

# PENNSYLVANIA INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN No. 136

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## POTENTIALLY-IMPACTED MUNICIPALITIES & SECTORS

Municipality
Pittsburgh Philadelphia Honesdale Borough (Wayne County) Waynesboro Borough (Franklin County) Village of Berwyn (Tredyffrin & Easttown Twps, Chester County)
Sector
Banking and Finance Chemical Industries Commercial Facilities Energy Government Facilities <sup>1</sup> National Monuments and Icons Transportation Systems

<sup>1</sup> 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.

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.

## CONTINUING STRATEGIC ANALYSIS

### 1. **Green Globalization Across the Atlantic**

Analysts continue their review of recent demonstrations by environmentalists at the 2010 United Kingdom Climate Camp. This year's Climate Camp, 19-25 August 2010, focused on the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), claiming that RBS provides investment capital for the exploration of Canada's tar sands oil production region.

More generally, environmental activists targeted the RBS because of their financial involvement in the Energy Sector. In the words of the Climate Camp Handbook:

"RBS is the UK bank that has been the most heavily involved in financing fossil fuels and corporate bad guys around the world. It took part in providing E.ON with \$70 billion at the time they were looking to bust out 17 new coal and gas power plants across Europe, and has underwritten over \$8 billion in loans to oil companies extracting tar sands and in doing so trashing the climate and destroying the lives of indigenous communities in Canada."<sup>2</sup>

Protests against RBS took numerous forms on the day that had been selected for "direct action" during the Climate Camp. The simultaneous actions included:

- blocking the entrance of a large RBS branch with several people super-gluing themselves to the entrance and others performing street theater
- the use of a large slingshot apparatus to pelt the RBS corporate headquarters with molasses-filled water balloons
- a surge of demonstrators overwhelming law enforcement personnel who attempted to protect the RBS headquarters. Windows were smashed in the ensuing occupation of the corporate campus.

The coordinated actions were designed to stress law enforcement resources charged with maintaining order. Similar tactics were observed during militant protests at recent G-20 meetings in London, Pittsburgh, Toronto and other national political conventions.

*Analyst's Note:* American environmental activists frequently receive inspiration, targeting and strategic and tactical guidance from their European - especially British - counterparts.

The 2009-2010 anti-coal mining emphasis among American environmentalists is an example of the leadership role played by British extremists. Environmental activists in the UK were stopping and emptying coal trains, shutting down portions of coal-fired power plants, and occupying coal fields months before the issue became a focus of activity in the US.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.eon-us.com/home.asp>

US environmentalists will likely take another page from the UK environmentalist extremist playbook. Banks involved in capitalizing the coal, power, and petrochemical industries will likely come under increased scrutiny and pressure in the coming year. In an early example of such targeting, the **RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK (RAN)** is currently focusing on the **Pittsburgh**-based PNC and the Swiss USB AG banking corporations as financiers of mountaintop coal removal mining in West Virginia.<sup>3</sup> (PIB Nos. 124 & 131)

As noted in PIB No. 117, potentially vulnerable assets of RBS in Pennsylvania include branches of the subsidiary Citizens Bank of Pennsylvania. In addition, Barclays Bank operates Barclays Wealth (part of Barclays Capital Inc.) at the Mellon Bank Building in **Philadelphia**.

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## SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

### *National Monuments and Icons*

#### **2. *Expecting Protests to Follow Blair***

On Monday, 13 September 2010, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair will be in **Philadelphia** as he is awarded the 2010 Liberty Medal by former President Bill Clinton. The ceremony is scheduled to take place outside of the National Constitution Center on Independence Mall. The ceremony marks the 21st medal presentation, which "honors men and women of courage and conviction striving to secure the blessings of liberty to people around the globe."

Blair has recently written a book, *A Journey: My Political Life*, and has participated in book signing receptions in the UK. His recent public appearances have been met with aggressive protests, including the throwing of bottles, shoes and eggs at Blair. Open-source reports indicated that one subject attempted to make a "citizen's arrest" of Blair at a book signing in Dublin. Law enforcement personnel were required to make forceful arrests at the scene.

Blair recently cancelled a high-profile book signing session of his new memoir in central London amid concerns over planned protests at the flagship Waterstone's store in Piccadilly. The book signing was scheduled for 8 September 2010. British anti-war campaigners had promised a hostile reception.

Several anti-war organizations have labeled Tony Blair a war criminal. In a statement from the anti-war organization Code Pink:

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<sup>3</sup> <http://ran.org/>

"Rather than court trials, the architects of the Afghanistan and Iraq occupations and countless illegal acts of torture are out on national speaking tours--and we're keeping track of where they're going so we can hold them accountable for their war crimes!"

Code Pink is but one of the aggressively anti-war organizations that have taken note of Blair's ceremony on Independence Mall.<sup>4</sup>

**\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS \*\*\*\*\* T/I/W Rating: LOW-MEDIUM**

The information being passed among aggressively anti-war groups has not indicated coordinated disruptive activity for Monday's ceremony. In addition, there has been no communications indicating logistical preparations for large, out-of-town groups.

However, the dissemination of information by these groups suggests that anti-war protesters will be present at the ceremony. The fact that the ceremony will be televised and webcasted by WPVI-TV/6abc will likely add motivation for protesters.

Law enforcement and security personnel working in the area of the Constitution Center should be prepared for anti-Blair street protests. It is unknown whether protesters have obtained the necessary police permits for the above demonstration.

### ***Banking and Finance Commercial Facilities***

#### **3. Animal Rights Activists Targeting HLS Financiers**

**STOP HUNTINGTON ANIMAL CRUELTY (SHAC)**, the animal rights radicals who have targeted Huntington Life Sciences (HLS), are calling for a week of action against the company providing financing for HLS's operations.<sup>5</sup> Huntington Life Sciences is a company that uses animal subjects in its product testing services.<sup>6</sup> The "Financial Focus' Week of Action" is 20-26 September 2010.

In the words of the animal rights group, "we hope that you can get involved in this 'Financial Focus Week of Action' against HLS's financial backer – Fortress Investment Group."

As the internal SHAC communication states, they are "calling on activists to keep up the pressure on the vital financial targets, this week of action is for all companies linked to HLS financially - from Fortress to their subsidiary companies, shareholders and more. There are targets all around the world so please get involved!"

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.codepink4peace.org/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.shac.net/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.huntingdon.com/>

Previous calls for action against Fortress Investment Group requested "demos, phone calls and emails against HLS' lifeline lender, Fortress Investment Group, and all associated companies." The organizers name some of the companies they associate with the Fortress Group - "Nomura, Intrawest, Rail America, GateHouse Media and subsidiary companies, from ski resorts to newspapers" - as well as suggesting targeting Fortress shareholders.

SHAC has provided addresses and company names to be targeted in Europe and across the USA.

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

SHAC has targeted HLS, which uses animal subjects for testing, 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 and their executives are targeted by activists for harassment, threats, arson, vandalism and, sometimes, assault.

In past years, animal rights activists in Pennsylvania have advocated "[taking] it the homes of executives of some of HLS's top customers." More commonly, as the above call to action indicates, protests have been held at commercial outlets deemed by animal rights activists to be associated with HLS in some way.

The most recent SHAC call to action identifies the following companies as subsidiaries or shareholders to be targeted in Pennsylvania:

- Offices of the *Wayne Independent* in **Honesdale Borough** (220 8th St., **Wayne County**), owned by GateHouse Media
- Offices of *The Record Herald* in **Waynesboro Borough** (30 Walnut St., **Franklin County**), owned by GateHouse Media
- Logan Circle Partners in **Philadelphia** (1717 Arch St., Suite 1500)
- Brandywine Global Investment Management in **Philadelphia** (2929 Arch St., 8th Floor), a part of Legg Mason Capital Management
- Legg Mason Investment Counsel in **Philadelphia** (Two Logan Square, Suite 1850), a part of Legg Mason Capital Management
- Turner Investment Partners in the village of **Berwyn** (1205 Westlakes Dr., Suite 100, **Tredyffrin & Easttown Townships**, **Chester County**)
- Goldman Sachs in **Philadelphia** (1735 Market St., 26th Floor)

Security personnel are advised to increase security, including tightening access control measures, at named company facilities. Incidental property damage is also possible in the general vicinity of some of the named companies' urban offices.

**Chemical  
Energy  
Government Facilities**

**4. Advance Notice of Hearing on Marcellus Shale Formation Drilling Operations in Philadelphia**

Anti-natural gas-drilling activists have cited an upcoming event in shared communications, presumably for purposes of planning protest actions of some kind.

The internal communication indicates that Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, and Councilman James Kenney co-sponsored a successful resolution in June calling for a hearing about the environmental and economic impacts of Marcellus Shale Formation drilling operations in Philadelphia's watershed. The expected date/time is 28 September 2010, 10:00 AM.

Anti-natural gas-drilling activists are encouraging a large turnout for these hearings ("plan to be there, with 5 friends").

**\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS \*\*\*\*\* T/I/W Rating: LOW**

Law enforcement duties will likely be limited to crowd and access control. Isolated cases of more vigorous protest action remains a possibility in light of a previously noted escalation in rhetoric among anti-natural gas drilling activists. Recent communications have included a discussion of the advisability of "civil disobedience" and similar direct action to stop the drilling companies, as well as the request for information useful for "the activists." (PIB Nos. 125, 126 & 127 for more on this issue.) See PIB No. 133 and herein above for other upcoming events in Pennsylvania previously singled out by environmentalist activists. It is unknown whether the protestors/demonstrators have obtained the necessary police permits.

**Government Facilities**

**5. Anarchists Passing Through in Early October**

Analysts are observing the logistical preparations being made for anarchist participation in the anti-International Monetary Fund (IMF) protests. The IMF meetings will be taking place in Washington, DC from 7-11 October 2010.

Weeklong training sessions have been held; accommodations and transportation requirements have also been identified. Members of the **NORTH EAST ANARCHIST**

**NETWORK (NEAN)** will be active participants in the expected disorders.<sup>7</sup> Analysts note that anarchists from **Philadelphia** and **Pittsburgh** are very active in the NEAN network and are expected to be active participants in the protests.

Anarchists will be transiting Pennsylvania on their way to Washington as is noted by a recently intercepted ride-sharing request from northern New York.

\*\*\*\*\* **ANALYSIS** \*\*\*\*\* **T/I/W Rating: LOW**

Law enforcement personnel should expect anti-authoritarian anarchists to be traveling through Pennsylvania prior to and immediately after the IMF meetings. While analysts are not aware of any planned activity in PA, law enforcement personnel should be aware that there has been increased rhetoric among international anarchists as was noted in the recent **CRIMETHINC**. "decentralized convergence" which included a focus on evading or sabotaging law enforcement.<sup>8</sup>

### ***Government Facilities Transportation Systems***

#### **6. A Shooting in LA – Possible Consequences in PA**

Analysts and researchers are observing the disorders that have been taking place in Los Angeles this week. These disorders are related to the fatal police shooting on Sunday, 5 September 2010, of an intoxicated man reportedly threatening people with a knife. The man with the knife was allegedly in the US illegally.

Anarchist groups report that "... Manuel was murdered in cold blood. This is nothing new for LAPD in general and the Rampart Division in particular. We've lost too many innocent people at the hands of law enforcement in Los Angeles."

In the ensuing disorders, bottles and bricks have been thrown and dumpsters rolled into traffic and set on fire. Law enforcement personnel have used riot control measures to disperse hundreds of protesters that attacked the Rampart Division Station of the LAPD.

These disorders have also received considerable attention from organizations such as *Americans for Legal Immigration* (ALIPAC) whose website includes the following appeal; "if you want to help stop, end, and reverse illegal immigration in America, then get involved today..."<sup>9</sup>

As noted in PIB No. 135, opponents of the controversial Arizona immigration legislation SB 1070 are planning to hold a protest against the upcoming baseball game between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Arizona Diamondbacks (17-19 September 2010). The protesters are planning to gather at or near **Pittsburgh's**

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.neanarchist.net/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.crimethinc.com/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.alipac.us/>

Roberto Clemente (Sixth Street) Bridge. It is unknown whether the protesters/demonstrators have obtained the necessary police permits.

According to organizers of the "Rally Against Racism," as they call it, "SB1070 was over the top for American baseball played by Hispanic athletes of color." The protest is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Anti Sweatshop Community Alliance and Industrial Workers of the World. For more information, supporters were encouraged to visit the movethegame.org website, <http://movethegame.org>.

**\*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS \*\*\*\*\* T/I/W Rating: LOW-MEDIUM**

Security personnel responsible for the upcoming baseball games, stadium perimeters and all Arizona-related events should maintain awareness of plans for the protest activity planned for the Pirates-Diamondbacks baseball game. Law enforcement personnel will primarily have to deal with crowd control issues and containment of militant agitation. Analysts note that there is potential for increased aggressiveness by the protesters as a result of the recent Los Angeles shooting.

As an additional concern, counter-protests by supporters of the Arizona legislation may precipitate violent confrontations between opposing protesters requiring additional law enforcement intervention.

Pennsylvania communities with significant anarchist populations should be aware of the potential for protests in support of the Los Angeles rioters.

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

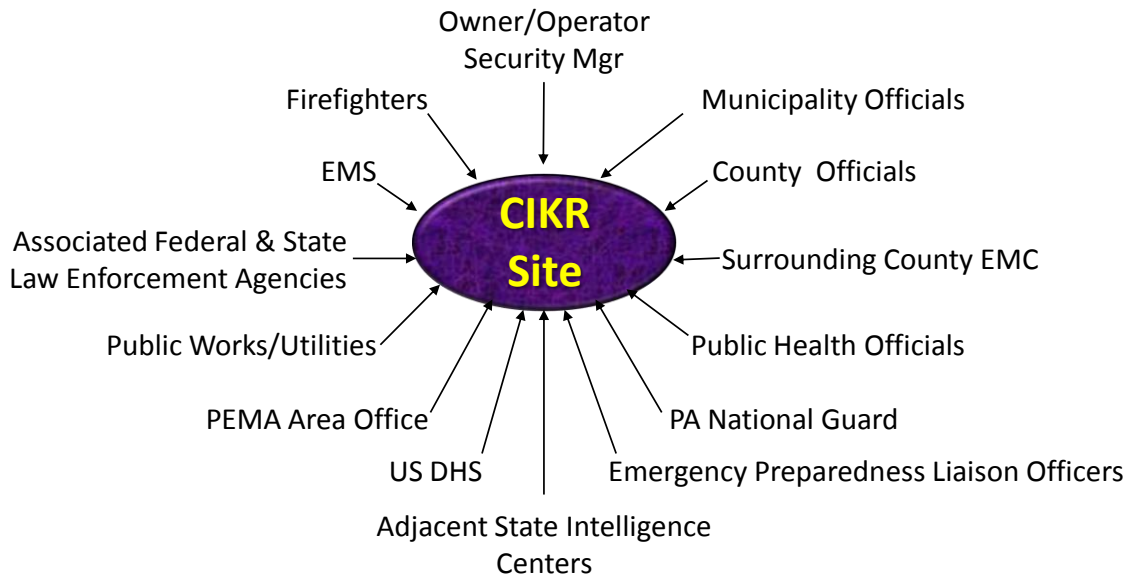
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COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS & WASTE  
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DAMS  
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
GOVERNMENT FACILITIES<sup>10</sup>  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
POSTAL AND SHIPPING  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
WATER

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- The Information-Sharing Community -



THREAT / INDICATOR / WARNING RATING	DESCRIPTION
<b>LOW (Level 4)</b>	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.
<b>MODERATE (Level 3)</b>	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.
<b>SEVERE (Level 2)</b>	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.
<b>CRITICAL (Level 1)</b>	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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