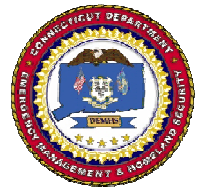




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**HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY SYSTEM
“COLOR CODE – THREAT WARNING SYSTEM”**

**COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
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- A more localized version of a threat warning system that included an all-hazards approach would be greatly beneficial.
- Better communication with the states is needed **prior to it going to the national media** when the alert level changes.
- DHS needs to be more specific about what their expectations are from the states when a different level is issued.
- Different aspects, such as aviation facilities, should be able to go to a higher level than the general national level. Further, the levels should also be able to be geographic in nature.
- Moving from a five tier system to a three tier system would make the system more functional.
- There needs to be continued dialogue with the general public, beyond the color-coded system, regarding security and risk.