



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 06 February 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
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Daily Highlights

- The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the second runway incident in a month at Denver International Airport, when a United Airlines jet braked to a complete stop to keep from hitting a snowplow on the runway. (See item [7](#))
- The Associated Press reports a bone-chilling Arctic cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools for thousands of youngsters Monday, February 5, sent homeless people into shelters, and disabled car batteries from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes. (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. *February 04, Lexington Herald-Leader (KY)* — **Plan to ease dam pressure could disrupt Kentucky power plant.** If the water gets too low in Kentucky's Lake Cumberland, it could hurt electricity production at John Sherman Cooper Station, a coal-burning power plant in Pulaski County, KY. The plant is a key supplier to the East Kentucky Power Cooperative said spokesperson Kevin Osbourn. It draws huge amounts of water from the lake for cooling during power generation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to keep the water level in the lake far lower than usual this summer to relieve pressure on Wolf Creek Dam. The corps plans to

keep the surface of the lake at 680 feet above sea level. The tops of the pipes that draw water into the Cooper power plant are at 673 feet. The concern centers on what would happen if the water drops further because of drought, or if the leak at the dam gets worse and the corps has to reduce the lake level to ease pressure on the structure. Based on experience, rainfall history and other factors, East Kentucky Power officials don't think there will be a problem at Cooper this year, Osbourn said.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/news/16618947.htm>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

2. *February 05, Associated Press* — **Leaking propane tank forces evacuation.** Concerns that a leaking propane tank is a potential fire hazard led authorities to evacuate about 580 residents from Lewistown, MO. The 15,000-gallon Heetco tank is located near the center of town. Residents may be out of their homes for two or three days, said David Keith, Lewis County director of emergency management. The leak was reported Sunday, February 4, after 3 p.m. CST. By 10 p.m. CST, nearly all the residents had been evacuated to the southeast of town, because of the wind direction, he said. Lewistown is 150 miles northwest of St. Louis. About 13 miles of Route 6, from the northeast Missouri communities of Ewing to La Belle, were closed Sunday and will remain closed until the propane problem is solved. Officials decided to evacuate Lewistown residents living within a six-block radius of the tanks.

Source: <http://www.belleville.com/mld/belleville/news/state/16627298.htm>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *February 05, Associated Press* — **Bush budget proposes \$624.6 billion for defense.** President Bush's 2008 budget request includes \$624.6 billion in defense spending and marks the first time he has offered an estimate of how much the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will cost a year in advance. On top of \$93.4 billion in additional money for this year's war operations and \$141.7 billion in projected war costs for next year, the Administration is seeking \$481.4 billion to run the Department of Defense in the budget year beginning October 1. That is an 11.3 percent increase over the \$432 billion approved by Congress for this year. Also in the request for department spending is a little less than \$2 billion for benefit programs.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/05/AR2007020500562.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *February 05, Associated Press* — **VA hard drive with personal data missing.** A portable hard drive that may contain the personal information of up to 48,000 veterans may have been stolen, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and a lawmaker said Friday, February 2. An

employee at the VA medical center in Birmingham, AL reported the external hard drive missing on January 22. The drive was used to back up information on the employee's office computer. It may have contained data from research projects, the department said. The employee also said the hard drive may have had personal information on some veterans, although portions of the data were protected. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson said that the VA and the FBI are investigating. Representative Spencer Bachus (R-AL) said that the personal information of up to 48,000 veterans was on the hard drive and the records of up to 20,000 of them were not encrypted. Pending results of the investigation, VA is planning to send individual notifications and to provide a year of free credit monitoring to anyone whose information is compromised.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/us/AP-Security-Breach.html>

- 5. February 05, Websense Security Labs — Phishing Alerts: Bank of Dwight and 1st United Services Credit Union.** Websense Security Labs has received reports of a phishing attack that targets customers of Bank of Dwight. Users receive a spoofed email message which claims that the user must renew the listed services or the services will be deactivated. The email provides a link to a phishing site which attempts to collect personal and account information. This phishing site is hosted in Spain and was up at the time of this alert. Another phishing attack targets customers of 1st United Services Credit Union. Users receive a spoofed email message which claims that the users must renew their online account and update the credit union's database, after which the credit union will provide more information. The email provides a link to a phishing site that attempts to collect personal and account information. This phishing site is hosted in the United States and was up at the time of this alert.

Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

- 6. February 05, Los Angeles Business Journal — ExpressJet Airlines launches new service in Los Angeles.** Houston-based regional airline ExpressJet Airlines Inc. started ticket sales Monday, February 5, for flights under its own brand beginning in April. As part of the new service, ExpressJet will offer its 50-seat Embraer ERJ-145 aircraft configured with no middle seat, as well as valet carry-on bag service and complimentary snacks, with full meal-service options available on longer flights. ExpressJet Holdings Inc. previously acted as a regional service provider for Continental Airlines Inc., but Houston-based Continental scaled back its purchases of capacity from ExpressJet in January. Continental accounted for all ExpressJet's revenue from flying. The airline was told in late 2005 that Continental would remove 69 of the 274 planes in ExpressJet's fleet from the agreement between December 2006 and June 2007.

Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/070205/1413109.html?.v=1>

- 7. February 05, CBS4 (CO) — NTSB investigates close call with plane, snowplow.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is looking into the second runway incident in a month at Denver International Airport (DIA). The most recent close call happened Friday, February 2, when a United Airlines jet braked to a complete stop to keep from hitting a snowplow on the runway. The Boeing 737 arriving from Billings, MT, with 101 people on board landed at DIA Friday, missing the plow by about 200 feet. No one was hurt. It was not

clear whether the snowplow had radio contact with its escort vehicle, or with the air traffic control tower.

Source: http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_036145013.html

8. *February 05, Department of Transportation* — **Department of Transportation budget request.** The Bush Administration is requesting \$67 billion for 2008 to finance key transportation construction, congestion relief, and safety programs, and to provide the framework for reforming the aviation system, Department of Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters announced on Monday, February 5. The Secretary noted that the budget request provides a framework for reforming the aviation system by tying what users pay to the costs of providing air traffic control and other services. She added that the request also includes \$175 million for a 21st Century satellite navigation system to replace older air traffic control equipment and \$900 million in additional air traffic control system upgrades. The Administration is seeking a record \$42 billion for highway construction and safety programs, the Secretary said. The 2008 budget also requests \$175 million to cut traffic congestion by developing commuter traffic information systems, accelerating construction along trade and travel corridors and helping metropolitan areas test new solutions.

The Secretary's speech can be found at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/peters020507.htm>

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot1507.htm>

9. *February 05, Associated Press* — **Queen Mary 2 narrowly clears Golden Gate bridge.** The mammoth Queen Mary 2 cruise liner passed beneath the Golden Gate bridge Sunday, February 4, clearing the bottom of the span by 27 feet before the vessel began a trip of San Francisco Bay before docking safely at Pier 27. The visit is one of the riskiest passages in modern maritime history — the dredged-out San Francisco waterfront is so shallow and muddy in places that the ship's navigational margin for error is less than 70 feet. The hulking QM2 is the largest vessel to ever enter San Francisco Bay, said Cindy Adams, a spokesperson for Cunard Line. San Francisco Bay is home to treacherous currents and tides, which whorl around Alcatraz and churn beneath its iconic, rust-colored bridge. Big container ships only enter and exit the bay during high tide. Some tankers can't dock but must move upriver on the flood tide to Solano and Contra Costa counties.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2007-02-05-queen-mary-2-san-francisco_x.htm

10. *February 02, Associated Press* — **California tops list of levees at risk.** Thirty-seven levees from Chico to Santa Maria are at risk of failing because of poor maintenance — far more than in any other state, according to a list released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Its national inspection rated 122 levees as unacceptable and said they pose a safety risk to those who live behind them. "We have to inform the public so they can take the responsibility for their safety," Maj. Gen. Don Riley, the Corps' director of civil works said. Communities near questionable levees were notified in the last few months that their levees had received an "unacceptable maintenance inspection rating." In California, the failing levees identified in the report make up just a small part of the levee system. Another 10,000 miles of levees are not included in the federal program, so they were not subjected to the inspections included in the report. That means more levees could be at risk for failure elsewhere in the state, Riley said. If maintenance deficiencies are not corrected within a year, agencies could become ineligible for federal assistance if they fail, said Jeff Hawk, a spokesperson for the Corps' Sacramento office.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/state/16605_643.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *February 05, Telegraph (United Kingdom)* — **Woman hurt as letter bomb explodes in London office.** A woman was injured today when a suspected letter bomb exploded in the offices of the company that runs London's congestion charge. Police were called to Capita Group's offices on Victoria Street — only 200 yards from Scotland Yard's headquarters — after reports of a "small explosion" in the company's mailroom. An eyewitness had been told by a fire warden that a parcel had "blown open" when a woman working at Capita had begun to open it. Chief Supt Ian Thomas, of the Metropolitan Police, said, "We are still investigating the cause of that explosion and the Met Counter Terrorism Command are looking at all the issues involved.

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/02/05/nletter205.xml>

12. *February 05, USPS news* — **Postal Service, Inspectors team up for National Consumer Protection Week.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service are partnering to educate consumers about fraudulent schemes and to provide them with the tools and information needed to combat fraud. Events are set for February 4–10, National Consumer Protection Week. The week highlights federal programs designed to draw attention to issues and ideas to help create more informed and cautious consumers. This year's theme is "Read up. Reach out. Be an informed consumer." It encourages consumers to find information needed to make purchase decisions, avoid scams, and share knowledge within their communities.

Source: http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2007/pr07_adv020_5.htm

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Agriculture Sector

13. *February 05, USAgNet* — **Total number of U.S. farm operations down.** The number of farms in the U.S. in 2006 is estimated at 2.09 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2005. Total land in farms, at 932.4 million acres, decreased 780 thousand acres, or 0.08 percent, from 2005. The average farm size was 446 acres during 2006, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses. Farm numbers declined in the \$1,000–\$9,999 and the \$100,000 – \$249,999 sales classes. Farm numbers rose slightly in the \$10,000 – \$99,999 and the two largest sales classes.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=287&yr=2007>

14. *February 05, Agence France–Presse* — **Japan confirms mad cow case.** Japan has confirmed its 32nd case of mad cow disease, extending its record as the only Asian country to have verified the brain-wasting disease in its herd. A cow, born in August 2001 in a farm on the northern island of Hokkaido, tested positive for mad cow disease, also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, a health ministry official said Monday, February 5.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070205/hl_afp/healthjapanmadcowus_070205091552;_ylt=AnM2Br2g13QsX3hs6h0oplSJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

15. *February 03, MichiganLive* — **No evidence of CWD in Michigan deer herd.** After extensive testing, wildlife health officials have not found any evidence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Michigan's hoofed animal populations. CWD, an always fatal neurological disorder of deer and elk that has been found as near as Wisconsin and Illinois, does not appear to have established itself in Michigan. Department of Natural Resources veterinarian Steve Schmitt said the agency tested about 1,500 deer, 110 elk and seven moose without turning up a case of the disease.

Source: <http://www.mlive.com/sports/statewide/index.ssf?/base/sports-1/1170207609163070.xml&coll=1>

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Food Sector

16. *February 05, Associated Press* — **Consumers still worried about E. coli.** Consumers are still avoiding greens and questioning safety issues, months after spinach contaminated with E. coli bacteria killed three people and sickened nearly 200. A new survey by Rutgers University suggests that the recall could have lasting effects on spinach and other similar vegetables. As a result, consumers felt uncertain and threw away other bagged produce that was not affected by the recall. William K. Hallman, director of the Food Policy Institute at Rutgers, called the September spinach recall — and the E. coli contamination at Taco Bells on the East Coast three months later — a "signal event" in the public's perception of food safety. The survey showed nine out of 10 consumers said they heard about the recall, but nearly one in three said they didn't know the recall was over when the survey was taken. About one in five who were aware of the recall also stopped eating other bagged produce, and seven percent threw out fresh produce other than spinach during the recall. More than 75 percent of respondents with spinach in their home threw it out. More than half of the people who ate spinach prior to the recall hadn't returned to eating it when the survey was taken.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/02/05/ap3393484.html>

17. *February 05, Information Week* — **Food industry looks to radio–frequency identification.** For two weeks last September, fresh spinach disappeared from grocery store shelves. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recalled all spinach after E. coli–tainted leaves sickened hundreds of people. Using the bar code on a bag of bad spinach, investigators traced its origin to California's Salinas Valley. Then began a painstaking search for the grower, all the while spinach was being pulled from grocery stores, distribution plants, and processing plants and destroyed. A growers' organization estimates the recall cost the spinach industry as much as \$74 million. It would have been much faster to track the contaminated leaves to the grower if spinach bags and containers had carried radio–frequency identification (RFID) tags with complete histories of the contents' origins. RFID tags can hold considerably more data than bar codes and are more easily read because they don't require a line–of–sight connection to a bar–code reader. Silicon RFID chips still cost too much. To use them for item–level tagging, they would have to cost less than one cent, and considering the required components — an

antenna and a microchip — that may never happen.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/hardware/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=197002670>

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Water Sector

18. *February 01, KRNV (NV)* — **Reno police looking for tips on stolen water devices.** The Reno, NV, Police Department is hoping the public can help solve a recent series of thefts of water backflow protection devices from city parks. The devices are used with landscape sprinkler systems to prevent contaminated water from backing up into pipes and into the water supply. City of Reno officials say seven of the devices have been unbolted and stolen in the past two weeks. Authorities say private landscapers have also reported similar thefts and that some of the devices have reportedly shown up at local recycling companies.

Source: <http://www.krnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=6024251&nav=8faO>

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Public Health Sector

19. *February 05, Reuters* — **Britain probes deadly bird flu outbreak.** Officials were investigating the cause of a deadly bird flu outbreak on a farm in Suffolk, England on Monday, February 5, as workers culled thousands of turkeys to prevent the virus from spreading. The British government's emergency planning committee, Cobra, was due to meet on Monday to co-ordinate the response. Nearly 160,000 birds were being gassed and incinerated after the discovery of the H5N1 strain of avian flu on a farm at Holton run by Europe's largest turkey producer, Bernard Matthews. About 2,500 turkeys died in the initial outbreak of the virus. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said the virus had been confined to the farm near Lowestoft.

Source: http://today.reuters.co.uk/news/articlenews.aspx?type=healthNews&storyID=2007-02-05T104754Z_01_L03372026_RTRIDST_0_HEALTH-BIRDFLU-BRITAIN-DC.XML&WTmodLoc=SciHealth-C4-Health-3

20. *February 05, Reuters* — **Japan holds bird flu drill for human cases.** Japan held a drill on Monday, February 5, to test its readiness for dealing with human cases of bird flu, with a limping mock patient — wearing a white mask and labeled "Mr. A" — being whisked to hospital in an ambulance and tested. The drill in Tokushima prefecture in southern Japan was based on a scenario in which two people develop symptoms of bird flu after returning from a country where the H5N1 virus has mutated into a form that passes easily from person to person. The first mock patient dies in hospital after local residents given roles as family members and neighbors test negative for the virus, an official at the prefectural office said. But the second patient wanders off on a train and spreads the virus to two others before the drill ends, with the patient's whereabouts unclear although local areas are sealed off to prevent further infection. As part of the drill, the local governor held a video conference call with Health Ministry officials in Tokyo to exchange information, and the prefecture was called on to update the public on the cases via the Internet.

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/T278318.htm>

21. *February 03, Agence France–Presse* — **Deadly plague hits eastern Zambia.** A deadly plague has broken out in eastern Zambia and has killed two people out of more than 140 who have contracted the disease, the country's health minister announced. The plague, caused by fleas in the area, was first discovered two weeks ago in Sinda, a small town about 300 miles from the capital, Lusaka, Health Minister Angela Cifire said Saturday, February 3. She said the plague or yersinia pestis was caused by fleas which usually bite rodents and spread the bacteria to human beings who eat the affected rodents.

Plague information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/plague/index.htm>

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070203/hl_afp/zambiahealthplague_070203213424;_ylt=Aj2tUXreJaKjRZONSQj7VdOJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNIYwN5bmNhdA--

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Government Sector

22. *February 05, Department of Homeland Security* — **Department of Homeland Security announces increase in budget request.** President Bush's fiscal year 2008 budget request for the Department of Homeland Security represents \$46.4 billion in funding, which is an increase of eight percent over the FY 2007 level — excluding funds provided in emergency supplemental funding. The request targets five areas that are essential to preserving freedom and privacy, meeting future challenges, and fulfilling our mission of securing America: (1) Protect our Nation from Dangerous People, (2) Protect our Nation from Dangerous Goods, (3) Protect Critical Infrastructure, (4) Build a Nimble and Effective Emergency Response System and Culture of Preparedness, and (5) Strengthen and Unify DHS Operations and Management. For the Fact Sheet, click on this source.

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1170702193412.shtm

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *February 04, Whittier Daily News (CA)* — **Disaster response programs developed in California.** County hospitals and emergency programs in California will benefit from a statewide effort to streamline disaster relief. The state recently approved a \$5 million contract with a consulting firm to coordinate resources in case of a catastrophic disaster such as an earthquake, influenza pandemic, terrorist attack, or radiological or nuclear event. The firm will draw up guidelines for emergency responders and develop statewide standards for a surge in sick and injured patients, officials said. "California is leading the nation in this endeavor," said Ted Selby, chief of health care capacity for California's Department of Health Services. "We're in the planning stages and we're trying to take into account all of the possibilities." Area hospitals routinely practice disaster drills on a county and statewide level.

Source: http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci_5158192

24. *February 04, Washington Post* — **CDC practices for influenza pandemic.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) held a pandemic "war game" in Atlanta, GA, last week but aborted it at midnight Wednesday, January 31, halfway through its planned 24-hour run. The reason was concern about public safety. The CDC did not want a hundred of its most valuable employees rushing on Thursday morning, February 1, over ice-slick roads to a mock disaster. A real pandemic, which is considered inevitable, won't be stopped by weather. In fact, it probably won't be stopped by anything. But public health experts believe it could be made less disastrous with practice and preparation. The federal government is hard at work trying to ready the country for a global outbreak of a new, highly transmissible strain of influenza — a pandemic. The drill will pick up in April with an exercise in which pandemic flu has spread to many states. In a final round in May, the virus gets to Atlanta and takes out 40 percent of the CDC's workforce.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/02/03/AR2007020301120.html>

25. *February 04, Miami Herald* — **Florida first responders learn how to deal with large animals in an emergency.** When emergencies involve animals, not all first-responders know how to help. To alleviate this potential problem, Florida's Southwest Ranches Volunteer Fire Rescue, in cooperation with the Broward County Extension Education Division, trained first responders and other employees from Broward and Miami-Dade counties, local residents, the Hampshire Fire Brigade from England, and a first responder from Sweden, how to react to, rescue, and decontaminate large animals. The four-day class included water rescue, mud rescue, trailer accident simulations, and search and rescue. Another simulation was how to remove a horse from an isolated area without a vehicle, strictly by using human power.

Source: http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/local/states/florida/counties/broward_county/cities_neighborhoods/cooper_city/16602481.htm

26. *February 03, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — **President declares major disaster for Florida.** The head of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Saturday, February 3, announced that federal disaster aid has been made available for the state of Florida to help people and communities recover from the effects of severe storms and tornadoes during the period of February 1–2, 2007. FEMA Director David Paulison said the assistance was authorized under a major disaster declaration issued for the state by President Bush. The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Lake, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties. The assistance, to be coordinated by FEMA, can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses. Low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration also will be available to cover residential and business losses not fully compensated by insurance.

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=33726>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

27. *February 05, IDG News Service* — **Microsoft: Excel vulnerable to new attack.** With its February security patches now two weeks away, Microsoft is warning of another critical flaw in

its Office software. This time Excel is the target. Microsoft confirmed late Friday, February 2, that its spreadsheet software is vulnerable to a new attack, and said that the problem may affect other Office software as well. The software giant is investigating reports that the flaw is being used by criminals in "very limited," attacks, according to a Microsoft security advisory. This latest flaw affects Microsoft Office 2000, Microsoft Office XP, Microsoft Office 2003, and Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac.

Microsoft Security Advisory: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/932553.mspx>

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/05/HNexcelvulnerable_1.html

28. February 05, IDG News Service — German court bans police from spying on PCs.

Germany's High Court has handed down a landmark decision banning police from installing spyware on computers of suspected criminals without their knowledge. The decision, announced Monday, February 5, is a blow to the plans of the German Interior Minister Wolfgang Schäuble to give the Federal Criminal Police Office greater power to monitor terrorists and other criminals online, and peek inside their computers. The High Court in Karlsruhe argued that searching computers is similar to searching homes, a practice in Germany that requires police to follow certain procedures. The judges also argued that hacking computers by the police is not permitted under Germany's strict phone-tapping laws and that legislation would be needed to enable covert surveillance.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/05/HNbanpolicefromspying_1.html

29. February 05, InfoWorld — NTT DoCoMo 3G network hit by problems. NTT DoCoMo's 3G network in part of central Tokyo was hit by trouble on Saturday, February 3, resulting in problems for tens of thousands of users. Problems with a switching board at a DoCoMo facility in the capital's Shibuya district caused the disruption. Users in Shibuya and the nearby districts of Shinjuku, Okubo and Minami-Aoyama found calls and packet communications problems from 4:34 a.m. to 9:29 p.m. local time on Saturday. NTT DoCoMo estimates around 92,600 subscribers were directly hit by the problem.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/05/HNdocomo3gtrouble_1.html

30. February 05, IDG News Service — HP to acquire Bristol Technology. Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP) plans to acquire business transactions monitoring software vendor Bristol Technology Inc. HP announced Monday, February 5, that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Bristol as a way to beef up its business technology optimization product offerings. The vendor didn't reveal the financial terms of the deal.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9010229&intsrc=hm_list

31. February 02, eWeek — Super Bowl site hacked with Trojan, keylogger. Malicious code was discovered on the Website for Dolphin Stadium, the location of this year's Super Bowl, reports Websense. Websense Security Labs urged Web users to avoid that site completely until the site had been scrubbed cleaned of all destructive code. The code, hidden under the file name "w1c.exe," initiates both Trojan horse and keylogging capabilities, potentially allowing a hacker to track and record keyboard strokes in order to steal credit card, Social Security or other user information. The malicious JavaScript file was inserted into the header of the front page of the Dolphin Stadium site. Once visitors entered, it was designed to execute a script that

attempts to exploit two known vulnerabilities: MS06–014 and MS07–004. By late Friday afternoon, February 2, Websense officials reported that the Dolphin Stadium site had been cleansed of the malware.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2089951.00.asp>

- 32. *February 02, InfoWorld* — Hackers target hole in BrightStor.** Anti-virus firm Symantec warned Friday, February 2, that exploit code is circulating for a known security hole in Computer Associates' BrightStor ARCserve Backup software, which provides data backup and restore for a variety of operating systems including Windows, Netware, Linux, Unix, and Mac. Symantec issued an alert early Friday, after exploit code was posted to the SecurityFocus Website. The alert raised the urgency and severity of an earlier warning about the security holes in ARCserve Backup versions 9.01 through 11.5 SP1, as well as CA's Business Protection Suite software. The exploit code is designed to run on Windows XP and Windows 2000 systems.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/02/02/HNbrightstor_1.htm

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

- 33. *February 05, Associated Press* — Engineers lower water on Kentucky lake.** To relieve pressure on a dangerously weakened dam and avert a catastrophic collapse, federal engineers are lowering the water on Lake Cumberland, the biggest manmade lake east of the Mississippi, leaving boat ramps, marinas and swimming areas high and dry. The 63,000-acre lake is held back by the concrete-and-earthen Wolf Creek Dam, 258 feet high and nearly a mile long. The dam was built in the 1940s and '50s about 150 miles northeast of Nashville, TN, to provide hydroelectric power and control devastating flooding along the Cumberland River. Water has been seeping under the dam and eroding the limestone on which the concrete rests. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decided it requires \$300 million in emergency repairs, warning that a failure would send a wall of water into several small Kentucky and Tennessee cities. While the dam is not in danger of imminent collapse, the levee failures in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 have made the Corps more cautious, according to Lt. Col. Steven J. Roemhildt, commander of the Corps' Nashville District.

Source: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/D/DANGEROUS_DAM?SITE=WUSA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

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34. February 05, Associated Press — Arctic blast shuts down schools, trains, roads. A bone-chilling Arctic cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools for thousands of youngsters Monday, February 5, sent homeless people into shelters, and put car batteries on the disabled list from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes. With temperatures near zero and a wind chill of 25 below, school districts across Ohio canceled classes. It was so cold in Toledo, OH — five above zero at noon, up from four below — that the city closed its outdoor ice rink. "The irony is not lost on us," said city spokesperson Brian Schwartz. With a temperature of 12 below zero and wind chill of 31 below, Wisconsin's largest school district, Milwaukee Public Schools, also shut down, idling some 90,000 children. In upstate New York, 34,000 kids got the day off in Rochester because of near-zero temperatures. Schools also closed in parts of Michigan. Amtrak shut down passenger service in parts of western and northern New York state, where the cold was accompanied by as much as two feet of snow fed by moisture from the Great Lakes near Buffalo and Watertown.
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