



Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

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Updated Information Concerning FinCEN's QuikNews System

Earlier today, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network announced an apparent compromise of the "FinCEN QuikNews" system, a subscriber-based e-mail service that is part of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's public website, which is hosted externally.

Our initial investigation of this incident indicates that the e-mail addresses of "FinCEN QuikNews" subscribers were compromised. This matter is under active criminal investigation. As FinCEN did not collect personal information upon subscribing for this system, no information, other than e-mail addresses, was compromised.

The unauthorized message has been analyzed by multiple sources both within and outside of FinCEN and no virus or other malicious code has been detected. Regardless, in an abundance of caution, we recommend that "FinCEN QuikNews" subscribers delete the original message and any additional e-mail messages they might receive that appear to originate from the following FinCEN sources:

- FinCEN News
- fincennews@fincen.gov
- FinCEN QuikNews Mailing List

As we indicated earlier, the "FinCEN QuikNews" system resides outside FinCEN's security perimeter and is not connected to any other FinCEN systems. Bank Secrecy Act data, and all other sensitive information maintained by FinCEN, was in no way, shape or form compromised by this incident.

The current "FinCEN QuikNews" system has been shut down permanently. While we anticipate reinstating a notification service in the future, it will not be done using the current mailing list, therefore it will not be necessary to unsubscribe from the system.

We will continue to post additional updates on FinCEN's website as information becomes available. We sincerely regret this incident and any inconvenience this may have caused.

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