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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *March 29, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Official: Danger of truck explosion over.** Most of the propane has escaped from the tanker truck that overturned in a ravine off Route 7 in Hoosick. New York, March 28, Rensselaer County officials said March 29. “The danger of explosion is gone,” the deputy county executive said. The county is not ready to end the evacuation of about 100 nearby homes, and a portion of Route 7 remains closed. The tanker truck caught fire after it crashed near Route 22. The fire was out March 29, but emergency workers feared a cloud of propane was accumulating in the ravine. They examined the vehicle March 29 and discovered several gashes on the

belly they believe allowed much of the gas to escape after the crash, the executive said. Firefighters reignited the gas March 29 in a bid to burn off the tiny amount that remained. The driver of the propane tanker is under medical observation at Albany Medical Center Hospital, a Rensselaer County sheriff said. The truck was hauling 9,500 pounds of combustible liquid propane when the driver lost control of the truck and crashed off an embankment. An investigation is under way. On March 28, about 100 homes and businesses were evacuated within a mile of the crash site as firefighters pumped water onto the wreckage in hopes of preventing an explosion. Officials said it could be until March 30 before all of Route 7, a main travel route between eastern New York and Vermont, is reopened.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Official-Danger-of-truck-explosion-over-1312267.php>

2. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Abandoned oil wells in Muskegon area cause worry.** Hundreds of abandoned oil wells in the Muskegon, Michigan, area that were left behind following a 1920s oil boom are causing concerns about possible environmental threats. The Muskegon Chronicle reported that in some cases, homes and schools practically have been built on top of the sites of wells from that time as well as former natural gas wells. The newspaper said Bear Lake has been polluted and there could be contaminated drinking water and soil or hazardous petroleum vapors. The abandoned wells and accompanying pits also could be prone to cave-ins throughout Muskegon County. Concerns are being addressed after local officials and Garman's Westshore Consulting formed the Muskegon County Oil Field Work Group, which last year released a report about the wells.

Source: <http://www.9and10news.com/Category/Story/?id=286250&cID=2>

3. *March 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds cite Massey mines for dozens of violations.** Massey Energy Co. was cited for more than 80 safety violations uncovered in the latest round of special inspections targeting troubled mines in the United States, the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) said March 28. The Massey citations are among 166 issued at 8 mines in 5 states during special inspections in February. The agency started the so-called impact inspections after 29 miners died in an explosion at Massey's Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia April 5, 2010. Two Massey mines in West Virginia, and one each in Virginia and Kentucky accounted for more than half the violations issued nationally during the impact inspections. MSHA also cited three non-Massey coal mines in Kentucky and Alabama, and a stone quarry in Pennsylvania. MSHA said it issued 43 citations at Massey subsidiary Process Energy's No. 1 mine in Pike County, Kentucky. Nearly 42 percent involved significant and substantial violations considered more likely to result in injuries, MSHA stated. At the other 3 Massey operations, the rate of serious violations was above 60 percent. That included 11 serious violations cited at subsidiary Elk Run Coal's Seng Creek Powellton mine about 40 miles south of Charleston in Boone County. MSHA singled out a small Kentucky coal mine for criticism after the latest round of inspections. Inspectors found D&C Mining in Harlan County, Kentucky, operating without a mandatory emergency shelter, and violations such as not following its ventilation plan for controlling coal dust, MSHA said.

Source: <http://www.lakewyliepilot.com/2011/03/28/1071102/feds-cite-massey-mines-for-dozens.html>

4. *March 28, KYTX 19 Tyler* – (Texas) **Gas well catches fire, burns two acres.** A gas well caught fire in the 6000 block of County Road 448 in Anderson county in Elmwood, Texas around 8:30 a.m. March 28. When firefighters arrived flames were shooting more than 6 feet in the air, near gas tank batteries. A fire and emergency response team with the state also came in to help contain the fire. The teams were in the area battling wild fires when the gas well caught fire. As a result of the gas well fire, about 2 acres of land was burned. There were no reported injuries.

Source: <http://www.cbs19.tv/Global/story.asp?S=14333635>

5. *March 28, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **After fiery crash, two lanes of westbound I-30 in Fort Worth to be closed for months.** Two lanes of Interstate 30 east of Fort Worth, Texas, will be closed for months so workers can repair a bridge damaged March 28 in a fatal crash involving a drunken-driving suspect. All four lanes of westbound I-30 near Beach Street were shut down after a man driving the wrong way crashed head-on into a fuel tanker, causing the 18-wheeler to explode and killing the truck driver. Officials hoped to open two westbound lanes March 29. Workers will restripe the lanes and add concrete barriers to separate drivers from the damaged portion of the bridge, which spans Sycamore Creek. The crash happened shortly after 2:30 a.m., when police said an eastbound pickup driven by a 23-year-old man slammed into the westbound tanker. The tanker then crashed into the highway divider and its load of gasoline caught fire. The driver of the pick-up truck who was taken to a hospital with unknown injuries, was arrested on a charge of intoxication manslaughter. A hazardous materials crew was dispatched to prevent fuel from running into the creek. The fire burned the tanker to slag and caused structural damage to the bridge. A spokeswoman said the Texas Department of Transportation is seeking an emergency contract to expedite the repairs.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/fort-worth/headlines/20110328-after-fiery-crash-two-lanes-of-westbound-i-30-in-fort-worth-to-be-closed-for-months-.ece>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *March 29, Portsmouth Herald* – (New Hampshire) **State: Small electrical fire posed no hazard at nuke plant.** An “unusual event” was declared at the Seabrook Station

nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire, March 28, when smoke started to rise from an electrical component attached to a service elevator in the auxiliary building. The declaration was made at 11:43 a.m. and terminated at 12:43 p.m., according to a spokesman for the state's division of homeland security and emergency management. "There were no injuries, there were no evacuations and no effect on plant operations," he said. The plant's spokesman said there was never an actual fire and no one was in the elevator during the incident. Officials became aware of it after someone noticed smoke coming from a transformer. Power to the elevator was disconnected and the plant's on-site fire brigade responded. "When they cut the power, the event was over," he said. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the report of smoke was in the "B" Residual Heat Removal (RHR) vault, coming from elevator power supply equipment. At 11:58 a.m., the "fire (was) proven extinguished after the elevator electrical cabinet was opened." A subsequent investigation revealed no damage beyond the transformer that supplies an equipment elevator.

Source:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110329/NEWS/103290351/-1/NEWSMAP>

7. *March 29, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Small mechanical fire prompts Nine Mile Point 1 to declare.** Workers evacuated a section of the Nine Mile Point Unit 1 nuclear power plant in Scriba, New York, for 30 minutes March 29 after a small fire in a portable lift produced elevated levels of carbon monoxide, the plant's owner said. The plant was not in operation. As a result of the fire, the plant owner, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, declared an "unusual event" at 1:55 a.m., a company spokeswoman said. The event ended at 2:26 a.m. after carbon monoxide levels dropped, she said. An "unusual event" is the lowest of four levels of emergencies. Unit One shut down March 21 for refueling and maintenance. At about 1:55 a.m., workers in the dry well area of the plant noticed a small fire in a portable mechanical lift. The fire was quickly put out by workers and there was no need to call for outside help. Workers were evacuated from the area because of high carbon monoxide levels produced by the fire, and they were allowed to return when the levels dropped, she said.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/03/nine_mile_point_unit_1_declare.html

8. *March 29, Canadian Press* – (International) **Bruce Power delays shipment of radioactive generators.** Ontario, Canada-based Bruce Power said it is delaying plans to ship 16 radioactive steam generators through the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The Bruce president said the delay will allow further discussion with First Nations, Metis, and others seeking additional data about the shipment. The company wants to ship generators from an Ontario nuclear plant to Sweden for recycling. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission issued a transport license and certificate to Bruce in February, determining the risk to the health and safety of the public and the environment is negligible. The move is strongly opposed by aboriginal groups, the Bloc Quebecois, the NDP, and many community groups. Bruce has said about 90 per cent of the metal in the steam generators can be decontaminated, melted down, and sold back

into the scrap metal market. The rest will be returned to the Bruce site for long-term storage. Each steam generator contains 100 tons of steel, but less than 4 grams of radioactive substances.

Source: <http://toronto.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110329/bruce-power-steam-generator-shipment-delay-110329/20110329?hub=TorontoNewHome>

9. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Federal regulators single out Kansas nuclear plant, 2 others for more government oversight.** Government regulators have singled out three nuclear power reactors in the United States for increased oversight, including the Wolf Creek plant near Burlington, Kansas. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) cited concerns about the number of problems with the safety system and unplanned shutdowns in 2010 at the facility. The commission also said the plant is being safely operated. “We don’t allow plants that are unsafe to operate,” an NRC spokesman told the Wichita Eagle. “Our oversight process is designed to identify a licensee’s performance long before they produce any significant safety problems.” NRC has five oversight levels for the nation’s 104 nuclear reactors. Wolf Creek is one of three reactors on the third level of heightened oversight. The other reactors are near Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, and Hartsville, South Carolina. Ninety-two reactors are at the lowest level, and nine are at the second level. A Wolf Creek spokeswoman said this is the first time the plant has been on the NRC’s list. It was notified of its enhanced oversight status March 4. In 2010, Wolf Creek had six safety system functional failures, one more than NRC’s threshold. It also had three unplanned shutdowns.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7b04e20460f549a7bfe3a2fb58651ece/KS--Kansas-Nuclear-Plant/>
10. *March 28, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. nuclear plant says shielded against Japan emergency.** A U.S. nuclear plant in Alabama similar in design to the earthquake-hit Fukushima facility in Japan has multiple defenses to prevent and tackle the same kind of emergency, its operator said. Safety features at the Browns Ferry plant in northern Alabama are so superior to those at Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi plant that even in the event of massive flooding the chances of a crisis were negligible, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) officials told reporters. “What we have here is defense in depth, multiple levels of redundancy, backup to the backup to the backup,” a TVA communications consultant said. Comparisons between Fukushima and Browns Ferry are relevant because both have Mark 1 boiling water reactors made by General Electric. Browns Ferry officials stressed two crucial differences: the U.S. facility’s key power sources were shielded against even a once-in-a-million year flood on the nearby Tennessee River, which provides water to the plant. Second, multiple backup systems would continue to provide power and thus control, even in the event of a flood. Another focus of concern is the storage tank where highly radioactive spent fuel lies in a 29-foot-deep pool high in the reactor building. “I believe the spent fuel pool is something that will be looked at very closely after Japan,” a senior TVA official said.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/28/us-nuclear-usa-japan-idUSTRE72Q2F520110328>

11. *March 28, Platts* – (New York) **Indian Point nuclear plant violating safety rules: New York AG.** The New York attorney general filed a petition with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) March 28 urging it to take enforcement action against Entergy’s Indian Point nuclear generation plant for an alleged failure to comply with fire safety regulations. He wrote in the petition compliance with fire safety rules was necessary to ensure the Buchanan facility could safely shut down during and after an emergency. “Indian Point is currently in violation of established fire safety regulations and in seeking more than 100 exemptions from those regulations, undermines the efforts to secure the reactors lying within a 50-mile radius of where more than 20 million people live, work and travel,” the attorney general said in a statement. He is seeking enforcement on many fire safety rules from which Indian Point has sought exemption and is now violating. The attorney general said the plant has not installed required fire detectors or fire suppression systems in various locations; has not strengthened electrical cables to withstand fire damage for 1 to 3 hours, a rule established to provide plant security in an emergency; and, “rather than installing automatic response systems, the plant would resort to employees to perform a series of complex manual actions, which the NRC has not authorized as a means of adequately protecting nuclear facilities in the event of a fire.” In February, the attorney general brought a lawsuit pressing the NRC to study the safety impact of storing spent nuclear fuel on site.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6947237>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Indiana Subaru plant slowing output due to shortage.** Subaru of America is slowing production at its Lafayette, Indiana plant because of a temporary auto parts shortage caused by Japan’s devastating earthquake and tsunami, Associated Press reported March 29. A Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. spokeswoman said March 28 the company will be reducing its Subaru production shifts to the first 4 hours of each shift March 30, 31, and April 1. She told the Journal and Courier that Subaru hopes to receive additional shipments of critical auto parts within the next few days. Subaru receives the parts by both air and ocean freight from company factories in Japan. The Lafayette plant employs a total of 3,550 permanent and temporary workers who make the Outback wagon. It is Subaru of America’s only North American plant.

Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-indiana-subaru-plant-slowing-output-due-to-shortage-20110329,0,4099786.story>

13. *March 28, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Parts of Boeing’s Auburn plant to remain closed Tuesday.** Parts of Boeing’s Auburn, Washington fabrication plant, hit by a power outage March 26, will remain closed through March 29. Power has been only

partially restored to the site after a 3-day closure. About 4,900 employees work at the site, according to company filings. About 2,000 of those are production workers manufacturing essential parts for all Boeing aircraft. Several transformers failed at about 4 a.m. March 26, cutting power to most of the facility. The transformers are owned and maintained by Boeing. After the outage, Boeing evacuated all employees as a precaution, with the exception of emergency-operations personnel and office workers in one building, designated 17-70, which did not lose power. The failure of the plant transformers appears also to have triggered a failure in a nearby electrical substation operated by Puget Sound Energy (PSE), which cut power to the homes of 7,000 residential customers March 26. A PSE spokeswoman said the company could find no problem with its transmission lines and was able to restore power to customers by 7:30 a.m. March 26. She said an investigation is ongoing and that it's "very possible" the Boeing transformer failure caused the general outage.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/boeingaerospace/2014622502_boeingauburn29.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

14. *March 28, Reuters* – (International) **Man accused of selling U.S. spy plane on Ebay.** A man was arrested and charged with illegally selling an unmanned U.S. spy plane known as the Raven, the U.S. attorney's office in Tampa, Florida, said March 28. A grand jury indicted the man, 47, of Manila, Philippines, March 10 on charges he sold the Raven to undercover federal agents on Ebay. He faces up to 20 years in federal prison if convicted of smuggling and violating the Arms Export Control Act. The man was arrested when he came to Los Angeles, California, in February. The Raven is a 4-pound plane equipped with three cameras that U.S. troops use for battlefield surveillance. It can be taken apart and carried by troops and then reassembled for use. According to the U.S. attorney's office, agents with the Homeland Security Department found out last May the man was offering a Raven for sale on Ebay for \$13,000. They exchanged messages with him over several months, and he sent the Raven to them in separate packages in exchange for the money, officials said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/28/us-crime-spyplane-idUSTRE72R72P20110328>

15. *March 27, Washington Post* – (International) **Backed by industry, government reforming defense export controls.** The U.S. government is moving to adjust restrictions on defense-related exports in an effort to consolidate multiple layers of bureaucracy and allow more to be sold overseas while strategically protecting key technologies, the Washington Post reported March 27. In 2010, the Secretary of Defense announced that, as directed by the Presidential administration, he was working with State, Commerce, and Homeland Security officials to review the export regulations and make key consolidations. The plan, the Defense Secretary said, was to produce a single export-control list, a single licensing agency, a single enforcement

agency, and a single information technology system to manage the data. This approach “would allow us to concentrate on controlling those critical technologies and items — the ‘crown jewels’ if you will — that are the basis for maintaining our military technology advantage,” he said. The National Security Council (NSC) said the effort is focused on controlling fewer parts and components. Additionally, the NSC said it is working to create a license that would cover an entire program, rather than requiring each part to be licensed.

Source:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/capital_business/2011/03/25/AFuMJVkB_story.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Chicago man charged in suburban bank robberies.** The FBI said authorities have charged a 42-year-old Chicago, Illinois, man in the armed robberies of two suburban banks in 2010. The suspect allegedly beat several people during the holdups in June at the First Bank and Trust in Winnetka and the Brickyard Bank in Skokie. Court documents allege the man got away with more than \$9,200 from the bank in Winnetka, and nearly \$7,400 from the one in Skokie. An FBI statement said the man is charged with two counts of aggravated bank robbery. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison on each count. The FBI said the man is being held without bond and is scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in Chicago later the week of March 28.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8040604>

17. *March 28, Bank Info Security* – (Michigan) **Bank of America denies breach.** Bank of America (BofA) branches in Detroit, Michigan were reportedly flooded over the weekend of March 26 and 27, after many BofA debit cardholders noticed fraudulent transactions on their accounts. According to one local news report, the incident involves more than \$100,000 in fraudulent transactions. Over the weekend, BofA branches were working to assess the geographic breadth of the incident, the news report states. How the cards may have been compromised was not known. A BofA spokeswoman said the bank has not released any information about debit fraud, adding, “There was no breach at Bank of America.” BofA does not provide details about potential debit compromises, she said. “If we think a customer’s card has been compromised at a third-party location, we’ll block and reissue the card, which is what we did in this case,” she said. The director of education and professional services for The Payments Authority, a regional payments association in Michigan affiliated with the National Automated Clearing House Association, said the association heard reports of local BofA branches being overwhelmed with customers who believed their debit cards had been compromised.
Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3479

18. *March 28, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Brooksville police search for two bank robbers.** Brooksville, Florida police are searching for two men they say robbed the Chase Bank at 7179 Broad Street about 9:10 a.m. March 28. According to a department press release, the robbers threatened to ignite an incendiary device and demanded money from a clerk. After taking an undisclosed amount of cash, the men ran from the bank. Investigators said the suspects may have fled north on S. Broad Street in a newer-model white Dodge Charger. One robber was described as a black man, 5 feet 9, weighing about 160 pounds. He was last seen wearing a long-sleeved white shirt, white pants, gloves, framed glasses and a white baseball-type hat. The other robber was described as 6 feet tall, 180 pounds and wearing a long-sleeved white shirt with a light blue over shirt, dark pants, dark glasses and a black skull-type hat.
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/brooksville-police-search-for-two-bank-robbers/1160181>
19. *March 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Ariz. man, his mother face charges in fraud scheme.** A mother and son are facing charges stemming from an alleged 16-year fraud scheme that affected residents in 28 states. The Arizona Attorney General (AG) said a 55-year-old Scottsdale man and a 78-year-old Dallas, Texas woman are believed to have received more than \$8 million. The AG said the defendants advertised a series of short-term investment or loan programs in an aviation magazine asking for a minimum \$25,000 contribution. He said investors were told their money would be used to purchase, refurbish and sell airplanes for profit, and that they would get a full return of their money plus interest. More than 60 people claimed they had not received their promised payments. The suspects are scheduled for a pre-trial conference May 11 in Maricopa County Superior Court.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7495118.html>
20. *March 28, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Man pleads guilty to role in staged kidnapping, bank robbery.** An 18-year-old Overland Park, Kansas, man pleaded guilty March 28 to one count of aiding and abetting embezzlement by a bank employee. He is one of four men charged with staging a kidnapping and bank robbery November 10 at the U.S. Bank at 10100 West 119th Street in Overland Park. FBI agents were called to the bank in response to a report of a kidnapping and bank robbery. When they arrived, an employee, told them he had been kidnapped and forced to get money for the robber. The employee was discovered at 7:20 a.m., bound with duct tape, seated in a chair, with a bloody nose. Surveillance footage from the bank showed the employee being led around the empty bank by a masked man. No weapon could be seen. FBI agents said they learned during their investigation the employee had not been kidnapped, and that the kidnapping was staged to embezzle money from the bank. The man who pleaded guilty March 28 admitted he was the person wearing a mask in the surveillance video. He also admitted he and the bank employee used the worker's key to steal money from the bank's ATM, and that he hit the employee in the face to make it look like he had been beaten. He is set for sentencing July 13. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/news/27347741/detail.html>

Transportation Sector

21. *March 29, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **1,400 Michigan bridges need fixing; spans rated 13th worst.** More than 13 percent of Michigan’s highway bridges are structurally deficient, a number that will only grow as thousands of spans statewide approach their 50-year life expectancy, transportation leaders warned March 28. With about 1,400 bridges labeled structurally deficient by federal standards, Michigan ranks 13th worst in the nation in the number of bridges in poor condition, according to a report released March 28 by Transportation for America, a transportation advocacy group. The national average is 11.5 percent. Michigan’s nearly 11,000 highway bridges are, on average, 41 years old. About 185,000 U.S. bridges are more than 50 years old, and that number could double by 2030. A label of “structurally deficient” does not mean a bridge is unsafe, but rather that shows wear and tear, and needs repair. The Michigan Department of Transportation director said March 28 that bridges in that category are inspected more frequently and would be closed immediately if they posed a risk to drivers.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110329/NEWS06/103290345/1-400-Michigan-bridges-need-fixing-spans-rated-13th-worst?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

22. *March 29, CNN* – (National) **Pilot finds hole in plane’s fuselage; airline and FBI investigate.** FBI investigators were working March 29 to discover what caused a small hole in the body of a U.S. Airways jet, which was discovered by a pilot as he checked the aircraft before a flight. The puncture in the Boeing 737 airliner is the size and shape of a bullet hole, but that does not mean someone shot at the plane, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Charlotte, North Carolina said. She said investigators do not yet know what could have caused the hole. The aircraft had flown to Charlotte from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was being prepped for another flight when the pilot discovered the hole above a passenger window toward the back of the plane, airline officials said. The airline pulled the plane from service and called in the FBI. It is unclear whether the hole appeared before or during the flight, or while the airliner was on the ground in Charlotte, but investigators and the airline were operating under the assumption it happened in flight, the FBI spokeswoman said. It was not immediately clear how many people were aboard the flight.
Source:
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/03/28/north.carolina.plane.hole/index.html?hpt=T2>

23. *March 28, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **Police radios fail in JFK’s JetBlue terminal: report.** The new \$743 million JetBlue terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York is a police radio “dead zone,” with Port Authority officers unable to communicate with one another using their radios, according to the New York Post. Instead, Port Authority officers are given pre-programmed cell phones at the beginning of their shifts to call JFK police command if

an emergency comes up, the newspaper said. The problem was discovered by the Port Authority 6 months before the JetBlue terminal opened to the public in October 2008. Since then, several cops have been injured in separate incidents where reinforcements were late to arrive, the paper said, citing multiple unnamed sources. “It is absolutely mind-boggling that a terminal built after 9/11 would have a flaw like this that would prevent communication between police officers,” one Port Authority Police Department supervisor told the Post. A spokesman for the Port Authority acknowledged the problem, but told the Post an “interim system implemented in April 2010 provides partial coverage” for cops using their police radios, though several police officials disputed that claim. A permanent fix will cost an estimated \$3 million, a source told the Post, and is many months from completion.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Police-Radios-Dont-Work-Inside-JetBlue-Terminal-Post-118762354.html>

24. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **200 evacuated from Boston T after small fire.** Service on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Orange Line in Boston was briefly interrupted March 28 and around 200 passengers evacuated after a small fire broke out on the tracks just south of the Chinatown station, MBTA and Boston fire officials said March 28. An MBTA spokesman said no one was hurt and service resumed between Back Bay and North Station about an hour and a half later. He said the fire started at about 3:20 p.m. and power was immediately shut off. According to Boston fire officials, grease had accumulated in the track area and likely spark a small fire when a train passed over it. Witnesses reported seeing smoke through the Chinatown station. Passengers on a northbound train heading into the station were safely led from the train, which was taken out of service, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20110328/APN/303289776>

25. *March 26, CNN* – (New York) **11 bus drivers arrested in NY crackdown on phony licenses.** Police arrested 11 bus drivers around the New York area suspected of using phony aliases to get fraudulent driver licenses, officials said. The crackdown comes on the heels of a horrific bus accident that left 15 passengers dead. Authorities suspended the license of a bus driver — who has not been charged with a crime — after police said his driver’s license application was found to contain false statements. A joint investigation by the New York Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and police uncovered similar incidents. Among those arrested were Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) employees and commercial drivers, the statement said. All 11 drivers were charged with falsifying business records and offering a false instrument for filing. “This investigation is ongoing and our investigators will continue to identify and arrest all those who have submitted false identities,” said the DMV’s executive deputy commissioner. MTA has suspended the suspects’ driving privileges pending the outcome of criminal hearings.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/03/26/new.york.bus.arrests/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

26. *March 28, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Woman awakes to exploding mailbox.** An 85-year-old Castleton, Indiana, woman said she woke from her bed March 25 when she heard an explosion. Her neighbors and police said her home was vandalized by a mailbox bomber. Her house was not the only target. Last summer, the house just across the street also had its mailbox destroyed by a mailbox bomb. Police are looking into two other recent cases of mailbox explosions in Geist on Promontory Road. Police said they are still investigating and do not have any suspects. Officers said they hoped the incidents do not represent a pattern of vandalism in the area.

Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/woman-awakes-to-exploding-mailbox

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27. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Louisiana is front line in fight for prickly pear.** *Cactoblastis cactorum*, a tan-colored moth from Argentina, has been moving steadily across the Gulf Coast for the past decade and officials believe it will spread to Texas and pose a major threat to its prickly pear cacti, unless it is stopped. The moth lays its eggs in the cacti, which its larvae then infest. They eat through the pads of the fruit-bearing plant worth hundreds of millions of dollars because of its use in Mexican cooking. Cactus Canal, Louisiana, now marks the western boundary of the moth's new habitat, and federal workers hope to stop it before it gets to Texas and the population explodes with an abundant food supply. The United States and Mexico are contributing about \$500,000 per year to kill the moths and save the prickly pear. California's harvest, the biggest in the United States, is worth \$24 million per year. The moth is seen as a major threat. It arrived at the tip of Florida in the 1980s from the Caribbean and traveled up to the Florida Panhandle and across Alabama and Mississippi. In 2009, it was spotted in Louisiana. To stop the spread, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has been running crews and scientists out to patches of infested marsh in Louisiana for about a year to scorch prickly pear down to the roots.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/03/28/ap/national/main20047769.shtml>

28. *March 28, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Ammonia leak forces workers to evacuate.** Hazmat crews March 28 sealed up an ammonia leak at Reser's Fine Foods in Beaverton, Oregon. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue got the report of the ammonia leak on Southwest Jenkins Road in Beaverton around 2 a.m. Thirty-five employees had to evacuate the plant while emergency crews worked to seal the spill. Crews shut down the road between 153rd and 158th streets while they worked. The road is now back open. No one was hurt.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/27347706/detail.html>

29. *March 28, WCBS 880 AM New York and Associated Press* – (New York) **Long Island landscaper accused of selling bad mulch.** Prosecutors on Long Island, New York, charged a landscaper with mixing hazardous materials into the garden mulch he was selling to customers. The suspect faced arraignment March 28 on several environmental charges, as well as scheming to defraud. He could face 4 years in jail if convicted. Nassau County prosecutors said Liotta Brothers Recycling Corp. sold wood chips being marketed as “100 percent shredded hardwood.” But undercover officers who bought the mulch found it included unauthorized construction waste. Prosecutors claim some of the wood was stained, chemically treated, or glued. They said other debris included plastic chips, floor tiles, rags, sheet metal, and rubber. WCBS reported the mulch was marketed for use in gardens and children’s playgrounds. It was sold in the spring and summer of 2010 at Island Hopper Landscaping Supplies in Island Park. Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/03/28/long-island-landscaper-accused-of-selling-bad-mulch/>
30. *March 26, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Pest control officials expect southeast Wyoming grasshopper infestation this summer.** Laramie County Weed and Pest Control District officials in Wyoming are preparing to sign up landowners for aerial spraying with an insecticide to kill the grasshoppers while they are in the early stage of development, Casper Star-Tribune reported March 26. Grasshoppers in 2011 are expected to hit the southeast corner of the state. A rancher in Sheridan County took preventative measures after the 2009 infestation in which there were 65 grasshoppers per square yard at his house and higher concentrations in the fields. “They pretty much wiped us out,” he said, “We had pasture we weren’t able to use.” The rancher and two neighbors designated a 60,000-acre block to be sprayed in 2010. The last big grasshopper outbreak in Wyoming was in 1984. Each county handles its own grasshopper control plan, while the federal government does the same on federal lands in the state. Grasshoppers have been known to chew off the fiber coating on window screens and to snack on evergreens, sagebrush, and yucca plant leaves. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_ea1c3f6f-a719-5b47-a7c1-0b346440d0ea.html
31. *March 26, New Bedford Standard-Times* – (Massachusetts) **Coast Guard cites three scallopers.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said stepped-up efforts to combat illegal scallop fishing are paying off, with three vessels home ported in New Bedford, Massachusetts, cited for violations in the Hudson Canyon area in the previous month. “Based on the recent trends, it appears there are vessels coordinating their operations over multiple trips to evade law enforcement detection and engage in illegal fishing in the Hudson Canyon Closed Area,” said the chief of law enforcement in USCG’s 1st District announced in a March 25 news release. Two New Bedford fishing vessels were cited March 23 for “significant Atlantic sea scallop management plan fisheries infractions.” The vessels were not named in the release, but Standard-Times has learned two of the boats involved were the Stardust, owned by SJ Fisheries Inc., and the Ilha Brava. The alleged offenses took place February 24. After an investigation, the violations were issued the week of March 21. USCG said the violations resulted from unauthorized fishing, since both vessels had left port with the declared intention to fish

an area farther to the south, known as the Elephant Trunk. Scallop vessels are required to report their intended fishing grounds before leaving on a trip. They are then restricted to that area. USCG and National Marine Fisheries Service personnel in a patrol aircraft spotted the vessels.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110326/NEWS/103260344/-1/news>

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Water Sector

32. *March 29, Jaskson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **437 sewer overflows ID'd in city.** Jackson, Mississippi, has more than 400 sewer system overflows and must make \$28.9 million in improvements over the next 2 years under a federal mandate. The city already stands in violation of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is paying a \$240,000 fine to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the mayor said March 28. Overflows pose potential public health risks, contribute to water quality problems, and can cause significant property damage, according to a DEQ Web site. The worst news is none of the work or expense will have “long-term impact,” the mayor said, referring to the overall \$400 million in estimated repairs required for the city’s water and sewage infrastructure. The sight of sewage gushing from manholes into streets and neighborhoods is far from exclusive to Jackson. Cities throughout the nation have been fined and threatened with what the mayor said is an “unfunded federal mandate” as DEQ has resorted to hefty fines to entice municipalities to comply with CWA rules.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20110329/NEWS/103290339/437-sewer-overflows-ID-d-city?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Homels>

33. *March 29, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. DEP halts drilling operation due to spill.** West Virginia state regulators have halted operations at a gas well site in Harrison County after chemically tainted drilling mud spilled into a stream. The mud spilled into Indian Run the week of March 21 from Antero Resources Appalachian Corp.’s well pad about 3 miles north of Salem, the Exponent Telegram reported. Indian Run is not a source of drinking water, the director of public works for the city of Salem said. A department of environmental protection spokeswoman said her agency issued five notices of violation to Denver, Colorado-based Antero, and Bronco Drilling of Edmond, Oklahoma. Bronco agreed to make corrections at its active drilling sites and pay a \$15,000 civil penalty, she said. That allows Bronco to resume operations elsewhere in West Virginia.

Source: <http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/133743/W-Va--DEP-halts-drilling-operation-due-to-spill--.html?isap=1&nav=5019>

34. *March 29, Reno Gazette* – (Nevada) **Nevada community of Hazen without drinking water since November.** Due to the closure of the Truckee Canal for repairs, the tiny community of Hazen, Nevada, has not had any water in its domestic system since November 2010. And because the 100-year-old Hazen water system was not delivering what the government considers safe drinking water even when it was operating, federal Bureau of Reclamation (BoR) officials are not sure how, or when, the community will again have drinking water. The Truckee Canal, which breached and flooded Fernley in 2008, has been dry since November. The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District has submitted repair plans to BoR for approval. Officials said the repairs might be completed by July. That means agricultural users in the Fernley area will be dry until then, a situation that will affect their ability to cultivate crops. The domestic users in Hazen may have to wait even longer for drinking water, residents and officials said. The BoR area manager in Carson City, said March 28 the bureau is reluctant to allow water to flow into the Hazen system even after the canal is repaired because the water comes from the canal, through a pipe and then through a sand filter that residents said also needs repair. He has not decided whether the system should be permanently shut down in favor of other options. Those options could include cisterns that would be filled every month or two at a cost of about \$140 per 2,600 gallons. He planned to meet with some Hazen residents March 29 at their request to discuss possible options. Source: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20110328/NEWS/110328042/0/BIZ/Nevada-community-Hazen-without-drinking-water-since-November?odyssey=nav/head>
35. *March 29, KGMI 790 News Radio* – (Washington) **Boil-water advisory issued for Lake Whatcom residents.** Some Lake Whatcom, Washington, area residents were being told to boil their water after raw sewage oozed into the lake. The Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District said one of its mains broke, allowing between 5,000 and 20,000 gallons of sewage to seep into the drinking water source for thousands of people. Source: <http://kgmi.com/Boil-Water-Advisory-Issued-For-Lake-Whatcom-Reside/9502778>
36. *March 28, msnbc.com, Associated Press and Reuters* – (International) **Radioactive rainwater recorded eastern US.** Trace amounts of radioactive iodine linked to Japan’s crippled nuclear power station have turned up in rainwater samples as far away as Massachusetts during the past week, state officials said March 27. The low level of radioiodine-131 detected in precipitation at a sample location in Massachusetts is comparable to findings in California, Washington, and Pennsylvania, and poses no threat to drinking supplies, public health officials said. Utilities in North and South Carolina also reported trace amounts of radiation from the damaged nuclear reactor in Japan. Progress Energy Inc. and Duke Energy Corp. in North Carolina and South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. all operate nuclear plants and said they have detected trace amounts of radiation. Air samples from the same location as the water reading in Massachusetts have shown no detectable radiation. The samples are being collected from more than 100 sites around the country that are part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Radiation Network monitoring system. At the concentrations found, the radioiodine-131 would likely become undetectable in a “relative short time,”

according to a statement issued by the agency.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42301458/ns/us_news-environment/

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *March 29, Global Security Newswire* – (New York) **Four develop vaccinia infections stemming from smallpox shot.** Four individuals became infected with the vaccinia virus through direct or second-hand exposure to a U.S. service member who had been vaccinated against smallpox, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy reported March 28. The service member received his smallpox shot February 23, 2010. Four days later he participated in wrestling matches, during which the covering over the injection spot fell off. The two men he wrestled against developed skin lesions within several days. One of the men March 5 wrestled another man, who later exhibited chest skin lesions, according to an April article from the journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases*. One of the infected wrestlers needed to be treated for initial blepharitis in his left eyelid and for erythema. A 29-year-old woman who lived with the service member also developed facial lesions as well as chills, fever, and other symptoms. Following multiple medical consultations, she was given vaccinia immune globulin, the primary study author of the New York state Health Department said. All four infected individuals were determined to have the vaccinia virus — the live virus used to make the smallpox vaccine. The report authors contend the incident underlines the importance of making sure military personnel who receive the vaccine are given information regarding possible contact-related vaccinia infections of others.
Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110329_2008.php

38. *March 29, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Agawam man guilty of threatening prosecutor, possessing ricin.** An Agawam, Massachusetts man with a lengthy criminal record pleaded guilty March 28 to possessing ricin and threatening a federal prosecutor, officials said. The 57-year-old man entered his plea in U.S. District Court in Boston to one count of mailing a letter containing a threat to injure an officer or employee of the United States, and one count of possessing ricin without the required registration, a U.S. attorney said. In June 2004, federal agents raided the man's home after they intercepted what appeared to be a homemade firearm silencer he had attempted to send through the mail, prosecutors said. Agents discovered an apparent weapons lab, with several dangerous chemicals that could be used to make powerful explosives. Agents also found castor seeds, from which ricin is derived, and abrus seeds, which are the source of the lethal poison abrin, as well as all the materials necessary to extract the poisons from the seeds. Angered by the arrest and the raid on his home, the man sent a threatening letter to the assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting his case. The letter invoked the name of the Oklahoma City bomber and wrote, "As Martyr McVeigh's T-shirt says: 'The Tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time by blood of patriots and tyrants.' " He then challenged the prosecutor, writing "Bring on your [expletive] and I'll bring on mine." He also wrote that even an incarcerated person could cripple the U.S. postal system by sending toxins through the mail. He is scheduled to be sentenced

June 20. He faces up to 15 years in prison, and \$500,000 in fines.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/03/29/agawam_man_guilty_of_threatening_prosecutor_possessing_ricin/

39. *March 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **FDA warns consumers to stop using Soladek vitamin solution.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers to stop using Soladek, a vitamin-solution product marketed by Indo Pharma, S.A., of the Dominican Republic, because it may contain dangerously high levels of vitamins A and D. Soladek is marketed with claims the product treats “hypo and avitaminosis, rickets, growth, dentition, lactation, fractures, infection, convalescence, protection and regeneration of certain epithelium (bronchial, glandular, ocular, cutaneous), corticotherapy, aging and pregnancy.” The product is sold in a box labeled in Spanish and containing a vial of the solution. FDA recently received information that tested samples of Soladek contained levels of vitamin A and vitamin D that were many times the recommended daily allowances for these vitamins. Intake of excessively high levels of these vitamins poses a risk to human health. FDA also received seven reports of serious health problems occurring in consumers using the product. The problems included decreased renal function, elevated levels of calcium in the blood, fatigue, heart arrhythmia, vomiting, and diarrhea. Consumers in possession of Soladek should stop using the product immediately.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm248588.htm>

40. *March 28, Reuters* – (National) **Study sees 42 disease clusters in 13 states.** There are 42 so-called disease clusters in 13 U.S. states, showing incidence of numerous types of cancer, birth defects, and other chronic illnesses, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) reported March 28. A study by NRDC and the National Disease Clusters Alliance urges federal coordination and support to help confirm these clusters and determine their causes. The study looked at clusters that have occurred since 1976 when Congress passed the Toxic Substance Control Act, which was meant to regulate the use of toxic chemicals in industrial, commercial, and consumer products. The U.S. Center for Disease Control defines a cluster investigation as “a review of an unusual number, real or perceived, of health events (such as reports of cancer) grouped together in a time and location.” This is the first of several planned studies. It examined clusters in Texas, California, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, Delaware, Louisiana, Montana, Tennessee, Missouri, and Arkansas. Only one of the 42 clusters — in Libby, Montana — showed a specific source for chemical contamination: asbestos. In the other clusters, NRDC saw signs documented exposure to toxic chemicals hurt the people who lived nearby.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110328/hl_nm/us_usa_disease_clusters

41. *March 28, MMD Newswire* – (Ohio) **OSHA cites Columbus, Ohio-based Buckeye Radiation Oncology for failing to protect workers from lead, cadmium exposure.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued Buckeye Radiation Oncology, an outpatient radiation

therapy treatment facility in Columbus, Ohio, 14 serious safety citations for failing to ensure employees who worked with lead-cadmium alloy were protected from respiratory, ingestion, and absorption hazards. The company faces penalties of \$58,200 as a result of a December 2010 inspection. The violations for which the company has been cited include failing to implement a written respirator program with specific work-site procedures; provide protective work clothing and equipment to prevent potential lead and cadmium contamination of employees and their clothing; provide for the cleaning and laundering or disposal of protective equipment and clothing exposed to lead and cadmium; inform, in writing, employees and those who clean protective clothing of the harmful effects of exposure to lead and cadmium; maintain all surfaces as free as practicable of accumulations of lead and cadmium; use effective vacuum and filtration methods to remove lead and cadmium dust, and prevent their re-entry into the workplace. The company also was cited for failing to accurately record air monitoring for these substances, and to have a training program for employees educating them on the hazards of potential exposure to cadmium and lead.

Source: <http://www.mmdnewswire.com/us-labor-department-34027.html>

42. *March 28, CMIO.net* – (National) **Survey: Hospitals are mainly prepared for big disasters.** A survey concluded that almost all hospitals have response plans in place for chemical releases, natural disasters, epidemics, and biological incidents. However, significantly fewer have plans for explosive or incendiary incidents, according to a report released March 24 in National Health Statistics Reports. In “Hospital Preparedness for Emergency Response: United States, 2008,” the authors summarized hospital preparedness for responding to public health emergencies, including mass casualties and epidemics of naturally occurring diseases such as influenza. Additional findings concluded: all hospitals had an emergency response plan for at least one of the six hazards studied, nearly all hospitals had emergency response plans that specifically addressed chemical accidents or attacks, which were not significantly different from the prevalence of plans for natural disasters, epidemics, or pandemics, and biological accidents or attacks, significantly fewer hospitals had plans for nuclear or radiological accidents or attacks than for chemical accidents or attacks and natural disasters, significantly fewer hospitals had plans for explosive or incendiary accidents, and a little more than two thirds — 67.9 percent — of hospitals had plans for all six hazards.

Source:

http://www.cmio.net/index.php?option=com_articles&view=article&id=26978&division=cmio

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Government Facilities Sector

43. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **LSP probe possible security breach at Capitol.** The Louisiana governor’s information and technology staff called Louisiana State Police after noticing a piece of computer equipment out of place March 28 at the capitol in Baton Rouge. A contractor reporting for work saw that a drawer, which contained a computer server, was open. Since the drawers are usually closed, he

notified his co-workers of a possible security breach and they called in state police who are responsible for the governor's security. State police said detectives took possession of the server and will conduct a forensic analysis of the data. Authorities said there is no evidence indicating that a breach occurred, but an investigation is continuing.

Source: <http://www.katc.com/news/lsp-probe-possible-security-breach-at-capitol/>

44. *March 28, New York Times* – (Texas) **Saudi is charged in Texas with seeking to build a bomb.** A Saudi man who had been a student at Vanderbilt and Texas Tech Universities pleaded not guilty March 28 in federal court in Lubbock, Texas, to a charge of trying to assemble an explosive device, with the potential to be used for American targets including New York City, a Dallas residence of the 43rd U.S. President, and dams. The 20-year-old defendant, a chemical engineering student, had obtained two of the three chemicals needed to assemble a bomb during the past several months, and had sought to buy the third, prosecutors said. He was arrested February 23. He faces a single count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, which carries a penalty of life in prison. A federal judge has barred lawyers from discussing the case publicly. The trial is scheduled to start May 2.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/29/us/29aldawsari.html?_r=1

45. *March 28, Montville Patch* – (New Jersey) **Students break into high school's computer system.** The Montville Township School District in New Jersey is investigating a breach of the high school's computer system that took place the week of March 21. According to the superintendent, the high school's student information system was broken into. The district is looking into the possibility of records being tampered with. In a letter to the district's parents, the superintendent said the breach had been remedied and that students had committed the breach. "The police were notified and we are quite certain that the students responsible have been identified," he said.

Source: <http://montville.patch.com/articles/students-breach-high-schools-computer-system>

46. *March 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Jury: Calif. teen guilty in '09 high school attack.** A jury March 28 has convicted an 18-year-old of attempted murder and weapons charges in a 2009 revenge attack on his former Northern California high school. Jurors found the man guilty on five of the seven felony charges he faced in the pipe-bombing at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo. Prosecutors said the man plotted to kill three former teachers who had given him bad grades. The teen managed to set off two pipe bombs before being tackled by a teacher. Authorities found him wearing a tactical vest, armed with 10 pipe bombs, a chain saw, and a sword. Jurors are deliberating on two other attempted murder counts. After the final verdicts are in, they will have to decide whether the man was sane while committing the crimes.

Source: http://www.ydr.com/crime/ci_17719644

47. *March 28, SecurityNewsDaily and msnbc.com* – (National) **Serious flaws found in NASA's computer network.** NASA's internal computer network is full of holes and is vulnerable to an external cyberattack, an audit by the agency's Office of the Inspector

General (IG) found. It appears several of the vulnerabilities were known about for months yet remained unpatched. “Six computer servers associated with IT [information technology] assets that control spacecraft and contain critical data had vulnerabilities that would allow a remote attacker to take control of or render them unavailable,” said the audit report released March 28. “The attacker could use the compromised computers to exploit other weaknesses we identified, a situation that could severely degrade or cripple NASA’s operations,” the report said. “We also found network servers that revealed encryption keys, encrypted passwords, and user account information to potential attackers.” The IG’s office released a previous audit report nearly a year ago, but nothing had been done to remedy the situation. A Government Accountability Office report in October 2009 was similarly critical of the agency. The IG report was based on an audit of the agency-wide mission network, using a program called NESSUS that scans for vulnerabilities. Investigators found 54 computer servers on the network were accessible via the Internet, and 6 had high-risk vulnerabilities to a cyberattack. Six other servers not directly accessible via the Internet also had high-risk vulnerabilities.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42311998/ns/technology_and_science-security/

48. *March 28, Bel Air Aegis* – (Maryland) **Harford schools evacuated Monday after suspicious calls.** At least five Harford County, Maryland school buildings were temporarily evacuated and/or placed on lockdown March 28 after several suspicious phone calls were received, police said. Classes resumed without incident by midday, according to Harford County Public Schools. The first call was received at approximately 11:10 a.m. at the office of Bel Air High School. Others were received over the next 25 minutes, according to a school system spokesperson. An Alert-Now telephone message was sent by the school system to parents of students at Bel Air middle and high schools, Fallston High School, Southampton Middle School, and Patterson Mill Middle-High School regarding the suspicious phone calls, which were received at the schools’ offices. “All schools received the same call and all schools were placed on lockdown as a precaution,” according to the Alert-Now message, a transcript of which was furnished to Aegis by the school system. Bomb sniffing dogs under the direction of either the Harford County Sheriff’s Office and Maryland State Police were put on standby, a police spokesperson said. It is not known at this time if any of the dogs were brought to the schools.

Source: <http://www.exploreharford.com/news/8513/six-harford-schools-evacuated-monday-after-suspicious-calls/>

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Emergency Services Sector

49. *March 29, Fargo Inforum* – (North Dakota) **Enforcing mandatory evacuation order would strain police resources, chief says.** If Fargo, North Dakota issues a mandatory evacuation during this year’s flood, resources might not be available to actually enforce

the order, the police chief said March 28. “We are not going to force people at gunpoint to leave a particular area,” he said. “We don’t have the resources to follow that type of process.” Ignoring an evacuation order puts residents at risk because officers may not be able to reach them later on, the chief said. A mandatory evacuation is a warning an imminent threat to life and property exists, and residents must evacuate in accordance with local officials, states a flood evacuation policy being reviewed by the city of Fargo. Mandatory evacuations are for threats anticipated from 0 to 6 hours after they are issued. Notification would be circulated door-to-door, through the CodeRed system and by media outlets. Evacuations — voluntary or mandatory — could be citywide or include only small neighborhoods under threat of flooding, the police chief said. City leaders are working through who should make a call to evacuate under Fargo’s state of emergency ordinance. The city commission is expected to continue its month-long discussion of an amended version of the statute.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/314017/group/News/>

50. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **4 more deputies punished in Hinds Co.** Four more Hinds County Detention Center jailers have been suspended without pay, bringing to 13 the number disciplined over misconduct with inmates at the jail in Raymond, Mississippi. A sheriff’s department spokesman told the Clarion-Ledger March 28 the suspensions are related to the beating of an inmate, who is accused of murder and carjacking in Jackson, Mississippi. Eight jailers, including a supervisor, already have been fired and one suspended for an incident March 6 at the jail. An official announced March 21 he fired the jailers March 18 for “inappropriate force” involving five or six inmates shortly after they were booked into the jail. In addition to the internal investigations, the FBI is investigating both incidents to see whether charges are merited.
Source: <http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=14339362>

51. *March 28, North Platte Bulletin* – (Nebraska) **Officers tased, then shot attacker at police station.** The two officers that shot and killed a man in the North Platte, Nebraska police station March 25 initially tased him, the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) said March 28. The suspect walked into the public safety building around 2:30 a.m., started a fire in a paper recycling bin in the hallway, and waited for officers to arrive, a sheriff’s office statement said. The first two officers to respond were immediately challenged and attacked by the suspect, the statement noted. Both officers drew and fired Tasers, which were ineffective. The suspect produced two large knives and pursued the officers, LCSO said. The officers retreated and ultimately shot and killed him, the statement said. While the motive is unclear, the suspect was booked March 22 into jail for criminal trespassing. Sources told the Bulletin the suspect had created a disturbance at a local bar and refused to leave when asked, leading to his arrest.
Source:
<http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=20558&pageID=3>

52. *March 28, Chillicothe Gazette* – (Ohio) **Chillicothe fire station has faulty fire protection system.** Chillicothe, Ohio, Fire Department officials are not sure exactly how long the alarm system at Station 1 has been broken but said it has been “years.” The broken system became top priority the week of March 21 when the state fire marshal’s office conducted an inspection in response to an e-mail complaint. The department was instructed to immediately start a fire watch — having a firefighter awake at all times checking the station for fire. Fire officials said part of the issue is non-responsiveness from the company that installed the system in 1986. The assistant fire chief said estimates for a new system indicate it will cost around \$14,000. The inspection noted two other violations — that the sprinkler system had not been inspected, and the fire alarm panel had been removed. The assistant chief said the sprinklers work and will function if there is a fire. As for the panel, it temporarily was taken down while the department moves dispatch to an upstairs space, the fire chief stated.

Source:

<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/article/20110328/NEWS01/110328010/OPINION02/Chillicothe-fire-station-has-faulty-fire-protection-system?odyssey=nav|head>

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Information Technology Sector

53. *March 29, The Register* – (International) **McAfee site crawling with scripting bugs say researchers.** Flaws on McAfee’s Web site leave it vulnerable to cross-site scripting and other attacks, security researchers warned. YGN Ethical Hacker Group also discovered various lesser information disclosure bugs on the security firm’s Web site, according to an advisory published on a full disclosure mailing list March 28. YGN said it published the details only after notifying McAfee privately of the problems February 10. Cross-site scripting (XSS) flaws create a means to present content from a third-party Web site in the context of a vulnerable site. The class of flaw, which is a perennial problem in Web site development, creates a possible mechanism to mount phishing attacks or other sorts of malfeasance.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/29/mcafee_website_security_flaws/

54. *March 28, Softpedia* – (International) **New variant of destructive ransomware identified.** Security researchers from Kaspersky Lab have identified a new variant of a destructive ransomware program that encrypts personal files with an uncrackable algorithm. Ransomware applications block critical system functionality or lock access to important documents and ask for money to restore normal operations. While many ransomware programs can be cleaned from the system, others are uncrackable. This is the case of programs in the Gpcode ransomware family, which make use of the secure RSA public-key algorithm with an 1024-bit key. Once installed, these applications start encrypting files with predefined extensions, including documents and images, and post a warning message on the desktop advising users to read an instructions file that tells

them to send money if they want the special encryption key. One of the changes in the new variant is criminals have switched to ukash or psc pre-paid cards as payment method and have raised the ransom from \$120 to \$125. There is little users can do to recover their files if they have been affected.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Variant-of-Destructive-Ransomware-Identified-191613.shtml>

55. *March 28, Automotive News* – (International) **Key automotive chip plant in Japan down until July.** Renesas Electronics Corp., the world's biggest maker of automotive microcontrollers and a key bottleneck in Japan's parts shortage, said one of two auto-related factories damaged by the March 11 earthquake will not be operational until July. Renesas only recently restored electricity and lighting to its Naka plant in the quake zone and will now start assessing damage to its clean rooms and wafer fabrication lines. Renesas is the world's top producer of automotive microcontrollers, the tiny microprocessors that control electronic components in vehicles, with 22 percent of the global market, according to Strategy Analytics, a market research firm. Such chips are used in everything from engine control units and transmissions to pre-crash safety technologies and onboard telematics. Renesas had eight factories damaged by the earthquake, including two that make microcontrollers for automotive use. One of those auto-related chipmaking plants, the company's Tsugaru factory, has already resumed limited production. But the Naka plant will be offline for months and accounts for 15 percent of the company's total chip output, according to Japan's Nikkei business daily.

Source:

<http://www.autonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110328/OEM10/110329886/1117>

56. *March 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Vulnerabilities disclosed on Sun Websites.** The hackers who disclosed vulnerabilities in MySQL.com also published details about SQL injection flaws in older Sun Microsystems Web sites. Sun Microsystems was acquired by Oracle at the beginning of 2010 and its products were integrated into the latter's portfolio. However, given the sheer size of Sun, many of its Web properties still need to be moved under Oracle's brand and some have been neglected security-wise. Such is the case of reman.sun.com and ibb.sun.com, two sites dedicated to remanufactured systems and spare parts. Although some might think that hacking such sites has little value, a Romanian hacker's proof-of-concept attack shows their databases can still contain sensitive information. In his report, he published a list of tables and columns taken from the remandb database, as well as a list of e-mail addresses found inside. SQL injection is the result of insufficient input validation in forms that interact with databases. By exploiting such vulnerabilities, attackers can gain unauthorized read and write access.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vulnerabilities-Disclosed-on-Sun-Websites-191759.shtml>

57. *March 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Two weeks after quake, Japanese IT industry faces hurdles.** Many factories in Japan closed immediately following the

earthquake and tsunami March 11, and most have been gradually returning to production the week of March 21. A handful of plants were hit harder and could be offline for months. For IT companies, the loss of production at these plants could have widespread effects on the electronics industry. Texas Instruments' plant in Miho is one of the factories that was hard hit. The plant, which produced chips and DLP devices for projectors, suffered "substantial damage" and it will not be until May when partial production resumes. Full production is not due until mid-July, and that could be further delayed by power problems, the company said. Toshiba estimates production at its mobile phone display factory in Saitama will be stopped for a month because of damage sustained in the earthquake. A Sony plant responsible for magnetic tape and Blu-ray Discs is one of six Sony plants currently idle. Two Nikon plants were severely damaged and will not be back online until at least the end of March. Fujitsu's major chip plant in Aizu Wakamatsu is still closed with no estimate of when production will begin again. Some of the potentially biggest disruptions could come from the closure of two plants run by Shin-Etsu Chemical. The company is a major supplier of silicon wafers. One of the halted plants, its Shirakawa facility in Fukushima prefecture, is responsible for approximately 20 percent of the world's supply of such wafers, IHS iSuppli said. "The wafers made by this facility mainly are used in the manufacturing of memory devices, such as flash memory and DRAM," an IHS iSuppli analyst said in a statement. "Because of this, the global supply of memory semiconductors will be impacted the most severely of any segment of the chip industry by the production stoppage."

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215057/Two_weeks_after_quake_Japanese_IT_industry_faces_hurdles?taxonomyId=214&pageNumber=1

58. *March 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Russian security team to upgrade SCADA exploit tool.** The Russian security company Gleg, which specialized in vulnerability research, plans to release an upgraded exploit pack for industrial control software that incorporates a raft of new vulnerabilities released by an Italian security researcher. The company recently began focusing on problems within supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, which are used in factories, utilities and many other kinds of industrial applications, said Gleg's CEO. Gleg works with the Miami, Florida company Immunity, which sells a tool called Canvas, which is a framework for penetration testers wanting to try out the latest exploits against software vulnerabilities. Gleg supplies Immunity with exploit packs, which are add-ons with specific kinds of exploits, for Canvas. Gleg's main product is Agora, which integrates with Canvas. Agora is regularly updated with publicly disclosed zero-day vulnerabilities and those discovered by its research team. Canvas allows companies to figure out what kind of information a hacker could obtain, the CTO for Immunity said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215064/Russian_security_team_to_upgrade_SCADA_exploit_tool

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Communications Sector

59. *March 27, Green Bay Press Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Permit to build communications tower near Baileys Harbor denied.** Opposition has halted plans for a 400-foot communications tower in Baileys Harbor, Wisconsin, a short distance from the Mud Life Wildlife Area. The Door County Resource Planning Committee March 24, voted 3-2 to deny GCGI Development LLC’s request to build the tower, which the company hoped to lease to the U.S. Coast Guard for its Rescue 21 marine distress response system. The committee acted after the second part of a public hearing that began February 17 and included testimony from residents concerned about the proposed tower’s proximity to the wildlife area. Several speakers suggested a cluster of radio towers on the bluff near Ellison Bay would better suit the Guard’s needs. The Coast Guard was not present at the earlier hearing to respond to questions.
Source:
<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20110327/GPG0101/103270739/Permit-build-communications-tower-near-Baileys-Harbor-denied?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|GPG-News|s>
60. *March 25, Reuters* – (International) **US develops ‘panic button’ for democracy activists.** Some day soon, when pro-democracy campaigners have their cellphones confiscated by police, they will be able to hit the “panic button” — a special app that will both wipe out the phone’s address book and emit emergency alerts to other activists. The panic button is one of the new technologies the U.S. State Department is promoting to equip pro-democracy activists in countries ranging from the Middle East to China with the tools to fight back against repressive governments. “We’ve been trying to keep below the radar on this, because a lot of the people we are working with are operating in very sensitive environments,” said the Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Human Rights and Labor. The U.S. technology initiative is part of the Secretary of State’s push to expand Internet freedoms, pointing out the crucial role that on-line resources such as Twitter and Facebook have had in fueling pro-democracy movements in Iran, Egypt, Tunisia, and elsewhere. The United States had budgeted some \$50 million since 2008 to promote new technologies for social activists, focusing both on “circumvention” technology to help them work around government-imposed firewalls and on new strategies to protect their own communications and data from government intrusion.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/03/25/rights-usa-technology-idUKN2527265620110325>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

61. *March 28, Reuters* – (International) **Police aim to prevent royal wedding riots.** Police said March 28 they were considering tough measures to prevent disorder at next month's royal wedding amid fears anarchists will target the event following rioting at a protest March 26 in London, England. Black-clad, masked youths smashed the fronts of shops, banks and the exclusive Ritz hotel and battled riot police during a rampage across the capital, leaving 109 people injured including 56 officers while there were more than 200 arrests. The anarchist groups had split from a huge protest of more than 250,000 people organized by trade unions against the government's austerity measures, and there is concern they will now target the Prince's wedding April 29. The Prince is to marry his long-term girlfriend at London's Westminster Abbey, with hundreds of thousands of people expected to take to the streets to watch the procession through the capital. There has been some talk of disrupting the wedding on anarchist Web sites, generating concern there could be a repeat of the trouble seen at the March 26 protest especially as the marriage will take place on the May Day bank holiday weekend when there has been disorder in the past.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/03/28/uk-britain-wedding-police-idUKTRE72R1UB20110328>

62. *March 28, New York Times* – (New York) **Suspicious fire kills three in Brooklyn building.** A suspicious fire tore through a 4-story building in Brooklyn, New York March 28, killing three people, two of them children, and seriously injuring another person, fire department officials said. The cause of the fire, at 1150 Putnam Avenue in Bushwick, was not immediately known, but the deputy fire chief said it was being treated as suspicious because it began in the stairwell, not a location where something like a stove or an electrical device would be likely to spark a flame by accident. The fire began around 5:30 p.m., officials said, and took an hour, 12 trucks, and about 60 firefighters to subdue. When the flames were finally put out, the red brick building was left a shell, with every window broken or blown out and deep, black smudges spread across its facade. Police department officials said two people, a 62-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl, were found dead on the top floor of the building. A 3-year-old girl was later pronounced dead at Woodhull Medical Center. A 47-year-old man remained in critical condition on the night of March 28, a police spokesman said. Four other people, including two firefighters, suffered injuries, a fire department spokesman said, but they were not considered life-threatening. The entire block on Putnam Avenue, in a residential corner of Bushwick, remained blocked off to cars and pedestrians hours after the flames were extinguished.

Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/29/nyregion/29fire.html?partner=rss&emc=rss>

63. *March 28, The Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Firefighters snuff blaze at USA Athletic and Sports Center in northeast Portland.** Firefighters have snuffed a fire that broke out March 28 in a gym in Northeast Portland, Oregon, that caused some concern over containers of swimming pool chemicals in storage. “Our hazmat team is out there and all firefighters are wearing their breathing apparatuses,” a Portland Fire & Rescue spokeswoman said. The fire was reported at 7:42 a.m. in the USA Athletic and Sports Center at 8333 N.E. Russell Street. It sits in back of the AMF Bowling Center, which is vacant. The spokeswoman said no one was inside the gym when the fire broke out and no one was injured. She said when firefighters arrived, the outside of the gym was burning and both floors inside were in flames. The gym is adjoined to the bowling alley by a basement in a maze-like configuration that made the fire difficult to attack. Several 5-gallon containers of chemicals for pool care also caused concern, prompting the hazmat team to be called in. The fire was put out at 9:19 a.m., the spokeswoman said.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/03/firefighters_snuff_blaze_at_us.html
64. *March 28, Lincoln Journal-Star* – (Nebraska) **Possible chemical leak at YMCA in northeast Lincoln.** Part of a Lincoln, Nebraska YMCA was evacuated March 28 after someone smelled an unusual concentration of chlorine. Hazardous materials crews responded to the YMCA at 2601 N. 70th Street around 11:30 a.m. An employee was fixing a pool pump when some chemicals leaked, according to the battalion chief. The man was taken to the hospital for minor inhalation and has since been released, she said. The pool area was blocked off and evacuated as a precautionary measure, she said. Hazmat teams ventilated the area and cleared it after about 3 hours.
Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/article_27d57b00-79ea-5971-adcf-aba8a123e2a3.html
65. *March 25, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Third boat burns, arson suspected.** Firefighters in Hawaii responded to Haleiwa Small Boat Harbor at 11:42 p.m. March 24 after North Shore Shark Adventures’ 35 foot boat, the Hokulua, was engulfed in flames. The boat was parked on a trailer inside the harbor a few feet from Haleiwa Road, providing easy access to the vessel. The owner of the company said investigators had found evidence an accelerant was used to start the fire. He said he purchased the boat a few weeks ago for \$75,000. The March 24 fire was the third suspected case of arson against the company since the start of the year. Two other boats were destroyed by fire on January 7 and January 24. The owner said losses from all three fires total at least \$450,000 and he is prepared to offer a reward for any information that leads to an arrest. The latest fire also damaged another boat parked in the harbor. The Moana Kai suffered an estimated \$20,000 in damage as heat from the fire onboard the Hokulua melted portions of the vessel’s cabin. A security guard hired to keep watch over the Hokulua did not report seeing anything suspicious. The public affairs officer for the U.S Coast Guard’s 14th District in Honolulu, said the agency has taken the lead in the investigation but would not discuss any possible criminal charges.
Source: <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Third-boat-burns-arson-suspected/qzLauQz38kyKaRTXkjuW3Q.csp>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

66. *March 29, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **NM experiencing increase in wildfires.** New Mexico and federal officials said there has been a substantial increase in wildfires in 2011. The state Forestry Division, federal Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a statement March 28 saying the fire potential is higher than 2010 because of dry, windy spring weather, and a mild winter across the southern two-thirds of New Mexico. There have been 199 wildfires in New Mexico during 2011, burning about 112,000 acres — up from 60 fires during the same time in 2010 that burned 11,000 acres.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=14339088>
67. *March 29, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Sweep for explosives in Tobyhanna State Park starts soon.** For the next 6 months, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will scour about 500 acres of Tobyhanna State Park in Pennsylvania, looking for unexploded ordnance that may or may not be underground. The Corps will start its cleanup of a wooded area of the park as early as April 4. Much of the 25,000 acres that now make up the Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks and No. 127 State Game Lands in that area was the Tobyhanna Artillery Range from 1912 to 1949. There have been discoveries of unexploded artillery rounds in the woods of the state park in the past, prompting the cleanup. This portion of the project will cost about \$4 million, according to the project manager for the Tobyhanna Artillery Range Formerly Used Defense Site. The 500 acres being cleaned in 2011 have the highest impact of the remaining lands slated for cleaning. From November 1997 to November 1998, the entire park was closed after 53 unexploded 37mm artillery rounds were unearthed around the park's campground. During that time, the developed, public area of the park was cleared and 276 unexploded ordnance were found and destroyed.
Source:
<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110329/NEWS/103290327/-1/NEWS>
68. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Coast Guard to reveal damage to marine reserve.** U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) officials planned to show photographs and data taken from a flight over the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in Hawaii in briefing slated for March 28. The fly-over was done to survey damage sustained by the recent tsunami. State wildlife agencies have been trying to figure out the best strategy for completing clean-up and ecosystem restoration at the 10 atolls and islands that make up the monument. USCG said the March 11 tsunami washed away tens of thousands of tropical sea birds that were nesting in the reserve. Field camp workers, volunteers, and others at Laysan Island and Kure Atoll were successfully evacuated by ship.
Source: <http://www.kpua.net/news.php?id=22553>

Dams Sector

69. *March 29, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Flood prevention: \$1 million dedicated to higher Des Moines levees.** Spending over \$1 million to bolster flood protection in key spots around Des Moines, Iowa, was approved March 28 by the city council. The biggest chunk of that money — up to \$900,000 — was authorized to make additional improvements to the soon-to-be reconstructed Birdland levee, which protects businesses and homes near North High School from Des Moines River floodwater. New data that show a greater risk of severe flooding along the Des Moines River have prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to increase the height of the new Birdland and Central Place levees. The Corps will pack another 6 to 12 inches of watertight clay atop the Birdland levee. Up to 6 inches will be added to the Central Place levee just east of Second Avenue in north-central Des Moines. The public works director said the increases in levee height appear minor at face value, but that every inch between the waterline and the top of a levee is precious in flood fighting. The unanimous vote by the council authorizes the city to pay its 35 percent share — about \$400,000 — of the cost for the Birdland levee improvements. The Corps' analysis showed 100-year water flows on the Des Moines River increased 24 percent at Southeast Sixth Street. The study did not look at flood heights. Although the river flows have increased, city officials emphasize that heights along Des Moines' existing levees exceed all historic flood elevations. In many places, the newly constructed Birdland levee will be wider and about 2 to 4 feet taller than before. Council members authorized Brewer's department to hire Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for \$51,000 to further analyze the Corps' river flow study and outline additional strategies.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110329/NEWS/103290357/-1/sitemap/-1-million-dedicated-higher-D-M-levees>

70. *March 28, Bucks County Courier Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Canal escaped major damage this time around.** Recent Delaware River flooding in Pennsylvania damaged the Delaware Canal, but not nearly to the extent that previous flooding had done to the historic corridor, according to a canal preservation official. Two early March floods left canal advocates crossing their fingers, hoping a recent multimillion-dollar restoration of the canal and its towpath would hold up. There was not any damage south of Bowman's Hill, the director of the Friends of the Delaware Canal support group. However, there was spotty destruction from floodwaters north of Centre Bridge to Easton, and just below New Hope, according to the Delaware Canal State Park manager's report. There are a couple of sections of the towpath commonly used by hikers and bicyclists closed due to damage or severe washout. The most notable are: a wall collapse at the Waterworks below New Hope; a wall collapse at Lock 12 near the Black Bass Inn in Lumberville; and a rupture of the canal bank in Bridgeton in Upper Bucks. Flooding made it up to the door handle of the restroom at the Teddy Roosevelt Recreation Area below Easton. Also a spiral ladder that allows fish to get past a wing dam between the Lehigh and Delaware rivers at the upper end of the canal was totally inundated, according to the report.

Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the_intelligencer_news/canal-escaped-major-damage-this-time-around/article_666d2854-703c-51a1-bb04-1b77e1f694f5.html

71. *March 28, WTHI 10 Terre Haute* – (Indiana) **No money for broken levee.** A southern Indiana county trying to fill a gaping hole in a levee, but it does not have the money to do it. Officials in Daviess County are weighing the options in trying to fix a breach in the Bennington Levee that left 8,000 acres under water. The county is running short of financial options to make a fix. Earlier this month, thousands of acres of farmland in western Daviess County went under water when a levee broke along the White River. Most of the water is gone now, but the hole in the levee remains. Officials said they have turned to several federal agencies for help and all have said no. The county said the levee break didn't create a widespread enough problem to qualify for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The hole is huge and officials said even a temporary fix will cost several hundred thousand dollars, and a permanent one could cost a whole lot more. The county is appealing the decisions by the federal agencies, but it could be months before any decisions. In the meantime, farmers will soon be looking to plant on thousands of acres of land that is no longer levee protected. Although they would not divulge any details, the county said it is also exploring the possibility of a lawsuit in connection with the levee break.

Source: http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/southern_indiana/no-money-for-broken-levee

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