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# Media Advisory

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## **DHS TO BEGIN YEAR-LONG OPERATION OF RAPID RECOVERY TRANSFORMERS**

**HOUSTON**—The Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) will be joined by the Department of Energy and electric power industry partners to kick-off a year-long operational evaluation of new, prototype recovery transformers—that could provide enhanced recovery capabilities from transformer-related outages.

Extra high voltage (EHV) transformers are critical components of our nation’s electric transmission system, but they often weigh hundreds of tons, are too large to transport by road and are difficult to replace. The prototype recovery transformers under evaluation are smaller, easier to transport, and operational in only a few days.

**WHO:** U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate; U.S. Department of Energy; CenterPoint Energy, the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), and transformer manufacturer ABB, Inc.

**WHAT:** Media availability and ribbon-cutting to kick-off year-long evaluation of recovery transformers, including a site visit to the substation.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT

**WHERE:** CenterPoint Energy  
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Houston, Texas 77002

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