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ACTIONABLE DATE REMINDERS

- **1-30 April 2010:** World-wide animal rights activists are 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.
- **15 April 2010:** Parallel with a mass rally in Washington DC on this day, hundreds of thousands of Americans are expected to hold Tax Day Tea Party protests at various locations around the country, including several in Pennsylvania. The DC rally comes at the end of a 23-state "Tea Party Express" caravan and series of rallies. A popular anarchist communication includes a call to "crash the tea parties" slated for various locations around the country. (See PAIB nos. 61, 65 and 67 for further details of upcoming PA Tea Party events.)
- **19 April 2010:** A Second Amendment March/Rally in Washington, DC, as well as related events across the nation in the month of April. As-yet unconfirmed indications that a parallel event in Oklahoma City will draw armed militia members and gun rights extremists intent on committing weapons violations, while members of the nationwide American Resistance Movement (ARM) have been urged to discharge their firearms at midnight on

19 April. Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) Rally is to take place at the capitol building in Harrisburg on 27 April. (See herein below for new developments related to Pennsylvania militias and the RKBA event.)

- **21 April 2010:** Progressive Democrats of America will be holding Brown Bag Lunch Vigils, to protest US involvement in the ongoing wars in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, at the offices of: Cong. Bob Brady at 1907-09 S. Broad St. in Philadelphia; Cong. Chaka Fattah at 4104 Walnut St. in Philadelphia; Cong. Charlie Dent at 701 W. Broad St. in Bethlehem; Cong. Joe Sestak at 600 N. Jackson St. in Media.
- **22 April 2010:** Philadelphia peace activists will be holding a noon "Earth Day for Peace!" rally at Independence Mall followed by a "Peace Walk" to Camden, NJ. The theme will be "Honor the Earth: Abolish Nuclear Weapons Unite and Act for a Nuclear-Free Planet!"

SECTOR-SPECIFIC THREATS, INDICATORS AND/OR WARNINGS

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

1. Pennsylvania Militia Chatter Targeting EPA, and More

New Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines issued on 1 April 2010 significantly restrict new mountaintop removal mining projects in West Virginia.

In February 2010, anti-MTR activists decided to target the EPA offices over mountaintop removal mining. Thus, the recent EPA guidelines have been seen as a vindication of radical environmentalist tactics. As it was expressed in an environmentalist activist forum: "It is clear that we are in the final showdown on mountaintop removal, and that we are winning."

In contrast to the gloating of the anti-MTR mining groups, the EPA decision produced a very different reaction in a Pennsylvania-based militia communication: "they re shutting down coal in [West Virginia] then they'll come for [West Pennsylvania] they are waging war on our way of life ,our source of power,strength and our history as coal miners..the epa another nazi like government agency has declared war on the peoples of the blue ridge mountains....i say to the clans of WV and of WPA lets give them hell!" (*Grammatical and spelling errors in the original - TAM-C*)

(See herein below for a very different action from among environmentalist activists.)

While not specifically targeting the EPA, another militia communication in the same forum said: "Brothers in Arms in seems to me very soon, perhaps in a month or twos time we shall be fighting the very same fight our fore fathers fought all those many years ago, though we are not fighting the redcoats we shall stand against a force 10 times as corrupt, evil, and tyrannical as that of the british parliment Fear Not God is with us Pennsylvanian's". (*Grammatical and spelling errors in the original - TAM-C*)

*****ANALYSIS*****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

In the wake of the militia arrests and a ramping up of extremist rhetoric warning of an approaching tyranny in the United States, ITRR analysts have expressed concern over the increased likelihood of violent and/or armed confrontation between members of a militia or other radical anti-government organization and government officials. Perceived government interference in regional mining autonomy may be seen as yet another example of federal "tyranny" (alongside recent governmental policies relating to health care and corporate bailouts), and it has the potential of being the spark that precipitates such a confrontation.

The EPA offices in Philadelphia, seen as central to regional regulatory decision making, as well as security personnel for nearby facilities, are advised to increase situational awareness at this time. Opposition can range from lawful protest to serious sabotage-type terrorism. In addition, EPA personnel are advised to increase their personal safety measures and situational awareness.

Pennsylvania is home to anti-government militias such as the 91st Warrior Militia and the Brookville Tiger Militia, which had members jailed in 2008 for illegal sale of explosives. Others include the Sons of Liberty Militia, the broad-based Pennsylvania Citizens Militia and the Pennsylvania Constitutional Militia, as well as regional members of the Rogue Nation Eternal Militia movement.

As noted in PAIB no. 64, Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual Right to Keep and Bear Arms (RKBA) Rally, this year to be associated with the nationwide Second Amendment March, is to take place at the capitol building in Harrisburg on 27 April 2010. Members of Pennsylvania militias are apparently planning to attend the event. While the Second Amendment March and RKBA Rally organizers have been careful to never advocate violence or civil disobedience, ITRR analysts note that a member of a Pennsylvania militia was the source of the above radical communications.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

2. Training for the 'Anticapitalathon'

West Chester Students for a Democratic Society and the Armchair Revolutionaries Collective are teaming up to host an anti-International Monetary Fund/World Bank training seminar 11 April 2010. The training, to take place in West Chester, is intended to prepare local anarchists and anti-capitalists for what anarchists have declared the "Anticapitalathon" in Washington, DC.

The Anticapitalathon Games are being organized by an "anarchist collective". The events are slated for 23-25 April 2010, coinciding with the annual spring meetings of both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank (24-25 April 2010) in the US capital. Among other events, the activists are to take part in events such as a 23 April "Run on the Bank" and a 24 April "Scavenger Hunt".

The anarchists intend to conclude the Anticapitalathon by "marching where we will be the most appreciated, in DC's upscale neighborhoods," according to their pre-event material. As the West Chester group declared regarding its intentions: "Let's show them that we want an end to poverty and capitalism."

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

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

The Washington Anticapitalathon Games pose a risk to private and public property. ITRR analysts believe the anarchist organizers appear to be planning mass theft, trespassing, targeted (as well as random) vandalism, and general confrontational rioting.

The West Chester training seminar for the above-mentioned events is to be held at the West Chester University Women's Center, at 705 S. New St. Organizers said, "There will be workshops and trainings to get us ready for the resistance...." While anarchist violence at the training seminar is not likely, in the estimation of ITRR analysts, the lessons learned from the training and the subsequent DC events are sure to find their way back to future Pennsylvania anarchist activities.

Sectors: ENERGY; COMMUNICATIONS; GOVERNMENT FACILITIES; COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

3. *Earth First! Ideologue Preparing Groundwork for Eco-Terrorism*

A leading ideologue for the radical Earth First! organization has issued a call for more extreme actions in the service of the environmentalist agenda.

In a reflective article in an Earth First! publication, an editor declared his feeling that "action reports recently have been missing fierce honesty. ...Are we so caught up in a cycle of civil disobedience that we can't think past it?"

He goes on to quote a veteran eco-terrorist, Rod Coronado, as saying: "This resistance is not about remaining true to civil disobedience.... Our greatest strategic assessment should be whether our actions are effecting the financial bottom-line of the destroyers of Earth."

The *Earth First! Journal* article goes on to advocate taking the struggle for "live wild or die" to "logging roads, slaughter houses, coal mines, vivisection labs, prisons, detention centers, border walls and pipelines." The name "Earth First!", the writer enthuses, "should not roll off the tongues of our enemies with ease, they should choke upon it, like a fishbone stuck in their throats. From struggles in Scotland to Mexico, from Arizona to West Virginia there is resistance to that which is killing us and Earth. So lets [sic] live wild and be fierce as fuck. Ante Up!"

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

T//W Rating: MODERATE

ITRR analysts believe the call from Earth First!, a veteran "direct action" organization, for "upping the ante" is a significant development. It may also be seen as a "trickle down" from extremist rhetoric in European eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter (cited in PAIB no. 32, 11 January 2010). The European eco-terror advocates included explicit calls for arson, sabotage of major facilities and murder, adding "everything else is child's [play]...."

In the wake of the apparently expanding circles of environmentalists willing to embrace eco-terror of one form or another, ITRR analysts recommend that security personnel responsible for mass transit, telecommunications, ports, fuel stations, coal plants, and other facilities that have been targeted by environmentalist protests in the past take immediate action to heighten situational awareness.

A high-profile upcoming event in Pennsylvania that may attract the attention of activists inspired by the new Earth First! more militant approach is the 2010 Earth Day Rally. [ITRR analysts note that Earth Day has traditionally not been a forum for aggressive Earth First!-type activity.] The rally is slated for 22 April 2010 in Philadelphia's Independence Mall. It is to be followed by a march across the Ben Franklin Bridge, into Camden, New Jersey.

Sectors: COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

4. *Update: JP Morgan Still Targeted by Anti-Mining Activists*

As noted in PAIB no. 49, the radical Rainforest Action Network (RAN) has decided to target JP Morgan Chase over its alleged financing of mountaintop removal coal mining. Weekend events

have indicated the continuation and possible future intensification of that campaign, despite what the environmentalists see as their "success" in forcing federal mining regulations to be tightened.

On 2 April 2010, RAN activists participated in a flash-mob "street theater" at JP Morgan Chase's Chicago headquarters. This was followed by RAN communications calling on supporters to keep the pressure on JP Morgan, primarily by means of a flood of phone calls.

The activists said they believed that the "tide is turning on mountaintop removal." They cited new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines issued on 1 April 2010 that they claim "ensure that the economy, ecology, and communities of Appalachia are better protected from the devastating impacts of mountaintop removal. As our allies have been saying, this is the beginning of the end of mountaintop removal. However, to abolish MTR once and for all, in part, we must go after its largest financiers."

(See herein above for a contrasting reaction in East Coast militia communications.)

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

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Also of note is that anti-coal mining activists and related organizations have recently been increasing training and actions targeting the coal industry and related facilities. Training sessions in West Virginia and Virginia have focused on "skills and knowledge" regarding tactics for "direct action". Eco-extremist and anti-capitalist communications of 8 January 2010 and thereafter include explicit calls for sabotage of major facilities and murder.

ITRR analysts identified several specific assets and industries that may be targets for eco-activist "direct action" in Pennsylvania, including branches of financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase, Citi Bank, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America. Other companies identified as targets of ecological activists were coal companies involved in open pit or "mountain top removal" coal operations, power companies that burn this coal, the Environmental Protection Agency and the offices of Duke Energy (see PAIB nos. 2, 20, 32, 33, 43, 50 and 61). Previous facilities targeted by RAN have been the scene of illegal actions including trespassing, lock-downs and vandalism.

Sectors: GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

5. Uighur Jihadists Don't Want to be Misidentified as Peaceful

In a new statement issued by the jihadist Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP), claiming to represent the Islamist movement in China's Uighur-majority Xinjiang region, the group reiterates its goals of Islamic supremacy and insists that it remains the only true local proponent of armed jihad.

According to TIP, Muslims in Turkestan have been resisting the "infidel Chinese" ever since the latter's "aggression" in the 19th Century. TIP, the communication declares, "wants to see the return of... the rule of Allah way under the Islamic caliphate."

The TIP then denounces and distinguishes itself from "democratic and secular" Uighur organizations. TIP rejects attempts to link their organization with the above groups. TIP insists on the recognition that they are responsible for past terrorist attacks in China:

"The Chinese government made false claims that those parties were behind the military operations of the jihad fighters inside East Turkestan.... But the truth is that the armed jihad is the way of the Turkestan Islamic Party to solve the Turkestan problem. All the jihadist fighters inside and outside Turkestan belong to us. We don't accept any tradition that is not the tradition of Islam and of the weapon."

Named as non-jihadist groups, possibly in order to target them as collaborationist, are: the Uighur associations of America, Australia, Sweden and Canada; the International Uighur Convention; the Uighur Educational Association; the Educational and Cultural Association for East Turkestan; the Cultural and Cooperation Association for East Turkestan in Turkey; and the Association to Defend the Rights of the Uighur.

***** ANALYSIS *****

T/I/W Rating: MODERATE

In PAIB no. 55, ITRR analysts cited an Arabic language call to target personnel and assets of the People's Republic of China (PRC) within the Chinese state and globally. The most recent declaration by TIP, ITRR analysts believe, is an effort to keep China on the jihadist front burner, as well as to distance themselves from Uighur movements not taking part in the global jihad.

ITRR analysts note that there is an increase in the risk level for NGOs operating in the Turkestan area and cultural institutions deemed secular by the Turkestan Islamic Party. PRC targets have already been hit in recent years both in Xinjiang, China, and in the Arab countries of the Middle East and North Africa. Previous attacks have ranged from bombings to ambushes with small-arms fire aimed at Chinese contract workers abroad. Organizations in close proximity to high-profile Chinese assets or groups should take note of increased pressure to target these assets by lone-wolf or small unit terror organizations.

Students from Pennsylvania schools (Clarion University, East Stroudsburg, Indiana University, Mansfield University, and Westminster College) taking part in International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) in China, Indiana University of Pennsylvania exchange students in China, as well as University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine exchange students at China's Fourth Military Medical University College of Stomatology, should be made aware of the specific regional risks in western China.

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HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH
NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS
BANKING AND FINANCE
WATER
CHEMICAL
CRITICAL MANUFACTURING
DAMS
EMERGENCY SERVICES
NUCLEAR REACTORS, MATERIALS, AND WASTE
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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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