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The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security produces this informational/intelligence bulletin specifically for all potentially-affected stakeholders – whether public or private sector, federal or Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-based Critical Infrastructures, Key Resources and Significant Special Events. Consider the information & intelligence contained herein in context with other known information, indicators, threats and warnings.

EVENTS TO WATCH

- **9 August 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community is holding a rally marking the World War II atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945. Activists will gather at Philadelphia's City Hall and march to SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral.[1]

- **9 August 2010:** MOVE is joining with supporters of Mumia Abu Jamal for an undefined "joint program at District Council 1199C which is on the corner of Juniper & Locust Sts [Philadelphia]."[2]

- **Current-9 August 2010:** An Anarchy Summer Camp in northern Virginia "will help you prepare for the upcoming International Monetary Fund demonstrations this fall ... [and] will prepare participants for the demonstrations through workshops ... as well as real life exercises, such as tactical simulations." The IMF is scheduled to meet in the US capital **9-11 October 2010**. Skills and lessons learned can be expected to be put into effect in anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months, including in Pennsylvania.

- **10 August 2010:** Anti-natural gas drilling activists have taken note of the Visions Federal Credit Union "Gas Lease Wealth Seminar" for owners of

[1] http://www.brandywinepeace.com/
[2] http://www.onamove.com/

Pennsylvania properties in which energy developers may wish to drill for gas. The seminar is to be held at the Addison House Bed & Breakfast in Choconut (Susquehanna County).

- **13 August 2010:** The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) is to hold a rally at the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building in Harrisburg.[3] NOM is currently at the tail end of a multi-state "Summer for Marriage" bus tour and campaign against same-sex marriage. A statewide gay rights group, Equality Pennsylvania, "is urging LGBTs and allies to stay away from the rally."[4] The NOM event may attract militant protesters on both sides of the issue on an opportunistic basis. There have been no communications indicating militant planning.

- **14 August 2010:** Peace Advocacy Network, an animal rights group, is holding a "block party" to promote its message to the public. The event is to take place "on the 1900 Block of Naudain Street" in Philadelphia. It is promoted as a family-friendly celebration with food and music.[5]

- **Current-15 August 2010:** Bethlehem hosts the annual Musikfest. On **12 August 2010** anti-gas-drilling activists intend to use the event for promotion of their cause.[6] The following communication was found on one of the active blogspots:

> "I'm going to try to keep this updated. If you know of events where we can pass out pamphlets, sell t-shirts, bumper stickers and lawn signs, please comment and I'll add it. Also, if you know of township meetings, county supervisors' meetings, and state meetings, please comment so we can add them too!
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> Tuesday, August 11, 7:00, Info on Fracking by GDAC at FUM Church, Dallas
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> Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 P.M. Clinton Township Supervisors Meeting, Twp Building
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> Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 P.M. Factoryville Borough Mtg, Borough Hall

[3] http://www.nationformarriage.org/site/c.omL2KeN0LzH/b.3836955/k.BEC6/Home.htm
[4] http://www.eriegaynews.com/news/article.php?recordid=201001equalitykaskey
[5] http://www.peaceadvocacynetwork.org/
[6] http://www.musikfest.org/

Thursday, August 12, Bethlehem Music Festival (Northampton County)

- **Current-31 August 2010:** In the general escalation in Irish republican terrorism, Marching Season in Northern Ireland is a period of several serious potential flashpoints for violence. Students and faculty participating in exchange educational programs overseas in Northern Ireland, such as those of Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology, are urged to remain aware of the situation at all times.

- **Current-31 August 2010:** The anarchist organization, **CRIMETHINC**. is planning what they have called "a decentralized convergence." Targeting communications indicate a focus on evading or sabotaging law enforcement personnel.[7]

- **Current-31 August 2010:** Black August, promoted by anarchists and Black Power radicals, commences. This event marks "the advances and sacrifices of Black Freedom Fighters," according to militant literature. A potential trigger date in Pennsylvania is what Black Power radicals call an "urban slave revolt" (riot) that took place in Philadelphia on **16 August** 1965.

- **9-12 August 2010:** Coal-Gen 20-Ten, the coal "industry's most dynamic event," is to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh.[8]

- **14 August 2010:** Radical **WHITE NATIONALISTS** are promoting an event called the Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 (AKA European American Heritage Celebration). It is scheduled to take place Moosic (Lackawanna County).[9]

- **14 August 2010:** The following events have been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists:

  - Christy Mathewson Day Parade in Factoryville at 10:00 (Wyoming County)

  - Cabot Community Picnic at the Montrose High School, from 10:00 to 14:00. Of note is that the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition has released a special communication harshly ridiculing and criticizing this event (Susquehanna County).

[7] http://www.crimethinc.com/
[8] http://www.coal-gen.com/index.html
[9] http://www.whitenationalists.com/event.php?event_id=1

- **21 August 2010:** The following event has been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists: Gas Stock 2010, an environmentalist rally focused on the Marcellus Shale Formation drilling, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds in Dallas.

- **27 August 2010:** Conservative political leader Sarah Palin, former Republican vice-presidential candidate, is the featured speaker at the Pennsylvania Family Institute's banquet at the Hershey Lodge in Derry Township (Dauphin County). The Pennsylvania organization is active in opposing abortion and same-sex marriage, as well as promoting other socially conservative political positions.

- **11 September 2010:** The following meeting has been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists: Pennsylvania Forestry Association meeting to discuss the incidents in the Marcellus Shale Formation. The location has not yet been unidentified, but indications are Mechanicsburg (Cumberland County).

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. ***Activists to Attend Academic Forum on Marcellus Shale***

Anti-natural gas drilling activists have taken note of an open academic seminar on the development of the Marcellus Shale Formation at Marywood University in Scranton (Lackawanna County) on 19 August 2010.

The event is open to the public, although there is limited seating.

As part of the "Sustainability Series" Summer 2010 Forum, the university is hosting a seminar under the title, "Marcellus Shale Opportunities and Challenges" at the Nazareth Student Center. As described in the promotional material for the event: "Marywood University will conduct a public, educational forum in which guest presenters will offer economic, environmental, regulatory and governmental perspectives on the short- and long-term implications of natural gas development in the Northeast Pennsylvania region."

Speakers at the seminar will include:

- Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA)
- Dr. Jeanne VanBriesen of Carnegie Mellon University

- Dr. Timothy Kelsey of Pennsylvania State University
- Kathryn Klaber, the President and Executive Director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition
- John Quigley, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Jennifer Hoffman of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: LOW-to-MODERATE**

As Marywood University emphasized that there is limited seating for the above Marcellus Shale forum, several anti-drilling activists have indicated that they are making a point of registering to attend.

Analyst's Note: Disruptions of some of the speakers may be on the agenda for some of the more militant, anti-drilling activists. In addition, there may be more activists from both sides of the drilling issue than can enter the Student Center, leading to potentially volatile confrontations outside the hall.

As of this writing, however, law enforcement responsibilities are expected to be limited to crowd, traffic and access control issues.

BANKING AND FINANCE
COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
ENERGY
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES
COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS AND WASTE

2. *Ruckus Society, Rainforest Action Network, Indigenous Environmental Network Plan 'Boot Camp'*

The **RUCKUS SOCIETY**, an all-purpose progressive direct action training organization, is holding an "Advanced Action Boot Camp for Eco-Justice" on 15-21 September 2010 at Harmony Park in Clarks Grove, Minnesota.[10]

The avowed goal of the "camp" is to train veteran activists ahead of COP16 (the sixteenth United Nations Climate Change conference), 29 November-10 December 2010 in Cancun, Mexico. As the Ruckus Society explains: "This year, we are dedicating our Action Camp to focusing on Advanced skills for participants who have already completed intro trainings and/or have action experience."

Participants in the "boot camp" will be exposed to "an intensive week of specialized training tracks ... Creative Resistance through Art, Advanced Action Climbing, Blockades and Occupations, Action Communications & Tech that can amplify the call for Climate Justice in Cancun, and on the frontlines of communities fighting fossil fuels in North America."

[10] http://www.ruckus.org/

The upcoming Ruckus Society training is being sponsored by the **INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK** (**IEN**)[11] and **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK** (**RAN**).[12]

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Previous Ruckus Society training events related to ecological activism included a 24 June 2010 "workshop" called "Direct Action Strategies for Climate Justice & Community Resilience," as well as a 25 June 2010 collaboration with RAN and other groups for a training workshop identifying "intervention points in almost every corner of North America." The latter training was to assist eco-terrorists or others interested in "direct action" to identify "pipelines, refineries, rail, trucking and shipping lanes, and extraction" affecting the "tar sands in northern Alberta."

Directly relevant to Pennsylvania, as far back as December 2009 (PIB No. 2), the Ruckus Society was teaching sophisticated variations of "direct action" tactics against natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale Formation.

Analyst's Note: The skills and knowledge shared at the Boot Camp will most likely be seen and felt at subsequent environmental protest events or in direct action vandalism by eco-terror elements. Potential targets in Pennsylvania, identified in environmentalist and anarchist communications cited in recent PIB editions, include:

- The Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling industry (PIB No. 104)
- RAN declared its intention to "keep the pressure on" the Royal Bank of Canada over its financing of the Alberta tar sands project (PIB No. 55). ITRR analysts identified several specific banks funding the Alberta tar sands project that may become targets for eco-activist "direct action," or worse, in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Bank of America and Wells Fargo.
- Financial institutions such as Goldman Sachs and Bank of America (anti-coal mining activism)
- The offices of Duke Energy (Philadelphia and Robesonia (Berks County)
- Commercial nuclear facilities such as those of Beaver Valley, Limerick, Peach Bottom and Three Mile Island and nuclear waste through-shipments (PIB Nos. 44, 50 and 57).

Businesses in proximity to all of the above named institutions should remain aware of the situation should demonstrations arise – which may emerge quickly without warning. Analysts will continue to monitor adversarial communications for further, more specific regional Pennsylvania targeting.

[11] http://www.ienearth.org/
[12] http://ran.org/

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. ***Jihadists Attempting to Abduct Jews in Israel***

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) has released information suggesting that jihadist terror organizations, primarily ***HAMAS***, have been increasing their efforts to abduct Jewish Israelis.

The IDF added that periodic recent attempts to establish the necessary framework for abducting soldiers have been successfully disrupted by Israeli security forces.

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

Pennsylvania students, researchers and faculty participating in overseas exchange/educational programs in Israel (e.g., Temple University, Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania, and various Jewish and Christian religious seminaries), as well as business travelers, maintain heightened situational awareness at this time. Specifically, reasonable precautions should be taken against kidnapping while traveling in the Judea and Samaria regions (the West Bank) and Jerusalem. Adherence to any instructions provided by Israeli security forces is paramount.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. ***EDL to Protest in City with Second-Largest Muslim Population***

Mentioned previously (PIB Nos. 94, 98, 99 and 114), the far-right English Defence League (EDL) is to hold another anti-Islamization rally. The current event is scheduled for 28 August 2010, in Bradford, in the United Kingdom.[13]

According to EDL communications on the event, "Parts [of] Bradford have become no go zones with non Muslims regularly being attacked and intimidated by Muslim gangs. The time has come to reclaim our streets and let the government know that we have had enough."

In opposition to the event, the Unite Against Fascism (UAF) organization is planning a "unity event." The group emphasized that the event is not a counter-protest and that the UAF is "co-operating fully [with the police] to ensure that there is no confrontation with the EDL."[14]

On the other hand, the Stop Racism and Fascism (SRF) Network and individual self-described anti-fascist activists have called for a counter-demonstration against the EDL.[15] **ANTIFA** activists declared, "Wherever they go, we go ... We will win this newly declared war by the fascist hoards of hate ... we always do. ANTIFA.

[13] http://www.englishdefenceleague.org/
[14] http://uaf.org.uk/
[15] http://srfnetwork.org/

Sometimes anti social ... always anti fascist. ANTIFA nobody likes ... We don't care."[16]

******** ANALYSIS ****** T/I/W Rating: MODERATE**

The EDL's selection of Bradford was purposeful, as they noted in their own promotional material. According to anti-EDL materials, the city of Bradford is almost one-third Muslim, making it the city with the second-highest proportion of Muslims in England. Bradford was also the scene of violent and wide-spread ethnic rioting in 2001.

Analysts note that EDL anti-Islam rallies have lately been joined by violent soccer hooligan gangs, as well as neo-Nazi and racist skinhead contingents. For its part, the EDL has made great efforts to publicize a non-racist and non-anti-Semitic agenda through YouTube and blog communications. Nonetheless, such racist and thuggish gangs have been willing to travel significant distances to join previous EDL rallies in expectation of mob violence.

Potential Impact on Pennsylvania-based Personnel & Assets

Students and researchers from Pennsylvania taking part in overseas, educational exchange programs in the United Kingdom (e.g., University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Mansfield and Westminster) are advised to avoid visiting Bradford on 28 August. If in Bradford, large public gatherings or protests should be avoided as a precautionary measure in light of the possibility of violent confrontation.

No emerging Indicators, Threats and/or Warnings at this time for the following sectors:

- Agriculture and Food
- Chemical Industries
- Commercial facilities
- Critical Manufacturing
- Dams
- Defense Industrial Base
- Emergency Services
- Government Facilities[17]
- Information Technology

[16] http://antifainengland.wordpress.com/

[17] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.

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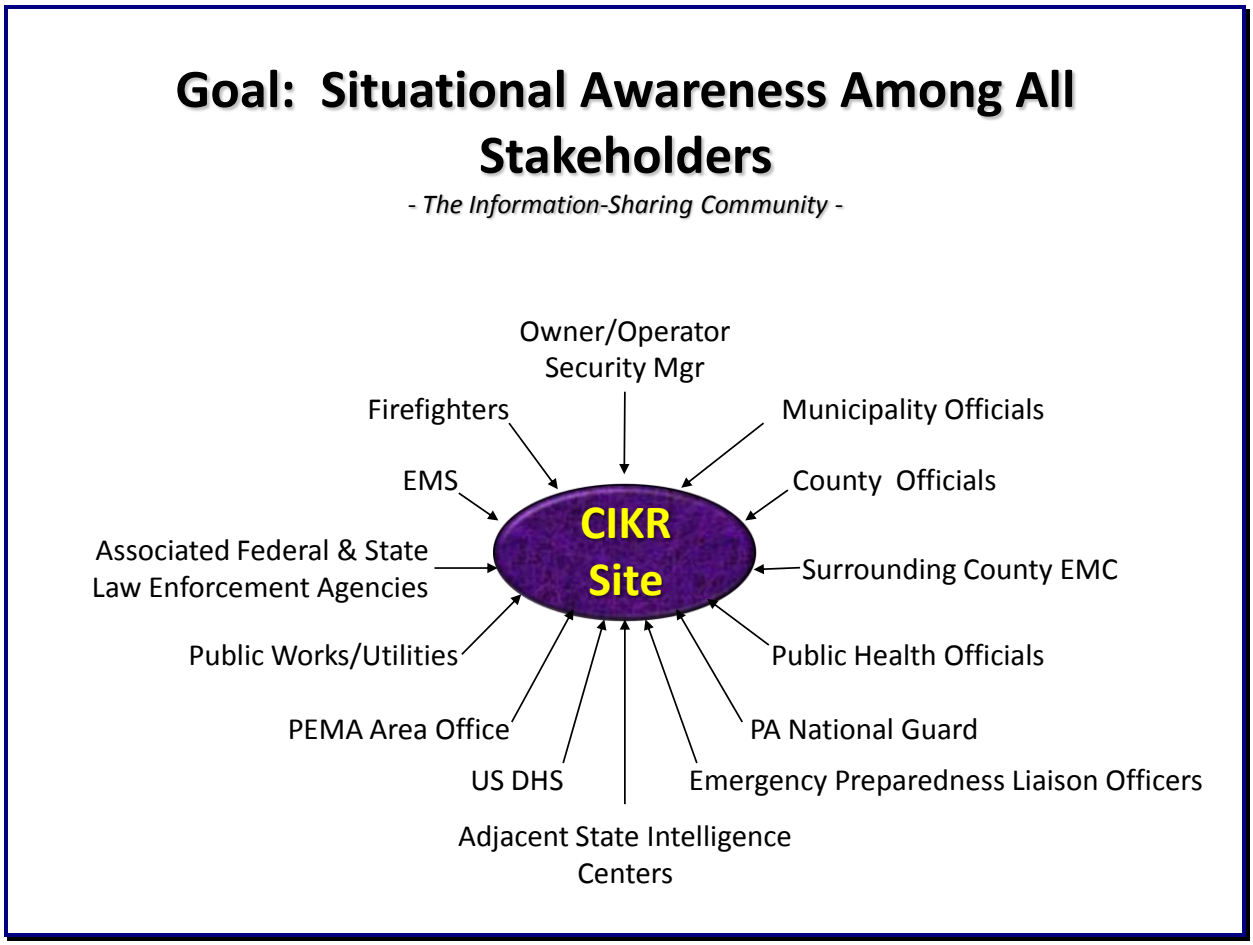

THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	*DESCRIPTION*
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little intent or capability to take action against the target. Although it cannot be ruled out, an attack is unlikely based on currently available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. An attack is likely to be a priority and might well be executed.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have the intent and capability to take action against the target. Additional information is also available on the nature of the threat. An attack on the target is a priority and is likely.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements not only have the intent and capability, but also are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is imminent.

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