



# Department of Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 26 November 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to Continuity Central, a new University of Minnesota report is the first to conceptualize what happens when a pandemic disrupts the fuel supply chain for electricity. (See item [1](#))
- The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports that about 20 operators who dispatch Seattle police to emergency calls had to be evacuated Monday afternoon after a potentially hazardous material was found in the dispatch center. (See item [23](#))

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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. *November 25, Continuity Central* – (National) **U.S. electrical supply is highly vulnerable during pandemic conditions.** Reliable mining and delivery of coal, which generates nearly half the United States’ electricity, must be safeguarded to keep water and sewerage systems running, lights on, and vaccine and critical drugs available during a pandemic, according to a new University of Minnesota report, “Pandemic Influenza, Electricity, and the Coal Supply: Addressing Crucial Preparedness Gaps in the United States.” The report is the first to conceptualize what happens when a pandemic disrupts the fuel supply chain for electricity. The authors outline a four-point plan to reduce the risk of losing electricity, particularly in large portions of the Midwest and Eastern states during a pandemic. The authors challenge policymakers and industry

leaders to take the following steps: build and maintain coal stocks at power plants year-round at the same level the industry maintains for summer months; place coal miners and supporting infrastructure personnel in the highest priority levels for pandemic response; plan for disruptions in the coal supply chain; and anticipate and develop strategies for responding to disruptions in electrical service.

Source: <http://continuitycentral.com/news04288.html>

2. *November 25, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Federal report cites safety issues at Texas plant.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released a 36-page report on the Delek refinery to the Tyler Morning Telegraph after Thursday's fire and explosion at the company's Tyler, Texas, plant. It lists safety violations at the Delek Refining Ltd. plant from earlier this year that include failing to ensure valves were properly configured and an inability to show structures followed blast resistance guidelines. OSHA cited Delek on February 19 saying the company "did not document that the equipment in the process complies with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices." Federal regulators also fined Delek for not ensuring that valves were properly configured, leaving rotating shafts unguarded, and storing unlabeled containers of hazardous materials on site. Workers also did not wear proper protective clothing when working with hot oil, according to the report.

Source:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/APStories/stories/D94LQOBG0.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

3. *November 25, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **1 of 3 reactors at Palo Verde closed for fix.** One of the three reactors at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station shut down Friday to fix a turbine cooling-system leak, reducing output. "The health and safety of the public is not affected," a spokeswoman said. "This is on the non-nuclear side of the plant." The fix could take several weeks, she said, leaving Arizona Public Service Co. (APS) and the plant's other owners buying replacement power from coal or natural-gas power plants. The APS chief nuclear officer said the utility was not forced to shut the reactor down to repair the small leak of hydrogen used to cool the freight-train-size turbine. The low-energy demand in November provides a good opportunity to make the fix. The APS chief nuclear officer has known about the problem in Unit 2 for more than 30 days, but he wanted to wait until Unit 1 was brought back online last week after a refueling shutdown.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/business/articles/2008/11/25/20081125biz-paloverde1125.html>

4. *November 25, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Nuclear plant to pay fine for fish kill.** The Oyster Creek nuclear plant in Ocean County, New Jersey will pay a \$67,859 fine for killing more than 5,000 fish during two unplanned shutdowns. The U.S. Environmental Protection Department assessed the fine after reviewing the incidents, which happened in 2006 and 2007. A plant spokesman says the company has a responsibility to take care of the environment.  
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--nukeplantfined1125nov25,0,1418996.story>
  
5. *November 25, Times Argus* – (Vermont) **Federal panel favors analysis of Yankee.** A federal panel reviewing Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power plant’s request for a license extension has partially upheld an advocacy group’s opposition to that approval. However, the ruling by the three-judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board panel of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission seems unlikely to pose a major obstacle to the plant’s plans to continue operating beyond 2012. A spokesman for plant owner Entergy Nuclear said the company is already doing the additional analysis required by the panel before a new license can be granted. Nuclear watchdog New England Coalition raised several technical concerns about the requested license extension. Two of the three, related to the plan for dealing with wear and corrosion of some parts of the plant including the steam dryer, were decided in the plant’s favor by the panel. However, the judges decided that the coalition may be correct to raise worries about the aging of several metal nozzles that are part of the reactor. Although the panel did not go as far as the coalition would have liked, the judges did require that Entergy must do more analysis of that nozzle wear before it can be given permission to keep operating.  
Source:  
<http://www.timesargus.com/article/20081125/NEWS01/811250360/1002/NEWS01>
  
6. *November 24, Daily News Online* – (Oregon) **Trojan decommissioning complete, but fuel rods remain.** Portland General Electric says it is largely finished decommissioning the former Trojan nuclear power plant bordering the Columbia River south of Rainier. A spokesman said the company finished tearing down Trojan’s “containment building,” which once housed the plant’s nuclear reactor, this fall. “There are no plans to remove anything further,” the spokesman said. The demolition, which involved smashing apart concrete walls, was one of the final steps in the decades-long process of removing buildings from the landmark plant after it shut down in 1993. The plant is the first large-scale commercial nuclear facility in the United States to be decommissioned, the company said. All that remains of the nuclear facility, which began operating in 1976, are radioactive fuel rods, contained in concrete casks and guarded around the clock. Those, the spokesman said, will remain at the site until the federal Yucca Mountain radioactive storage facility opens in Nevada. The last of the fuel rod assemblies is scheduled to ship to Yucca Mountain in 2030, the spokesman said.  
Source:  
[http://www.tdn.com/articles/2008/11/25/top\\_story/doc492b9b8c7cf16893724531.txt](http://www.tdn.com/articles/2008/11/25/top_story/doc492b9b8c7cf16893724531.txt)

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *November 24, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. missile-warning satellite fails.** A Northrop Grumman Corp U.S. military satellite used to track enemy missiles stopped working in mid-September, underscoring the urgent need to keep a program for replacement satellites on track. Space News reported on November 24 that the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer has signed a memorandum asking Congress to provide \$117 million in funding in fiscal 2009 for a new satellite to hedge against a potential gap in satellite coverage around 2014. An analyst at the Virginia-based Lexington Institute said he had learned of the problem with the Defense Support Program (DSP) satellite from several sources, and it underscored the urgency of getting the new Space Based Infrared Satellite (SBIRS) system being developed by Lockheed Martin Corp into orbit. The U.S. government has launched 23 DSP missile-warning satellites into space since 1970, and experts estimate that six to 10 are still working, about double the number needed to watch the entire Earth at once. The DSP-follow-on SBIRS program has seen its share of problems, including delays due to technology challenges, and Lockheed is rewriting software for the satellites after software problems prevented communication with a smaller satellite once it went into orbit in late 2006.

Source:

[http://mobile.reuters.com/mobile/m/FullArticle/CMOSTR/nwtMostRead\\_uUSTRE4AN8FK20081124](http://mobile.reuters.com/mobile/m/FullArticle/CMOSTR/nwtMostRead_uUSTRE4AN8FK20081124)

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## Banking and Finance Sector

8. *November 25, Kerrville Daily Times* – (Connecticut) **Text scam tries to fool bank customers.** The Bank of the Hills Regional CEO is warning customers not to give information to unknown sources after area cell phones owners were inundated with text messages that stated that Bank of the Hills debit cards had been deactivated. The message also provided a reactivation phone number. According to the CEO, the text messages were sent out beginning Friday to Verizon and Sprint customers and blanketed the area. The Kerrville Police Department received two reports of the scam as of Monday afternoon. Callers to the number were offered two options — to activate the card or to change the PIN number. After choosing an option, callers are prompted to give personal information, such as their debit card and personal identification numbers. A KPD spokesman said one of the victims' bank accounts was emptied the day after responding to the text.

Source: <http://unified-communications.tmcnet.com/news/2008/11/25/3812984.htm>

9. *November 24, Business First of Columbus* – (California) **U.S. Bancorp takes over 2 California banks.** U.S. Bancorp took over Downey Savings and Loan Association F.A. and PFF Bank & Trust late Friday, ending several weeks of speculation about the financially strapped, southern California institutions. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. handled the deal, ensuring that the combined 213 California branches of both banks will reopen as U.S. Bank. Customer deposits will automatically transfer to U.S.

Bank, owned by Minneapolis-based U.S. Bancorp, while all accounts are insured by the FDIC.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/stories/2008/11/24/daily6.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

10. *November 25, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Bomb scare closes Broadway at C-470.**  
A motorist spotted a plastic bin containing white cylinders with wires coming out of the pipes on Broadway near C-470 early Tuesday morning. Douglas County’s bomb squad was called in to investigate the bin, closing down both directions of Broadway. The ramps from C-470 were shut down, preventing traffic to get on Broadway. C-470 remained open. The bomb squad X-rayed the plastic container which was 3 feet by 2 1/2 feet in diameter and found it was a concrete pouring sample. The sample is used in strength-testing of the concrete in road construction projects. It is made up of plastic pipes with wires coming from the pipes. Broadway was reopened to traffic at 5:45 a.m.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/18056818/detail.html#->
  
11. *November 24, Aviation Herald* – (Texas) **Accident: American MD82 near Austin, green laser injures crew member.** On November 22, an American Airlines McDonnell Douglas MD-82, flight AA479 from Dallas Fort Worth to Austin, Texas, was on approach to Austin approximately 10nm out, when an intense green laser was flashed at the cockpit. The crew managed to land their airplane safely. One crew member received an eye injury and had to be transported to a hospital.  
Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=410991aa>
  
12. *November 24, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Armed man on train wanted revenge.** Charging documents say a man seen with an assault rifle in a Baltimore cab intended revenge, not harm to any public officials in Washington. Charging documents say the 25-year-old told the unlicensed cab driver he “wanted a ride to ‘D.C., to the White House.’” The man told police, “he was going to Washington to shoot the people that shot him.” The cabbie forced the man out at a MARC station after seeing the weapon under a blanket, and then flagged down police. The man boarded a MARC commuter train. But as police arrived, he fled and jumped about 20 feet to the street, breaking his ankle. Police charged him Friday with weapons offenses, concealment, and possession of an illegal rifle and magazine. He waived a bail hearing Friday.  
Source: <http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=25&sid=1525072>
  
13. *November 24, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* – (National) **DHS announces new requirements for maritime cargo carriers and importers.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced Monday new information requirements on maritime cargo destined for the United States. The Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements interim final rule will require maritime cargo carriers and importers to submit additional data to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) before vessels are permitted entry into the country. The rule requires carriers to submit a vessel stow plan and container status messages under certain scenarios where cargo

containers are destined for the United States. The rule also requires importers or their agents to submit an Importer Security Filing (ISF) with eight data elements, no later than 24 hours before the cargo is laden aboard a vessel destined for the United States. Based on the information obtained during the structured review and public comment periods, CBP will conduct an analysis of the elements subject to flexibility. The analysis will examine compliance costs for various industry segments, the impact of the flexibilities, the barriers to submitting the data 24 hours prior to lading, and the benefits of collecting the data. Based upon the analysis, DHS will determine whether to eliminate, modify, or maintain these requirements.

Source: [http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr\\_1227546762516.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1227546762516.shtm)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

14. *November 24, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey firm recalls ground beef products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination.** Dutch Prime Foods, Inc., a Long Branch, New Jersey firm, is recalling approximately 345 pounds of ground beef products because they may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today. Five-pound and 10-pound vacuum sealed plastic bags of “Dutch Prime Foods Hamburger” are subject to recall. These ground beef products were produced on November 18 and distributed to restaurants in New Jersey. The problem was discovered through a routine FSIS sampling procedure. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_044\\_2008\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_044_2008_Release/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

15. *November 25, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **MSD to pay fine, fix or remove plant.** The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) agreed to pay a \$230,000 penalty to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and either eliminate its Jeffersontown waste-water treatment plant or fix problems there by the end of 2015. The new agreement, which includes deadlines for several smaller treatment plants in eastern Jefferson County, replaces one announced in 2005 to fix much of Jefferson County’s antiquated sewer system. That system each year spills about four billion gallons of sewage into local waterways. A key change to the agreement with the EPA is regulators’ requirement that MSD eliminate overflow problems at Jeffersontown and several other small plants much earlier than the previous deadline of 2024. A senior

MSD engineer said MSD has agreed to take steps to reduce the blending, improve the plant's operation and keep better records at Jeffersontown and other plants.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20081125/ZONE03/81125001/1008/NEWS01>

16. *November 24, Water Technology Online* – (New York) **Divers work to repair deep NYC water tunnel.** Six deep-sea divers are being used by New York City to start solving a problem the city has ignored for years – extensive leaking from one of the large underground tunnels that carry drinking water from the city's Catskill Mountains reservoirs. Water flow in the tunnel has been stopped temporarily to allow the divers to work, but the tunnel will not be emptied for repairs until the city determines what repairs might be needed to prevent a collapse when it is empty. The 13.5-foot diameter Rondout-West Branch tunnel, which is 45 miles long and up to 1,200 feet below ground, has been leaking up to 36 million gallons a day for years. The city recently launched a five-year, \$239 million inspection and repair project which involves the divers. The tunnel supplies about half of the city's drinking water.  
Source: [http://waternet.com/newsprint.asp?print=1&mode=4&N\\_ID=71003](http://waternet.com/newsprint.asp?print=1&mode=4&N_ID=71003)
17. *November 24, Southern Maryland Headline News* – (Maryland) **Raw wastewater discharge reported at Route 5 wastewater pump station.** The Charles County Department of Utilities reports that as a result of a pump station failure on Friday, November 21, the Route 5 Wastewater Pump Station discharged raw sewage in excess of 10,000 gallons into the adjacent stream, which is an unnamed tributary of Jordan Swamp. According to the Department, the pumps at the station failed for an undetermined reason sometime in the afternoon on Thursday, November 20, and the overflow was discovered during a routine station visit during the morning of November 21. Although the Department believes that no environmental or health risks have resulted from this overflow, the public is advised to avoid all contact with water in the adjacent stream and the waters of Jordan Swamp for the next seven days. The cause of the pump failure is under investigation by the Department.  
Source: <http://somd.com/news/headlines/2008/8854.shtml>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

18. *November 24, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Final UTMB layoffs will downgrade Sealy's status.** Five emergency room doctors lost their jobs Monday at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) hospital, part of a purge that will downgrade its trauma center status and contribute to an emergency room shortage in the Houston area, emergency room administrators said. The cuts came as John Sealy Hospital opened its operating rooms, senior care and pediatric operations for the first time since Hurricane Ike struck September 13. The operating rooms closed after only a few hours because of faulty air filters. UTMB laid off 125 doctors and faculty Monday, the last day of a five-day round of layoffs to pare 3,000 jobs from its work force of 12,000. Five emergency room physicians were let go, officials said. The layoffs are expected to cut the \$40 million monthly payroll in half, helping staunch financial losses since Ike temporarily

shut down the hospital and caused \$710 million in damages.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/health/6130824.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *November 25, Express News Service* – (International) **Duty lapse at U.S. Consulate, 3 suspended.** Three armed reserved police personnel were suspended under disciplinary action for not performing their duty at the U.S. Consulate house on Boat club road in Chennai, India, on Monday. The city police, who were patrolling there on Monday morning, found that three security guards deployed at the sentry point of the consulate house were missing. The information was passed on to the top officials and the police immediately sent a disciplinary note to three armed reserved police who were absent at the sentry post. “The three-armed reserved police personnel have deserted the sentry after locking the weapons given to them for security purpose inside the sentry. They should always carry the weapons with them, violating it is a serious offence,” a city police commissioner said.

Source:

<http://www.expressbuzz.com/edition/story.aspx?Title=Duty+lapse+at+US+Consulate,+3+suspended&artid=iBj6MuOzvug=&SectionID=lifojHIWUU=&MainSectionID=lifojHIWUU=&SEO=armed+reserved+police%3B+Duty+lapse%3B+US+Consulate%3B+s&SectionName=rSY%7C6QYp3kQ=>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

20. *November 25, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Arrest in shining of laser light at CHP copter.** For the second time in a week, a Bay Area man has been arrested on suspicion of shining a laser pointer at a law enforcement helicopter, the California Highway Patrol said Monday. El Cerrito police arrested the man shortly before 3 a.m. Monday for shining the blinding beam at the Highway Patrol helicopter, which was about 1,000 feet overhead, authorities said. The pilot was briefly incapacitated by the beam. Another officer onboard spotted where the laser was coming from and called El Cerrito police, who arrested the man near his home, CHP spokesman said. On November 17, the Santa Clara County sheriff’s office arrested a man from Campbell on suspicion of shining a green laser at police helicopters and several other aircraft over the past three years. Similar arrests have been made in Concord and Los Gatos, authorities said.

Source:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/11/25/BAT014BELD.DTL>

21. *November 25, Chambersburg Public Opinion* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire, ambulance crews get \$1M grant.** Fifteen Chambersburg, Pennsylvania-area fire and ambulance companies will split a \$1 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The money enables the companies to purchase new radios that will be compatible with

updated emergency communications systems. The fire chief of West End Fire & Rescue Company of Shippensburg said: “Without this grant our options for financial assistance would have been limited. This has relieved an incredible financial burden on our volunteers.” Franklin County is also spending \$5.5 million for a system that includes high-frequency transmission, nine towers across the county and a communications center in the Cumberland Valley Business Park. The system is to eliminate “dead zones” where emergency radios do not work. Fire and ambulance companies, police departments and municipalities must buy compatible radios. With the radios they will be able to talk directly to each other when coordinating a response to an emergency.

Source: [http://www.publicopiniononline.com/ci\\_11066116](http://www.publicopiniononline.com/ci_11066116)

22. *November 24, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Cook County inmates charged in \$50K phone scam.** Twenty Cook County Jail inmates have been accused of making illegal phone calls. An alleged scam in which inmates placed collect calls to random numbers all over the United States and Canada and pretended to be police officers resulted in about \$50,000 in illegal phone calls over five months, the county sheriff’s department said Monday. Eighteen inmates were charged with felony impersonating a police officer, which carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison. Two face a misdemeanor count of the same charge, officials said.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-jailphonescam,0,7727684.story>

23. *November 24, Seattle Post-Intelligencer* – (Washington) **Possible hazardous liquid in 911 dispatch center.** About 20 operators who dispatch Seattle police to emergency calls had to be evacuated Monday afternoon after a potentially hazardous material was found in the dispatch center. A few dispatchers remained to handle calls. About a half-hour later, all dispatchers began returning after emergency crews found nothing amiss with the air in the center. A spokeswoman for the Seattle Fire Department said the unknown liquid was discovered on the first floor of the call center. Medics treated three people on the scene for minor symptoms, including watery eyes, she said. A private ambulance took one person, who has asthma, to a hospital. A second group of firefighters checked the center, but found nothing hazardous.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/389206\\_hazmatt25.html?source=mypi](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/389206_hazmatt25.html?source=mypi)

24. *November 24, Pryor Daily Times* – (Oklahoma) **Emergency 911 Center built safe.** Several emergency agencies throughout Oklahoma are expressing interest in the new 911 Center in Mayes, Oklahoma. During a Mayes Emergency Service Trust Authority Board meeting, the director said several agencies are looking at the 911 Center as a model for their community. The \$80,500 building is constructed as a safe room. The building is made with 8 inch thick cement walls and ceilings. The building continues 18 inches into the ground. The building is rated to sustain an F4 or F5 tornado. Authorities said the idea was for the 911 Center to maintain service in disastrous situations. The idea of creating a sturdier and safer structure for the 911 Center developed after Mayes County suffered several disasters in less than one year.

Source: [http://www.pryordailytimes.com/local/local\\_story\\_329091824.html](http://www.pryordailytimes.com/local/local_story_329091824.html)

## Information Technology

25. *November 25, InformationWeek* – (International) **Windows Vista, Multimedia Codec vulnerabilities found.** Security researchers at Phion AG, an Austrian firewall company, report that Windows Vista has a TCP/IP vulnerability that could allow a local attacker to take control of an affected system. The vulnerability has been tested on Microsoft Windows Vista Enterprise (32-bit and 64-bit) and Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate (32-bit and 64-bit). The researchers consider it likely that other versions of Vista are affected. Windows XP, however, is not affected. Certain administrative rights are required for the vulnerability to be exploited. This makes it a risk primarily in malicious insider scenarios. The advisory states that Phion notified Microsoft on October 22. It is not immediately clear when Microsoft will address the issue. In any event, Phion's advisory includes details about a temporary fix. Meanwhile, Vietnamese security research group Bach Khoa Internetwork Security (BKIS) has identified a buffer overflow vulnerability in the open source ffdshow multimedia codec that can be used to compromise computers using any Internet browser in which the Windows Media Player plug-in has been installed. The flaw has to do with the way the ffdshow software handles media streams. Upon parsing an extremely long link, ffdshow runs out of memory and returns a buffer-overflow error. This could be exploited by an attacker to execute remote code on the victim's computer.

Source:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/windows/operatingsystems/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=212200255>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Website: <http://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

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *November 23, KDFW 4 Dallas* – (Texas) **Concern over Cowboys stadium security grows.** There are six months to go before the first event is held at the new Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, and police officers and firefighters in the city are expressing concerns over who will pay for and planned security there. Unions representing Arlington's fire and police forces said safety for the new stadium seems to be measured in terms of what the Cowboys are willing to pay rather than what is really

needed. Texas Stadium in Irving is different from other stadiums across the country in that fans can leave the parking lot from any direction and immediately be funneled onto a major freeway. For a home game, the stadium runs anywhere from 120 to 150 officers for security and traffic control. Fifteen firefighters and one engine are also kept in company. But other NFL stadiums keep a much higher number of officers on staff on game days. The Superdome in Louisiana uses 240 officers. The Bucs use around 400 officers in their downtown Tampa stadium. Arlington public safety officials estimate it will take anywhere from 225 to 250 officers to run security and traffic control for game days in Arlington. They want to use 60 firefighters and EMS personnel. If the Cowboys agree with the assessment, they will pay for it. But if the Cowboys do not agree, the city of Arlington will have to pay for the additional staffing. Source:

<http://www.myfoxdfw.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=7929062&version=2&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

### 27. *November 24, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Crews tackle wildfire near Fort Collins.**

Fire crews battled a 40-acre wildfire Monday in the Roosevelt National Forest, 15 miles west of Fort Collins. A total of 50 local, state, and federal firefighters worked to contain the Paradise Fire off Buckhorn Road. No evacuations were ordered.

Firefighters were expected to battle the flames through Sunday night, with air tankers arriving to help Monday morning, according to the U.S. Forest Service. The cause of the fire had not been determined Monday night. Smoke could be seen from downtown Fort Collins throughout the afternoon, officials said. Though Colorado's wildfire season traditionally lasts from May through September, much of northern Colorado remained under a "high" fire risk on the U.S. Forest Service's national danger assessment. The mountains along the northern Front Range, including the Roosevelt National Forest, had a "very high" fire risk, according to the map. So far this year, Colorado's wildland fires have been slightly above the annual average for acres burned over the past ten years, which is 130,465 acres, according to the state forester's office.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_11067304?source=rss](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_11067304?source=rss)

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## **Dams Sector**

### 28. *November 24, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Corps trying to prevent termite damage on levees.** The Army Corps of Engineers is changing the material it uses to seal the joints in flood walls and levees in order to prevent damage caused by Formosan termites. "We've been hearing long before Katrina about the Formosan termite and have investigated it, and we watch for anything that may damage the levee or a flood wall," a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers said. Most of levee wall is not susceptible to termite damage. But the area where termites can feed happens to be the flood and levee wall's most vulnerable spots – the joints. The joints were made

from a material that termites could chew through. The Army Corps of Engineers said it has switched the material it uses to seal flood wall joints. The new material is made of rubber and the termites cannot chew through it. The Corps said the termites may have destroyed some of the filler material in the flood wall joints, but it doubts the termites cause levees to fail. Termites cost more than \$200 million in damage in New Orleans each year. The Formosan breed first appeared in the gulf coast region in the 1940's. Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/18054016/detail.html#->

29. *November 24, Bloomberg* – (Maryland) **Razor-edged mussel found in Maryland river hydroelectric dam.** A prolific, razor-edged mussel that can clog pipes at public water systems and hydroelectric dams has been found for the first time in the lower Susquehanna River in Maryland. A zebra mussel was discovered last month at the Conowingo Hydroelectric Dam inside a water intake pipe, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection said today. The half-inch mussel, named for its striped shell, had yet to attach itself to the structure of the hydroelectric plant. The lone mussel was found October 31 while monitoring juvenile shad migration and was probably carried to the area by a boat. No mussels have been discovered in the lake created by the dam.

Source:

[http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=au\\_Cod3zFfkI&refer=us](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=au_Cod3zFfkI&refer=us)

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