvement in New Orleans' most famous annual event, is confident he could have plenty of parade floats ready by the time Mardi Gras rolls around in February. But he and other veteran leaders of the annual pre-Lenten bacchanal face much bigger challenges as they work to keep the 2006 party from being blown away by Hurricane Katrina. The city has already lost the Sugar Bowl, the NFL Saints and the NBA Hornets for the year, and a month after Katrina, only a small part of New Orleans is semi-functional, let alone able to host one of the nation's largest and wildest celebrations. But canceling Mardi Gras — which draws an estimated one million people each year — is unthinkable to some. One thing working to New Orleans' advantage: Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, the climax of the Carnival season's parades and celebrations, falls next year on February 28, giving organizers extra time to prepare. Mardi Gras' economic impact for the city has been put as high as \$1 billion.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2005-09-29-mardi-gras_x.htm

28. *October 03, Associated Press* — Blast rattles Oklahoma game. One person was killed in an explosion near a packed football stadium at the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, OK, on Saturday night, October 1, in what authorities said appeared to be a suicide. The blast, in a traffic circle about 100 yards from Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, could be heard by some in the crowd of 84,000, but university President David Boren said no one inside the stadium was ever in danger. "We are apparently dealing with an individual suicide, which is under full investigation," Boren said in a statement. There was no information about the person who was killed, and no reports of any other injuries. A police bomb squad detonated explosives found at the site of the blast. The area near the stadium was searched by bomb-sniffing dogs.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-10-01-ou-blast_x.htm

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