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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.

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POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED AREAS & SECTORS

Area
Berks County
Berwyn (Chester County)
Bethel Park (Allegheny County)
Bethlehem (Lehigh & Northampton Counties)
Blair County
Chalfont Borough (Bucks County)
Chester County
Conshohocken Borough (Montgomery County)
Darlington Borough (Beaver County)
Delaware County
Erie (Erie County)
Franklin County
Honesdale Borough (Wayne County)
Juniata County
King of Prussia (Upper Merion Twp, Montgomery County)
Lancaster County
Lebanon County
Malvern (Chester County)

Pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001, Homeland Security Act of 2002, Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan of 2009, critical infrastructure is defined as "systems and assets, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the United States that the incapacity or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination of those matters." Pennsylvania applies the same logic and intent to define Commonwealth, county & municipality critical infrastructures and key resources.

Marcellus Shale Formation Mechanicsburg Borough (Cumberland County) Mifflin County Newtown Borough (Bucks County) Perry County Philadelphia Pittsburgh Plains Twp (Luzerne County) Sharon Hill Borough (Delaware County) Warrendale (Pittsburgh, Allegheny County) Wayne (Delaware County) Waynesboro Borough (Franklin County)
Sector
Agriculture and Food Banking and Finance Commercial Facilities Commercial Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste Defense Industrial Base Emergency Services Energy Government Facilities[1] National Monuments and Icons Public Health and Healthcare

ONGOING RESEARCH

1. ***'Radical' Cop-Watch Group Established in Philadelphia***

Up Against the Law (UAL), self-defined as "a new radical police monitoring group," is holding its first public event on 26 August 2010 at the anarchist-affiliated Wooden Shoe Books "infoshop" in Philadelphia (704 South Street). …The planned "discussion" - entitled, "The Streets Are Watching: How To Monitor Police In Your Community" - is intended "to encourage people to monitor the police in their neighborhoods while providing a radical analysis of crime reduction. There will be a group discussion about the police and their methods of enforcement, both in Philadelphia and nationwide. UAL facilitators will explain how to conduct "copwatch" patrols, while examining our general strategy and the specific tactics we use." Analysts are continually monitoring anarchist and related communications for further indications of targeting, strategies and methods to be adopted by UAL.

[1] 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.

2. ***Update: Possible Anti-Drilling 'Direct Action' Vandalism***
Marcellus Shale Formation field drilling sites in northwest Pennsylvania have experienced two acts of sabotage this week. In one incident, unidentified individuals stole solar panels and caused other damage to the site; in a separate event, unidentified attackers damaged a storage tank by via shotgun and caused other property damage. Such vandalism and sabotage may be directly related to the previously-noted escalation in anti-drilling rhetoric advising "civil disobedience" and "direct action" to stop the drilling companies in the Marcellus Shale Formation. (PIB Nos. 125, 126 & 127)

3. ***Anti-War Rallies Over the End of the War?***
In reaction to the planned US withdrawal of most combat troops from Iraq, anti-war groups orchestrated by *Code Pink* are planning to hold rallies nationwide.[2] The organization is planning an as-yet undefined "action" to take place in Pittsburgh on 31 August 2010. (PIB No. 128)

4. ***Computer Virus Targeting Critical Infrastructure Assets***
Researchers are tracking the sophisticated new *Stuxnet virus*, which targets supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, specifically those used by critical infrastructure facilities.
Analyst's Comment: Siemens Water Technologies Corporation (SWTC), targeted by the Stuxnet worm, is headquartered in Warrendale (Pittsburgh, Allegheny County). The company has field facilities in Darlington Borough (Beaver County) and Chalfont Borough (Bucks County), as well. See PIB No. 128 for a list of SWTC customers in Pennsylvania.

5. ***Plowshares Eight Anniversary Event in King of Prussia***
Anti-war and anti-nuclear activists will be marking the thirtieth anniversary of the first direct action of the *Plowshares Movement*.[3] The *Brandywine Peace Community*[4] and the *Atlantic Life Community*,[5] along with others, will hold protest actions at Lockheed Martin facilities in King of Prussia (Upper Merion Twp, Montgomery County) on 5 September 2010.

As the anniversary of the Plowshares Eight "direct disarmament action" in King of Prussia approaches, there will likely be an increased risk of escalation in anti-nuclear and anti-war activism by other militant groups in Pennsylvania. Although there are currently no indications, individuals or small cells may decide to take "direct action," (e.g., civil disobedience), against Lockheed Martin, commercial nuclear facilities or military facilities.

Other private organizations or companies in Pennsylvania dubbed as "war profiteers" by anti-war activists include:

[2] http://www.codepink4peace.org/
[3] http://www.plowshares.se/english/
[4] http://www.brandywinepeace.com/
[5] http://www.jonahhouse.org/ALC/index.htm

- Bechtel Corporation in Bethlehem (Lehigh and Northampton Counties) and Pittsburgh
- Washington Group International in Mechanicsburg Borough (Cumberland County) and Philadelphia
- Nuclear Utility Services Laboratory in Pittsburgh
- Fluor Daniel GTI in West Chester Borough (Chester County)

6. ***Militias Discuss OPSEC and Tactics: Trigger Event 'Soon'***
Recent communications among militant militia members indicates a new level of preparation for what many militia supporters seem to see as an imminent confrontation with the federal government. The latest communications from extremist militia fora indicate specific tactical planning, with warnings of an imminent "tipping point" increasing in frequency and severity in the past several months; operations security (OPSEC) regarding these activities is mentioned as well. In Pennsylvania, there are both ideologically moderate militias and virulently anti-government militias. Researchers are continually monitoring these communications to pinpoint specific militia groups, potential targets of interest and potentially-impacted public/private sector enterprises and municipalities/counties. (PIB No. 126)

7. ***Direct Action Focusing on 'Factory Farms'***
Several anti-authoritarian, anti-globalization and environmental groups have taken part in "direct action and civil disobedience training" in Brooklyn, New York. The training apparently focused on "industrial agriculture" and "multi-national agribusiness." Pennsylvania is home to many such "factory farms." Counties with a high concentration of these farms include:

- Berks
- Blair
- Chester
- Franklin
- Juniata
- Lancaster
- Lebanon
- Mifflin
- Perry

A 2003 overview and depiction of such farms can be found at: http://www.pennfuture.org/UserFiles/PDFs/factoryfarmreport_101003.pdf). (PIB No. 126)

8. ***New RAN Call for Targeting Banks***
The **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK** (**RAN**) is promoting a new campaign to target the Swiss banking corporation *UBS AG* for what RAN claims is its part in financing

mountaintop removal coal mining (MTR).[6] Facilities targeted by RAN in previous campaigns have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism. Although there are no specific indications, protests or other actions may target UBS AG offices in:

- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Bethel Park (Allegheny County)
- Conshohocken Borough (Montgomery County)
- Erie (Erie County)
- Newtown Borough (Bucks County)
- Plains Township (Luzerne County)

9. ***'Jihad' and 'Direct Action' Against Movie Industry***

Analysts advise of an increased potential for street activism, including anarchist-style direct action targeting the movie industry or US Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities, as well as cyber-attacks targeting computer systems, websites and databases belonging to ICE or movie industry corporations. Potential targets of opportunity in Pennsylvania include:

- Sun Center Studios (Delaware County)
- Mogul Minds Studios (Pittsburgh, Allegheny County)

In addition, local law enforcement advises that Pittsburgh typically hosts at least one significant movie production per quarter. (PIB No. 124)

10. ***CrimethInc. Targeting Law Enforcement***

CRIMETHINC., a supposedly "leaderless" anarchist movement, is holding what it is calling a "decentralized convergence" throughout August 2010.[7] The group is encouraging anarchists in North America to take any action they feel will be effective in order to make the anarchist presence felt in their respective local areas. Activists have provided supporters' theoretical analysis and practical guidance to, as they put it, "fuck the police."

CrimethInc. activists and the **NORTH EAST ANARCHIST NETWORK** (**NEAN**) will likely be stepping-up activities (*both legal and illegal*) in the northeastern United States throughout August 2010. Heightened situational awareness is advised throughout the next two months at those sites previously targeted by anarchist activity (e.g., governmental institutions [facilities], national monuments and icons, law enforcement personnel, banks, and corporate energy facilities). Researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for additional targeting indicators in Pennsylvania. (PIB Nos. 103 & 121)

[6] http://ran.org/
[7] http://www.crimethinc.com/

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Government Facilities

*11. **Update: Imminent Targeting of Christians in Egypt***

In an ongoing series of inciting communications intercepted by researchers, jihadists accuse Christians in Egypt of coercive conversions and threaten imminent terror attacks against them.

Citing an alleged case of a Muslim woman who converted to Christianity, a new communication claims, "The church people captured her in one of the churches and tortured her, including electric shock and brainwashing." In response to this alleged event and others, the jihadist communication declares, "Soon we will see something that will make the hearts of the believers happy …"

Other explicit threatening statements include:

- "Christians of Egypt, do you still think that you are safe from our bombs and bullets? Do you think that supporting the rulers of Egypt will help you when the time will come to 'settle the bill'?"
- "Christians of Egypt, the youth of Islam are planning revenge for you, and they have watched you in your churches yesterday, at your wedding ceremonies."
- "For our part," a jihadist says, addressing Christian Egyptians, "we promise you that you won't be safe much longer. You have opened the gates of hell for yourselves."

The latest jihadist communication also warns Christians against being optimistic if the imminent jihadist "response" is delayed.

A primary cause of jihadist anger previously cited in similar communications (PIB No. 120) is the intermarrying between Muslim women and Christian men.

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

This communication, coupled with previous recent jihadist communications, demonstrates continuing jihadist intent to conduct operations in Egypt. Past Islamist communications have mentioned the Coptic Christian community in Egypt as a suitable target for *jihad* (PIB Nos. 31, 33, 120 & 128). For its part, the Coptic Christian community has claimed increasing discrimination and threats to its safety in recent years, with inter-religious clashes occurring periodically in southern Egypt and elsewhere.[8]

[8] http://www.coptic.net/EncyclopediaCoptica/

Pre-operational, jihadist intelligence gathering regarding Christian assets in Egypt has included information on churches in Cairo and Alexandria. Analysts note that the recent incitement and pooling of information has, in the past, resulted in the creation of intelligence of sufficiently high quality to conduct terrorist operations. Recent terrorist attacks in Egypt have included small cell and lone-wolf operations.

Researchers note that two cities singled out in the jihadist communications as targets for possible church attacks are Alexandria, where Indiana University of Pennsylvania students are participating in an exchange program, and Cairo, where University of Pittsburgh students participate through the American University there. Pennsylvania-affiliated students, business travelers and tourists should be advised of the current increased danger of terrorist activity at religious and tourist sites in Egypt. In addition, government offices, major hotels and Sinai resorts have also been preferred jihadist targets for vehicle-borne, improvised explosive device (VBIED) attacks.

Banking and Finance
Commercial Facilities
Emergency Services
Energy
Government Facilities

12. ***Calls For 'Solidarity' With Chilean Anarchists***

Claiming that a "wave of repression aimed at dismantling the anarchist movement" is imminent in Chile, global anarchist communications have called for "international solidarity and resistance." Anarchists are called upon to "spread this information and take action."

Anarchist communications cite (*spelling and grammar in the original translated text*) the arrest of 14 "companions kidnnaped by the power" in 17 raids. "With the kidnapping of 14 comrades we continue to be in war," Chilean anarchists declared.

"Solidarity shouldn't be an empty slogan," the Chilean communication continued, "that decorates whatever discours is generated in the moment, solidarity should be action, with every action, with every shout, with every act of propaganda we should embrace our comrades. They are not alone nor will they ever be alone, they are kidnapped by our enemy, and our task is to rescue them from the dungeons of power. We unite with the comrades that are kidnapped by the power, our brothers and sisters with their ideas, and feelings.

The communication concluded: "For the destruction of the prison society ... No more repression of the autonomous and squatted spaces. ...Repressive forces out of Wallmapu. For the liberation of our mother earth and our comrades, neither prison or death will stop us. War to society."

As noted in PIB No. 128, anarchists in Chile have already begun increasing their terrorist methods in reaction to the trial of their colleagues. On 19 August 2010 a

homemade bomb went off in the underground garage at a shopping mall in Santiago. Three other bombs were found and defused.

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

While the militant anarchists in Chile will likely be increasing their activities in response to developments in the trial of their colleagues, as cited earlier this week, their attacks are expected to be limited to property damage. Nonetheless, such attacks have an inherent risk of harm to individuals, as well. Furthermore, there are those anarchists willing to cross the line into violent assault on those they identify as oppressive authorities.

Pennsylvania-affiliated students and researchers taking part in educational exchange programs in Chile (e.g., The University of Pennsylvania, The University of Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pittsburgh, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, East Stroudsburg University, Mansfield University and Westminster College) should be notified of the increased risk factors at the current time, particularly in Santiago.

In addition, the call for international solidarity "resistance" actions on behalf of the Chilean anarchists presents the risk of illegal anarchist activity in Pennsylvania, as well. The Chilean call to action is coincidental with several recent and ongoing anti-authoritarian training events and gatherings in the northeastern US, which have included calls for direct action and the sabotaging of law enforcement.

Heightened situational awareness is advised throughout the next two months at those sites that have previously been targeted by anarchist activity (e.g., governmental institutions, national monuments and icons, law enforcement personnel, banks, and energy and corporate facilities).

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13. ***Animal Rights Terror Targets Firms with PA Links***

An Animal Liberation Front outlet this week released a communication attributed to a British animal rights group calling itself Militant Forces Against Huntingdon (MFAH). The "Huntingdon" in the MFAH name refers to Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), based in the United Kingdom, which uses animal subjects for testing.[9]

According to the MFAH statement, activists "struck at two supporters of HLS in the capital, locks were glued firmly shut at the offices of Fortress Investment Group and several paint bombs were thrown at the UK HQ of AstraZeneca. Both of these companies are guilty of allowing Huntingdon Life Sciences to continue killing 500 animals a day." MFAH then warns, "Cut your ties with HLS or we will return."

[9] http://www.animalliberationfront.com/

The statement concludes with a declaration that MFAH acts "in solidarity with Walter Bond."

Bond is an American, vegan extremist arrested on animal enterprise terrorism charges for setting fire to a Sheepskin Factory store in Denver, Colorado, on 30 April 2010. Responsibility for that arson attack, and others, was claimed at the time in a statement from "ALF Lone Wolf." (PIB No. 100)

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

The animal rights organization known as **SHAC** (**STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY**), with North American branches, has targeted HLS for corporate destruction since 1999. HLS's three hardened facilities (two in the UK, one in East Millstone, New Jersey) have provided frequent targets for mass demonstrations. However, in an approach developed by SHAC (which has proven relatively successful in the past), companies having any business links whatsoever with HLS are targeted by activists for harassment, threats, vandalism and, sometimes, assault. Tactics have included arson, bombings and other forms of violence.

In past years, for example, animal rights activists in Philadelphia have advocated "to take it the homes of executives of some of HLS's top customers." More commonly, vandalism and protests have occurred at commercial outlets deemed to be associated with HLS in some way by animal rights activists. World-wide, the activists' targets have ranged from HLS clients to Staples, UPS and FedEx, and other service providers. In some cases, animal rights activists have been provided with email addresses to be used in order to create telecommunication denial of service attacks, as well as physical addresses for physically confrontation and on-site demonstrations.

SHAC and other animal rights groups have named many Pennsylvania-area corporations as having links with HLS. These include:

- AstraZeneca, with locations in Philadelphia's tri-state area. The company's US corporate headquarters are located in Wilmington, Delaware, with a research facility in Newark, Delaware and a sales office in Wayne, Pennsylvania (Delaware County).

- GlaxoSmithKline, with a location in Philadelphia

- Novartis - or as its local subsidiary is known, Protez Pharmaceuticals - in Malvern (Chester County)

- FedEx in Sharon Hill Borough (Delaware County)

- The Bayer Corporation, with US headquarters in Pittsburgh.

In June 2010 (PIB No. 98) SHAC issued a call to action identifying subsidiaries or shareholders of the Fortress Investment Group, which provides financing for HLS. Targeted assets with Pennsylvania locations include:

- Offices of *The Wayne Independent* in Honesdale Borough (Wayne County)
- Offices of *The Record Herald* in Waynesboro Borough (Franklin County)
- Logan Circle Partners in Philadelphia (1717 Arch St.)
- Brandywine Global Investment Management in Philadelphia (2929 Arch St.)
- Legg Mason Investment Counsel in Philadelphia (Two Logan Square)
- Turner Investment Partners in Berwyn (Chester County)
- Goldman Sachs in Philadelphia (1735 Market St.)

Analysts note that the recent UK attacks targeted companies explicitly named in North American animal rights communications. Additionally, the MFAH claims to have operated in solidarity with American terror suspect Walter Bond. Such globalization of extremist inspiration indicates a current increased risk of attacks by animal rights militants in North America, including Pennsylvania.

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

CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES[10]
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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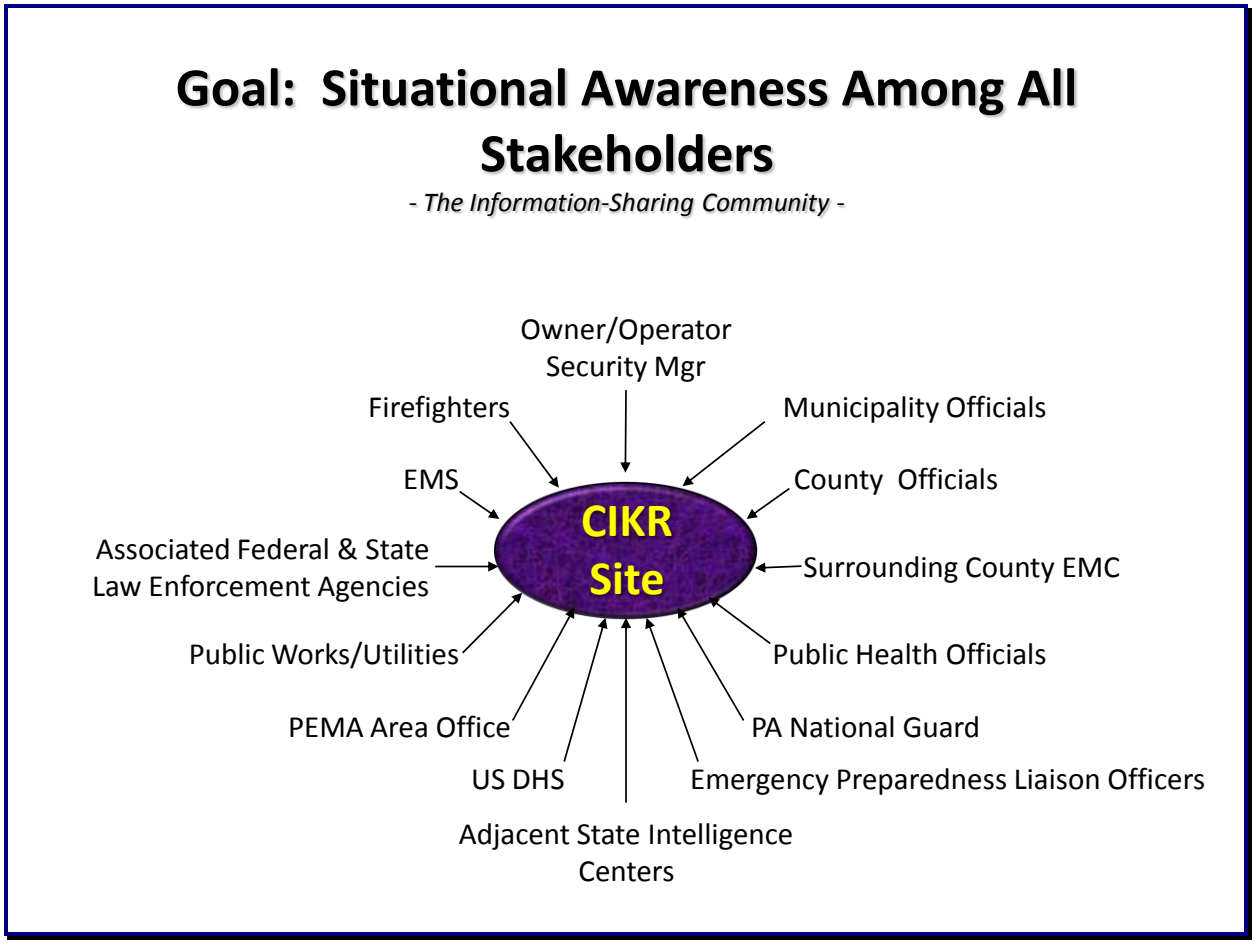
Goal: Situational Awareness Among All Stakeholders
- The Information-Sharing Community -
Owner/Operator Security Mgr
Firefighters
Municipality Officials
EMS
County Officials
CIKR Site
Associated Federal & State Law Enforcement Agencies
Surrounding County EMC
Public Works/Utilities
Public Health Officials
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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