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- The Associated Press reported that Americans born after December 1, 1964, will have to get more secure driver's licenses in the next six years under ambitious post-9/11 security rules. Over the next year, the government expects all states to begin checking both the Social Security numbers and immigration status of license applicants. (See items [10](#))
- According to the Summit Daily News, the Denver Water and Summit County officials have closed Dillon Dam Road due to suspicious activity after police found two men on the dam who said they were filming a music video. Information collected at the scene was forwarded to the Denver Field Office of the FBI, which is the normal protocol when dealing with any suspicious activity involving a public infrastructure like a dam. (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. *January 11, Herald-Tribune* – (California) **California seeks thermostat control.** Next year in California, state regulators are likely to have the emergency power to control individual thermostats, sending temperatures up or down through a radio-controlled device that will be required in new or substantially modified houses and buildings to manage electricity shortages. The proposed rules are contained in a document circulated

by the California Energy Commission, which for more than three decades has set state energy efficiency standards for home appliances. The changes would allow utilities to adjust customers' preset temperatures when the price of electricity is high. Customers could override the utilities' suggested temperatures, but in emergencies, the utilities could override customers' wishes. Final approval is expected next month.

Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080111/ZNYT02/801110681>

2. *January 11, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (National) **Power corridors opposed.** Eleven regional and national environmental groups began legal action yesterday over the U.S. Department of Energy's designation of a wide swath of the Mid-Atlantic as a "national interest" electric transmission corridor. The designation fast-tracks the process for putting up new high-power transmission lines and, in some cases, could supersede what is currently state control over whether and where to build them. All of New Jersey, 52 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties - including all of Southeastern Pennsylvania - and wide areas of neighboring states are included in the corridor that was approved by the agency in October. The DOE designated a similar corridor in Southern California, where a federal suit was recently filed in Los Angeles. The suits contend that the DOE violated several federal laws by failing to do environmental-impact studies or assess how the power lines would affect air quality and natural resources.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/health_and_science/20080111_Power_corridors_opposed.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *January 11, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey chemical rules stand.** The federal government will not override New Jersey's chemical security laws, which are tougher than the national standard. A measure, promoted by a New Jersey senator and recently signed by the president, insulates all states from federal pre-emption, and allows them to pass laws protecting their residents from an attack on chemical facilities within their borders. Co-chairmen of the September 11 Commission, joined the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures in supporting the measure.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/11/nyregion/11mbrfs-chemicals.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *January 11, Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Hanford set to dig up waste that could ignite.** Next week, Hanford workers are preparing to start digging up radioactive and chemical waste that could spontaneously catch fire when exposed to air. The 618-7 Burial Ground was used from 1960-73 for waste from the Hanford nuclear reservation's 300 Area north of Richland, Washington. When the waste was disposed of, it was not expected to be retrieved to meet future environmental standards. But Washington

Closure has developed a list of the hazardous items it needs to be prepared to handle there, starting with hundreds of barrels of metals in liquids to keep out air that could start a fire. It expects to find drums of depleted uranium chips or shavings left from research. Workers will also be on the lookout for drums of zircaloy or beryllium shavings, both metals used in the cladding or capping of nuclear-reactor fuel. If the drums have corroded, the liquid may have leaked out and could leave the contents vulnerable to spontaneously igniting.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2004119399_hanfordwaste11m.html

5. *January 10, Department of Energy* – (South Carolina) **DOE selects Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC to manage and operate its Savannah River Site.** The U.S. Department of Energy announced that Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS), LLC has been selected as the management and operating contractor for DOE's Savannah River Site (SRS) in Aiken, South Carolina. The contract is a cost-plus award-fee contract valued at approximately \$800 million per year and is for a five-year base period with the option to extend it for up to five additional years. "In the Department's rich and diverse history, the Savannah River site is recognized for its critical role in support of national security objectives, scientific innovation, and stewardship of the environment," the U.S. secretary of Energy said. "Through today's contract award, we look forward to working with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC to continue the site's strong record in carrying out its complex missions. SRNS's experience will position DOE's Savannah River site for the future as we work to facilitate science-driven development of new technologies, advance our national security interests, and meet our environmental cleanup goals." The SRS management and operating contract includes three key mission areas: environmental cleanup, operation of the Savannah River National Laboratory, and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) activities. In support of the DOE national security and non-proliferation programs, the NNSA activities include operation of the tritium facilities, completion of the plutonium disposition program, and disposition of highly enriched uranium

Source: <http://www.energy.gov/news/5801.htm>

6. *January 10, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Rockwall man boasts of nuclear reactor, but no arrest made.** A 22-year-old Rockwall, Texas, man's Internet boasts that he had made a mini-nuclear reactor in his garage resulted in a visit recently by federal authorities. Representatives with the FBI and the Texas Department of State Health Services' Radiation Control Program took away the man's science equipment on Friday, but not because he was doing anything dangerous or illegal. Rather, the man's parents, with whom he is living, asked that the equipment be removed, officials said. The man, who was not identified by authorities and who could not be reached, was experimenting with Americium-241, a man-made radioactive element common in smoke detectors, and natural radioactive ore that he had bought legally over eBay, said a regional spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Commission investigators discovered the homemade atomic lab on December 29, when they found the man's boasts on an amateur science blog. He said on the blog that he had produced high amounts of radiation in his house while making Plutonium-239, a component in nuclear weapons.

He made no mention of nefarious motives; he was just interested in the science, officials said. Tests on the home did not show abnormal levels of radiation, officials said.

Source:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/yahoolatestnews/stories/011108dnmetreactor.d15dfb4.html?npc>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *January 10, Aviation Week* – (National) **BAMS decision slips to March.** A decision on the winning design for the U.S. Navy's Broad Area Maritime Surveillance (BAMS) unmanned aerial system has been delayed until March. The Navy planned to announce the winner from among three bids next month. However, a program review by the defense acquisition czar that was scheduled for January 16 was moved to February 13 to "ensure due diligence in making a best value determination for the Navy," said a spokesman for Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland. The Pentagon's acquisition corps has been under heavy scrutiny recently as a result of a string of high-profile bid protests. Navy officials did not cite this trend in the delay, but it could account for the need for more review before announcing a winner.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=aerospacedaily&id=news/BAMS011008.xml&headline=BAMS%20Decision%20Slips%20To%20March

8. *January 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Northrop unit wins \$20.5M Navy contract.** A unit of Northrop Grumman Corp. has won a \$20.5 million contract to design and produce propulsion system gears for Navy ships. Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems will supply gears for Navy combat support ships, which provide fuel, ammunition, food, and other cargo to combat ships, according to a Defense Department notice released late Wednesday.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/080110/northrop_grumman_navy_contract.html?.v=1

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *January 10, Government Technology* – (National; International) **Complex computer scheme victimizes hundreds.** A Colombian citizen pled guilty Wednesday to a 16-count indictment involving a complex computer fraud scheme victimizing over 600 people. According to the indictment, he set up a complex series of computer intrusions, aggravated identity thefts and credit card frauds designed to steal money from payroll, bank, and other accounts of their victims. Much of the identity theft activity -- initiated from computers in Colombia -- targeted individuals residing in the U.S., including Department of Defense personnel. The conspiracy began with illegally installing keystroke logging software on computers located in hotel business centers and Internet lounges around the world. This software would collect the personal information of those who used the computers, including passwords and other personal identifying

information the victims used to access their bank, payroll, brokerage, and other accounts online. He used the data he intercepted from his victims, who were typically guests at hotels throughout the country, to steal or divert money from their accounts into other accounts he had created in the names of other people he had victimized in the same way. Then, through a complex series of electronic transactions designed to cover his trail, he would transfer the stolen money to credit, cash, or debit cards and have the cards mailed to himself and others at commercial mailing addresses he opened across the country. At the time of his arrest, he was flying on an airline ticket purchased with stolen funds and had in his possession a laptop also purchased with stolen funds. That laptop contained the names, passwords, and other personal and financial information of more than 600 people.

Source: http://www.govtech.com/gt/print_article.php?id=246657

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Transportation Sector

10. *January 11, Associated Press* – (National) **New security rules for driver's licenses.**

Americans born after December 1, 1964, will have to get more secure driver's licenses in the next six years under ambitious post-9/11 security rules to be unveiled Friday by federal officials. The Homeland Security Department has spent years crafting the final regulations for the REAL ID Act, a law designed to make it harder for terrorists, illegal immigrants, and con artists to get government-issued identification. The effort once envisioned to take effect in 2008 has been pushed back in the hopes of winning over skeptical state officials. Without discussing details, the Homeland Security secretary promoted the final rules for REAL ID during a meeting Thursday with an advisory council. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has fiercely objected to the effort, particularly the sharing of personal data among government agencies. The DHS and other officials say the only way to make sure an ID is safe is to check it against secure government data; critics like the ACLU say that creates a system that is more likely to be infiltrated and have its personal data pilfered. By 2014, anyone seeking to board an airplane or enter a federal building would have to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, with the notable exception of those more than 50 years old, Homeland Security officials said. Over the next year, the government expects all states to begin checking both the Social Security numbers and immigration status of license applicants. The September 11 attacks were the main motivation for the changes.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080111/ap_on_go_ca_st_pe/secure_driver_s_licenses

11. *January 11, Bay Area News* – (California) **Barge hits Richmond Bridge; Coast Guard investigating.**

A barge struck the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, California, Thursday evening, according to the Coast Guard. The extent of damage, if any, was not immediately known. The bridge was not closed following the 6:20 p.m. accident, according to the California Highway Patrol. No pollution has been detected in the water, said a Coast Guard officer. The Coast Guard pushed the barge away from the bridge and anchored it, and was still investigating the incident Thursday night. There was no word on whether the barge was carrying cargo at the time of the collision.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_7941569?nclick_check=1

12. *January 11, CNN* – (National) **Air traffic controllers’ union: Shortages hurting safety.** A shortage of experienced air traffic controllers has resulted in a “staffing emergency” that is jeopardizing safety in the sky and on runways in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Southern California, according to the union representing the nation’s 14,800 controllers. The National Air Traffic Controllers Association stepped up its protracted dispute with the Federal Aviation Administration over staffing levels Thursday, for the first time declaring a “staffing emergency”. However, an FAA spokeswoman disputed NATCA’s claims and called the union’s figures “misleading.” The FAA anticipated a recent wave of retirements and hired 1,815 new air traffic controllers last year, exceeding its projections, she said. But NATCA said that because the FAA has been slow to train and certify replacement workers, experienced controllers are demoralized and fatigued and are leaving the work force in record numbers.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/TRAVEL/01/10/air.traffic.controllers/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *January 11, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Fake bomb aids in theft at post office.** Authorities in Boston were searching last night for a man who allegedly robbed one of the city’s main post offices with what he said was a bomb, triggering the closure of several surrounding streets yesterday, officials said. A man placed a shoe box on the counter of the Post Office, as if he wanted to mail it, said spokesmen for the Boston Police Department and the U.S. Postal Service. The box, which turned out to contain two bottles of an unknown liquid, had wires protruding from it. He then handed the clerk a note, “it said, ‘This is a bomb, put all your larger bills, 20s and 50s, within the box and do it within two minutes, or I’ll blow this place up,’” said a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service, who said he was paraphrasing and had not seen the note. The clerk had only \$40 in the cash register, which angered the man, who took the cash and fled. Authorities evacuated the Post Office and closed surrounding streets. Investigators determined that the device was not hazardous at about 5:30 p.m. and streets reopened about 6 p.m.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/01/11/fake_bomb_aids_in_theft_at_post_office/

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. *January 10, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Complaint of worms in baby food prompts halt of sales.** A family’s complaint that they found worms in jarred baby food has prompted the Target store in San Ramon, California, to empty its shelves of the Gerber baby food flavor. Officials at Target and Gerber are working together to determine when, where and how jars of Gerber baby food purchased at a San Ramon

Target store may have become contaminated with insects, a Target spokesman said. As a precaution, the San Ramon store on Thursday pulled from its store shelves all jars of the sweet potato and turkey baby food blend in question, said a Target public relations officer.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_7935473?nclink_check=1

15. *January 10, NewsInferno* – (Texas) **Small portion of stolen E. coli beef recovered in Texas.** The Chicken Shack, a local Dallas restaurant, bought a box of ground beef that came from a stolen truckload possibly tainted with E. coli. The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a public health alert after a truckload of almost 15,000 pounds of beef was stolen from a Fort Worth supplier after Christmas. The beef had been set aside to be destroyed because of possible E. coli contamination. Dallas officers discovered the box during door-to-door searches of area restaurants. None of the beef was used or cooked. It was still in the box when the USDA removed it. The thief also tried to sell the beef to seven other restaurants and one barbershop in the area.

Source: <http://www.newsinferno.com/archives/2352>

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Water Sector

16. *January 11, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **South Haven water OK after nuclear leak.** A leak at the Palisades nuclear power plant in December did not end up affecting the water supply of South Haven, Michigan, recent tests conclude. South Haven's mayor said the company that tested the city's drinking water says there is no measurable amount of Tritium in the water. In December, Tritium was found in a test well between Lake Michigan and the Palisades plant. South Haven takes its water from Lake Michigan.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7609766&nav=menu44_2

17. *January 10, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Oil slicks, tainted drinking water new flood worries.** Officials in Indiana are still assessing the damage and are far from getting a figure together in the wake of flooding which continues in White County. Emergency crews have evacuated 50 families and are hoping a federal disaster declaration will open the tap to more help in the aftermath of the high water. Families have returned to some damaged homes to size up the trouble and begin cleanup, struggling in temperatures hovering just above freezing. Folks also have reported sightings of oil and gas slicks in the flood water, likely from sunken cars or other motorized equipment. Monon may face a boil order after reports of raw sewage in the flood waters. About 20 homes there have been damaged by flooding. Now emergency managers are worried about the chance of more rain tonight, which could complicate the recovery.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080110/LOCAL/801100519/1100/SPORTS03>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *January 11, WHAM 13 Rochester* – (New York; National) **Doctor shortage looms.** One in three doctors nationwide will retire in the next ten years. Nearly half of all primary care doctors in Rochester, New York, are not taking new patients, and the 11 hospitals in that region say they are already short a total of 104 primary-care physicians. Specialty practices like surgery will be impacted the most. To combat the shortfall, New York's governor has proposed a plan that would pay for the tuition for doctors who agree to work in areas where they are most needed. For most medical students, debt from their education tops \$150,000.

Source: http://www.13wham.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=8a9788fb-a923-40a9-a71b-c87af3c79363

19. *January 10, USA Today* – (National) **FDA cracks down on makers of 'bioidentical' hormones.** The Food and Drug Administration ordered seven pharmacies Wednesday to stop making "false and misleading" claims about custom-made "bioidentical" hormones for menopausal symptoms. Though seven pharmacies were targeted for misleading marketing by the agency, they are only a fraction of the estimated thousands of pharmacies that custom-mix so-called bioidentical hormones. Pharmacies are allowed to "compound" their own drugs if they have a doctor's prescription for a product not otherwise commercially available. Women began turning to such custom-made treatments in larger numbers after a landmark study in 2002 that found traditional brand-name drugs produced by pharmaceutical companies may raise the risk of heart attack, breast cancer, or stroke. The FDA took action against the pharmacies, which often market their compounds online, for three main reasons. It said the businesses claimed their mixtures could prevent or treat illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke, and cancer; claimed the mixtures were superior to approved commercial drugs; and used the hormone estriol, a weak estrogen that is not FDA-approved.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-01-09-bioidentical-hormones-fda_N.htm

Government Facilities Sector

20. *January 11, News-Times* – (Connecticut) **Bomb scare disrupts Newtown Middle School.** Newtown Middle School students were evacuated from the school Wednesday morning when a handwritten note was found on a boys' bathroom wall saying "There's a bomb here." Police were called and secured the building. Students were allowed back into the school an hour later, said the superintendent.
- Source: http://www.newstimes.com/latestnews/ci_7941376
21. *January 11, HeraldNet* – (Washington) **Firefighters exposed to asbestos in Everett.** A group of Everett, Washington, firefighters was exposed to unknown levels of asbestos in July while chopping holes in city-owned houses known to contain the dangerous material, according to the state Department of Labor and Industries. A state consultant

concluded that “all (Everett) fire department personnel at sometime during their career” likely have been exposed to asbestos during similar training because the department does not have a system to check for the hazardous material and notify employees, according to the report from a hygiene consultation supervisor with Labor and Industries. The city is working to complete the consultant’s recommendations, Everett spokeswoman said Thursday. Policies are being rewritten and firefighters will receive training on the new policies, she said.

Source: <http://heraldnet.com/article/20080111/NEWS01/974923342>

22. *January 10, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Gas leak stopped at Hendricks County jail.** In Indiana, crews are making repairs after a natural gas leak today at the Hendricks County Jail. Several employees reported smelling natural gas around 11 a.m., and a leak was discovered in a boiler room at the jail, according to a press release from the Hendricks County Sheriff’s Department. Danville Fire Department personnel arrived and ventilated the building. No one was injured, and service has been temporarily disconnected.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080110/LOCAL05/801100540/1003/BUSINESS>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *January 11, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **Cell users invited to sign up for reverse 911 calls.** Operators of Delaware’s reverse 911 system say people may miss lifesaving phone calls because they have given up their landlines for cell phones. Landlines, both listed and unlisted, automatically get the calls. But cell phone users need to call a special number to get signed up. The company that handles the system for the state, FirstCall, say just 57 cell phone users have signed up for the service in Delaware. FirstCall says it will unveil a Web site next week that will allow people to sign up multiple phone numbers, and elect to receive text messages and e-mails in case of an emergency. The state has only used the reverse 911 system once, after a chemical spill near Dover in 2006.

Source:

<http://cbs3.com/delawarewire/22.0.html?type=nplocal&state=DE&category=News&file name=DE--Reverse911.xml>

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Information Technology

24. *January 11, IDG News Service* – (National) **Oracle to ship critical security patches next week.** Oracle plans to fix dozens of flaws in its software products next Tuesday, including critical bugs in the company’s database, e-business suite, and application server. In its first security update of 2008, Oracle will ship 27 security fixes, some of which will affect several products. Oracle outlined some details of the upcoming patches

in a pre-release announcement posted to the company's Web site Thursday afternoon. Oracle releases security patches every three months, a process known as the Critical Patch Update (CPU). Oracle's next most-patched product will be the E-Business Suite, which will receive seven updates, three of which are for bugs that can be remotely exploited by attackers who do not have usernames or passwords for the system. The Oracle Application Server will get six bug-fixes, addressing flaws in components such as the product's BPEL (Business Process Execution Language), Worklist Application, Oracle Forms, and Oracle Internet Directory software. Finally, Oracle is planning four updates for its PeopleSoft and JD Edwards products, as well as one fix each for Oracle Enterprise Manager and the Oracle Collaboration Suite.

Source: http://security.itworld.com/4940/oracle-security-patches-080111/page_1.html

25. *January 10, Computerworld* – (National) **Eight-day IT outage would cripple most companies.** A Gartner Inc. poll shows that most business continuity plans could not withstand a regional disaster because they are built to overcome severe outages lasting only up to seven days. A Gartner analyst said that the results of the poll show that organizations must “mature” their business continuity and disaster recovery strategies to enable IT operations and staffers to endure outages of at least 30 days. Such efforts would require additional IT budget spending and collaboration across enterprise business units at most corporations, she noted. Gartner surveyed 359 IT professionals from the U.S., U.K., and Canada during 2007 on their business continuity efforts, and nearly 60 percent said that their business continuity plans are limited to outages of seven days or less. Further, results showed most companies focus on rebounding from internal IT disruptions, not from regional disasters that could also damage facilities. The survey found that 77 percent of companies have come up with a business continuity plan covering power outages caused by fire, while 72 percent have a plan to get up and running after a natural disaster. Only 50 percent of companies are prepared to rebound from terrorism-related IT outages. The survey showed that 29 percent of organizations now have pandemic recovery measures in place, up from just 8 percent in 2005.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9056798&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

26. *January 10, Computerworld* – (National) **Researcher spots year's first QuickTime bug.** An Italian security researcher who ferreted out the year's first vulnerability for Apple Inc.'s QuickTime media player posted on Thursday proof-of-concept exploit code to security mailing lists and Web sites. The researcher said that the most recent version of QuickTime is prone to a buffer overflow that, if successfully exploited, gives the attacker free rein over a user's computer. He posted information and proof-of-concept code on milw0rm.com, his own Web site and multiple mailing lists. About three hours after he posted his findings on the Bugtraq security mailing list, another Italian researcher reported that his tests indicated only the Windows version is vulnerable. “Tried on QuickTime 7.3.10 running on OSX 10.5.1, and the player doesn't try to connect to port 80 if 554 is closed,” said Barnaba. “So the bug should lie somewhere in the ‘fallback’ that [QuickTime] employs on Windows when finding out that the [RTSP] port is closed.” Apple officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=spam_malware_and_vulnerabilities&articleId=9056878&taxonomyId=85

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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Communications Sector

27. *January 10, USA Today* – (National) **Hope remains for national wireless network.**

Government and public safety officials said Wednesday they remain committed to plans for a national wireless network that could solve critical communication problems during emergencies, even though the most likely builder of the network has shut down.

Industry analysts said Frontline Wireless' demise throws into doubt the viability of the ambitious plan, which would impose unusual constraints on a private operator by forcing it to share airwaves with public safety agencies. The Federal Communications Commission is offering to sell relatively cheaply a chunk of spectrum to a carrier that will agree to share the airwaves with police and fire agencies during crises. Public safety agencies often have been unable to communicate with each other during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina because they use different frequencies. Frontline, backed by Silicon Valley heavyweights and co-founded by the former FCC chairman, was the only prospective bidder that voiced interest in buying the spectrum and sharing it with public safety. But the official said this week the company has ceased operations.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/telecom/2008-01-09-wireless-auction_N.htm

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *January 11, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Storms cause millions in damage.**

The price tag of severe storms and tornadoes in Missouri mounted as damage assessments continued Thursday. In Greene County, a preliminary tally estimates more than \$1.25 million in damages to school buildings in Republic and Springfield, and about \$1.17 million in major damage to commercial structures. The Webster County Office of Emergency Management estimated that county sustained almost \$1.6 million in damages to public infrastructure, primarily roads in the south part of the county that were damaged by flooding. In Webster County, about 75 percent of the roads in the south half of the county sustained flood damage, a Thursday press release said, as well as about 25 percent of the roads to the north.

Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080111/NEWS01/801110379>

29. *January 11, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Deadly severe weather leaves path of destruction across state.** On Thursday severe weather damaged or destroyed a number of homes and businesses across the state of Mississippi. Over 70 homes were reported destroyed or heavily damaged to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. Eight businesses and agricultural facilities were also heavily damaged or destroyed.
Source: <http://www.wjtv.com/gulfcoastwest/jtv/news.apx.-content-articles-JTV-2008-01-11-0001.html>

30. *January 10, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Bomb scare delayed Giuliani speech.** A speech by a U.S. Republican presidential candidate was relocated at the last minute because of a bomb threat. The speech began an hour late in a nearby airport hanger yesterday after six Harris Corp. buildings were evacuated by the threat.
Source:
<http://www.ndtv.com/convergence/ndtv/story.aspx?id=NEWEN20080038182&ch=1/10/2008%208:31:00%20AM>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

31. *January 11, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Vandals hit towns close to Roosevelt on same night.** Authorities are investigating whether anti-Semitic and other graffiti, spray-painted in Roosevelt, New Jersey, and in two nearby Mercer County towns are related. The monument honoring former President Franklin D. Roosevelt was among the vandalized areas. Some residents thought that the vandalism was more random, rather than aimed specifically at Roosevelt. Others, however, have noted specifics in the vandalism that suggest an old-style attack directed at Roosevelt. For example, the spray-painting included a hammer and sickle and “Commi,” suggesting Communism, along with the words “You didn’t fix the Great Depression” and a disparaging comment about Franklin Roosevelt.
Source:
<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080111/NEWS01/801110409/1004>

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Dams Sector

32. *January 11, Bozeman Daily Chronicle* – (Montana) **Army Corps studying Yellowstone River dike.** Potential flooding of the Yellowstone River poses three primary problems, said a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official studying Livingston, Montana’s elderly dike. Infrastructure and development exist in the floodplain, high river flows are likely, and the existing dike is not certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the project manager for a team that is trying to determine what to do about the dike. Much hinges on the Corps’ decision. Under current

topographic mapping, 200 or more homes on Livingston's east side would be in the designated floodway. FEMA is in charge of designating floodplains and floodways and is remapping areas all over the country to help cities prepare for floods. In addition, the Corps is conducting a 205 study of Livingston's dike, to explore options for getting it into compliance.

Source:

<http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/articles/2008/01/11/news/10floodplain11.txt>

33. *January 11, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Confusion over dam's condition puts spotlight on Indiana's dams.** The director of White County Emergency Management said his office fielded calls until Tuesday night from people who believed the Norway Dam, which was completed in 1923 to create Lake Shafer, had failed and sent a wall of water rushing downstream. The confusion over the dam follows ongoing concerns over the condition of Indiana's 1,100 state-regulated dams, many of which are in need of significant repairs or upgrades. A 2004 report card on the nation's dams by the American Society of Civil Engineers put the estimated cost of upgrading Indiana's most deficient dams at \$199.2 million. An analysis of state records in 2005 by the Journal Gazette and Fort Wayne television station WPTA found that half of Indiana's state-owned dams are in need of significant repairs. That joint report also found that as the state Department of Natural Resources is pressing dam owners to make safety improvements, the state itself owns dams needing significant repairs.

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34. *January 10, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Suspicious activity closes Dillon Dam Road.** Denver Water and Summit County officials have closed Dillon Dam Road due to suspicious activity after police found two men on the dam who said they were filming a music video. Police arrived on the scene to find two men from the Denver area walking the already closed road on foot. The men told police that they knew the road had been closed because of weather conditions and had parked their car at the east Dillon Dam gate. Both men were very cooperative with police and even showed officers footage of what they were filming. Information collected at the scene was forwarded to the Denver Field Office of the FBI, which is the normal protocol when dealing with any suspicious activity involving a public infrastructure like a dam.

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