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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2015 8:50 PM
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Subject: ~~(U//FOUO)~~ Awareness (Closeout): Power Outage - Washington D.C. (NOC 0333-15)

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Overview: A power outage impacting areas in Washington D.C. and MD, including several federal, state, and local facilities, has been resolved. The FBI reports there is no indication the outage was the result of a nefarious or intentional act.

The Department of Energy (DOE) reports the outage began when a Pepco transmission conductor broke free from its support structure and fell to the ground at the Ryceville switching station in Charles County, MD, causing a loss of power supply. This failure resulted in the loss of power to Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's (SMECO's) Ryceville and Hewitt Road stations and to the Pepco Morgantown and Chalk Point interconnect locations. SMECO rerouted power and restored services to its customers by 1400 EDT. Pepco reported the disruption created a dip in voltage in the Washington D.C. area shortly before 1300 EDT, causing customer equipment to transfer to backup systems. In some cases, this transfer had to be accomplished manually, creating select power outages and delays in restoration. DOE reports fewer than 2,500 customers in MD and DC remain without power.

Federal and State government operations centers have resumed normal operations to include the White House, the Capitol, and Department of State.

The NICC reports impacts to Nationally Significant Critical Infrastructure in the National Capital Region were electrical only. The NICC is coordinating with the IP/PSA in the National Capital Region for more information. The National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center reports there are no indications of a cyber-nexus to the power outage.

The Department of Homeland Security National Operations Center will continue to monitor this incident; however, no further reporting is anticipated. For the most current information, refer to the DHS Common Operating Picture and the [Homeland Security Information Network](#).



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From: Tupay, Edmund
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To: Griffin, Robert; Murata, Christina
Cc: Schuler, Ari; Howe, Wendy; Douglas-Naughton, Lisa; VanAtta, Robert; Rosenblum, Ian
Subject: FW: Power Outage Continuity Status Report
Attachments: DHS S&T Component Continuity Status Report_Power outage_7 April 15.docm
Importance: High

Bob, Christina

The metro DC area has been hit by widespread power outages as a result of an explosion at an electrical facility in southern Maryland. Please see the attached URL for more info.

[http://www.govexec.com/management/2015/04/widespread-power-outages-dc-send-some-feds-home/109492/?oref=govexec today pm nl](http://www.govexec.com/management/2015/04/widespread-power-outages-dc-send-some-feds-home/109492/?oref=govexec%20today%20pm%20nl)

DHS OPS held a conference call on departmental continuity with the components; Rob VanAtta participated for S&T. They requested that each component submit a continuity status report (see attached). OPS made the decision to shift NOC operations to their alternate site at Mt Weather. Given that we haven't lost power and do not regularly staff the NOC, I have directed Rob to maintain our current normal readiness posture. Per our normal operating procedures, the NOC will contact him via phone for any needs from S&T.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this.

Ed

v/r

Ed Tupay, P.E., C.F.M.

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Subject: RE: Power Outage Continuity Status Report
Importance: High

Greetings,

Attached is the Continuity Status Report for Science and Technology for the power outage in D.C.

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Subject: Power Outage Continuity Status Report

Components must submit a completed Component Continuity Status Report (CSR) (attached) to OPS/Reporting & Facilities Section **no later than** 3:15 on Tuesday April, 7, 2015.

Please submit your Component CSR to the following:

- a. To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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- d. Cc: (b) (6)

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Department of Homeland Security
Office of Operations Coordination and Planning
Reporting & Facilities Section (RFS)

Component Continuity Status Report (CSR)

WARNING: If submitting form via unclassified means do not include classified information.

1a. Component	DHS Science and Technology	
1b. POC for Report	Rob VanAatta	
1c. POC Phone	(b) (6)	
1d. STE	(b) (6) Secret (b) (6)	TSC/SCI
1e. Mobile	(b) (6)	
1f. Secure Fax	(b) (6) Secret (b) (6)	TSC/SCI
1g. Email	(b) (6)	
1h. JWICS (n/a if none)	(b) (6)	
1i. Report Date/Time	April 7, 2015/1441	
2. CONTINUITY AND DEVOLUTION OPERATIONS	2a. Has the Component activated one or more of its COOP Plans? (provide detail in Block 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Has the Component activated all or part of its Devolution Plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 2b. Where are Component's essential functions being performed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Site(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Devolution Site(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Others: Identify in block 5	2c. Are the Component's Essential Functions (EFs) supported in accordance with the plan? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Identify any issues with support of EFs in Block 5. Identify which essential functions have been relocated to an alternate site <hr/> Identify which essential functions have been devolved to a devolution site or team: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	3. FACILITY STATUS	3a. Current Status of Primary Site(s)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open and fully operational <input type="checkbox"/> Limited operations (explain in block 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Not operational (explain in block 5) 3b. Current Status of COOP Site(s)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open and fully operational <input type="checkbox"/> Limited operations (explain in block 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Not operational (explain in block 5)
4. ORDERS OF SUCCESSION	Has an Order of Succession been implemented for the Component Head?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (provide name and contact info for successor) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5. COMMENTS (please indicate field): (Attach additional sheets if needed) Note: If vulnerabilities are divulged within this form, submit via classified means.		

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