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Pesticide Security Advisory

In light of the announcement by U.S. Attorney General Ashcroft that the threat level for terrorist attack has been elevated to "high," the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests that those who manufacture, distribute, transport or store pesticides should be especially vigilant regarding physical security of those chemicals. Toward that end, EPA recommends that you review **EPA's Pesticide Security Alert entitled: Pesticide Alert: Pesticide Security and Your Business** published by EPA on September 2001 and available on the EPA website at: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/citizens/pest_secu_alert.htm. The FBI requests that you expeditiously report any threats or suspicious behavior to your local FBI field office. A listing of FBI field offices can be found on the FBI website at: www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/info.htm. Explanatory information on the Homeland Security Advisory System can be found at: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/03/20020312-5.html>.

Additional information on chemical security can be found at the following websites:

The U.S. Department of Justice, through Sandia National Laboratories, has developed a chemical facility vulnerability assessment methodology (VAM). The VAM is a tool which chemical facilities may apply to assess their security vulnerabilities and to assist decisions regarding how to appropriately address those vulnerabilities. A report detailing the VAM can be accessed on the National Institute of Justice's website at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/195171.pdf>

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) with the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association and the Chlorine Institute have produced a chemical site security guideline document and a chemical transportation security guideline document. Both documents are available on the ACC website at: <http://www.Americanchemistry.com/>

The Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) has released, "Guidelines for Analyzing and Managing the Security Vulnerabilities of Fixed Chemical Sites." This book is intended for chemical site managers, process safety managers, security managers and others responsible for conducting security vulnerability analyses and managing security at fixed chemical sites. To request a copy of this document visit the CCPS

website at: <http://www.djbassoc.com/CCPSregister.asp>

If you have questions regarding this advisory or EPA's Pesticide Security Alert, please contact Dennis Deziel of EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances at (202) 564-0331

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