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Subject: Wind Data Web Site Shut Down

The data from the Department of Interior's network of weather stations around the World Trade Center site are not available on the internet at this time. The sites are still operating and data are still being collected. The DOI staff here in NYC collect the data and store it daily. So the data are not lost, just not available to the public (or us) at this time.

The wind data web site is run by a contractor for the DOI, but a judge has ordered DOI's computer systems shut down to protect information on its Tribal trust funds from hackers. Because of this, the data cannot be sent over the internet to the contractor's web site at this time.

There is no estimate on how long it will take the DOI to restore its computer systems, but it appears that they will have to add extensive security measures, like EPA did last year, before they are back on line.

See the enclosed article about why the computers were shut down.

Interior Loses Internet for Day

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By ROBERT GEHRKE, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Much of the Interior Department was without e-mail or Internet access

Friday after a judge ordered the systems shut down to protect an Indian trust fund from potential hackers.

Deputy Interior Secretary J. Steven Griles notified employees of the shutdown in a memo.

"To the best of my knowledge, all relevant Interior agencies have disconnected their computer

Internet access and the department's external network connections have been shut down," Griles wrote.

It is unclear how long the shutdown will last.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth issued the emergency order late Wednesday after a report

showed an Interior Department system that handles \$500 million annually in royalties from Indian land had little security and was an easy target for potential hackers.

"In meeting the requirements of the court, our ability to conduct a large portion of our daily business has been impacted," Griles wrote.

He said computer experts were working to find a way to restore operations while complying with the court order. Bureau of Land Management (news - web sites) employees in Denver had been told their Internet access would be restored Friday morning, but the networks were still not working Friday night.

BLM spokeswoman Celia Boddington said she could send e-mail to other BLM employees, but could not contact anyone outside the bureau.

The Internet shutdown had also affected e-mail at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Geological Survey (news - web sites).

Interior spokesman John Wright said it was not clear how the computer problems were impairing the work done by the various departments.

A company called Emergency E-mail Network donated its services Friday to allow 11,000 USGS

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(news - web sites) workers to receive urgent updates on a 6.1 magnitude earthquake that hit New Zealand.

Lamberth issued the order after a court-appointed watchdog and his computer expert were able to easily break into the system that manages the Indian trust funds and alter and manipulate the data.

Government attorneys admitted there was no way they could guarantee the Indian money was secure.

So the judge ordered all Internet access disconnected and also ordered all Interior Department computers that could access the Indian trust system be shut off from the Internet.

But the government attorneys expressed reservations about the order, saying they did not understand its language or exactly how it could be implemented.

Dennis Gingold, the attorney who asked the judge for the order, said Interior didn't need to take such a sweeping approach to comply with the judge's order.

"This just shows you how inept they are," he said. "They don't even understand how these systems relate to each other so they just pull the plug on the entire system."

Lamberth is presiding in a lawsuit that alleges the government squandered more than \$10 billion in royalties from Indian land over the past century. The judge has ordered Interior to fix the system, but repeated reports by court-appointed watchdogs have shown the reform efforts are failing.

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