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Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate

Special Alert – December 9, 2003

Subject: Suspicious Activity May Signal Active Terrorist Attack Planning Involving The American Trucking Industry

This alert is intended for widespread distribution throughout the Motor Transportation Industry. The Truck ISAC encourages its sharing with line operations personnel including commercial motor vehicle drivers, dispatchers, terminal and yard workers, and the like.

Discussion:

A series of observations have been made over the last months, increasing in frequency over recent weeks of certain types of activity that may represent the characteristic operational acts of active terrorist planning which may seek to attack the trucking industry or to exploit the trucking industry in conducting an attack on the United States. A concentration of these observations has been in the area around the eastern end of Lake Erie, and in North and South Carolina. The reports frequently have involved fuel and chemical tanker operations or have been made at or in the vicinity of fuel and chemical production and storage facilities and terminals. In addition, widely publicized statements purportedly by al-Qaeda leaders and sympathizers have threatened attacks against the U.S. domestically.

The similarity of the suspicious activities observed in the various reports has led the Truck ISAC, with the approval of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to issue this Special Alert, which is being widely distributed throughout the Motor Transportation Industry. Details of this alert are explained in the following table.

Carriers are encouraged to actively distribute and review this alert with all personnel covered by the topics of Special Interest and to all commercial drivers in general. For more information on security resources and information, see the Truck ISAC website at www.truckline.com.

The consideration of the motoring public is asked in respecting safe distances around all commercial trucks, especially around tanker and chemical trucks, and in reporting any suspicious activities to law enforcement authorities.

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Type	SPECIAL ALERT
Subject	Suspicious Activity May Signal Active Terrorist Attack Planning Involving The American Trucking Industry
Date Issued	December 9, 2003
Implementation	Immediate
Duration	Indefinite
Coverage	Nationwide
Areas Of Special Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Great Lakes Region (New York) • Southeastern US (Carolinas)
Operations Of Special Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Tanker Operations (all vehicle classes) • Fuel and Hazmat Transport Operations • Operations Involving or Serving Fuel and Chemical Production, Terminal and Storage Facilities
Cargo Classes Of Special Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Fuels • Highly Hazardous Chemicals (especially volatile compounds)
Characteristic Activities and Operational Acts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting and Casing – Observation and photography of facilities and operations, attempted interviews of personnel to obtain information regarding operations and facilities, following vehicles enroute • Rehearsal – Attempts to enter facilities by unauthorized personnel, aggressive driving behavior, multiple vehicles actively “boxing” the target truck, potential ruse or staged accident to cause the target truck to stop on roadside in isolated area
Recommended Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees of companies covered by topics of Special Interest should be made aware of this alert • All Drivers nationwide asked to maintain vigilance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For Vehicle and cargo of Special Interest, while enroute regarding the characteristic acts, above, especially at rest areas, overnight stops, and in areas of terminals or storage facilities, with strict adherence to company/customer security procedures ○ For all drivers – keep watch suspicious activity for other trucks of the types above • All companies with Operations Of Special Interest should review perimeter and access security procedures and effectiveness • Report ANY suspicious activity immediately (in emergency situations call 9-1-1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HIGHWAY WATCH Drivers – Use your discrete phone number and ID to notify the Call Center, which will route the call to the proper authority ○ The local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force office or to other appropriate authorities ○ The DHS (IMAC) Watch and Warning Unit at (202) 323-3205, toll free at 1 (888) 585-9078 ○ Transportation Security Coordination Center Watch: TSCC Watch Officer. Tel: (703) 563-3236 / 3237 (non-secure), (703) 563-3695 (secure), (202) 493-5100 (aviation issues). Fax: (703) 563-3292 (non-secure), (703) 563-3687 (secure). Email: M&L.TSCC@tsa.dot.gov • Please also report observations to the Truck ISAC Watch Officer via email at securetruck1@trucking.org

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