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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NOAA Employees

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SUBJECT: Travel Advisory 06-2

Due to the recent terrorist related incidents in the United Kingdom, please take note of the points below. For the foreseeable future, the recent events will affect all of the traveling public both internationally as well as domestically.

- The U.S. threat level is raised to Severe, or Red, for all commercial flights flying from the United Kingdom to the U.S.
- The U.S. threat level is raised to High or Orange for all commercial aviation operating in the U.S., including international flights. Flights from the U.S. to the U.K. are also Orange.
- PROHIBITED ITEMS CHANGE: All liquids and gels are now prohibited at the screening checkpoints.
- For more information please visit www.tsa.gov.

Here are some valuable traveling tips for you to consider should you be required to travel:

- Show up at the airport early, at least 2 hours for a domestic flight and 3 hours prior to an international flight.
- Carry on luggage will be searched aggressively and there are several items that cannot be taken on at all, such as liquids of any kind, including those purchased after screening, including no toothpaste or other items in a squeeze-type container. It is best to check all of your luggage.
- We highly recommend that you visit your airline's website the day of your travel to see if your airline/flight/airport has any other conditions that could affect your trip. Airline reservations lines will be extremely busy so, again, we recommend that you use your carrier's website.

In addition, we have received the following notice from Homeland Security:

<http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/%7efinance/Homeland%20Security%20Travel%20Guidelines%20-%202008-10-06.pdf>

As you are aware, there will be a great deal of congestion at the airports. Your patience and total cooperation with all airport and airline personnel will be greatly appreciated by them and by your fellow passengers.