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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 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Oil prices sink on fears of a recession.** Oil futures dropped sharply Tuesday on mounting concerns that the U.S. economy may be heading toward a recession that would dampen demand for crude. While the Federal Reserve's interest rate cut helped crude futures recover some of their earlier losses,

many investors doubt the move will stave off a serious slowdown. Light, sweet crude for February delivery fell \$1.42 to \$89.15 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange; earlier, it had fallen as low as \$86.11. Oil last traded below \$86 a barrel on December 6. The Fed cut the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans — by three-quarters of a percentage point to 3.5 percent. It was the biggest single cut of its kind in recent memory. Overnight, the average national price of a gallon of gas held steady at \$3.01 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. But prices have fallen 2.3 cents a gallon since Friday.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12400801/>

2. *January 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Groups see dim renewable energy future.** Thousands of renewable energy jobs could be lost unless a tax credit set to expire at the end of this year is extended, industry trade groups said Tuesday. Tax breaks for various clean energy industries, including wind and solar, along with language requiring investor-owned utilities to generate 15 percent of their electricity from renewable sources were left out of the energy bill President Bush signed last month. About \$20 billion in investments yielded nearly 6,000 megawatts of new renewable energy in 2007 along with tens of thousands of jobs nationwide that are now in jeopardy, according to the National Hydropower Association, Geothermal Energy Association, Solar Energy Industries Association, and American Wind Energy Association. The groups urged Congress and the President to include renewable energy tax provisions in any economic stimulus bill being developed.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/newstex/AFX-0013-22430604.htm>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *January 22, Carroll County Times* – (National) **Government serious about chemical security.** The Department of Homeland Security recently announced a delay that exempts farmers and other agricultural facilities from having to complete a vulnerability screening, and the agency is working to make the screening more appropriate for farmers. The screening will help DHS determine if it needs to follow up with individuals to do further vulnerability assessments. It is important to note agriculture fertilizer dealers and pesticide dealers are not exempt and must complete the vulnerability assessment by the January 22 deadline. This extension applies to crop, fruit, nut, and vegetable farms; ranches and rangeland; poultry, dairy, and equine facilities; turfgrass growers; golf courses; nurseries; floriculture operations; and public and private parks. For questions about which category an operation or facility may be in, call DHS directly at 866-323-2957.

Source:

<http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/articles/2008/01/22/features/business/biz973.txt>

4. *January 22, RubberWorld* – (Louisiana) **ExxonMobil completes new facility to supply high-performance polymer compounds.** ExxonMobil Chemical has announced the completion and start-up of a new \$20 million compounding facility in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana, to supply high-performance polymers to the automotive, appliance, and specialty consumer products industries. The facility was designed for flexible and efficient production of high quality and consistent products. It will manufacture a broad spectrum of products including Exxtral thermoplastic olefins and Santoprene thermoplastic compounds for interior, exterior, and under-the-hood automotive applications, and other specialty materials for appliance, packaging, personal care, construction, and electrical end uses.

Source: <http://www.rubberworld.com/news.asp?action=showart&id=10128>

5. *January 20, News-Gazette* – (Illinois) **Clinton residents, company at odds on chemical waste.** Some DeWitt County residents are concerned over a proposal by a landfill company to store chemical wastes at the Clinton, Illinois, landfill. They have placed a question on the February 5 ballot asking county voters whether they support putting chemical wastes there. Though the ballot question is advisory, its backers hope a show of public opposition will discourage the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from approving an application to store soil-based waste containing PCBs at the landfill. That application was filed October 19 by Clinton landfill owner Area Disposal Services Inc., a subsidiary of Peoria-based Coulter Companies. The landfill, 3 miles south of town on U.S. 51, already has authority to accept other types of PCB waste. According to the application, Area Disposal wants to devote 22.5 acres of its 225-acre landfill to store soils containing chemical wastes. Area Disposal vice president said the site will not accept liquid PCBs, which by law must be incinerated. Area Disposal cannot begin to store soil-based PCBs until it gets an EPA permit. An EPA spokeswoman said the application is under review, and no date has been set for a decision on Area Disposal's petition. The process typically takes 12 to 18 months.

Source: http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2008/01/20/squaring_off_residents_company_find

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *January 22, Daily Journal* – (Illinois) **Funding cuts may curtail nuclear waste recycling program.** An innovative proposal that could have brought the nation's first nuclear waste recycling plant to Morris, Illinois, may be in jeopardy. Congressional funding cuts and criticisms levied against the plan by the National Academy of Sciences have hurt the plan to use nuclear waste to generate electricity. Enough radioactive waste has accumulated at Braidwood Nuclear Generating Station since it opened in 1988 to cover an acre six inches deep. About 1,000 metric tons of spent uranium fuel rods currently are resting underneath 25 feet of water in a protective storage pool that will reach its capacity next year. The dwindling storage capacity for such wastes is a mounting problem at nuclear power plants across the nation. The U.S. Department of Energy has been exploring using such waste to generate electricity while burning off its most radioactive components at General Electric's operation in Morris. A DOE spokesman said local public hearings will be announced in the coming weeks to address whether to continue the program at all.

Source: <http://daily-journal.com/archives/dj/display.php?id=412383>

7. *January 20, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Candlelight vigil to protest new power plants tonight.** Local environmental advocacy groups from Asheville, North Carolina, planned to hold a candlelight vigil at 8 p.m. on Sunday in Pritchard Park to express opposition to new power plants. They also asked people to turn off their lights for 15 minutes at 9 p.m. in opposition to new power plants, including Duke Energy's proposed new boiler at its Cliffside plant in Rutherford County. Environmental groups and others have come out against the utility's \$1.8 billion expansion project. Duke says the new boiler is necessary to meet increasing electricity demand and is cleaner than the current boilers used at the plant. But environmental advocacy groups say the new unit would be detrimental to people's health and the environment, as would any new coal-fired plant.
- Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200880119050>

8. *January 19, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Windham County senators want study of nuclear waste.** The two senators from Windham County, Vermont, want to find the best storage location in the entire state for Vermont Yankee nuclear plant's high-level radioactive waste now that a federal facility is decades, if not centuries, away, according to legislation they introduced this week. They have also introduced another Vermont Yankee bill that would define the terms of the proposed independent safety assessment. The study is due to be conducted at the plant before the state decides whether the reactor can keep operating for another 20 years. Entergy Nuclear, the owner of Vermont Yankee, is expected to start transferring its oldest fuel out of an underwater fuel storage facility at the reactor and put it in air-cooled concrete casks stored next to the plant and on the banks of the Connecticut River. The spokesman for Entergy Nuclear said Friday the two bills were unnecessary.
- Source:
<http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/RH/20080119/NEWS02/801190342/1003/NEWS02>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *January 22, CACI* – (National) **CACI awarded \$25 million contract to continue support for naval shipyard training and education programs.** CACI International Inc. announced Tuesday that it has been awarded a \$25 million task order by the Naval Sea Systems Command to continue support of the comprehensive Naval Shipyard Training and Education Program (NSTEP). The task order was awarded under the Seaport II Enhanced contract vehicle, with the five-year contract calling for one base year, one option year, and three performance-based years. CACI will perform the work at the Naval Sea Systems Command headquarters, Naval shipyards, and maintenance facilities in the U.S. and Japan. Collectively, Naval shipyards perform approximately \$3 billion worth of business a year and employ a workforce of about 25,000. NSTEP, formerly the Integrated Project Team Development process, is a large-scale, shipyard-wide approach to enhancing the U.S. Navy's Industrial Base capabilities. The program will provide centralized, competency-based learning solutions that support workforce

development and drive improved business operations

Source:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/NETU01522012008-1.htm>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *January 22, Frost Illustrated* – (Indiana) **Indiana AG warns of new telephone scam.**

The attorney general of Indiana is alerting Hoosiers about a telephone scam that attempts to obtain residents' bank account or social security numbers and other personal identifying information. The callers indicate new Social Security Cards or free medical cards are being sent and they need to verify some personal information. If citizens receive a call, they are urged to hang up and report the call to the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Division online at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

Source: <http://www.frostillustrated.com/full.php?sid=2744>

11. *January 21, Nashville Business Journal* – (Tennessee) **City's stolen laptops recovered, names intact.**

The Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Police Department has recovered a hard disk from the stolen Election Commission laptop computer, which posed the greatest risk to Nashville voters' privacy, police officials say. A preliminary examination of the hard drive by the department's computer experts shows that it contains the intact names and Social Security numbers of more than 335,000 Davidson County voters, police say. The laptop was recovered after police made an arrest in the theft, which roiled the legal and political waters of Nashville after Christmas.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/stories/2008/01/21/daily2.html>

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Transportation Sector

12. *January 21, USA Today* – (National) **Airports to inspect ID cards with black lights.**

Airport screeners are starting to use handheld black lights this month to examine driver's licenses and other passenger ID cards presented at checkpoints to spot forgeries or tampering. Passengers with suspicious documents can be questioned by police or immigration agents. Black lights will help screeners inspect the ID cards by illuminating holograms, typically of government seals, that are found in licenses and passports. Screeners also are getting magnifying glasses that highlight tiny inscriptions found in the borders of passports and other IDs. About 2,100 of each are going to the nation's 800 airport checkpoints.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-01-20-blacklights_N.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *January 22, Bloomberg* – (National) **Kroger bean salad recalled.** Kroger Co., the largest U.S. grocery chain, is recalling tri-bean salad sold at its deli counters in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming because of potential contamination that might cause botulism in consumers. The beans were sold to Kroger by New Era Canning Co., which issued an earlier voluntary recall of all canned green beans and garbanzo beans produced in the last five years, because they might be contaminated with germs that cause botulism, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said on its Web site.

Source:

<http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080122/BIZ/80121016/1076/BIZ>

14. *January 21, Xinhua* – (International) **Seoul to lift ban against U.S. beef imports.** The South Korean government may gradually lift all of its restrictions on U.S. beef imports despite continuing safety concerns among the public, the Korea Herald reported on Monday. The move is aimed at winning approval from the Democratic-led U.S. Congress for the South Korea-U.S. free trade agreement waiting to be ratified by the legislators of both countries, the daily said. Full reopening of South Korea's beef market has been cited as the key to persuading U.S. legislators to pass the pact, which studies show would bolster trade between the two major trading partners. Seoul partially lifted the ban in January 2006, accepting only boneless beef from cattle younger than 30 months old, but suspended imports last year after bone fragments were found in several shipments. The United States, which exported \$850 million-worth of beef to South Korea in 2003, was the third-largest beef exporting nation to the country after Australia and New Zealand.

Source: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-01/21/content_7463994.htm

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Water Sector

15. *January 22, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Cold cuts Monroe water flow.** In Monroe, Michigan, city water operations could flow more smoothly today after freezing temperatures caused a nearly daylong water emergency, officials said late Monday. Because of ice blocking intake lines, the city was unable Monday to draw water from Lake Erie for treatment and send it to customers. The emergency meant halting nonessential water usage for some 40,000 customers in order to prolong reserves, said the city's director of water and utilities. The River Raisin was used as an alternative drawing/treating source while crews worked, but usage restrictions could be lifted today, he said. The Monroe plant has been recognized as the state's oldest continuously

running facility.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080122/METRO/801220335>

16. *January 22, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Chemicals in Arizona water could trigger serious ills.** Arizona scientists are researching chemicals in the state water supply that could lead to cancer, infertility, birth defects and other health problems. The chemicals, endocrine disruptors, mimic certain hormones and interrupt or exaggerate chemical reactions, leading to potential health threats, scientists said. Endocrine disruptors can be found in pharmaceuticals, soaps, plastics, fabrics, cosmetics, soft drinks and other common household and industrial products. They get into the water supply through drains, sewers and agricultural runoff. One team of scientists identified higher-than-expected concentrations of the disruptors in Arizona rivers. Two other teams are trying to determine how damaging the disruptors can be to people by studying their effect on wildlife along the rivers. “The presence of those compounds, however, in small concentrations was enough to have a significant effect.”

Source: <http://www.tucsoncitizen.com/daily/local/74712.php>

17. *January 19, Intelligencer Journal* – (Pennsylvania) **Lititz has new water mystery.** A mysterious appearance of rust-colored water in Lititz Run was investigated by state and industry officials late Friday afternoon. The discovery was made barely a week after Lititz Borough tap water was tested for an unexplained minty odor and taste and officials took four wells out of service as a precaution. A representative of Severn Trent Environmental Services, Inc. said the new discovery appears to be the result of suspended solids that colored the stream where the water emerges from underground and forms the head of Lititz Run. He said Lititz Run will be monitored to see if the discoloration continues downstream, indicating something more is washing into the stream. A Department of Environmental Protection spokesman said Lititz Run water samples will be tested Tuesday for odors that could indicate volatile organic compounds and metals traced to inorganic compounds. He said a DEP field inspector saw orange coloring on algae on the sides and bottom of the streambed, but no discoloration of the water Friday. A statement last week from Severn Trent said, “There are no known health concerns. The water-treatment plant is operating normally, and water is being disinfected as required.”

Source: <http://local.lancasteronline.com/4/215347>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *January 22, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **India risks bird flu ‘disaster’, human cases feared.** India’s worst ever outbreak of bird flu could turn into a disaster, an official warned Tuesday, as five people were reportedly quarantined with symptoms of the virus. Eight districts in the eastern state of West Bengal have been hit by the virus, and dead birds are being sold and locals said to be “feasting” on cheap chicken. The state’s animal resources minister said authorities were “determined to cull all poultry in the districts in three or four days, otherwise the state will face a disaster.” More than

100,000 bird deaths have been reported, and teams are racing to cull two million chickens and ducks. The Times of India reported five people in West Bengal have been quarantined with “clinical symptoms” of avian flu -- including fever, coughing, sore throat, and muscle ache -- after handling affected poultry. If the tests are positive, this will be the first case of human infection in India, home to 1.1 billion people and hit by bird flu among poultry three times since 2006.

Source: <http://asia.news.yahoo.com/080122/afp/080122092518int.html>

19. *January 22, Reuters* – (International) **Bird flu spotted in poultry in northern Turkey.** Turkish authorities said on Tuesday that they had spotted the deadly bird flu virus among chickens in a village in the northern Black Sea region. The virus was found among dead chickens that were collected from Saz village in Zonguldak province on Saturday and following examinations the bird flu virus was detected, the Agriculture Ministry said in a statement. The village was put under quarantine and all animal movements were halted, the Agriculture Ministry’s General Director of Protection and Control told Kanal 24 television. He said the authorities had not begun culling poultry in the region because the case looks like a limited one. The authorities did not confirm whether it was the H5N1 strain of bird flu.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/middleeastCrisis/idUSL22688149>

20. *January 22, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Epidemic superbug strains evolved from one bacterium.** The drug-resistant “superbugs” that have appeared in day care centers, schools, locker rooms, and prisons across the United States in the last five years stem from one rapidly evolving bacterium, US scientists said Monday in a study that appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Scientists studying the genetic make-up of these bugs, which are resistant to almost all antibiotics, say they are nearly identical clones that have emerged from a single bacterial strain, which they have dubbed USA300. “The USA300 group of strains appears to have extraordinary transmissibility and fitness,” said a researcher with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Hamilton, Montana. “We anticipate that new USA300 derivatives will emerge within the next several years and that these strains will have a wide range of disease-causing potential.” What is particularly worrying to health authorities is that the MRSA infections, (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*) have spread beyond their traditional hospital setting, seeding an epidemic in the wider community.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/ussciencesuperbug>

21. *January 21, HealthDay* – (National) **Flu vaccination rates lower than expected.** Flu vaccination rates among children and high-risk adults in the U.S. are much lower than expected. That means that millions of people would be unprotected if there is a major flu outbreak, says a report released Monday by the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital National Poll on Children’s Health. The latest online survey of 2,131 adults was conducted in December. It found that among households with children ages 5 and younger, there was only a 36 percent vaccination rate. Another 18 percent of households said they still planned to vaccinate their children this season. The poll also found that flu vaccination rates among high-risk adults -- those ages 50 and older and

those with chronic diseases -- were well below national target levels.

Source: <http://health.usnews.com/usnews/health/healthday/080121/health-highlights-jan-21-2008.htm>

Government Facilities Sector

22. *January 22, WHMI 93.5 Howell* – (Michigan) **Bomb scare at Smith Elementary School in Fowlerville.** A bomb threat at Smith Elementary School in Fowlerville, Michigan, caused some chaos Tuesday morning. A bomb threat was left on a teacher's voicemail during the night and she immediately notified authorities this morning. Classes start at 8:50am and when students began arriving, they were sent over to Kreeger Elementary as a safety precaution. A Michigan State Police bomb dog was brought in and cleared the building. Students returned to class at around 11am.
Source: <http://www.whmi.com/news/article/article5756.php>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *January 22, Redding Pilot* – (Connecticut) **Area police radios can now be in sync.** New equipment, recently awarded to the Redding Police Department through a federal grant, will now allow officers from different departments in the area to communicate with each other through their individual radios, when responding to the same scene. The device, called an Incident Commander's Radio Interface, ICRI, interconnects municipal public safety radios, state and federal radios, and telephones in minutes. It is not for regional communication, but for a small topographical area, such as at an accident, or fire scene. The grant was awarded to the Redding Police Department, in conjunction with agencies throughout the Housatonic Valley Region, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program or CEDAP. Officers will receive training to use the system through the grant. Multiple police agencies respond with different radio frequencies, the police chief explained, but this will allow police departments to lock-in to one another through their individual radios at a scene instead of having to tie radio frequencies together. "CEDAP provides emergency response agencies with the equipment and technology they need to fulfill their homeland security mission," a letter to the police chief said. "It is an important component of a larger, coordinated effort to strengthen our nation's overall preparedness baseline." CEDAP's primary focus, it continued, is to enhance regional response capabilities, mutual aid, and interoperable communities in jurisdictions ineligible to receive assistance under the Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative.
Source: <http://www.acorn-online.com/news/publish/redding/27823.shtml>
24. *January 22, KTRK 13 Houston* – (National) **Disaster plan set for release today.** Nearly two and a half years ago, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf coast, and caused an uproar over the government's response to people trapped in New Orleans. Today the Bush administration is set to unveil a new disaster plan. According to the Washington

Post, which obtained a copy of the new plan, the Bush administration is streamlining the chain of command that failed after Hurricane Katrina. The new plan is basically giving power back to FEMA to coordinate federal disaster operations. FEMA's power was diminished under the administration's previous plan, which was used just once. The Secretary of Homeland Security appointed his own officer to oversee the disaster response. Under the new plan, which is only 90 pages long, the head of FEMA will appoint the top coordinating officer in the event of a disaster. Those familiar with the new plan say this will help clarify responsibility in the hopes of ending the confusion that caused critical delays in the days following Katrina. The new plan is said to be a simpler guide to how federal, state, and local governments, along with private and nonprofit groups, respond to disasters. A press conference is set for this afternoon at 2 p.m. to announce the new framework.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=5906167>

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Information Technology

25. *January 21, Computerworld* – (International) The Internet is down -- now what?

According to the recent Business Roundtable report, "Growing Business Dependence on the Internet — New Risks Require CEO Action," there is a 10 to 20 percent chance of a "breakdown of the critical information infrastructure" in the next 10 years, brought on by "malicious code, coding error, natural disasters, [or] attacks by terrorists and other adversaries." An Internet meltdown would result in reduced productivity and profits, falling stock prices, erosion of consumer spending and potentially a liquidity crisis, the report says. The organization based its conclusions on earlier risk analyses done by the World Economic Forum in Geneva. The director of public policy at The Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs from large U.S. companies, says business executives often fail to realize how dependent they have become on the public network — for e-mail, collaboration, e-commerce, public-facing and internal Web sites, and information retrieval by employees. He also notes that disaster recovery and business-continuity plans often fail to take into account the threat an Internet disruption poses to a company and its suppliers. Moreover, business executives often mistakenly believe that government will take the lead in restoring network services in the face of an Internet failure, he says. "What we wanted to do in this report is say to CEOs, 'You may not realize that whole segments of your business are almost completely dependent on the Internet, and it's not enough to have a few IT specialists to help you respond to problems as they come up.'"

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=309873&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/>.

Communications Sector

26. *January 22, TechWorld.com* – (National) **Malicious MMS worm hits Nokia handsets.**

Security vendor Fortinet has uncovered a malicious SymbianOS Worm that is actively spreading on mobile phone networks. Fortinet's threat response team warned on Monday that the worm, identified as SymbOS/Beselo.A!worm, is able to run on several Symbian S60 enabled devices. These include the Nokia 6600, 6630, 6680, 7610, N70, and N72 handsets. The malware is disguised as a multimedia file (MMS) with an evocative name: either Beauty.jpg, Sex.mp3, or Love.rm. Fortinet warned this is deceiving users into unknowingly installing the malicious software onto their phones. Unlike Microsoft Windows, SymbianOS types files based on their contents and not their extensions, so it is worth noting that recipients of infected MMS would still be presented with an installation dialogue upon "clicking" on the attachment. "Therefore, users could easily be deceived by the extension and unknowingly install the malicious piece of software," warned Fortinet. After installation, the worm harvests all the phone numbers located in the phone's contact lists and targets them with a viral MMS carrying a SIS-packed (Symbian Installation Source) version of the worm. In addition to harvesting these numbers, the malware also sends itself to generated numbers as well. Interestingly, all these numbers are located in China so far and belong to the same mobile phone operator. Some of these numbers have been verified to belong to actual customers, rather than being premium service numbers. The manager of Fortinet's Threat Response Team, EMEA, and the man who conducted the research and discovered this malicious activity, told Techworld that this is not just another 'theoretical' mobile worm that nobody will ever encounter. "It is actual spreading in the wild," he said, "although numbers are still pretty low."

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=mobile_and_wireless&articleId=9058330&taxonomyId=15

Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *January 21, Homeland Security Today* – (Arizona) **Stolen credentials, uniforms is a concern of Super Bowl security officials.** Security for Super Bowl XLII, to be played at the University of Phoenix Stadium on February 3, is being described as "unprecedented," and will include both covert and overt measures like bomb-sniffing dogs from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms trained to ferret out liquid explosives. But the federal government's terrorism threat assessment of the upcoming game outlines concerns about stolen official law enforcement credentials, uniforms, weapons, and other equipment that could be used to "infiltrate" the stadium complex to carry out an attack. While the assessment makes clear that the Intelligence Community "has not identified a credible terrorist threat to Super Bowl XLII and its related events," one of the three "key findings" of the nine-page threat assessment is that "the threats of

greatest concern” during events like this “include individuals impersonating law enforcement and other security personnel and insiders to facilitate attacks.” The assessment states that “the list of stolen equipment includes access cards; ammunition; body armor; firearms; Kevlar helmets; marked and unmarked emergency services, fire, and police vehicles; official badges and credentials; radios; raid shirts and jackets; rifles; uniforms; and weapons.” While the assessment notes that “such thefts ... are common in large metropolitan areas,” they nevertheless “increase the risk that unauthorized individuals may use insignia, official equipment, and uniforms to gain access to sensitive areas during Super Bowl events.”

Source:

http://www.hstoday.us/Kimery_Report/20080118_Super_Bowl_Threat_Assessment_Points_Out_Vulnerabilities_of_High_profile_Events.cfm

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

28. *January 19, Muskegon Chronicle* – (Michigan) **Student arraigned for ‘tagging’ monument.** A 19-year-old Kendall College student faces up to five years in prison for allegedly painting a type of stencil graffiti on markers at the Veterans Memorial Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The student is charged with felony malicious destruction of property involving tombs or memorials. A state representative said he plans to work with other lawmakers to make the destruction or defacing of war memorials, war monuments, and veteran monuments a separate offense. A proposed bill would carry penalties of up to five years behind bars and a \$10,000 fine or three times the cost of the damage, whichever is greater.

Source: http://blog.mlive.com/chronicle/2008/01/update_student_arraigned_for_t.html

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Dams Sector

29. *January 21, Milford Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Earthen dam poses risk to development.** A dam at the DelCorte conservation area is at risk of collapsing, according to a report released last week. Town engineering consultants did not give a time frame for the possible failure during a presentation at the Conservation Commission Thursday, but they did categorize the dam as a “significant” hazard, not a “high” one. While only one of the seven earthen dams - Number 3, in the middle of the 130-acre property - poses a threat, the others could collapse, too. Over the years, trees have sprouted on the structures, tearing the dams apart with their roots, and water flow has changed paths because of beaver activity and is now eroding the man-made structures.

Source: <http://www.milforddailynews.com/news/x281582902>

30. *January 20, KBCI 2 Boise* – (Idaho) **Dangerous dam.** During a routine inspection, the Bureau of Reclamation realized the Lake Lowell Dam in Idaho was damaged to the point it could threaten lives and a 19 million dollar project was launched to repair the

dam. On the Caldwell side of the dam, the entire concrete conduit was removed and will be replaced, while on the Nampa side, a 20 foot section of the conduit is being fixed.

Source: <http://www.2news.tv/news/local/13936327.html>

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