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**Energy Sector**

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


1. **March 23, Associated Press — Attorneys general seek NRC rule change on terrorism.** Nine state attorneys general have asked the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to change its rules to allow consideration of a potential terrorist attack on a reactor when it decides whether to extend a plant's license. Reports by the National Academy of Sciences, the NRC's staff, and outside specialists have shown that the pools where reactors store highly radioactive spent fuel "are susceptible to fire and radiological release from a wide range of conditions," seven of the attorneys general wrote in a March 16 letter to the NRC.

2. **March 21, New York Independent System Operator — NYISO issues second reliability needs assessment.** The New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) Board of Directors has approved the state’s second Reliability Needs Assessment (RNA), which identifies bulk electricity grid needs from 2007 through 2016. The study is the first half of the NYISO’s Comprehensive Reliability Planning Process, which assesses generation adequacy and transmission reliability in New York over a 10–year planning period. The 2007 Comprehensive Reliability Plan, which will be published in the fall, will determine whether the reliability needs in the RNA can be satisfied through planned projects and market–driven system enhancements and, if necessary, whether any regulatory — or backstop — projects should be triggered to maintain system reliability. The RNA concludes that generation and transmission resources on New York’s bulk electricity grid are expected to be adequate through 2010. Power deficiencies, primarily in the state’s southeast region, could occur by 2011 and become acute by 2016 if expected demand isn’t addressed by then.


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**Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

Nothing to report.

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**Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. **March 22, GovExec — Reconstruction IG urges interagency coordination.** Congress should pursue reforms that would better integrate the departments of Defense and State and the U.S. Agency for International Development, according to the special inspector general (IG) for Iraq reconstruction. In a special report on the reconstruction effort, IG Stuart Bowen urged the agencies to focus on clearly delineating authority and procedures in multiagency operations. Bowen, who has garnered strong congressional support for his office's reports on contracting irregularities and mismanagement of reconstruction, encouraged Congress to consider reforms in the model of the 1986 Goldwater–Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act that would help the three agencies work together in post–conflict scenarios.


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**Banking and Finance Sector**

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March 23, Associated Press — Forum lets taxpayers turn tables on IRS. Taxpayers were given the chance to turn the tables on the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), responding to the agency's request for an audit of its services. A forum on Thursday, March 22, — one of three nationwide this year — let taxpayers complain, suggest changes and quiz the nation's top advocate for taxpayers on everything from phone menus to identity theft. Nina E. Olson, the national taxpayer advocate who moderated Thursday's forum, reports to Congress about IRS practices. She said she's responsible for identifying 20 things the IRS could change or improve each year, and many of those suggestions come directly from taxpayers. About 60 people came to the forum at the University of Nebraska Alumni Center, complaining about taxes for farmers and small businesses, identity theft and even paying taxes at all. A similar forum was held in New York on March 6, and another is scheduled in Phoenix, AZ, for this week.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP−Improving−IRS.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

5. March 23, American Forces Press Service — DoD investigates hacking of troops' personal computers. Department of Defense (DoD) officials have launched an investigation into recent computer hackings of servicemembers' home computers that compromised personal information and led to the redirection of funds from their military pay accounts. Over the past eight months, nearly two dozen Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) "myPay" participants have had their accounts accessed by unauthorized personnel, officials said. The myPay program allows DFAS users to manage pay information, leave and earnings statements and W−2s online. The compromise likely came from personal information being stolen from home computers via spyware and keystroke−logging viruses, DFAS officials said. When suspicious activity is detected under the current system used by DFAS financial institutions are immediately notified so reversals can be made to servicemembers' accounts explained Tom LaRock, DFAS spokesperson. DFAS plans to launch a new program soon that will increase the ability to detect unauthorized changes prior to processing by pay systems. DFAS offers tips for security and protection to its users on its Website, https://mypay.dfas.mil/PersonalData.htm


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Transportation and Border Security Sector

6. March 23, Associated Press — Airports push for higher passenger fees. If the nation's airports get their way, the price of flying will increase further this fall as they push for higher boarding fees used to fund airport improvements, ranging from new runways to expanded terminals. Airports and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are asking Congress to increase the "Passenger Facility Charge," a fee that's automatically added to the price of each air passenger ticket. It's the first time the agency has asked for an increase since 2001, when the original 1992 fee of $3 per ticket increased to a maximum of $4.50. The FAA now is asking Congress to increase the fee by another $1.50 to a maximum of $6. But the country's major airports would like the increase doubled — for a $7.50 fee — to keep up with construction cost inflation. Passengers are charged the fee, known as a "PFC," each time they leave an airport, sometimes including a second fee when a passenger has a connecting flight through another airport. Twenty−four of the nation's largest airports charge the maximum rate of $4.50 per
ticket; Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest, was the first to charge the maximum. Congress has to revisit the fee because the current authorization expires September 30.


7. **March 23, Los Angeles Times** — **City attorney to file charges in LAX thefts.** Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo on Friday, March 23, filed misdemeanor theft charges against 11 people — including eight screeners at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) — suspected of stealing property from two celebrities and other travelers. The stolen items included cartons of cigarettes, expensive watches and jewelry. The Transportation Security Administration, which is charged with aviation security, and which employs the screeners, played a central role in the investigation. All eight screeners facing theft charges have been dismissed from their jobs.


8. **March 23, Associated Press** — **Europe backs trans–Atlantic flight deal.** The European Union approved an aviation deal with the United States on Thursday, March 22, that opens up restricted trans–Atlantic routes to new rivals, but bowed to British concerns in delaying when the agreement takes effect. The "Open Skies" deal will allow airlines to fly from anywhere in the EU to any point in the U.S., shedding limitations that also discourage them from charging what they like or combining with other carriers. The EU said its 27 nations had unanimously voted for the deal, which will take effect at the end of March 2008. European negotiators will now have to secure U.S. agreement to delay the pact, originally scheduled to begin October 28, and want to push on with new talks to eliminate remaining barriers on airline ownership. Only four airlines — British Airways PLC, Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd., AMR Corp.'s American Airlines and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines — currently have the right to fly from Heathrow to the U.S., a lucrative route that represents around a third of all EU flights to the United States. EU governments also stipulated they could suspend parts of the deal if further talks don't lead to more concessions from the United States within three years.


9. **March 23, Associated Press** — **Flight quarantined over smallpox threat.** Authorities quarantined an arriving US Airways flight Friday, March 23, at Charlotte–Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, NC, after a passenger claimed he had smallpox, an airline spokesperson said. Health officials quarantined the Airbus A319 carrying 112 passengers and four crew members coming in from New Orleans, US Airways spokesperson Morgan Durrant said. Durrant said he could not confirm a report that the passenger was intoxicated. Scott White, a spokesperson at Carolinas Medical Center, where the passenger was taken for tests, said the man does not have the disease, which was eradicated in 1980. Police confirmed the plane had been quarantined but did not release more information.


10. **March 23, Seattle Times** — **Bomb hoax delays Alaska flight from Oakland.** An Alaska Airlines flight from Oakland, CA, to Seattle, WA, was delayed in California this morning after
Oakland Airport Police received a bomb threat that turned out to be a hoax. The flight, with 100 passengers aboard, had just left the gate at Oakland for a 9:21 a.m. PST scheduled departure when airport authorities halted the takeoff, said Amanda Tobin-Bielawski, an Alaska spokesperson. The plane was then towed to a remote location at the airport, where passengers got off and the aircraft was searched. Passengers reboarded the plane after it was declared safe by airport authorities and arrived in Seattle about four hours late.


11. March 22, Government Accountability Office — GAO-07-636T: Federal Aviation Administration: Key Issues in Ensuring the Efficient Development and Safe Operation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (Testimony). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operates one of the safest air transportation systems in the world. It is, however, a system under strain. The skies are becoming more crowded every day, with an estimated one billion passengers per year expected by 2015. The current aviation system cannot be expanded to meet this growth. The reauthorization of FAA is an opportunity to examine how the agency is managing the operation and safety of the air transportation system as it leads the transition to the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) — a major redesign of the current system. The Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) testimony focuses on key issues related to FAA’s reauthorization, including (1) FAA’s progress in implementing initiatives that could provide a solid foundation for NextGen, (2) issues that need to be addressed to help ensure a successful transition to NextGen, and (3) safety areas that are important for the continued safe operation of the current and future system. This statement is based on recent GAO reports and ongoing work on some management and safety initiatives. This testimony does not contain recommendations. However, GAO reports containing relevant recommendations are listed among the Related GAO Products, some of which FAA is in the process of responding to.


12. March 22, Government Accountability Office — GAO-07-649T: Next Generation Air Transportation System: Progress and Challenges in Planning and Implementing the Transformation of the National Airspace System (Testimony). The skies over America are becoming more crowded every day. The consensus of opinion is that the current aviation system cannot be expanded to meet this projected growth. Recognizing the need for system transformation, in 2003 Congress authorized the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) and requires the office to operate in conjunction with multiple federal agencies, including the Departments of Transportation, Commerce, Defense, and Homeland Security; the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. JPDO is responsible for coordinating the related efforts of these partner agencies to plan the transformation to the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen): a fundamental redesign of the national airspace system. FAA will be largely responsible for implementing the policies and systems necessary for NextGen, while safely operating the current air traffic control system. The Government Accountability Office’s (GAO) testimony focuses on (1) the progress that JPDO has made in planning NextGen and some challenges it continues to face and (2) the challenges that FAA faces transitioning to NextGen. GAO’s statement is based on our recent reports as well as ongoing work, all of which has been conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards.
government auditing standards.


## Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

## Agriculture Sector

13. **March 22, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service — USDA confirms light brown apple moth in California.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Thursday, March 22, confirmed the presence of light brown apple moth (LBAM), Epiphyas postvittana, from specimens collected in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, CA, by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). APHIS, in conjunction with CDFA, has initiated trapping activities for this insect in areas surrounding the initial detection, including parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties. APHIS and CDFA have also assembled a technical working group comprised of international experts on LBAM to discuss survey and control strategies to safeguard against this potentially damaging pest and prevent its further spread. LBAM is native to Australia and is found in New Zealand, Ireland, the United Kingdom and Hawaii. The host range for LBAM is broad with more than 250 plant species know to be susceptible to attack by this pest. Major domestic hosts of concern are stone fruit (peaches, plums, nectarines and apricots), pip fruit (apples and pears), grapes, cherries and citrus. The pest destroys, stunts or deforms young seedlings; spoils the appearance of ornamental plants; and injures deciduous fruit−tree crops, citrus and grapes. LBAM has the potential to cause significant economic losses.


## Food Sector

14. **March 23, Associated Press — Rodent poison found in now−recalled pet food blamed for animal deaths.** Rat poison has been found in pet food blamed for the deaths of at least 16 cats and dogs, a spokesperson for the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets said Friday, March 23. Jessica Chittenden would not identify the chemical or its source beyond saying it was a rodent poison. ABC News reported it was aminopterin that may have been on imported wheat used in the pet food, which was sold throughout North America under 95 brand names. Aminopterin is used to kill rats in some countries but is not registered for that use in the U.S. The pet deaths led to a recall of 60 million cans and pouches of pet food produced by Menu Foods. There have been several reports of kidney failure in pets that ate the recalled brands, and the company has confirmed the deaths of 15 cats and one dog.

15. **March 23, Mainichi (Japan) — Japan asks U.S. to remove Nebraska plant from list of facilities allowed to export.** Japan's government has asked Washington to remove a U.S. processing plant from a list of facilities authorized to export beef to Japan, officials said Friday, March 23. Agriculture Minister Toshikatsu Matsuoka also told reporters that Tokyo has asked Washington to improve inspections before beef is shipped from more than 30 designated facilities in the U.S. to Japan. Earlier this year Japan said it would suspend beef imports from a Tyson Foods Inc. plant in the U.S. state of Nebraska, after finding a shipment containing meat that violated a regulation imposed over mad cow concerns. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a report that the shipment was not from cattle verified as 20 months old or younger, as required under a Japan–U.S. agreement. After reviewing the report, Japan asked the U.S. to remove the facility from the list of authorized plants.

Source: [http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/business/news/20070323p2g00m0bu029000c.html](http://mdn.mainichi-msn.co.jp/business/news/20070323p2g00m0bu029000c.html)

16. **March 23, Beacon News (IL) — Salmonella tied to Aurora grocery store.** Illegally manufactured and distributed Mexican–style cheeses appear to be linked to a salmonella outbreak the Kane, IL, Health Department has been investigating for more than a year. Health Department officials Thursday, March 22, declined to name the cheeses as the sole source of Salmonella Newport, which has produced 32 identified cases of illness since January 2006, including 15 so far this year. But officials called a press conference to say it was one of the sources and issued a public warning about buying and consuming cheeses such as queso fresco or queso cotija. The Health Department found Salmonella Newport in cotija cheese purchased at the El Paso Carniceria Chico grocery in Aurora, IL.

Source: [http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/beaconnews/news/3100462_1_AU23_SALMONELLA_S1.article](http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/beaconnews/news/3100462_1_AU23_SALMONELLA_S1.article)

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**Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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**Public Health Sector**

17. **March 26, Reuters — Deadly tuberculosis strain seen in Africa now in rich nations.** A new deadly form of tuberculosis (TB) spreading through South Africa has now been found in rich nations in Europe as well as North America, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Thursday, March 22. Known as XDR–TB (extremely drug resistant), has been documented in 35 countries worldwide, 16 of them this year alone. "If it keeps spreading, as it has in South Africa, then we are really in trouble," Mario Raviglione, director of the STOP TB program at the WHO said. There are 269 confirmed cases of XDR, first reported in South Africa, with 85 percent of the afflicted expected to die. Raviglione said the new strain was spotted in rich nations also, such as the United States, Canada, France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Sweden, the former Soviet Union and elsewhere. In the industrialized nations, XDR–TB increased from
three percent to 11 percent in 2005, WHO said without giving precise numbers of victims.

Saudi authorities announced Thursday, March 22, that they had found H5N1 bird flu in captive birds, in the kingdom's first outbreak of the strain of the disease that is dangerous to humans. Laboratory tests found the strain in turkeys, parrots, peacocks and ostriches at a farm in the Eastern Province, an agriculture ministry statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency said. The ministry gave no figures for the number of cases but said that measures had been taken to stop the disease spreading. The neighboring Gulf state of Kuwait has reported a spate of cases of H5N1 bird flu in fowl since February 25, many of them in Wafra, close to the border.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070322/wl_mideast_afp/healthfl_usaudi_070322195509;_ylt=AuvWy4bWGscfUz_PCM5UIZ.JOrgF

19. March 22, Reuters — Flu jab with last year's vaccine may not do the job. There seems to be a reduced immune response to influenza virus in adults who receive the identical flu vaccine in consecutive years, Japanese researchers warn. "Our findings provide grounds for the reconsideration of influenza vaccination strategy, in case the vaccine strains are completely identical in consecutive years," lead investigator Shigeki Nabeshima told Reuters. Nabeshima, of Kyushu University, and colleagues came to this conclusion after studying 37 hospital workers who had received identical flu vaccines in 2002 and 2003. Two weeks and four weeks after the vaccine was given in 2003, the immune response to the influenza strains were significantly lower in subjects who had received the same vaccine the previous year than in subjects who had never received that particular vaccine.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSCOL27062620070322

20. March 22, Reuters — Bangladesh says detects bird flu in poultry. Bangladesh said on Thursday, March 22, the H5N1 bird flu virus had been detected in poultry near the capital Dhaka. The virus was found in the birds from a poultry firm run by Bangladesh's National Airlines Biman, which has already culled 30,000 birds over the last few days. Last year Bangladesh banned imports of chickens and eggs from 25 countries in Europe and Asia, including India, after H5N1 virus had been found there. Security along the borders with India and Myanmar had been tightened and troops were asked to guard against smuggling of poultry into the country. But it was impossible to totally stop smuggling along a 2,500−mile frontier with India, one official said, adding that border guards had seized thousands of poultry birds over the last few months and burned them.
Source: http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L22401264.htm

21. March 22, HealthDayNews — Gene insights could boost blood supply. A new discovery by Australian scientists could greatly extend the shelf life of donated blood. The team says they've gained a greater understanding of the internal clock in blood components called platelets, potentially paving the way toward ways to keep them alive longer. Now, platelets only survive for about a week, making it a challenge for hospitals and blood banks to guarantee they're available when needed for certain kinds of transfusions. In the new study, a team led by David Huang of The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research conducted a genetic analysis of platelets to understand more about their life span. They reported that platelets are essentially
programmed to commit suicide. But, in experiments conducted with mice, they also found that they could genetically adjust the life span of the platelets. Longer–living platelets could mean more than benefits in terms of storage. They could also live longer in patients themselves, said Karin Hoffmeister, a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. "Longer–living platelets may mean less necessary transfusions. Assuming that platelets are cleared with a slower rate, more platelets would be circulating at a certain time, and fewer platelets would need to be transfused," she said.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp–dyn/content/article/2007/03/22/AR2007032200812.html

**Government Sector**

22. *March 22, Connecticut Post* — **Hazmat prank brings school to standstill.** A 10–year–old boy's prank Wednesday, March 21, caused pandemonium at a school in Bridgeport, CT, triggering a lockdown of the elementary school as firefighters and State Police investigated possible contamination from a mystery powder. The Classical Academy was locked down for over two hours and parents were prevented from picking up their children after firefighters responded to the school around 12:15 p.m. EDT. Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Porzelt said the boy came to school carrying an official hazardous–waste pouch containing a white powder. He said the boy told school officials he found the pouch lying in the street near his home. Police questioned the boy for some time before they said he finally admitted it was all a prank. He confessed he had emptied capsules of the cold medicine Benadryl into a pouch he had found.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17735808/

**Emergency Services Sector**

23. *March 23, Kent County Daily Times (RI)* — **Hospital capacity system could save time, lives.** In Rhode Island, emergency responders and the services they deal with now have a new way to share information about the status of local hospitals for accepting patients. The new system, the Hospital Capacity System (HCS), is Internet–based and provides real–time information in visual and audio formats. The system was officially implemented at the end of last month in hospitals, at the Rhode Island Department of Health, at emergency service operators' offices, inside city and town emergency dispatch centers, and with other designated entities. The system, according to the health department, provides "real–time" on–line access to hospital diversion and hospital bed capacity data.


24. *March 23, Federal Computer Week* — **DHS to be flexible in allocation of $1 billion to states.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) plans to release details shortly on how it intends to allocate to states a new $1 billion fund designated for interoperable public safety communications. The department aims to be flexible to help states that already have made
investments in new radio systems, a DHS official said. Congress has mandated that DHS make the funding available to states by September 30. DHS is developing program application and guidance materials to support all activities in the interoperability continuum developed by the department’s Safecom program, including allowable costs for planning, technology procurement, exercises and training, Corey Gruber, acting assistant secretary for DHS’ Office of Grants and Training, testified at a recent congressional hearing. The money is being available through a scheduled auction of radio spectrum scheduled for 02008. Congress moved deployment of the $1 billion in funding a year forward by a year in the Call Home Act of 2006. Source: http://www.fcw.com/article98041−03−23−07−Web

25. March 22, Federal Computer Week — Colorado combines GIS, weather data. Colorado is deploying a Web service that allows emergency management workers to view weather data overlaid on geographic information. The state is implementing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Data Services from WeatherBug, a provider of local weather information, in its Emergency Operations Center and will also work to integrate the capability into a Web−based common operational picture viewer. The latter is intended for use by emergency response workers statewide. Jon Gottsegen, Colorado’s state GIS coordinator, said WeatherBug’s Web service feeds into the state’s Emergency Operations Center. At the center, the output from a GIS workstation may be shown on an electronic wall display. The ability to include weather data on that display will allow center employees to pinpoint the location of severe weather. Gottsegen said he is working to integrate the WeatherBug weather data feed into the common operational picture viewer. The viewer will enable emergency responders working in different agencies or locations to see the same information. Source: http://www.fcw.com/article97998−03−22−07−Web

Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

26. March 26, Computerworld — White House issues deadlines to secure Windows. Federal agencies have until February 1, 2008 to implement a common secure configuration setting for all Windows XP and Vista systems based on standards from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and other organizations. But they only have until May 1, to provide details to the White House Office of Management and Budget on how they plan to do so. The deadlines were set by de facto federal CIO Karen Evans in a memorandum to agency CIOs Tuesday, March 20. The memo directs agency CIOs to provide details on a variety of issues, including plans to test the security configurations in nonproduction environments to identify potential problems, implementing and automating enforcement of these settings, and restricting administration of these configurations to authorized personnel only. Agencies must also be able to install Microsoft patches from DHS when new vulnerabilities are disclosed, the memo said. Evans also wants all agency IT acquisitions after June 30 to use a common secure configuration that application software vendors have certified their products will work with. Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/03/23/HNwindowssecuredeadlines_1.html

27. March 23, CNET News.com — Windows Mail bug may expose Vista users. A possible security vulnerability in Windows Mail could let attackers run applications on PCs running Vista. An attacker could send an e−mail with a malicious link that, when clicked on, would
execute a program on the PC without warning, according to a description of the problem published Friday on a widely read security mailing list called Full Disclosure. Windows Mail is the successor to Outlook Express, Microsoft's free e-mail client, and ships with Vista. Vista has only been available to consumers since late January. Microsoft is not aware of any attacks that actually attempted to use the newly reported Windows Mail vulnerability, it said. Upon completion of its investigation, the company could issue a security update or provide guidance in another way, the representative said.


28. March 23, Computerworld — Windows Home Server testing uncovers nearly 2,400 bugs. Microsoft's Windows Home Server developers have been inundated with bug reports on the under-construction consumer server software, which—when it was announced in January—was expected to ship this summer. In an entry on the Home Server blog, program manager Chris Sullivan said that the group has received nearly 2,400 bug reports so far from beta testers, and still had 495, or about 21% of the total, classified as "active." Of the bugs that have been addressed, Sullivan said that only 15% have actually been fixed. The remainder are issues that are in the server by design (13%), not reproducible (21%), will be postponed to later versions (11%) or likely won't be fixed (7%).

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9014183&intsrc=hm_list

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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Nothing to report.

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General Sector

29. March 23, Local 6 (FL) — Explosives, books on terrorism, found in Florida home. A man was arrested on explosives charges Thursday, March 22, after authorities responded to a fire inside the bedroom of an Orange County, FL, home. Abram Smith, 20, was arrested on charges of possession of explosives and attempting to make a destructive device. While checking the home, police found a box that appeared to contain fireworks and mortar−type shells, a charging affidavit said. Officers also found two long−guns that appeared to be loaded, several swords and jars of chemicals, according to the report. Some of the glass jars had handwritten labels reading ammonium nitrate, sulfur and nitric acid, the affidavit said. Several other containers
had white powders and granular materials, according to the report. As the house was being cleared, a military-style hand grenade was found on the floor of a closet, the report said. Smith told police that he was just experimenting. Smith is a night student at Edgewater High School. A police search found nothing at the school.


30. *March 21, Hometown Life (MI) — Gas masks, map, terrorism notes interest law enforcement.* Andrew Wisha, a Redford, MI, businessman notified the police after finding gas masks and notes about terrorist activity last week in a dumpster outside his workplace. In addition to new gas masks, still in boxes, and handwritten notes, Wisha said, the cache included laminated pictures that could depict terrorist activity, a map with a circle drawn around an airport, plus clothing, a pair of eyeglasses, a basket, files and a rock collection. A Redford Township police report said the find included a copy of the Earth First! Journal, female clothing and a map of Mecosta County, MI. Redford police Captain Kraig Brueck said the photographs looked as if they may have been taken from magazines, and showed scenes typically associated with terrorism, such as the possible aftermath of a car bombing.
