

To: Electricity Sector (ES)
From: ES-ISAC
Date: Friday 07 February 2003, rev-1
SUBJ: CHANGES IN THREAT ALERT LEVELS

(Following this message are the CURRENT Threat Alert Levels and contact information These are also posted at <<http://www.esisac.com>>.)

THE THREAT ALERT LEVELS HAVE BEEN CHANGED AS OF THIS DATE:

US Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Advisory System: HIGH (orange)
Electricity Sector Physical: HIGH (orange) **NO SPECIFIC THREATS**
Electricity Sector Cyber: HIGH (orange) **NO SPECIFIC THREATS**

If there are **SPECIFIC THREATS** directed toward the Electricity Sector (ES), organizations should consider actions that are listed in the Physical and Cyber "Threat Alert System Response Guidelines for the Electricity Sector" <<http://www.esisac.com/library.htm>>. Specific information on actual threats will be conveyed to the specific system/facility owners/operators via: FBI, local Law Enforcement, ES-ISAC.

If there are **NO SPECIFIC THREATS** directed toward the ES, organizations are advised to take actions appropriate to their own facilities and systems. Specific organization responses will likely vary and change over time based upon individual system requirements. The Office of Homeland Security document "Suggested Anti-terrorism Security Measures" <<http://www.esisac.com/library3.htm>> provides additional guidance.

This message does not apply to facilities under the purview of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It is strongly recommended that all ES organizations establish and maintain close working relationships with local FBI and Law Enforcement related specifically to the protection of their facilities from terrorist attack.

Threat Alert Levels are reviewed at least daily. If levels are changed, the ES-ISAC will communicate with the Sector using available channels including the Threat Advisory Lists, CIP Information System, and conference calls.

Current Threat Alert Levels:

Electricity Sector-Physical: HIGH (orange)
Electricity Sector-Cyber: HIGH (orange)
(Scale: Low-green, Guarded-blue, Elevated-yellow, High-orange, Severe-red)
<http://www.esisac.com>

Department of Homeland Security: HIGH (orange)
(Scale: Low-green, Guarded-blue, Elevated-yellow, High-orange, Severe-red)
<http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>

Department of Energy: SECON-2 (Threat High)
(Scale: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 [1 is highest])

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