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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **22 March 2010:** Organizers of an ongoing anti-war gathering in Washington called Camp OUT NOW (which was set up to "direct civil disruptions of DC activities") have declared this date as the start of a new, unlimited campaign of "acts of civil resistance" ITRR sees potential involvement of violent groups and individuals (including anarchists and eco-terrorists), with such acts of "resistance" inspired among activists in Pennsylvania. Targets of any such actions would likely include federal and state government offices, as well as military facilities and recruitment stations. (PAIB no. 50)
- **26-28 March 2010:** NC Rising, an anarchist and anti-authoritarian conference in North Carolina, is slated for Chapel Hill. Attendees will learn about statewide networking, squatting and occupying public property, "eco-defense," direct action and more. Attendees are likely to include anarchists from outside the state, with lessons learned applied throughout the East Coast (and beyond), including among Pennsylvania anarchist groups.
- **1 April 2010:** Rising Tide North America (RTNA) announced a nationwide campaign called "Fossil Fool's Day." Tactics advocated for the April RTNA campaign include, according their promotional materials, "the simply subversive to the downright disruptive." Activists are encouraged to take action in their own regions. Energy firms in Pennsylvania, particularly coal-based energy producers and nuclear waste transportation companies, face the possibility of eco-activists targeting their facilities. Additional targeting may include the EPA regional office in **Philadelphia**. (PAIB no. 43)

- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists will be holding Animals in Laboratories Month. Any facility that uses animals in scientific research may see protests. ITRR researchers are monitoring activist communications for possible Pennsylvania-region events and ramifications.
- **2 April 2010:** The Brandywine Peace Community is planning to hold a protest outside the offices of defense contractor Lockheed Martin in **Valley Forge**, Pennsylvania. ITRR analysts believe the event will be non-violent, although police personnel should be prepared to counter demonstrator tactics which may include trespass and locking themselves to the facility's gate. (PAIB no. 61)

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. **Update: Anarchists Up the Ante**

As noted in PAIB no. 59, ITRR analysts identified the likelihood of escalating action by anarchist elements in Greece in the wake of the 10 March 2010 police shooting of anarchist terror suspect Lambros Fountas. Earlier, police and youths clashed in the streets over the Greek government's proposed austerity measures.

In the past few days, attacks by what appears to be anarchist and anti-authoritarian elements have increased and escalated to include arson and bombings.

* A previously unknown group, Revolutionary Memory Patrols, claimed responsibility for a firebomb attack on an Athens branch of the Greek Culture Ministry on Thursday.

* The same organization said it was behind arson that destroyed six parked cars in Athens. (Police and fire officials are investigating a suspected arson attack on a school in the Olympic Village, north of Athens, as well.)

* On Friday, 19 March 2010, a bomb was detonated outside the offices of a far-right political party in central Athens. There were no injuries reported.

* On 20 March 2010, several hundred anarchists and supporters assembled at the point in Dafni, Athens, where Fountas and the police exchanged gunfire. While there were angry protesters, a heavy police presence nearby appears to have prevented any further action.

* Later the same day, anarchist activists claimed "a group of people or comrades" targeted police and shops in the center of Athens with several firebombs.

* In an attack the perpetrators explicitly linked to the Fountas shooting, two incendiary devices composed of gas canisters and petrol exploded in Ioannina (Janina) on Saturday, 20 March

2010. One IED was placed at the Technology Park area of Ioannina University and the other at the city's Biomedical Research Institute. In a claim of responsibility, unidentified attackers wrote, "For Lambro [sic] - we want to continue what he started."

* In what has not been yet identified as an anarchist-related attack, a bomb was detonated on 20 March outside the home of a man identified as the head of the local Pakistani community in Athens.

* Also on Saturday, a relatively powerful bomb exploded in a bus station in downtown Athens.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T//W Rating: MODERATE-to-SEVERE

As previously noted (see PAIB nos. 36, 38 and 59), Greek anarchist violence has focused primarily, although not exclusively, on law enforcement and has included rioting, shooting, firebombs, arson and other sabotage. ITRR analysts expect a continuing increase in anarchist protest actions, vandalism and terror attacks in Greece. Athens will naturally be the epicenter of such actions, targeting government and law enforcement assets.

Students and faculty participating in programs in Greece from institutions such as Pennsylvania State University, Arcadia University, Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges, Carnegie Mellon University, and others, should be made aware of the increased risk of anarchist violence in the country. Business travelers are advised to maintain situational awareness regarding local developments, including threats to local banking and state institutions.

There is also a potential of protests and possible sympathetic violence abroad. Disorders will not be limited to cities having Greek consulates and embassies; however, protests in cities in which Greek representative offices are located will most likely focus on said assets. ITRR researchers are currently monitoring the anarchist networks for Pennsylvania targeting indicators.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; BANKING AND FINANCE

2. Official 'End-the-Fed' Event in Philadelphia

On 24 April 2010, monetary reform activists are holding an "End-the-Fed" march and rally in Philadelphia, billed as the "official" local event for those seeking to eliminate the Federal Reserve. The march is slated to begin near City Hall and proceed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (10 Independence Mall). Shortly afterward, the marchers will hold an anti-Fed rally ("with food and entertainment") in Independence Mall State Park or at the Independence Visitor Center.

***** ANALYSIS*****

T//W Rating: LOW

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above event to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No

violence, vandalism or rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control.

Sector: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

3. *May is the Month for Marijuana*

Several events organized by members of the Pennsylvania-area lobby for legalizing marijuana are slated for the month of May.

* Activists in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Uniontown are slated to take part in the Global Marijuana March. This year's event is to take place on 12 May 2010.

* On the previous Friday, 7 May 2010, a "peaceful rally in support of Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania" is set to take place in Public Square in Wilkes-Barre.

In announcing the Wilkes-Barre event, organizers were adamant about its peaceful nature: "Now we do not want to be ticking off the police so please do not perform in any illegal actions during this rally. But this does not mean we will not be loud, noticeable and strong."

* Preceding the May events, on 20 April 2010, NORML, a nonprofit lobbying organization working to legalize marijuana, is hosting a rally and fundraiser at the Blockley Pourhouse in Philadelphia (38th and Ludlow Sts.).

***** ANALYSIS*****

T/I/W Rating: LOW

As of this writing, ITRR analysts expect the above events to conform to conditions of a legal protest, although ITRR has no current information regarding needed police permits. No violence, vandalism or rioting is expected. Law enforcement personnel will primarily be called upon to provide crowd control (and perhaps concentrate on enforcing controlled substances laws).

No actionable intelligence at this time for the following sectors:

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
CHEMICAL
COMMUNICATIONS
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASES
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ENERGY
HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
POSTAL AND SHIPPING
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS
WATER

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THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	DESCRIPTION
LOW (Level 4)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements currently have little capability or intent to take action against the target. It is assessed that, although it cannot be ruled out, an attack or action is unlikely to be mounted based on current available intelligence.
MODERATE (Level 3)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements have the capability to take action against the target and that such action is within the adversary's current intent. It is assessed that an attack or action is likely to be a priority and might well be mounted.
SEVERE (Level 2)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements have an established capability and current intent to take action against the target and there is some additional information on the nature of the threat. It is assessed that an attack or action on the target is a priority and is likely to be mounted.
CRITICAL (Level 1)	Available intelligence and recent events indicate that hostile elements with an established capability are actively planning to take action against the target within a matter of days (up to two weeks). An attack or action is expected imminently.

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