

DATE: February 13, 2003

SUBJECT: National Infrastructure Protection Center Suggested Guidance on Protective Measures under the Homeland Security Advisory System

HIGHLIGHTS: On February 7, 2003, the Homeland Security Advisory System (HSAS) was raised to Orange (High) from Yellow (Elevated). All financial institutions are encouraged to become familiar with the precautions recommended to protect against this heightened threat environment that are contained on the Department of Homeland Security's website <http://www.dhs.gov/>.

The National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC) has issued *Suggested Guidance on Protective Measures* (Information Bulletin 03-002, February 7, 2003). The communication provides guidance for developing protective measures based on the heightened threat condition. Although the guidance is directed to critical infrastructure providers, including the critical financial infrastructure providers, it offers suggestions about security measures that should be considered by all financial firms. NIPC bulletins and other alert information are published on its public website at <http://www.nipc.gov/>. It will also be posted on the Board's public website, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/>, in due course.

DOCUMENT LOCATION: The guidance can be viewed at <http://www.stlouisfed.org/banking/>

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