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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.

SIGNIFICANT DATE REMINDERS

- **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. Pennsylvania-based students and faculty participating in overseas educational programs in Northern Ireland (e.g., Millersville University and the Pennsylvania College of Technology) should maintain a higher state of situational awareness.

- **Current-31 August 2010:** The anarchist organization, **CRIMETHINC.** is planning "a decentralized convergence."[1] One specified rolling event is the Conspiracy Tour throughout several US states, from 25 July through 25 August 2010. Tentative Conspiracy Tour dates and locations in Pennsylvania include:

  - **3 August 2010:** Philadelphia (at Wooden Shoe Books)

  - **1-31 August 2010:** Black August, promoted by anarchists and Black Power radicals, commences marking "the advances and sacrifices of Black Freedom Fighters," according to militant literature.[2]

[1] http://www.crimethinc.com/
[2] http://mxgm.org/blackaugust/

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- **2 August 2010:** The following meetings have been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists:
  - South Branch Tunkhannock Creek Watershed meeting, at Keystone College in La Plume, at 19:00 (Lackawanna County)
  - Fell Township Supervisors Meeting, specific location has not yet been identified by the anti-drilling activists (Lackawanna County)
- **3 August 2010:** The following meeting has been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists: Tunkhannock Borough Commissioners meeting, at the town court house, at 9:00 (Wyoming County)
- **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. *Note*: The Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition has released a special communication harshly ridiculing and criticizing this event (Susquehanna County)[3]
- **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 drilling, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds in Dallas Borough.[4]
- **6-9 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 during anarchist actions throughout the northeast region in the following months - including those in Pennsylvania.[5]

[3] http://gasdrillingawarenesscoalition.wordpress.com/
[4] http://dothemountain.wordpress.com/2010/07/24/gas-stock-2010/
[5] http://news.infoshop.org/article.php?story=2010060713333754

- **6-9 August 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community is planning to hold two protests marking the World War II atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, in 1945. On **6 August 2010** activists will gather outside the offices of defense contractor Lockheed Martin in Valley Forge for "civil disobedience and ... arrest ..." On **9 August 2010**, the activists will gather at Philadelphia's City Hall and march to SS Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral.[6]

- **6-15 August 2010:** Bethlehem hosts the annual MusikFest. On **12 August 2010** anti-natural gas drilling activists intend to use the event for promotion of their cause.

- **7-9 August 2010:** A rally for the 'MOVE 9' is to be held at 11th and Market St. in Philadelphia on **7 August 2010**. Organizers have indicated that their only intention is to distribute information and "to talk to people about The MOVE 9." On **8 August 2010**, in Clark Park, MOVE supporters will be presenting a film on the 1978 confrontation between MOVE and Philadelphia police. MOVE is joining with supporters of Mumia Abu Jamal on **9 August 2010** for an undefined "joint program at District Council 1199C which is on the corner of Juniper & Locust Sts."[7]

- **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.

- **14 August 2010:** Radical White supremacists are promoting an event called the Euro-American Heritage Fest 2010 (AKA European American Heritage Celebration) from 1200-1800 hrs in Moosic (near Scranton). "Free food and entertainment! This is a family event and no alcohol will be allowed. We reserve the right to eject anyone from the premises at our discretion. Be respectful and dress appropriately. This event is open to the public."[8]

- **11 September 2010:** The following meeting has been singled out for attendance by anti-natural gas drilling activists: Pennsylvania Forestry Association (PFA) meeting to discuss the Marcellus Shale situation. Although the meeting location is currently unidentified, the PFA headquarters is located in Mechanicsburg Borough (Cumberland County).[9]

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[6] http://www.brandywinepeace.com/
[7] http://www.onamove.com/move9/
[8] http://eahf.org/eahc-2010-in-wilkes-barrescranton
[9] http://pfa.cas.psu.edu/

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

1. *Anti-Drilling Activists Cite 'Gas Lease' Seminar*

Anti-natural gas drilling activists have taken note of an upcoming seminar for owners of Pennsylvania properties in which energy developers may wish to drill for gas. The Visions Federal Credit Union is to host what it has called the "Gas Lease Wealth Seminar" on 10 August 2010 at the Addison House Bed & Breakfast in Choconut Twp (Susquehanna County).

In a communication about the meeting, activists ask if Visions is "acting alone" or if there is "another party in the background directing policy?"

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

Due to the recent activity and interest surrounding the Marcellus Shale formation, the possibility exists for protests by anti-natural gas drilling activists. However, research indicates that landowners also have serious concerns about some of the Visions FCU policies regarding their mortgages on lands subject to a gas drilling lease. These landowners may also come to the meeting with a prejudice for confrontation with Visions spokespersons.

Although there are no credible indications of planned unruliness/violence, the likelihood of some hostile confrontations between landowners, anti-drilling environmentalist militants, gas drilling company personnel (if any attend the meeting) and Visions representatives exists.

Sectors: BANKING AND FINANCE, COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, ENERGY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

2. *Risk of Adversarial Targeting at Coal-Gen 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 on 9-12 August 2010. Last year, this event - perhaps due to its proximity to the G20 meeting - drew massive support from environmentalists.

No specific adversarial communications regarding Coal-Gen 20-Ten have been identified as of this Bulletin.

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

The absence of adversarial logistical planning for the Coal-Gen event by environmentalist and anarchist activists indicates that such anti-coal groups are not intent on staging large-scale demonstrations. Rather, militants are more likely at

this stage to be implementing targeted direct action learned or planned at recent anarchist or eco-militant training events. The lessons learned at such training events are often shared electronically, so that activists in Pittsburgh would not necessarily have been in Virginia or England in order to have learned new tactics and strategies.

On 4-9 August 2010, for example (PIB No. 116), the militant environmentalist organization **EARTH FIRST!** announced a "Summer Gathering" under the heading, "Ecological Direct Action without Compromise," to be held in Derbyshire, in the United Kingdom. Sessions are to include identifying future targets for environmentalist "direct action" and skill-sharing.

Similarly, on 6-10 August 2010, anarchists are holding an "Anarchy Summer Camp" in Virginia. In this case, the event will "feature a variety of DIY workshops, physical training exercises and important discussions."

Furthermore, the month of August is **CRIMETHINC.**'s "We Are Everywhere" initiative (previously mentioned), which may also contribute to anarchist foment during the Coal-Gen 20-Ten gathering.

Note: Anti-coal mining and anti-mountaintop removal (MTR) militants have been very active and prolific in recent months.

Considering the increasing overlap between anarchists and environmental extremists (usually seen in the form of "green anarchists" or merely through cooperation) and the training cited above, analysts believe that maverick protest events or direct action by militants can be expected at or near the Coal-Gen 20-Ten event.

Analyst's Note: As a constant reminder, branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America are potential targets of anti-coal mining activist protests, campaigning or more radical "direct action" activities. Other companies in Pennsylvania previously identified as potential targets of ecological activists included power companies that burn this coal and the offices of Duke Energy (Philadelphia and Robesonia Borough (Berks County)).

Additionally, precautions are called for at businesses in proximity to all of the above named institutions.

Sector: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

3. *Claims of Chemical Mail Tampering*

A suspicious letter was received at the American Embassy in Paris on Friday, leading to medical examinations of two French clerks who handled the suspect material. According to officials, the embassy staff members were unharmed and "preliminary [laboratory] results indicate that the envelope was not harmful."

Suspicions were raised when mail handlers reportedly "detected a strange odor" while opening letters.

While the incident is still under investigation, a jihadist communication intercepted indicates a different tale:

In a "statement from the brigades of the Islamic resistance," a jihadist claims that "jihad fighters monitored the embassy but weren't able to attack the embassy with a car bomb, so they decided to send chemical letters. We want to inform the [Islamic] nation that quality operations will destroy the American facilities. We promise America and her allies that what is coming will be much worse."

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

While analysts cannot validate the linkage of the mystery envelopes in Paris to a jihadist initiative, it bears noting that as recently as last month Iraqi media reported that the **ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ** (**AL-QA'IDA IN IRAQ**) was planning to carry out anthrax attacks inside the Baghdad "Green Zone."

As noted in November 2009, **SEGI**, a Basque terror organization allied with the **ETA**, published what it called a "Manual of Mayhem." In that document, the terror outfit provided guidance and encouragement for, among other things, slipping incendiary mixtures into ballot envelopes during elections.

Analyst's Note: International jihadists are still intent to perpetrate devastating attacks in the form of arson and explosions, but they are also often behind or inspire low-level terror through the use of repeated bomb threats and anthrax scares. Security and mail staff at high-profile facilities should review handling procedures/protocols for both bomb threats and suspicious envelopes and packages.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

4. *Anti-Arizona Protests Take a Dangerous Turn*

Protests against Arizona continue by those opposed to the new Arizona immigration legislation SB 1070, even after a federal court issued an injunction against implementation of the most controversial clauses of the law.

- On 29 July 2010 a total of 71 people were arrested in Phoenix during protests against Arizona's new law. The most rowdy demonstrations took place in two areas - in front of Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office and outside a downtown jail. In addition, three people were arrested by US Marshals in front of the Phoenix Federal Courthouse.

- Also on 29 July, a group calling itself "Freedom For Arizona" suddenly blocked a major Arizona highway with their own vehicles, piled tires covered in tar with a banner attached across the road, dumped brown paint and glass on the road and then drove away.

"Today's action is a declaration of resistance to the criminalization of affected communities and the militarization of indigenous land," declared a Freedom For Arizona communiqué. They said they "interrupt the flow of Arizona's traffic" with the following goals:

1. "ABOLISH ALL OF SB 1070 AND OTHER ANTI-MIGRANT LAWS."

2. "STOP ALL MILITARIZATION. NO NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS ON INDIGENOUS LAND."

3. "BORDERS AND THE ARIZONA GOVERNMENT ARE ILLEGITIMATE."

4. "NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL—THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS TO BLAME."

5. "WE WANT RESPECT AND JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE."

- On Friday night, 30 July 2010, two men carrying Mexican flags in protest of Arizona's new immigration law ran into the outfield during the seventh inning of a New York Mets-Arizona Diamondbacks game at Citi Field. Prior to the game, about 40 people across the street from the ballpark chanted "Oppose Racism!" and "Boycott Arizona!"

- On the Thursday before the law went into effect, Phoenix Police arrested seven anti-SB 1070 protesters for blocking an intersection outside the Federal Courthouse.

Meanwhile, from the other side of the issue, the Texas Sons of Liberty and the Voice of the People USA are planning to hold a rally in San Antonio, Texas, in favor of the Arizona legislation on 14 August 2010. This event is getting much coverage on militia web forums.

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

As noted last week and in several previous PIB, anarchists have called for "direct actions in our local communities" over the Arizona law. As previously mentioned in May 2010, well-known community leaders opposed to the Arizona law warned that unidentified "activists" are willing to commit acts of "civil disobedience" to fight it.

The roadblock in Arizona mentioned above is the most serious type of "direct action" taken thus far in the anti-SB 1070 campaign; it endangered motorists by placing obstacles on a high-speed, heavily traveled route. It is likely this type of anti-Arizona activism is likely to persist.

Analyst's Note: The opposition to SB 1070 is significant and widespread enough, to warrant continued heightened situational awareness among commercial security personnel and law enforcement agencies associated with Arizona-related events, delegations and/or VIP visiting Pennsylvania during the coming weeks and months.

Certain immigrant rights activists have been sharing the Arizona Diamondback's game calendar and urging local opponents to the new Arizona law to protest every away game. The Diamondbacks will be playing in Pittsburgh 18 September 2010.

Security personnel responsible for the coming Diamondback baseball games, stadium perimeters and all Arizona-related events should maintain awareness of plans for protest activity, with an emphasis on crowd control and containment of militant agitation. As an additional concern, protests and counter-protests by supporters and opponents of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters requiring law enforcement intervention.

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

- AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
- CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
- COMMERCIAL FACILITIES
- COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE
- CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
- DAMS
- DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE
- EMERGENCY SERVICES
- ENERGY
- GOVERNMENT FACILITIES[10]
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
- POSTAL AND SHIPPING
- PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
- WATER

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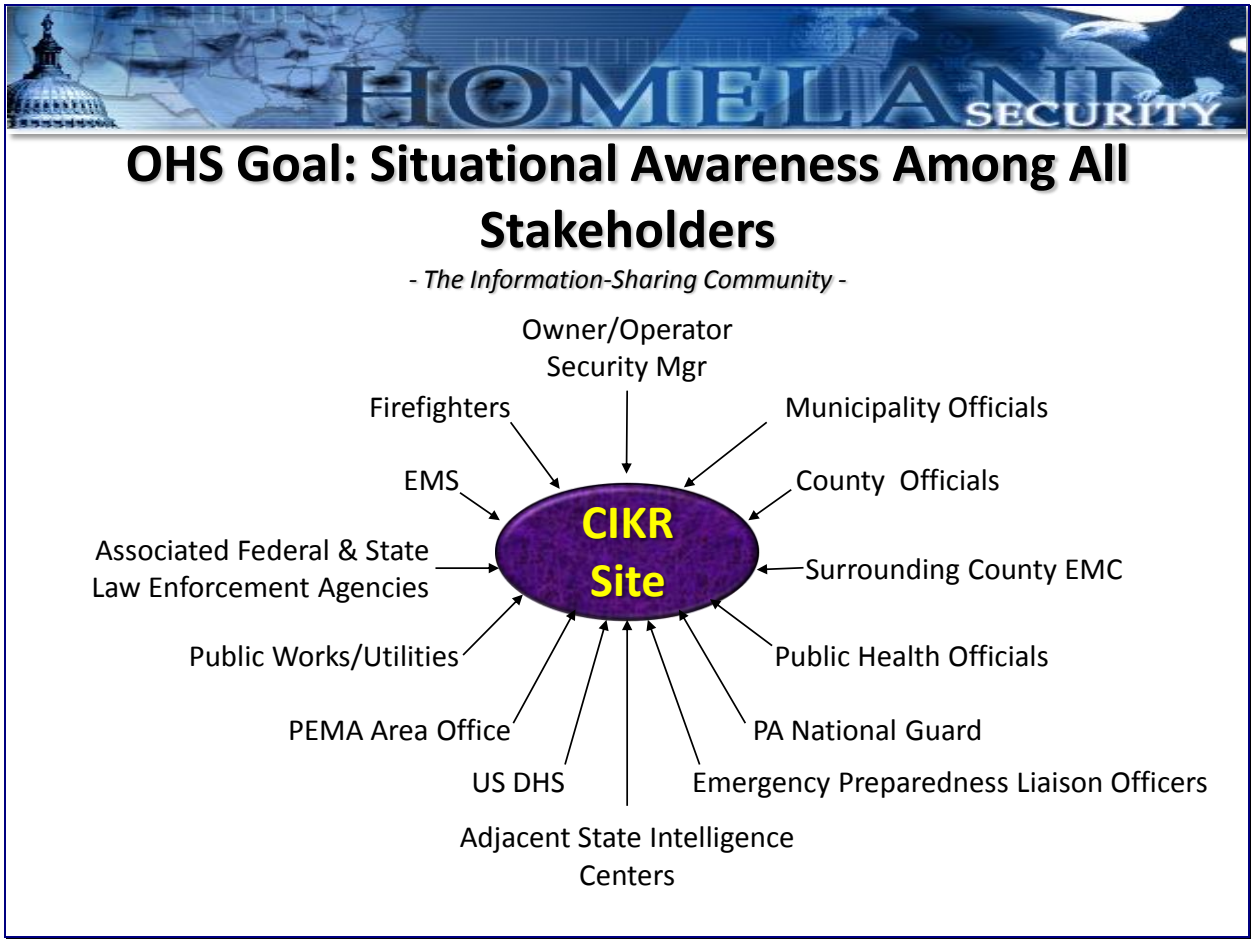
[10] Educational Facilities Sub-Sector: Security directors, students and faculty of all Pennsylvania-based colleges and universities participating in educational exchange programs abroad need to remain cognizant of emerging, country-specific threats, indicators and warnings.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OHS Goal: Situational Awareness Among All Stakeholders
- The Information-Sharing Community -
Owner/Operator Security Mgr
Firefighters
Municipality Officials
EMS
County Officials
CIKR Site
Associated Federal & State Law Enforcement Agencies
Surrounding County EMC
Public Works/Utilities
Public Health Officials
PEMA Area Office
PA National Guard
US DHS
Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers
Adjacent State Intelligence Centers

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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