



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 11 October 2006

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- The Associated Press reports border patrol agents rescued seven people on Tuesday, October 10, after they were trapped in a makeshift tunnel running between Mexico and the United States. (See item [16](#))
- WNEP reports people in the Mountainhome area of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, were told Monday, October 9, not to use their water until further notice after the discovery of vandalism at the storage tank that supplies the community. (See item [27](#))
- USA TODAY reports Louisville, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis city officials have agreed to offer one another emergency resources in case of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or other catastrophic events. (See item [34](#))

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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 10, U.S. Department of Energy* — **EIA releases Short-Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook.** The Short-Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook, recently released by the Energy Information Administration, provides an overview of the projected price of fuels this winter and beyond. Prices for petroleum and natural gas are projected to increase from current

levels as the winter season approaches. But, for the first time since 2001–02, residential heating fuel prices for most Americans are projected to be either lower than or close to prices prevailing during the previous winter. Projected changes in heating expenditures relative to last winter reflect both price and weather changes, but lower expected prices for natural gas should result in lower heating bills for most American households. Looking beyond winter, Henry Hub natural gas spot prices are expected to average \$6.90 per mcf (thousand cubic feet) in 2006 and \$7.53 per mcf in 2007. The price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil is projected to average \$67 per barrel in 2006 and \$66 per barrel in 2007. Residential electricity prices are expected to average around 10.4 cents per kwh in 2006 and 10.6 cents in 2007. Retail regular gasoline prices are expected to average \$2.58 per gallon in 2006 then dip to \$2.51 in 2007.

Winter Outlook: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/steo>

Source: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>

2. *October 10, Cibola County Beacon (NM)* — **Paraglider causes major electric outage.** About 7,000 residents in Grants, San Rafael, Laguna, Acoma, and communities in east Cibola County, NM, lost power for approximately four hours Saturday morning, September 30, after a paraglider flew into an electrical transmission line at I–40 and Rio Puerco. A paraglider came into contact with a 115,000–volt transmission line owned by the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM). Continental Divide Electric Co–op Supervisor Mark Bahl said if the outage lasted several hours, or the weather was bad and people needed to heat their homes, Continental Divide was prepared to “jump” power from operating wires out of Milan, Bluewater, and western service areas. Those areas still had power, because they receive electricity from the Tri–State Generation and Transmission Association Plains Esclante station. But that process would have taken time and “create hardship” for everyone who receives power from the Co–op, Bahl reported. The feed would have required shutting down power in Milan and Bluewater.

Source: <http://www.cibolabeacon.com/articles/2006/10/10/news/news2.t xt>

3. *October 09, Reuters* — **U.S. nuclear power plants power down for fall work.** More than a fifth of U.S. nuclear power generation was shut on Monday, October 2, mainly on planned fall maintenance, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Agency (NRC) said in a report. As of Monday, 22 percent, or 21,200 megawatts, of U.S. nuclear power generation was offline. That is 36 percent higher than a year ago and 24 percent more than the five–year average for this date, according to NRC figures. The height of the maintenance is expected to be October 15 when 26 percent, or about 25,700 megawatts of generation will be shut, the highest since 2000. If there are unplanned outages, that outage figure will increase. U.S. nuclear power plants can generate about 98,560 megawatts of electricity. On Monday, two unplanned outages totaling more than 2,000 megawatts were on the books, and it's unknown whether either of them will restart by this coming Sunday's expected peak. October is a considered a "shoulder" period before the onset of higher demand in winter and after the highest electricity usage of the summer. Nuclear plant operators, as well as those with natural gas–fired and coal–fired plants, take the slack in demand to perform maintenance.

Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?view=CN&storyID=2006–10–09T234656Z_01_N09307988_RTRIDST_0_UTILITIES–NUCLEAR–REFUEL.XML&rpc=66&type=qcna

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October 09, Associated Press — **Some poor Alaska villages reject oil aid from Venezuela for reasons of patriotism.** In Alaska's native villages, many of the villagers are desperately poor, and heating—oil prices are among the highest in the U.S. And yet a few villages are refusing free heating oil from Venezuela, on the patriotic principle that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has made disparaging comments about President Bush. While scores of Alaska's Eskimo and Indian villages say they have no choice but to accept, others would rather suffer. Justine Gunderson, administrator for the tribal council in the Aleut village of Nelson Lagoon, said, "Even though we're in economically dire straits, it was the right choice to make." Over the past two years, Citgo, the Venezuelan government's Texas-based oil subsidiary, has given millions of gallons of discounted heating oil to the poor in several states and cities — including New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Maine. About 150 native villages in Alaska have accepted money for heating oil from Citgo. The oil company does not operate in Alaska, so instead of sending oil, it is donating about \$5.3 million to native nonprofit organizations to buy 100 gallons this winter for each of more than 12,000 households.

Source: http://www.iht.com/bin/print_ipub.php?file=/articles/ap/2006/10/09/business/NA_FIN_US_Oil_From_Chavez.php

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *October 10, Daily Herald (IL)* — **Diesel spill prompts road closure.** About 1,200 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into a mechanical room Monday, October 9, at Sherman Hospital in Elgin, IL, prompting a closure of Spring Street for about two hours. However, the spill did not put patients or employees at risk and the building was not evacuated.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/news/kanestory.asp?id=236937&cc=k &tc=bat&t=Batavia>

6. *October 10, Times-Picayune (LA)* — **Gasoline spill in Louisiana prompts evacuations.** City and state workers continued mopping up gasoline Monday, October 9, that spilled into the drainage system in Hollygrove, LA, after an 18-wheeler truck overturned Sunday evening near Airline Drive. The tanker flipped on its side after coming off the sharp curve of the Interstate 10 off-ramp onto Airline Drive, spilling about 9,000 gallons of gasoline. The spill prompted the New Orleans Fire Department to evacuate nearby residents, although many had returned by Monday morning. Booms to collect the spilled fuel were lowered into the Palmetto Canal to soak up as much gasoline as possible.

Source: <http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/metro/index.ssf?/base/news-17/116046763528690.xml&coll=1>

7. *October 10, Associated Press* — **Tanker crash spills about 1,500 gallons of gasoline on Long Island Expressway.** The Long Island Expressway in Calverton, NY, was cleared Tuesday morning, October 10, following a gasoline tanker crash that spilled about 1,500 gallons of gasoline Monday. Suffolk County police said the driver told them the collision happened when the tanker, which was carrying 9,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, overturned when its brakes failed on the Exit 71 ramp. The crash and spill closed the exit ramp and County Road 24.

Source: <http://www.wnbc.com/news/10042074/detail.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *October 05, Aviation Now* — **Navy looking to develop Internet on the ocean.** While others in the Pentagon are looking to build an Internet in orbit, the Navy is looking to develop such a digital dynamic on the sea. The service wants to put together a global military and commercial identification and tracking system — similar to the one operated by global shipping giant Maersk — that could be accessed with the speed and ease of calling up a page on the World Wide Web, said U.S. Navy Vice Adm. John Morgan, deputy naval operations chief for information, plans and strategy. "There used to be a mind-set that you could go to sea and hide," Morgan told reporters Tuesday, October 3, at a Defense Writers Group meeting. "We want to introduce transparency at sea." It's part of a new U.S. Navy mind-set to look for innovative ideas to make the maritime domain safer, Morgan said.

Source: http://www.aviationnow.com/avnow/news/channel_netdefense_story.jsp?id=news/NAV10056.xml

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *October 09, Reuters* — **Vietnam Airlines implicated in \$93m money laundering racket.** Vietnam Airlines has been implicated in a \$93 million money laundering racket uncovered by the Australian Crime Commission last week. Phat and Hang Huynh have appeared in the Melbourne Magistrates Court charged with laundering money for organized crime syndicates in Melbourne and Sydney. They were among nine people arrested during last week's raids on Vietnamese communities in the two cities. Phat and Hang Huynh allegedly helped launder more than \$93 million at their Vietnamese money transfer businesses in Footscray, St Albans, Bankstown, and Cabramatta. The airline allegedly has ferried more than \$10.5 million overseas since July last year.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200610/s1759158.htm>

10. *October 09, CIO Magazine* — **New service to identify scam Websites.** PhishTank, a new service designed identify scam Websites, works on a principle similar to collaborative bookmark sites, by allowing registered users to submit and vote on the validity of phishing URLs. Even if one user makes a mistake, the community should get it right, the logic goes. When a certain number of users verify a site, it goes into a phishing database. URLs can be submitted by e-mail or via the PhishTank Website, which officially launched last week. As of Monday morning, October 2, 2,240 sites had been submitted, with 874 verified. One potential future feature is RSS feeds for ISPs and Web-hosting companies based on ASN, allowing them to target and hopefully shut down phishing sites on their own networks. Another upcoming feature will be a regularly updated text file that lists every verified phishing site, which may be available sometime this week.

PhishTank Website: <http://www.phishtank.com/>

Source: http://www.cio.com/blog_view.html?CID=25623

11. *October 09, San Francisco Chronicle* — **Online scam clicks for scammers.** Louise, a disabled housewife, plays a small part in a ring of online scammers. She spends her days at home in Ohio entering queries in obscure search engines and then clicking on the ads — over and over again. Louise's illicit clicks cost advertisers untold amounts of money. Armies of average citizens have been lured into similar fraud rings to earn money from home. Their work is known as click fraud, a problem that has bedeviled Internet giants Google and Yahoo in recent years. Shuman Ghosemajumder of Google dismissed the idea that the mom-and-pop scammers are having much success bilking his company and its advertisers. The techniques they use, he said, are unsophisticated and present little challenge to his company's automated fraud filters. Louise said she works with 20 recruiters. They send her up to 600 e-mails daily that include links to the search engines that she is supposed to visit and use.

Source: <http://www.azstarnet.com/business/150195>

12. *October 09, Dark Reading* — **Monkeys paw identifies phishers.** On Monday, October 9, TippingPoint released Monkeys paw, an open-source phishing research tool that evaluates a Website's legitimacy and determines who owns the phishing Web server, how it is configured, and where it is located. Monkeys paw also lets users report the phishing site to authorities through CastleCops, which sends the data directly to 50 organizations worldwide, including the FBI and Anti-Phishing Working Group. Network administrators can also use the Monkeys paw tool to block a phishing site based on its IP address. This isn't the first tool to report exploits — AOL and NetCraft offer anti-phishing toolbars that detect and report phishing exploits — but Monkeys paw also provides technical data on the source of those exploits. The tool is aimed at security professionals who investigate security breaches and phishing exploits.

Source: http://www.darkreading.com/document.asp?doc_id=106779&f_src=techweb

13. *October 06, Websense Security Labs* — **Multiple Phishing Alert: Brattleboro Savings & Loan Association, USA Federal Credit Union, CU @ Home, Bank of America—Military Bank, Del Norte Credit Union.** Websense Security Labs has received several reports of phishing attack that target banks. All phishing e-mails below provide a link to a phishing site that attempts to collect user account information.

Brattleboro Savings & Loan Association: A spoofed e-mail asks users to renew their online accounts and update their details to receive a special announcement from the Bank.

USA Federal Credit Union: A spoofed e-mail claims that the Bank SSL servers have been upgraded. Users are asked to log on to their Internet banking account to complete the update procedure.

CU @ Home, Home Banking: A spoofed e-mail claims that new security measures have been implemented. Users are told that their account details, including a contact phone number, need to be confirmed.

Bank of America, Military Bank: A spoofed e-mail asks users to take part in a survey dedicated to special customers only. Users are told that they will receive a \$20 credit to their account for completing the survey.

Del Norte Credit Union: A spoofed e-mail claims that a user's account has been temporarily suspended because of lost data. To reactivate their account, users are asked to verify and update their account details.

Screenshots:

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=658>

<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=657>
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<http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=654>
Source: <http://www.websense.com/>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

14. *October 10, Associated Press* — **Threat diverts New Jersey-bound flight to Ohio.** On Monday night, October 9, a commuter flight left Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport bound for Newark, NJ, but was diverted to Cleveland's airport instead, after a passenger made threatening remarks. The crew of Continental Express Flight 2772 opted to divert as a precaution and the plane landed safely, Continental Airlines spokesperson Julie King said. She did not know of any injuries to the 13 passengers or three crewmembers. The passenger was taken into custody, Cleveland Police Lt. Thomas Stacho said. The pilot requested the diversion, citing an unspecified security scare, said Tony Molinaro, a spokesperson for the Federal Aviation Administration.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-10-10-diverted-flight_x.htm

15. *October 10, Guardian Unlimited (UK)* — **Security alert at Heathrow.** Travelers were told to expect disruption on Tuesday, October 10, after a security alert forced the temporary closure of part of Heathrow Airport. British Airports Authority said "the majority" of Terminal Two had been evacuated as a precaution because of a suspect package in the check-in area. Scotland Yard confirmed that officers were dealing with the incident. Responding to a report that a man had run up to a desk, dropped off a package and run off, a Metropolitan Police spokesperson said. An airport spokesperson said, "During the time Terminal Two was closed, arriving passengers on Terminal Two airlines were disembarked with their luggage at Terminal One. Some disruption to Terminal Two operations should be expected for the remainder of the day." Passengers were still experiencing delays in entering the building as staff called travelers through flight-by-flight, prioritizing those flights leaving first.
Source: <http://travel.guardian.co.uk/news/story/0,1892200,00.html>

16. *October 10, Associated Press* — **Seven people free after being trapped in tunnel at San Diego border.** Seven people were rescued Tuesday, October 10, after they got trapped in a makeshift tunnel running between Mexico and the United States, authorities said. Border patrol agents noticed about 14 people gathering in Mexico near the fenced border shortly before 7 a.m. PDT, and a short time later saw a man and a woman "coming up out of the ground" on the U.S. side, Border Patrol spokesperson Robert Harvey said. The agents arrested them near what appeared to be a crude tunnel made of concrete. They noticed a third person stuck in the opening, Harvey said. City firefighters were called and used jackhammers to widen the hole. Three men and two women were inside the tunnel, which stretched under the border fence, Harvey said. "These tunnels are notoriously dangerous, poorly built, and we know that the risk to anyone in there is incredibly great" both from cave-ins and lack of oxygen, Harvey said.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/mlc/mercurynews/news/local/states/california/northern_california/15723969.htm

17. *October 10, USA TODAY* — **Rail project goes through the top.** An old railroad tunnel near Welch, WV, will have its top blown off to make way for modern freight trains. The Norfolk Southern Railway will "daylight" the 174-foot-long tunnel as part of one of the biggest tunnel-expansion projects in the nation's history. The railroad will raise the heights of 28 tunnels, stretching more than five miles in total length, through the Appalachian Mountains. The tunnel raisings will have a profound effect on East Coast shipping and the economies of some of the poorest Appalachian communities. This new "Heartland Corridor" will clear the way for automotive trains and double-stacked freight cars to travel directly from the busy port at Norfolk, VA, to Chicago. It will cut a half-day and more than 200 miles off the trip. Most tunnels are round and will have their ceilings "notched" to make them square and able to handle bigger trains. The rail tunnels are used heavily now for hauling coal. They will be expanded one or two feet to nearly 21 feet in height, tall enough for two nine and one-half foot cargo bins stacked atop each other. Containers that size — a worldwide standard — can be transferred from ships and unloaded to trucks for delivery.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-09-railroad-tunnels_x.htm
18. *October 10, World Times Online (UK)* — **Aircraft sabotaged as talks begin on job cuts at Alitalia.** The apparent sabotage of two Alitalia planes could have caused a major tragedy, the head of the Italian pilots' union said on Monday, October 9, on the eve of emergency talks to save the debt-ridden state-controlled airline. Two MD80 aircraft — the backbone of the Alitalia fleet — were damaged in a hangar while undergoing maintenance at Naples airport last week. The incidents appear to be linked to the talks between Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, the management and unions on job cuts and investment that come after months of strikes and protests over restructuring plans. Airport officials said that cables were cut in the tail section of one aircraft and the seal around the rear door of another was ripped a day later. Alitalia said that the sabotage did not put flight safety at risk because it was spotted in time by maintenance workers. Fabio Berti, head of the Italian pilots' association, said that the attacks were extremely serious. It was unclear who the perpetrators were, but worrying that they had access to a "super-protected" area.
Source: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,3-2396173.00.html>
19. *October 09, Associated Press* — **Twelve hundred bags lost over the weekend at Bangkok's new airport.** Glitches with the baggage handling system at Thailand's new international airport resulted in 1,200 pieces of luggage missing their flights over the weekend, an airport official said Sunday, October 8. The computerized system went down for an hour Saturday, requiring the airport to call in 50 soldiers to help manually direct 6,700 bags to outgoing flights, said Somchai Sawasdeepon, vice president of the Thai airport authority, Airports of Thailand. The spacious, modern new airport opened September 28 and has faced persistent problems with its computerized luggage sorting system. On Saturday, the system temporarily failed to read barcode tags, making it unable to automatically direct luggage. More than 25 domestic and international flights were affected by the problem, including Thai Airways, Cathay Pacific, Vietnam Airlines, China Airlines, and Bangkok Airways.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-10-09-bangkok-lost-luggage_x.htm
20. *October 06, Star Tribune (MN)* — **NWA can't fully staff flights, pilots union says.** Northwest Airlines (NWA) has been canceling some of its flights because of a pilot staffing problem, the

pilots union said Friday, October 6. Neither the union nor the airline specified the number of DC-9 flights that have been canceled. Those domestic flights are the focus of the problem. The cancellations come at a time when about 700 Northwest pilots are still on furloughs, and the airline flew 5.6 percent fewer seat-miles during September, compared with a year ago. In August, the Northwest pilots union was told that the airline intended to recall 40 to 50 pilots this year. There are approximately 4,700 pilots currently flying for the carrier. Northwest owns 105 DC-9s, and they constitute about a fifth of its fleet.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/535/story/727129.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

21. *October 10, Agence France-Presse* — New case of mad cow disease in France.

A nine-year-old cow in eastern France has tested positive for mad cow disease, the sixth case detected in the country this year, officials have said. The animal was tested after slaughter in September. It had been raised in Gresin, in the Savoie region. The number of French cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy has been declining steadily, from a peak of 274 in 2001 to 31 last year.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20061010/hl_afp/francefarmhealthmadcow_061010124524;_ylt=AsWEqBtntOzYMwxmwoKfz0aJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

22. *October 10, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — Animal health report issued.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Tuesday, October 10, released the 2005 U.S. Animal Health Report, a national overview of domestic animal health in the U.S. The report addresses the many components of the U.S. animal health infrastructure, animal population demographics, approaches to foreign animal disease surveillance, and new initiatives. Animal health initiatives highlighted in the 2005 U.S. Animal Health Report include: The national aquatic animal health plan (NAAHP), developed in cooperation with industry, state and local governments. NAAHP's purpose is to foster and support effective and efficient aquaculture, protect the health of wild and cultured aquatic resources in the United States, and meet national and international trade obligations. The revisions to the national veterinary accreditation program. This program emphasizes the lifetime education of accredited veterinarians through training modules that provide the latest information on the transmission, recognition and reporting of exotic diseases and emerging diseases and updates on program policy and procedures.

2005 U.S. Animal Health Report:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/2005_us_animal_health_report.pdf

Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2006/10/ahr2005.shtml>

23.

October 09, Stop Soybean Rust News — **New soybean rust guide.** A new resource for handling Asian soybean rust is available online, called "Soybean Rust Management in the Mid–Atlantic Region." The publication was prepared and edited by the Communications and Public Information Office of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. The guide is a cooperative venture, with authors, information and support coming from among Clemson University Extension Service, North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension, South Carolina Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Soybean Board, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

Soybean Rust Management in the Mid–Atlantic Region:

<http://cipm.ncsu.edu/ent/SSDW/RUSTX3.pdf>

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=973>

24. *October 07, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **More soybean rust on soybeans, kudzu in Georgia, North Carolina.** Asian soybean rust has been found in two new Georgia counties and one new North Carolina county, taking the U.S. total of rust–positive counties over the 100 mark to 101 in 2006. Two of the new find were on soybeans, so the U.S. total of counties with soybean rust on its main host is now 80. One of the new county finds was on kudzu. Soybean rust was found in four Georgia counties during the week, for the first time this year in Appling October 3 and Lee October 4 and in additional sites in already–positive Grady October 2 and Miller October 4.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=972>

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Food Sector

25. *October 10, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — **Proposal to remove vapor heat as an approved treatment for certain commodities moving interstate from Hawaii.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Tuesday, October 10, announced a proposal to remove vapor heat as an approved pest prevention treatment for bell pepper, eggplant, Italian squash and tomato moving interstate from Hawaii. This action is necessary because these commodities can serve as hosts for the solanum fruit fly, which was recently detected in Hawaii. Vapor heat is not an approved treatment for this specific pest. As an alternative, APHIS is proposing to allow the use of irradiation as an approved treatment for all peppers and squash moving interstate from Hawaii. This action will relieve unnecessary restrictions on the interstate movement of these commodities and allow a greater variety of peppers and squash to be moved interstate from Hawaii while continuing to protect the U.S. mainland against quarantine pests and diseases. If introduced into the U.S., the solanum fruit fly has the potential to have a substantial economic impact on many fruit and vegetable crops.

Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2006/10/hivheat.s.html>

26. *October 09, Associated Press* — **Company seeks recalled lettuce cartons.** The company that recalled its lettuce after irrigation water tested positive for E. coli scrambled Monday, October 9, to locate 250 remaining cartons of the greens, which could be scattered across seven Western states. On Sunday, October 8, Nunes Co. recalled more than 8,500 cartons of green leaf lettuce grown on one farm in the Salinas Valley, the agricultural region at the center of the

contaminated—spinach outbreak that killed three people and made 199 others sick. By Monday, all but 250 cartons of the lettuce distributed under the Foxy brand between October 3 and October 6 had been located and were being destroyed, company president Tom Nunes said. The search continued for the remaining cartons, which Nunes said were believed to be in supermarkets or restaurants in Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/10/09/ap/health/mainD8KL_D5I80.shtml

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Water Sector

27. *October 10, WNEP (PA)* — **Vandals force water ban in Pennsylvania.** People in the Mountainhome area of Monroe County, PA, were told Monday, October 9, not to use their water until further notice. The warning was issued after the discovery of vandalism at the storage tank that supplies the community. Monday's advisory affects customers of Aqua Pennsylvania in the Mountainhome area of Barrett Township. According to the water company, it serves about 500 homes and businesses there. The vandalism was discovered Monday morning. Officials said a door to a facility near the water tank had been kicked in, the outside of the tank had been spray painted, and there were signs that someone had tried to climb the ladder of the tank.

Source: <http://www.wnep.com/Global/story.asp?S=5517780&nav=5ka4>

28. *October 06, United Press International* — **Strychnine found in Danish reservoir.** Inspectors discovered strychnine in the water supply of a Danish town during a routine check. Investigators believe that someone dumped rat poison in one of the wells that provides water for Greve Municipality outside Copenhagen, the Copenhagen Post reported. The well's Plexiglass cover was smashed open. A vial labeled rat poison found in the bottom of the well has been traced to the pharmacy where it originated, investigators said. While the waterworks says that the strychnine was not at a dangerous level, the reservoir has been closed.

Source: <http://washingtontimes.com/upi/20061006-040710-3448r.htm>

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Public Health Sector

29. *October 10, Associated Press* — **World Health Organization: tuberculosis poses greatest threat to Europe.** Tuberculosis (TB) has come back in a new, more deadly form to pose the disease's greatest threat to Europe since World War II, health officials said Tuesday, October 10. Drug-resistant strains of the disease are lurking just beyond the European Union's borders, in countries where AIDS blossomed following the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to United Nations and Red Cross health officials. The high levels of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis in Baltic countries, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and the emergence of a new, extremely drug-resistant strain of TB have led international health officials to create the "Stop TB Partnership in Europe" to fight the epidemic. Tuberculosis, a respiratory illness spread by coughing and sneezing, is the world's deadliest infectious disease that is curable. The World

Health Organization estimates that 1.7 million people died from TB in 2004. Of the 20 countries in the world with the highest rates of multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, 14 are in "the European region," according to the World Health Organization. European countries also have the highest rate of extreme drug-resistant tuberculosis known as XDR-TB.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/news/archive/2006/10/09/international/i150844D08.DTL>

30. *October 06, Associated Press* — **Fungus blamed for Washington porpoise deaths.** A microscopic fungus native to Australia and blamed for the death of people and animals in British Columbia, Canada, is now linked to the deaths of porpoises and at least one cat in Washington state. Necropsies have that revealed *cryptococcus gattii*, first detected in the region on Vancouver Island in 1999, was the cause of death in six porpoises and a cat in the state, Washington's former public health veterinarian, Almira Jane Leslie said. Except for a few isolated cases in animals in aquariums, doctors and veterinarians said it was the first time the fungus, which is invisible to the naked eye, has been documented in the U.S. It is typically found in eucalyptus trees in the tropics of Australia but also grows on other trees and can drift or be blown into water as leaves dry out. Since the fungus was discovered in Canada it has been blamed for the death of at least four people, all in British Columbia. Dogs, llamas, ferrets, pet birds and horses also have been infected, and authorities at the British Columbia Center for Disease Control estimate that 25 people become sick with *cryptococcus* in the province annually.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/10/06/ap/tech/mainD8KJBI_201.shtml

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31. *October 10, Free Lance-Star (VA)* — **Second, unrelated, bomb threat brings arrest in Culpeper, Virginia.** Culpeper County sheriff's investigators arrested a 14-year-old student accused of calling in a bomb threat from the bus she was riding to school early Monday, October 9. The call, the second such threat within four days, was received at the Emergency Operations Center at 7:07 a.m. EDT, according to Sgt. Vern Fox. "We identified the telephone and the caller within minutes and made the arrest in under two hours," Fox said. The girl, who attends Floyd T. Binns Middle School, was questioned and arrested at her school, he said. Fox added that investigators are positive that yesterday's threat is in no way related to a series of Wednesday night calls that shut down all public and private Culpeper schools last Thursday, October 5, and drew national media attention. "I don't think we can call it a copycat act, but it is definitely not related to the previous incident," Fox said. Fox explained that because investigators were quickly able to pinpoint the location of the cell phone and identify the caller, no school shutdown and building search was deemed necessary. No arrest has yet been made in last week's bomb threat, which Sheriff Lee Hart said was made by a male caller.

Source: <http://www.fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2006/102006/10102006/227997>

32. *October 09, WJRT (MI)* — **Michigan high school evacuated again.** Swartz Creek High School students and staff were evacuated Monday morning, October 9, after a suspicious water bottle was found in a second floor bathroom. It's unknown what was in the bottle, but state police say they'll send the contents to the lab for analysis. Police call this morning's incident a "serious

threat," and didn't hesitate to evacuate students and faculty and lock down the high school. Police say the substances inside of the bottle was causing it to expand. The evacuation was ordered and the state police bomb squad was called in. This is the second bomb scare at Swartz Creek High School in less than a week. The person responsible for last week's scare was caught immediately, with the help of security cameras inside and outside of the school. They hope those cameras will help them find the person responsible for this scare.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=local&id=4642113>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *October 10, San Francisco Chronicle* — **New law puts funds at risk if animals are not in disaster plans.** States will be required to help evacuate pets during a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake or risk losing federal money under a bill signed Friday, October 6, by President Bush. The bill was prompted by reports that as many as 50,000 pets were stranded during Hurricane Katrina. Rescue agencies have been criticized for the "no pets" policy that required pet owners to abandon their animals or defy evacuation orders and stay in the disaster area. Nearly half of those who refused to evacuate said they didn't want to leave their pets behind, according to an April poll by the Fritz Institute, a nonprofit agency involved with providing humanitarian relief work. Federal law will require all states to present the Federal Emergency Management Agency with pet evacuation plans before receiving federal funds for emergency preparedness.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/10/10/MNGQPLLNI1.DTL>

34. *October 09, USA TODAY* — **Three cities agree to mutual-aid pact.** Louisville, Cincinnati and Indianapolis city officials have agreed to offer one another emergency resources in case of natural disasters, terrorist attacks or other catastrophic events. In one of the first agreements of its kind in the nation, the cities have pledged to help each other when a disaster overwhelms one of them. The agreement was announced Monday, October 9, a year after the U.S. Conference of Mayors proposed mutual-aid agreements at a meeting that looked at lessons learned from the response to Hurricane Katrina. The agreement outlines procedures for the cities to provide police, firefighters and emergency medical service, public works or other public service employees as needed. To get assistance, the mayor of the city in need would declare a local state of emergency and contact the other two cities to request resources.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-09-3cities-pact_x.htm

35. *October 09, Supply & Demand Chain Executive (AZ)* — **Drill puts Seattle Port Security to the test.** Global ocean-carrier APL, the Port of Seattle and numerous public safety agencies have completed a day-long test of security procedures at the port to determine the readiness of first responders and law enforcement to respond to an emergency such as a terrorist attack. The exercise on September 28 tested the ability of APL, the Port of Seattle, the FBI, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Seattle police and fire departments to mesh their efforts to respond to an emergency. APL said that the drill, attended by APL security personnel from around the world, was part of the company's ongoing program to improve its port and vessel security by coordinating with public agencies. The test simulated an emergency in which a bomb threat was telephoned to the terminal. A key element of the drill was the rapid

setup of an "integrated command structure" involving APL, the Port of Seattle and local and federal response agencies. "This was an excellent test of our ability to mobilize first-response agencies to an emergency at the port," said Arif Ghouse, director of seaport security for the Port of Seattle.

Source: http://www.sdcexec.com/article_arch.asp?article_id=9131

36. *October 09, Government Computer News* — **Survey and mapping system closes communications gap.** Ever since the attacks of September 11, one problem that has dogged first responders at all levels of government is the lack of interoperable communications. But a tool developed at the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center-San Diego is being used to tackle the problem by tracking the equipment already out there and identifying how it all fits together. The Communication Assets and Survey Mapping (CASM) tool is an online database and visual display that provides information on communications equipment and identifies both existing interoperable pathways and where the gaps fall among local, state and federal first responders. It comprises two Web-based components: one for collecting data and one for displaying it. The Department of Homeland Security gave the tool its first test in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program started gathering communication assets data for New Orleans in July 2005. After the hurricane passed through the area at the end of August, CASM was the only readily available source of information on antenna locations. As agencies throughout the country assembled to support recovery efforts, New Orleans used CASM to augment surviving paper records to restore emergency communications.

Source: http://www.gcn.com/print/25_30/42183-1.html

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

37. *October 10, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team* — **US-CERT Technical Cyber Security Alert TA06-283A: Microsoft updates for vulnerabilities in Windows, Office, and Internet Explorer.** Microsoft has released updates that address critical vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows, Internet Explorer, and Microsoft Office. Exploitation of these vulnerabilities could allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code or cause a denial-of-service on a vulnerable system.

Solution: Microsoft has provided updates for these vulnerabilities in the October 2006 Security Bulletins. The Security Bulletins describe any known issues related to the updates. Note any known issues described in the Bulletins and test for any potentially adverse affects in your environment.

MS October 2006 Security Bulletin:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms06-oct.mspx>

Updates for Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office XP and later are available on the Microsoft Update site: <http://update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate/v6/muoptdefault.aspx?returnurl=http://update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate>

Microsoft Office 2000 updates are available on the Microsoft Office Update site:

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/officeupdate/default.aspx>

System administrators may wish to consider using Windows Server Update Services:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsserversystem/updateservices/default.mspx>

Source: <http://www.uscert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA06-283A.html>

38. *October 09, Associated Press* — **Group warns of more junk e-mail.** The anti-spam group Spamhaus Project warned more junk e-mail could be on the way as it prepares to lose its domain name thanks to a company it has accused of sending spam. Executives at the UK-based Spamhaus Project said Monday, October 9, they expect a federal judge in Chicago will soon sign an order that would suspend the domain spamhaus.org because the group has refused to recognize the U.S. court and comply with a \$11.7 million judgment. Spamhaus warned the order could unleash up to 50 billion junk e-mails a day on computer users worldwide. According to Spamhaus, more than 650 million Internet users — including those at the White House, the U.S. Army and the European Parliament — benefit from Spamhaus' "blacklist" of spammers. However, experts note Spamhaus' blacklist already is widely available online, and a suspension at most would provide a hiccup Web-savvy systems administrators could easily work around.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/anti_spam_lawsuit;_ylt=Aknj1LdItBu UgGYKZoZMfEjtBAF;_ylu=X3oDMTA0cDJlYmhvBHNIYwM-

39. *October 09, CNET News* — **Gartner: Prepare for consumer-led IT.** Gartner analysts predict there will be a large-scale shift in technology influence toward consumers and away from central corporate IT departments. The corporate technology research company this week is hosting Gartner Symposium/ITxpo in Orlando where analysts are presenting research on the "consumerization" of IT. In a keynote speech on Monday, October 9, Gartner's director of global research, Peter Sondergaard, warned conference attendees that consumerization will be the most significant trend to have an impact on IT over the next 10 years. Sondergaard argued that consumers already have a great deal of power over how services and technologies are configured and used. He advised corporate IT executives to adapt to the changes and prepare for what he called "digital natives," or people so fully immersed in digital culture that they are unconcerned about the effects of their technology choices on the organizations that employ them.

Source: http://news.com.com/Gartner+Prepare+for+consumer-led+IT/2100-1012_3-6124009.html?tag=nefd.top

40. *October 05, Federal Computer Week* — **Advisory board for next-generation Internet formed.** The Computing Research Association (CRA), at the request of the federal government, has formed an advisory board to help guide the design of a next-generation Internet. The nonprofit group's involvement is part of a new National Science Foundation initiative, called the Global Environment for Networking Innovations (GENI). GENI will be an experimental facility that tests possible architectures for a new and improved World Wide Web.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/article96365-10-05-06-Web>

41. *October 02, Sophos* — **Top ten malware threats and hoaxes reported to Sophos in September 2006.** Sophos has revealed the most prevalent malware threats and hoaxes causing problems for computer users around the world during September 2006. The report reveals that Netsky-P continues its domination at the top of the charts, with the top five most prevalent pieces of malware retaining their position from last month. There were no new entries in September's chart and just one re-entry — MyDoom-AJ. While the overall proportion of infected e-mail has dropped to an all time low of just one in 300, the number of new threats

continues to rise. In September Sophos identified 4,080 new threats, compared with just 1,998 in the previous month, bringing the total of malware protected against to 190,745. This clearly indicates that cyber criminals are increasingly moving away from mass mailed attacks in favor of more subtle and menacing attacks, targeted at just a small group of users.

Source: <http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2006/10/top-ten-virus-september-2006.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 4672 (eMule), 80 (www), 65530 (WindowsMite), 139 (netbios-ssn), 445 (microsoft-ds), 113 (auth), 64034 (---), 25 (smtp)
Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center	
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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

42. *October 10, Associated Press* — Herald Square Macy's evacuated in fire. A small garbage fire at Macy's New York flagship store on Monday, October 9, forced hundreds to evacuate, but no injuries were immediately reported, authorities said. The fire, which began in the basement in an old elevator shaft, sent smoke up to the 11th and 12th floors, fire department Capt. Robert Carroll said. The cause was under investigation. Employees and customers streamed out onto the streets surrounding the store in Herald Square, a dense midtown Manhattan shopping district. Firefighters and police closed some nearby streets to vehicular traffic. Employees said they saw and smelled smoke and heard an emergency announcement telling them to evacuate the seven-story store, a popular tourist destination with a 13-story office tower above it.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-10-09-macys-fire_x.htm

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