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New Threats, Targets and TTPs

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Protesting the EPA in Philadelphia

Tam-C sent out an alert on 29 October 2000 regarding eco-activist plans for a nationwide protest against the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), which includes a scheduled protest against the Philadelphia office. TAM-C analysts have since identified the specific time and location for said protest: 17th and JFK streets between the hours of 11AM and 2PM. Falling as it does on the cusp of Mischief Night and Halloween, TAM-C expects demonstrators to conceal their identities with masks or costumes, raising the possibility of rowdy behavior or even provocation against EPA staff and law-enforcement.

29 October 2009: eco-activists drape a banner over the Vine Street Expressway overpass in Philadelphia that reads, "Save Coal River Mountain: Coal is Over" (Photo Source: itsgettinghotinhere.com)

Anarchists to Conduct Anti-Gas Pipeline Training in Central New York

An Anarchist group in Ithaca, NY, will be hosting training by the **Ruckus Group** on 4-6 December 2000. The training will focus on "natural gas issues in Central New York." Organizers of the training indicate that this training is an "opportunity to hone the skills we need to protect our land, water, and rights."

The Ruckus Group is a non-profit organization that provides training and skills in "effective" communications for activists. These "communication skills" include creating road-blocks through the use of tripods and lock-downs, and banner drops (like the one recently seen at an anti-tar sands protest in July 2009, in Toronto.)

********ANALYSIS********

Training provided by the Ruckus Group does not include violent tactics such as the use of IEDs or small arms. The Ruckus Group does, however, provide

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expertise in planning and conducting demonstrations and campaigns that can close down a facility and embarrass a company.

The training's proximity to PA means that more activists in the northeast and mid-Atlantic region, willing to use illegal means, will have been trained by these tactics.

The successful use of such illegal but non-violent tactics requires the pre-operational surveillance, planning, and logistics that are used in any well-planned operation. Security personnel trained in the identification of pre-operational surveillance is a major component of protecting a facility against such an incident.

http://ruckus.org/article.php?id=600

Heather Milton-Lightening, Ruckus Board Member, hanging a banner from one of RBC's flag poles (photo credit: Jonathan McIntosh)

Islamists Targeting Pipelines

TAM-C analysts have intercepted Arabic-language messages on 27 October 2009 reporting an explosion near an oil pipeline connecting Iraq and Turkey, near Biji. The attack against the pipeline occurred despite a heavy security presence in the area. It is estimated that it will take several days to repair the damage.

TAM-C analysts have further translated celebratory remarks made by Islamists in the wake of this apparent attack, including, "oil and gas are the blood that runs in the State's veins and keep it alive. Without it, the States is just a dead body. So go on (my brothers) and stop its heartbeat! Also, Turkey is a NATO member, which kills Muslims everywhere and all the time."

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts note that the communication's comments on "the States" refers to the United States.

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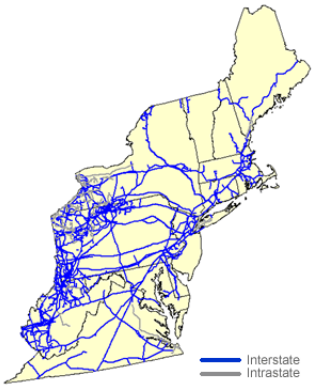
Because of the number of pipelines running through the State of Pennsylvania, the potential for a homegrown jihadist or jihadi cell to target the state's pipelines is increased by the actions and communications cited above.

TAM-C analysts will continue to monitor communications targeting the pipes in the State of Pennsylvania.

TAM-C recommends that security personnel communicate with pipeline owners and operators about the increased threat.



Northeast Region Natural Gas Pipeline Network, image from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

German Assets Targeted by Al-Qaeda

TAM-C analysts have intercepted continuous Arabic-language threats being made by AQ (Al-Qaeda) members against Germany and her global assets. AQ terrorists seek to punish Germany for the re-election of the Merkel government which they perceive as pro-Israel and pro-American. Additionally, Germany contributes troops to the NATO effort in Afghanistan.

The threats that have been made against Germany and her assets has been rated as Severe by the Targeted Actionable Monitoring Center.

[SEVERE (Level 2) - available intelligence and recent events indicate that terrorists have an established capability and current intent to mount an attack on the target and there is some additional information on the nature of the threat. It is assessed that an attack on the target is a priority for the terrorists and likely to be mounted.]

Threats were also made against American targets within Germany, which, in the words of the terrorist communicator, would "kill two birds with one stone."

Additional targeting guidance was aimed at "Germany's embassies. Germany's agencies. Germany's ambassadors. German citizens. Germany's economic and

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geographic features." Targeting statements included, "I don't know, why Germany would forfeit all of this? Are they stupid??"

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C analysts note that an attack against German-identified assets within the US would fulfill the goal of killing "two birds with one stone."

TAM-C analysts believe that an attack against German assets, **possibly including those located in Pennsylvania,** is a high priority for the international jihadists.

TAM-C analysts recognize that German corporations are a major source of employment in Pennsylvania. The TAM-C will continue to monitor any threats made against local German assets—such as Deutsche Bank in Philadelphia, Siemens Healthcare in Malvern, SAP in Newtown Square, and the German Honorary Consulates in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

The TAM-C Alert timeline (pending further information) extends until 31 November 2009.

Animal-Rights Extremists Targeting PA Companies

TAM-C analysts have identified a list of companies being targeted by SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) - a group that has used illegal means in the past to intimidate their targets. TAM-C researchers have identified that many of SHAC's main targets have important commercial facilities in the State of Pennsylvania.

At the top of the SHAC list is Sanofi-Aventis, a pharmaceutical giant that recently built a manufacturing plant in Swiftwater, PA, Monroe County, PA. This is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of the H1N1 virus vaccine.

Sanofi-Aventis uses eggs in their products and experiments on animals prior to human use. They contract with Huntingdon Research Laboratories (the primary target of SHAC) to conduct animal-testing.

TAM-C analysts recognize that Pennsylvania has an active, underground, animal-rights movement. As recently as two months ago, such activists vandalized a turkey farm in Lackawanna County, adjacent to Monroe County, home of the Sanofi-Aventis plant.

********ANALYSIS********

TAM-C recommends extra vigilance around this facility. TAM-C analysts will continue monitoring threats against other companies with headquarters in Pennsylvania that are targeted by SHAC, including Glaxo SmithKline, Novartis, and Astrazeneca.

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