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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Gallatin New Examiner reports one person was injured in a chemical flash fire March 29 at Hoeganaes Corporation in Gallatin, Tennessee. The incident follows a fatal fire in January, and has resulted in a U.S. Chemical Safety Board investigation. (See item [5](#))
- According to Tech Herald, an SQL injection campaign grew tenfold in 1 day to infect more than 638,000 Web sites by March 31. (See item [53](#))

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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 30, Nebraska City News-Press* – (Nebraska) **Tanker and semi collision, fire close Highway 2 eastbound near Dunbar.** The Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) reported a crash on Highway 2 that claimed the life of the driver of the truck and semi-trailer believed to have struck a tanker near Dunbar in Nebraska City. Preliminary reports and witness accounts indicated a tanker truck was headed east on 2, when it was struck from behind by a second truck and semi-trailer. The tanker had slowed to make a right turn. The force of the collision caused the second semi to catch fire. The driver of the

second semi was trapped in the cab and pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the tanker truck was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Nebraska City, with non-life threatening injuries. A hazardous material team responded to evaluate a leak in the tanker, and examine the North Branch of the Little Nemaha River that runs into Dunbar. The tanker was hauling unleaded fuel. NSP was assisted by the Otoe County Sheriff's Office, Dunbar, Nebraska City and Syracuse Fire and Rescue Squads, the Otoe County Emergency Management, and the state fire marshals' hazardous materials response team. Officials expect the two highways to be closed for an extended period of time, while the investigation and clean up are conducted.

Source: <http://www.journaldemocrat.com/newsnow/x1626572201/Tanker-on-fire-Highway-2-closed>

2. *March 30, Cleveland Daily Banner* – (Ohio) **Diesel fuel stolen at truck stop.** Truckers allegedly pried the cover off a fuel pump at a local truck stop and stole 783 gallons of diesel fuel, according to a report filed by a deputy of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office. According to his report, a store employee indicated electronic security recorded the incident where four suspects "worked together with three semi trucks" and filled their fuel tanks. The employee discovered the discrepancy in fuel inventory after reviewing information from the previous week. The value of the fuel stolen was \$2,967.57.

Source: http://www.clevelandbanner.com/view/full_story/12554771/article-Diesel-fuel-stolen-at-truck-stop?instance=crime_log

3. *March 29, Bloomberg* – (National) **Power plants face EPA cooling-water rules to protect fish.** Utilities such as Entergy Corp. face U.S. rules aimed at preventing fish from being sucked into cooling-water systems and costing industry \$384 million per year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said. The Presidential administration proposal introduced March 28 will affect more than 1,200 facilities and save billions of aquatic organisms, including 615 million fish and shellfish per year, the agency said. The EPA rule, part of a court settlement with environmental groups, will cover power plants and factories that pull water from rivers or lakes to cool machines. Existing facilities will work with states to determine how to meet the requirements while new units will have to use closed-cycle cooling, a system that draws less water and ensnares fewer fish. EPA's pending proposal under the Clean Water Act had been singled out by energy companies, industry groups, and Republican lawmakers as a regulation that may burden electric utilities and cause some coal-fired power plants to shut down. A Michigan Representative said the rule might cost utilities as much as \$300 million per site for coal-fired plants, and as much as \$1 billion for nuclear generators, exceeding EPA's projections.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-03-29/power-generators-must-protect-fish-under-u-s-epa-rules-for-cooling-water.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *March 30, Morgan Hill Times* – (California) **Chemical spill declared clean and safe.** A hazardous material spill on U.S. 101 in California stalled rush-hour traffic for about 6 hours March 29. Police responded to a medical call from the driver of a 1998 International big-rig on the northbound side of the freeway about 1:34 p.m., a California Highway Patrol officer said. Upon arrival, officers discovered the driver was having difficulty breathing, and found his truck was leaking an unknown chemical onto the shoulder of 101 between Dunne and Tennant avenues, where the vehicle was stopped, police said. Police called the Santa Clara County Fire Department, and the leaking chemical was later determined to be sodium hydroxide, or lye, a common ingredient in soap and detergent. About 5 gallons of the chemical spilled onto the freeway. Authorities contained the leak shortly after it was discovered, and continued cleaning the spill until about 8 p.m. when the scene was declared safe. During the cleanup, the far right northbound lane was closed, as was the northbound on-ramp from Tennant Avenue to U.S. 101. The driver of the truck was uninjured and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/274187-chemical-spill-declared-clean-and-safe>

5. *March 30, Gallatin News Examiner* – (Tennessee) **1 injured in second flash fire at Gallatin plant.** One person was injured in a flash fire March 29 at Hoeganaes Corporation on Airport Road in Gallatin, Tennessee, a plant that produces powdered metal products, the Gallatin Fire Department said. This is the second such flash fire at the facility since January. First responders were dispatched to the scene at 2 p.m. One person sustained burns and was transported to a nearby hospital, fire officials said. The injuries sustained were not significant. The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), a federal agency tasked with investigating industrial incidents, is investigating both incidents, according to the board's Web site. On March 30, the board announced it will send a team back into Gallatin to investigate the new event. "We are concerned that we are looking at a second serious incident within a short period of time at this facility," the investigator in charge said. The accident occurred during maintenance of a burner at the plant, CSB said. In the earlier incident, two maintenance workers were burned, one fatally, in a January 31 flash fire. In that event, investigators determined the fire was caused by an electrical short that ignited materials in an elevator machinery room, burning one worker on about 95 percent of his body and the other on about 70 percent, according to the Gallatin Fire Department's report.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110330/GALLATIN01/110330030/1-injured-second-flash-fire-Gallatin-plant>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *March 31, Global Post* – (International) **Two hurt as letter bomb explodes in office of Swiss nuclear agency.** Two people were injured when a letter bomb exploded at an office belonging to a nuclear energy body in Switzerland, March 31. Both victims suffered superficial injuries when the device detonated in Swissnuclear office in the northern town of Olten, Agence France-Presse (AFP) reports. “At about 8.15 a.m., while opening the letter, it exploded,” a police spokesman for the canton of Solothurn told AFP. No-one has claimed responsibility for the attack, the agency said. Swissnuclear is a lobby group representing a number of power companies in the country, the BBC said. The company is a consortium of national power companies Axpo, Alpiq, and BKW, AP said. Six people had been working in the sixth-floor office apparently targeted by the blast, the BBC said, adding that the building also houses a branch of UBS bank. The explosion occurred as about 30 Greenpeace protesters staged a protest outside the headquarters of Alpiq, less than a mile away, AFP said. The group immediately halted its demonstration and denied any link to the letter bomb. “We distance ourselves with the greatest firmness from this explosion. Greenpeace has nothing to do with this attack,” a Greenpeace spokesperson told AFP. Earlier in March Switzerland suspended approvals for three nuclear power stations pending a safety review in the wake of the atomic crisis at Japan’s disaster-hit Fukushima power station. Source: <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/europe/110331/switzerland-nuclear-bomb-blast>

7. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA to explain Browns Ferry reactor valve problem.** The failure of a reactor coolant valve at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) nuclear plant in North Alabama has raised questions about an apparent violation of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requirements. An NRC statement said TVA was called to an April 1 meeting in Atlanta to explain the safety significance of the valve failure TVA discovered in 2010 during a shutdown of the Unit 1 reactor at the Browns Ferry Plant. The statement said the valve “would have been unable to fulfill its safety function if it had been needed.” A TVA nuclear spokesman said March 30 the mechanical problem was discovered, repaired, and reported during a Unit 1 shutdown at the 3-reactor plant and was never a safety threat. He said there are separate cooling systems. Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14357802>

8. *March 30, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (California) **Emergency sirens out of service due to inadvertent securing of power.** The city of San Clemente, California, inadvertently knocked out power to 19 community alert sirens surrounding the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. Trouble alarms were received at 7 p.m. March 30, but it is not known at what time specifically power was removed. All sirens were functional when an inspection was performed March 29 at 12:13 p.m. Power was restored to the sirens at 11:45 p.m. March 30. This event resulted in 20 community sirens being non-functional for greater than 1 hour. Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *March 31, Detroit News* – (International) **Honda to restart auto output in Japan on April 11.** Honda Motor Co. expects to resume vehicle production in Japan April 11 after a month-long stoppage because of damage and disruption to its supply lines from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. Honda said that by April 11, it expects all of its production plants to be running. “However, as the parts supply situation remains fluid, production of component parts and vehicles at Honda plants will resume at approximately 50 percent at the outset,” Honda said in a March 31 statement. The automaker will resume production and shipment April 4 of components for its overseas plants. But it already has scheduled reduced working hours in North America because of supply disruptions and component shortages. Nissan Motor Co. said March 30 it expects its domestic auto assembly operations to return to normal in mid-April, albeit at reduced output levels. It said it aims to complete repairs on the damaged Iwaki engine plant by the end of March. Toyota Motor Corp. has halted almost all of its auto-making operations in Japan since March 14, though it has produced components for its overseas manufacturing operations. The stoppages are continuing through the week of March 28. Toyota also has warned of likely work stoppages at its North American plants because of supply disruptions.
Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20110331/AUTO01/103310437/1361/Honda-to-restart-auto-output-in-Japan-on-April-11>

10. *March 30, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Mowers recalled by The Toro Company due to injury hazard.** The Toro Company, of Bloomington, Minnesota, issued a recall March 30 for about 3,700 Toro Z Master ZRT mowers. Mowers with the optional deluxe seat have an operator presence switch built into the seat that may activate the mower when the operator vacates the seat, posing an injury hazard from the blade to the operator and anyone in the vicinity of the mower. Toro has received one report of a foot laceration. The mowers were sold at Toro dealers in the United States from September 2005 through January 2011.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11731.html>

11. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Kawasaki to lay off 115 for month at Lincoln plant.** Kawasaki said it will lay off 115 workers from its manufacturing plant in Lincoln, Nebraska, for at least a month because of a parts error, Associated Press reported March 30. The plant manager said to the Lincoln Journal-Star that one of the company’s suppliers made a number of structural rail car parts incorrectly, and that parts en route from Japan are also incorrect. He said the supplier cannot replenish the right parts in time because of work stoppages in Japan related to earthquake damage. The company plans to start calling back employees May 2, and the plant manager expects all the workers back and full production to resume by May 31. Kawasaki has roughly 1,500 people working at the passenger rail car plant and an adjacent plant that builds utility and recreational vehicles.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/default/article/Kawasaki-to-lay-off-115-for-month-at-Lincoln-plant-1315438.php>

12. *March 29, Reuters* – (International) **Toyota told suppliers no Japan output until at least Apr 11-source.** Toyota Motor Corp told its main suppliers not to expect a restart of production in Japan until at least April 11, a source said March 29, declining to be identified. All vehicle assembly has been halted at the 18 domestic factories that build Toyota and Lexus cars except for 2 plants that are producing a limited number of 3 hybrid models. A Toyota spokesman said he was not aware of the communication made to suppliers, but added the supply of as many as 500 parts has been disrupted by the earthquake, repeating the company's stance that it would take time to resume full production.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/03/29/toyota-production-idUST9E7EE00O20110329>

13. *March 28, CNET* – (National) **Jetta recall: Honk horn, stall car.** Volkswagen of America announced a voluntary safety recall March 28 of about 71,043 Jettas. A wiring issue could cause the car to turn off if the horn is activated, the company said. The cars — manufactured from March 2010 through March 2011 — are affected by an issue caused by a fault in the wiring layout, according to Volkswagen. The electrical issue resides in the anti-theft alarm system and horn, which in rare circumstances can short-circuit the converter box that supplies power to the engine, among other components. No related accidents or injuries have been reported, the automaker said.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-20048048-1.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *March 31, Kennebec Journal* – (Maine) **Hackers breach bank's online system.** In Augusta, Maine, the Kennebec Savings Bank's online banking system was infiltrated by an outside party and bank officials are working with a team of computer forensics experts to find out which customers may have been affected and what information may have been accessed. Bank officials said there was no unauthorized access to customer funds, Social Security numbers or debit or credit card information. An investigation is ongoing. A bank spokesman said March 30 bank officials determined the incident affected only Internet banking customers. According to a statement from the bank, the preliminary investigation indicated sophisticated "malware" permitted entry into the online banking system. A spokesman said an alert employee "saw something that didn't look right" March 21. Fearing suspicious activity involving unauthorized access, the

bank shut the system down to protect against further unauthorized access and initiated an investigation. Kennebec's online banking system was back up and running in about 48 hours. The bank's president and CEO said the bank hired a nationally recognized computer forensic team, Maine-based Sageworks, to assist with the investigation, and has been working closely with the U.S. Secret Service and other authorities.

Source: http://www.kjonline.com/news/hackers-breach-banks-online-system_2011-03-30.html

15. *March 31, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California; Oregon) **California man pleads guilty in Oregon in \$18 million Ponzi scheme.** On March 30, a man pleaded guilty to mail fraud and money laundering in connection with a Ponzi scheme that reached Florence, Oregon. The defendant admitted to soliciting about 100 individuals, a majority of whom are residents of Florence, to invest in real estate through his company, Sunburst Associates, Inc., a California corporation, bilking them out of more than \$18 million. The defendant claimed to offer hard-money loans through his company that were secured by real estate deeds of trust. To entice individuals to invest, the defendant falsely promised high rates of return and a security interest in the property allegedly pledged to secure the investment. Additionally, the defendant sent investors fraudulent investment materials, including the supposed deeds of trust. As part of his plea, the defendant admitted the investments never existed and that it was all a Ponzi scheme — he used new investor money to pay existing investment obligations. The defendant further admitted to spending investor money on personal items, including a car and a home.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/377454/california_man_pleads_guilty_in_oregon_in_18_million_ponzi_scheme_.html

16. *March 31, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Suspects in armored car robberies to be in court.** Two men charged in a string of recent armored car robberies were slated to have their first court appearance April 1 before a judge at the Gwinnett County Jail. The two were arrested March 30 near the Gwinnett-Fulton County line in Georgia. They are each charged with three counts of armed robbery, a Gwinnett police spokesman said. One of the men was also charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and charges against other suspects are likely, the spokesman said. He could not say whether the men would be charged with the killing of an armored car guard earlier this month outside the Toco Hill Kroger store, because that robbery and shooting occurred in DeKalb County. According to an arrest warrant, the pair placed a Loomis Armored truck under surveillance March 28; they then drove to a Food Depot and waited for the armored truck to arrive, but then abandoned plans to rob the truck. The men are charged in connection with three armored car heists in Gwinnett, the police spokesman said. “The suspects’ [method of operation] in these cases was to wait until the armored car guards were outside of their vehicle,” the spokesman said. “In all three of the cases in Gwinnett, the guards were refilling ATMs.”

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/gwinnett/suspects-armored-car-robberies-891401.html>

17. *March 29, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FBI seeks ‘Castaway Bandit’**. The FBI in Phoenix, Arizona, wants the public’s help in tracking down the man agents call the “Castaway Bandit.” The special agent in charge said the man has hit banks at least three times in March, each time giving a teller a note demanding money. He does not appear to have a weapon. On March 10, he robbed the First Fidelity Bank at 74th Street and Camelback Road in Scottsdale, police said. On March 16, he robbed the First Credit Union near Chandler Boulevard and Kyrene Road in Chandler. And he pulled his scheme again March 21 at the TCF Bank at Ray Road and Cooper Road in Chandler. The thief has worn a white “Gilligan”-style hat, dark sunglasses, or large white framed sunglasses and gloves. He is described as white, around 27 to 30 years old, 6 feet to 6 feet 3 inches tall, and weighing about 180 pounds.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/news/27365242/detail.html>

18. *March 29, KAJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **Charlo woman admits to stealing \$600K+ from bank**. A Charlo, Montana woman has admitted in federal court to stealing more than \$600,000 from a Polson, Montana, bank. The woman pleaded guilty to embezzlement from a credit union and money laundering. Federal prosecutors said the woman started working at the Polson branch of the Whitefish Credit Union as a teller in 1996, and that she started stealing cash from the teller drawer 2 years later. She was named the manager of the branch in 2009, and the embezzlement continued until a surprise cash audit in June 2010. That check determined the bank’s vault was about \$676,000 short and when she was confronted by IRS and FBI agents, she confessed to the theft. Prosecutors said each day a cash count was conducted where two credit union employees counted the cash in the vault and in the teller drawers. She would complete the first columns of the vault balancing sheet, which included the cash counts with a second teller. Then she would have the other teller sign off on the form. She would then complete the vault balancing sheet by herself so it balanced to the general ledger. To hide her theft, she would white-out the numbers for the cash counts in the first two columns that were witnessed by the second teller. She would then place numbers in these columns over the whited-out numbers that matched the general ledger balances. She kept the original vault balancing sheets in her office and sent copies to the accounting department via fax so the white-out would be hidden. She faces up to 30 years in federal prison, a \$1 million fine and 5 years supervised release as a result of her plea.

Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/charlo-woman-admits-to-stealing-600k-from-bank/>

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Transportation Sector

19. *March 31, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **U.S. shuts down bus company involved in fatal New Jersey Turnpike crash**. As a U.S. Senate panel investigated passenger bus safety, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) March 30 shut

down the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania bus company involved in a deadly accident in March. Super Luxury Tours violated federal insurance requirements, DOT said. One of the company's Philadelphia-bound buses crashed March 14 on the New Jersey Turnpike, killing the driver and one passenger. The move to close down the bus company came on the day a Senate subcommittee chastised DOT for moving too slowly to improve bus safety. The shutdown of Super Luxury Tours was prompted by a lack of evidence of valid insurance on file with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, an agency spokeswoman said. She said Super Luxury's \$5 million public liability insurance was canceled by its carrier March 30.

Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/nation_world/118971024.html

20. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Maine) **State police: Canadian national threatened bus with bogus 'detonator' in northern Maine.** Maine police said a Canadian national who threatened a bus with a fake detonator switch has been arrested in Houlton, near the Canadian border. Police said the 50-year-old suspect surrendered just before dawn March 31 as a tactical squad prepared to fire tear gas into the bus. Police said the suspect began making threats before the bus reached an Irving gas station March 30 in Houlton. The driver and seven passengers left, leaving only the suspect on the bus. The Houlton police chief said that during the 9-hour episode, the suspect claimed to have a detonator switch, which was later determined to be a video game controller. The suspect, whose last known address was in Wisconsin, claimed he wanted asylum in Canada.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9b21ca93ff20492dbeba74a37be3d9e2/ME--Bus-Threat/>

21. *March 30, CNN* – (New York) **New details revealed in fatal Bronx bus crash.** A National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigation has revealed new facts about the Bronx, New York crash that killed 15 people in early March, with the head of the NTSB issuing renewed calls for changes in bus safety and regulation of bus companies. One of the primary findings of the investigation so far is that contrary to the bus driver's statement to authorities a tractor-trailer may have clipped the bus causing the accident, the NTSB engineer who examined the bus found no evidence to indicate a truck had come into contact with it, the NTSB chairman told CNN. The investigation found that the bus, with the 40-year-old bus driver at the wheel, drifted to the right before striking a roadside barrier, the NTSB chairman said March 30 in testimony to a Senate hearing on bus safety.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/03/30/new.york.bus.crash.ntsbt/>

22. *March 30, ABC News and Associated Press* – (Florida) **Florida air traffic controller suspended after planes fly too close for comfort.** A Florida air traffic controller supervisor has been suspended after officials said he compromised the safety of passengers by letting two planes fly too close to each other, officials said. The incident happened in the skies near Orlando March 27. A small private Cirrus SR22 plane heading to a nearby general aviation airport in Kissimmee, Florida, had been out of radio contact for over an hour, despite repeated attempts to reach the pilot. The air

traffic controller asked a Southwest Airlines jet heading to Orlando International Airport to check on the Cirrus' status. It was then that the Southwest plane got so close to the Cirrus, the pilots could see the two people in the cockpit. The Cirrus was flying at 11,000 feet. The Southwest Boeing 737 was at 12,000 feet and some 10 miles behind. The Southwest jet was carrying 137 passengers. Cirrus pilots contacted controllers and both aircraft landed safely at their intended airports. In a statement the Federal Aviation Administration administrator said, "... the air traffic controller compromised the safety of everyone involved. This incident was totally inappropriate." Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/florida-air-traffic-controller-suspended-southwest-close-call/story?id=13252979>

23. *March 29, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Strong thunderstorms bring property damage, street flooding.** A stubborn line of strong thunderstorms, possibly accompanied by three tornadoes, high winds, and golf ball-sized hail, damaged a West Bank shopping center and a Plaquemines Parish office building and dumped more than 3 inches of rain that caused widespread street flooding over much of the New Orleans area in a little over 3 hours March 29. A tornado watch was extended until 5 a.m. March 30. The National Weather Service received a report from several people of a possible tornado touching down at Manhattan Place Shopping Center in Harvey, blowing down an awning and damaging several cars in the parking lot. Jefferson Parish Sheriff closed Manhattan Boulevard from the Westbank Expressway to Lapalco Boulevard because 50 to 60 power poles were leaning into the street, and there was other damage in the area. More damage was reported by Plaquemines Parish emergency officials, who reported a wind gust of 100 mph at the Plaquemines Pride, the Mississippi River ferry docked near Main Street and Avenue G in Belle Chasse. Source: http://www.nola.com/weather/index.ssf/2011/03/strong_thunderstorms_bring_pro.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

24. *March 31, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois; National) **FBI investigating bomb threat letters from Chicago.** The FBI is investigating letters postmarked in Chicago, Illinois, that claim al-Qaida has planted 160 nuclear bombs around the United States, according to WLS 7 March 31. The letter writer claimed to be Osama Bin Laden and said the bombs were left in schools, stadiums, churches, stores, financial institutions, and government buildings. The FBI said 20 letters were received by individuals — eight to local addresses, the rest around the country. A Chicago attorney and investigator received one. "The person who sent this to me took the time to hand write out the name of my detective agency and to address the letter to me. Quite honestly, that's the most frightening part of it. I was targeted for this letter," she said. The FBI told WLS 7 they do not consider the threats to be credible. But they are investigating to try to determine

who is responsible and to make sure they are prosecuted.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110331/news/110339969/>

25. *March 31, Kennebec Journal* – (Oregon; National) **Man admits sending letters to LePage, others.** A Portland, Oregon man charged with sending threatening letters to Oregon’s governor admitted to agents he sent those and other threatening letters to national political figures, including Wisconsin’s governor, and two U.S. senators, according to testimony March 30 in U.S. district court. Authorities also found a gun and an ammunition clip in the man’s desk drawer when he was arrested March 18, an FBI Special Agent testified; and he told her that if they had showed up later, he would have launched a shootout with police. Oregon’s governor received three letters attributed to the man, that said among other things the author was willing to sacrifice his life to shoot the governor. Following a hearing, the district judge ruled the suspect posed a danger to the community and would remain in custody until his trial.
Source: http://www.kjonline.com/news/man-admits-sending-letters-to-lepage-others_2011-03-30.html

26. *March 30, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **Authorities investigate powder mailed to veterans group.** Authorities are investigating a powder found at a disabled veterans group’s headquarters in Cold Spring, Kentucky, March 30. The powder was reported at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) headquarters on Alexandria Pike about 8:30 a.m. Several units, including a hazardous materials unit, responded to the scene, but dispatchers said they were not aware of any evacuations. Officials said just before 11 a.m., the powder was determined to be harmless, but was deliberately sent to the DAV in an envelope. DAV’s executive director said they had been sent powder three times in the last 8 years. Officials would not identify the powder because the incident remains under investigation, but they said it can be found in most any household. “The parcel did come from an out-of-state address, so they will be following up with that, and we don’t want to give out any information as they pursue any legal measures against the individual that mailed the parcel,” an official with Campbell County’s hazardous materials unit said. About a dozen workers were kept separate from others until the powder was examined. The building was not evacuated, and normal operations resumed by noon.
Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/r/27369724/detail.html>

27. *March 30, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Reports of package containing grenades in Hyde Park.** The bomb squad gave the “all-clear” after they were called to Hyde Park in Boston, Massachusetts where there were reports of grenades delivered March 30. An entire office complex was evacuated after the bomb scare at 65 Sprague Street, sending hundreds of people out into the parking lot. “There was a package delivered to the building with six grenades,” a chief with the Boston Fire Department. The grenades were discovered by employees of Eveden, a lingerie company. The shipment was from UPS. The bomb squad determined the grenades in the box were not real. They were a different color than actual ones and had their bottoms hollowed out. They were either training devices or movie props. Either way they were not a threat.

Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/12003920745229/reports-of-package-containing-grenades-in-hyde-park/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *March 31, CNN* – (National) **EPA boosts radiation monitoring after low levels found in milk.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is increasing its nationwide monitoring of radiation as two states reported very low levels of radiation in milk. The agency said March 30 it is boosting its monitoring of radiation in milk, precipitation, drinking water, and other outlets. It already tracks radiation in those potential exposure routes through an existing network of stations across the country. Results from screening samples of milk taken in the past week in Spokane, Washington, and in San Luis Obispo County, California, detected radioactive iodine at a level 5,000 times lower than the limit set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, officials said. The I-131 isotope has a very short half-life of about 8 days, EPA said, so the level detected in milk and milk products is expected to drop relatively quickly. The governor of Washington said tests confirmed the milk is safe to drink. Similarly, the California Department of Public Health reassured residents the levels do not pose a threat. At least 15 states have reported radioisotopes from Japan's crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in air or water or both.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/03/31/radiation.us/index.html?hpt=T2>

29. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Tyson Foods' Jefferson plant issued safety citations.** Federal labor officials have issued 10 safety citations at Tyson Foods' plant in Jefferson, Wisconsin, Associated Press reported March 31. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration said the citations resulted from an inspection conducted in October. The agency said nine of the citations resulted from violations that could lead to death or serious injury. Those violations included a lack of fall protection, shortcomings in the plant's respiratory program, and a lack of maintenance on industrial trucks. Tyson faces up to \$45,000 in penalties. The company has 15 days to respond.

Source:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20110331/GPG03/103310638/1247/Tyson-Foods-issued-safety-citations-plant-Jefferson>

30. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Illinois farmers urged to review safety procedures before applying anhydrous ammonia.** Illinois officials are urging farmers to review safety procedures before applying anhydrous ammonia following a high number of accidental releases in 2010, Associated Press reported March 30. Exposure to the fertilizer can be fatal. The Illinois Department of Agriculture said there were 50 accidental releases of anhydrous ammonia in 2010, twice the annual average for the preceding 5 years. Investigations show the improper management of ammonia

hoses was to blame in most of the releases. Applicators must report releases to regulators within 15 minutes if possible, or they could face financial penalties. The agriculture department and the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association have produced an ammonia safety training video designed specifically for farmers.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6a60c687b45842fb9d02a67cad0d1fd7/IL--Fertilizer-Safety/>

31. *March 30, Reuters* – (California; National) **Pizza recalled for undeclared allergen.** About 131,000 pounds of pizza products shipped to Trader Joe’s stores were voluntarily recalled because of a failure to declare wheat, a known allergen, on the finished product label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said March 29. Frozen packages of Trader Joe’s Pizza Al Pollo Asado produced between January 27 and March 27 of 2011 are included in the recall. The health risk associated with this recall is low, USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) explained. If the product is consumed, there is only a remote probability of adverse health consequences. Trader Joe’s, however, warned “people who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to wheat may run the risk of allergic reaction if they consume this product.” The company has removed the product from store shelves. During a routine inspection, a FSIS inspector discovered the omission. California-based Completely Fresh Foods Inc., which makes the pizza products, has not received any reports of adverse effects, USDA said. The pizzas were shipped to Trader Joe’s stores nationwide.

Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2011/mar/30/pizza-recalled-for-undeclared-allergen/>

32. *March 29, Computerworld* – (Massachusetts) **Restaurant chain to pay \$110,000 to settle breach claims.** The Briar Group, which operates several restaurants in the Boston, Massachusetts area, has agreed to pay \$110,000 to settle allegations by the Massachusetts attorney general’s office it failed to take reasonable steps to protect credit card data belonging to tens of thousands of customers. Under terms of the settlement, announced March 28, Briar also agreed to implement a strong password management system at its restaurants and to comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. The settlement relates to an incident that began in April 2009 when intruders broke into a Briar computer and installed malware designed to steal credit and debit card data. According to the lawsuit, the malicious software was not removed in December of 2009. During the intervening months, the company continued to accept credit and debit card payments even after it learned of the breach, the attorney general’s office contended. The complaint alleged the compromise stemmed from Briar’s failure to take adequate steps to protect card holder data. The complaint also alleged Briar failed to properly secure its wireless network and remote access to its systems.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215299/Restaurant_chain_to_pay_110_000_to_settle_breach_claims

33. *March 29, KMSB 11 Tucson* – (Arizona; International) **5,000 pounds of marijuana hidden in watermelon load.** Authorities in Nogales, Arizona, seized more than 5,000 pounds of marijuana concealed in a load of watermelon March 28. A 36-year-old Mexican man driving a tractor trailer applied for admission to enter the United States through a Mariposa Cargo Facility lane. An inspection revealed anomalies within the cargo of watermelon, and a narcotics detection canine positively alerted to the trailer, DHS said. The cargo was unloaded, and 244 bales of marijuana were discovered in the shipment. The marijuana weighed 5,440 pounds and had an estimated street value of \$2.72 million. The suspect was taken into custody and presented for prosecution to the U.S. attorney's office.

Source: <http://www.fox11az.com/news/local/5000-pounds-of-marijuana-hidden-in-watermelon-load-118880819.html>

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Water Sector

34. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Evansville utility worker suspended for boil order.** A maintenance supervisor at Evansville's water filtration plant in Indiana has been suspended for 5 days for negligence that led to a 3-day boil advisory. The Evansville Courier Press quotes the interim director of the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility, as saying the unpaid suspension began March 30. The utility issued a report March 30 noting many factors contributed to Ohio River water getting into a drain pipe from an abandoned well and eventually into a 1.5 million-gallon drinking water tank. That triggered the advisory March 14 that affected all of Vanderburgh County, and parts of Gibson and Warrick counties. The report said the supervisor failed to ensure valves and pumps were ready to deal with rising river levels.

Source: <http://www.jconline.com/article/20110331/NEWS09/110331004/Evansville-utility-worker-suspended-boil-order?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

35. *March 31, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Texas) **Martin Operating Partnership, LP fined for violating the Clean Water Act.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has fined Martin Operating Partnership, LP of Beaumont, Texas, \$48,700 for violating federal Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations outlined under the Clean Water Act. A federal inspection of oil storage and distribution terminals located at 10 Sulphur Plant Road and 1 Gulf States Road, in Beaumont, Texas, revealed the facilities' SPCC plans did not conform to federal requirements, failed to describe procedures for the management of drainage from diked storage areas, and did not describe whether buried piping is present at the facilities, and if so, whether the piping is corrosion protected. The inspection also revealed the terminals failed to construct all bulk storage tank installations to provide a secondary means of containment for the entire capacity of the largest single container plus sufficient freeboard for precipitation. The SPCC plans also failed to describe secondary containment at the truck and rail loading/unloading area,s and did not

address security components regarding master drain and flow valves and starter controls on pumps.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/CAD6FE4512ECAC738525786400524099>

36. *March 31, Salinas Californian* – (California) **Nacimiento Lake water might be contaminated by sewage, health officials say.** San Luis Obispo County, California, public health officials warned residents at Nacimiento Lake the week of March 28 not to drink water from the reservoir without purifying it because of a break in a sewer line submerged in the lake. A county public health officer said in a press release the Oak Shores Wastewater Treatment Plant’s collection system developed a break in a sewer line submerged in a portion of the lake. “Due to this apparent breach in the sewer line, thousands of gallons of lake water have entered the treatment plant,” she said. “Public-works staff has reduced the flow through the compromised section of the sewer line and are actively attempting to locate the breach. The wastewater-treatment plant is currently able to handle the increased inflow of sewage and lake water.” The threat downstream into Monterey County is minimal based on information provided to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, which oversees the Salinas Valley Water Project.

Source: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20110331/NEWS01/103310319>

37. *March 29, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **City of Toppenish fined more than \$134,000 for excess wastewater discharges.** The City of Toppenish, Washington, will pay \$134,500 for excess pollution discharges from its municipal sewage treatment facility in violation of its Clean Water Act permit, according to an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The violations spanned more than 2 years from 2008-2010. The facility treats domestic wastewater from residential and commercial sources. The violations took place on Yakama tribal land, but the facility is not tribally owned. The facility discharges wastewater into the Toppenish Drain, which flows to the Yakima River. The facility exceeded levels of ammonia, zinc and copper allowed in its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit more than 1,800 times between 2008-2010. Ammonia constituted the majority of the violations. The facility worked to comply with its permit when it identified the unauthorized discharges and replaced faulty equipment; and it has since been in compliance.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/1e5ab1124055f3b28525781f0042ed40/6bc51fc9db90393285257862006ead97!OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *March 30, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Eisenhower Medical Center: Computer with patient information stolen.** A computer stolen from Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, California, more than 2 weeks ago contained a file with personal information on 514,330 patients dating back to the 1980s, hospital officials announced March 30. “The computer was password protected, but not encrypted,” hospital officials said. “The information in the ... file included patient names, ages, dates of birth, the last four digits of the Social Security number, and the hospital’s medical record number,” the letter states. The theft occurred late in the day March 11, the hospital’s director of marketing and public relations said, but the hospital was not aware the computer had been stolen until March 14. On March 17, officials learned the backup patient file was on the stolen computer, she said, adding, the theft was reported to the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department March 18. The file was a backup file that was not displayed on the computer’s desktop, she said.
Source: <http://www.mydesert.com/article/20110330/NEWS01/103300308/Eisenhower-Medical-Center-Computer-patient-information-stolen?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Frontpage|p>
39. *March 30, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Clarksburg VA hospital patient information mistakenly left in government vehicle.** The Clarksburg VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia notified about 1,450 patients that a list containing their names and Social Security numbers was mistakenly left in a government vehicle for several months. The associate director told the Dominion Post hospital officials have no reason to believe the information was compromised. He said an employee used the scheduling list as a training tool at an outpatient clinic. She later dropped it in the vehicle. Another employer found the list between one of the seats and the center console while cleaning the vehicle February 8. He said information about the incident was not released until March 29 because an investigation took a significant amount of time.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1613ea38945648a1a61aec6bf7b046cc/WV--Veterans-Information/>
40. *March 30, Long Beach Press-Telegram* – (California) **Patients’ information stolen from Rancho Los Amigos.** A laptop stolen from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, California, contained medical information of 667 people, officials said. The laptop — which is still missing — contained names, dates, illness histories, and other unencrypted data on patients who had received electromyography tests at the center. The computer disappeared from the facility February 23. A police report was filed February 24 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, which classified it as a theft, the privacy officer with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services said. The patients were first notified of the privacy breach in a March 1 letter. The laptop was used at the facility from July 2007 to February 17.
Source: http://www.presstelegram.com/news/ci_17737452

41. *March 30, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **Minn. health department confirms 14th case of measles.** The Minnesota Department of Health has confirmed a 14th measles case. Thirteen of the individuals are linked to an infection that originated in Africa that occurred when a Minnesota Somali child visited Kenya and then returned to Minnesota. The other measles case was contracted in Florida. So far, there have been eight hospitalizations and no deaths. Most of the cases have occurred in unvaccinated people, including some who were too young to receive the vaccine.
Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/03/30/minnesota-measles-14/>
42. *March 29, Business Wire* – (National) **I3A tests uncover damage to medical film products by cargo X-ray scanners, leading to public health concerns.** The International Imaging Industry Association (I3A) March 29 announced the results of its investigation into damage to imaging materials entering the United States as cargo, caused by high-energy X-ray equipment. Such damage could present a significant public health concern, if X-ray film has received detrimental radiation damage prior to use by a physician. The tests were conducted following reports by I3A member companies to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) that recent upgrades to CBP inspection equipment resulted in damage to sensitized imaging materials. Imaging materials tested included camera, printed circuit board, motion picture, and medical/dental films. The tests showed one type of X-ray equipment now in use in the United States is likely to cause damage to imaging materials, particularly medical and dental film products. Such damage leads to public health issues, as follows: There is no practical way to determine, without using or developing film, whether it has been X-rayed and damaged; the clinician is the first to notice any damage, but only after the film has been used — the time when a medical image is needed most — or even after the patient has left the location; the problem could result in repeated radiation exposures to the patient to capture a usable image, could prevent an accurate diagnosis, or could result in a misdiagnosis.
Source: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20110329006704/en/I3A-Tests-Uncover-Damage-Medical-Film-Products>

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Government Facilities Sector

43. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Texas) **1 dead, five injured in shootings at Houston school field.** One person was killed and five others were injured March 30 in a shooting at a football field at Worthing High School in Houston, Texas, that witnesses and police said appeared to be gang-related. Witnesses said the shooting happened about 6:45 p.m. as a group of young men watched their girlfriends play football at the Worthing High School field in southern Houston. The game was not a school-sanctioned activity, and the shooting did not happen while school was in session. Witnesses said a Ford Taurus full of young men drove onto the field and a brief fistfight broke out. The fight appeared to be over when the shooting started, a police lieutenant said. Police said witnesses told them someone in the crowd of spectators may

have fired back at the gunmen. Officers later found a blood-stained Ford Taurus at an apartment complex 5 miles away, police said.

Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/articles/houston-48619-injured-school.html>

44. *March 31, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **1 Marine dead in copter crash.** One U.S. Marine was killed and three others remained hospitalized March 30 as crews worked to contain a fuel spill and investigators started looking into why an aging but war-tested CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed in shallow water in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, late March 29. The Kaneohe Bay base's deputy commander said the injured Marines "are all expected to be OK." It was a "hard impact" landing from a flying altitude of about 300 feet. The 88-foot-long helicopter, part of the Kaneohe-based Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 known as the "Red Lions," left the base a little after 7 p.m. for routine training and made it about 2 miles out to sea. "They departed over the waters of Kaneohe Bay and within 5 minutes the aircraft had a problem," the commander said. A mayday was called and radio contact was lost, officials said. "Looking at their ranks, they are experienced (aviators)," he said. "They just came back from a 7-month deployment, so they are experienced." HMH-363 is one of 3 squadrons at Kaneohe Bay with 10 aging Sea Stallion helicopters and about 250 personnel per squadron, officials said. The helicopter that crashed was 40 years old, the Corps said.
Source:
http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaiinews/20110331_1_Marine_dead_in_copter_crash.html
45. *March 31, Associated Press* – (California) **10 injured in fire aboard carrier off San Diego.** A jet fighter's engine exploded and caught fire March 30 as it prepared to take off from an aircraft carrier off California, injuring 10 sailors, the military said. The F/A-18C Hornet was starting a training exercise when the accident occurred about 2:50 p.m. on the flight deck of the USS John C. Stennis, according to a commander. Four sailors were flown to Naval Medical Center San Diego where they were in stable condition. The six others were treated for burn injuries on board the carrier. None of the injuries was life threatening, the commander said. The pilot was not hurt. The fire was quickly extinguished, and there was no significant damage to the ship, the commander said. The cause of the fire was under investigation. The commander said the Hornet sustained at least \$1 million in damages.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/03/31/10-injured-aboard-carrier-san-diego/?test=latestnews>
46. *March 30, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Alert issued after security incident on Camp Pendleton.** California's Camp Pendleton, one of the nation's largest military bases, is reportedly under tighter security after three Middle Eastern men tried to enter without proper authorization. The men — a 40-year-old Afghani man, a 41-year-old Iranian man, and a 27-year-old Iranian man — attempted to get into Camp Pendleton the weekend of March 26 and 27 under what was considered suspicious circumstances. Base officials March 30 said there was no threat, but others on the base said security was increased. According to a Be On the Lookout alert issued to high-ranking Camp Pendleton officials, someone reported hearing hateful comments and terrorist threats

March 26 from three men at a gas station in Oceanside. Investigators at Camp Pendleton said the men asked the attendant for directions to the base before they left the gas station. According to the alert, shortly after midnight March 27, a rented silver Toyota Corolla attempted to enter the base through the main gate. As it was being searched, two suspects drove up in a black Mercedes, but were told to wait. Instead, they continued past the gate and onto the base. Following a short pursuit, the Mercedes was stopped and searched. No weapons or contraband were found in the Mercedes, but base security noticed the air bag in the steering wheel of the Mercedes had been pulled out and re-attached with duct tape and had wires hanging free, the alert said. A criminal background check on the trio conducted by DHS found no “derogatory records” for the men. Additionally, the U.S. Border Patrol said the immigration statuses for the three men were confirmed, and they did not appear on any terrorist watch databases.
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/27377448/detail.html>

47. *March 30, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Security concerns close US Jerusalem consulate.** The United States consulate in Jerusalem said March 30 its consular annex would be closed March 31 because of a mystery package discovered at the building. An Israeli police spokesman said a package containing an unidentified powder had been discovered by consular staff around midday. “Police and officials of the environmental protection ministry examined the components, a white powder,” he said, adding that the material had been taken away for specialist examination. The consular department, which handles passport and other matters for U.S. citizens and visa applications for others, is housed in a new, purpose-built building in a quiet residential neighborhood of west Jerusalem.
Source: http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpps/news/international/security-concerns-close-us-jerusalem-consulate-dpgonc-20110330-to_12554182

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Emergency Services Sector

48. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Ex-cops get long terms in Katrina killing.** A federal judge March 30 sentenced two former New Orleans, Louisiana police officers for their roles in the shooting death of a man and the burning of his body in a vehicle outside the police station after Hurricane Katrina. Jurors also convicted one of the the former officers of writing a false report on the shooting. His sentencing has been postponed while his lawyers seek a new trial based on what they said is newly discovered evidence. One of the officers said he was guarding a police substation at a shopping mall when the suspect and a friend pulled up in a stolen truck and started running toward a gate that would have given them access to the building. He testified the men ignored his commands to stop and that he thought he saw a gun in the suspect’s hand before he fired one shot at him from a second-floor balcony. The second officer admitted he drove the suspect’s body from the police compound to a Mississippi River levee and set it on fire with his body still in the vehicle. A total of 20 current or

former New Orleans police officers were charged last year in a series of Justice Department civil rights investigations. The probe of the suspect's death was the first of those cases to be tried.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42358217/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/

49. *March 30, Marinscope Newspapers* – (California) **Semiautomatic rifles swiped from trucks.** Two semiautomatic department-issue rifles along with a small amount of ammunition were stolen from inside two Marin, California, County Sheriff's Department pickup trucks parked in a locked garage at the Sky Oaks Ranger Station south of Fairfax, a sheriff's department spokesperson said March 24. The break-in at the facility happened March 21 or March 22, a sheriff's department spokesman said. He said the trucks were parked in a locked Marin Municipal Water District yard in a garage with other vehicles. Both vehicles were locked, and the suspect(s) disassembled one locking device and destroyed the other, trying to get the weapons. The spokesman said the sheriff's office is continuing its investigation. He said it is unknown how many thieves were involved.

Source:

http://marinscope.com/articles/2011/03/30/ross_valley_reporter/news/doc4d939142e9ffb295605845.txt

50. *March 30, Morganton News-Herald* – (North Carolina) **Officials mull consolidating 911.** Morganton, North Carolina's county's 911 systems are about to face a financial emergency unless county and municipal boards sign off on consolidating the systems next month, officials said the week of March 28. The Burke County Homeland Security Taskforce briefed public officials March 29 on the benefits of merging the four dispatches into a single center during an hour-long meeting at the Foothills Higher Education Learning Center. The group's conclusion was consolidation will improve the quality of service while saving money. Changes in the state's funding of 911 systems jeopardize the current method of handling the emergency calls in Burke County, according to a Morganton Department of Public Safety official. Four agencies currently field 911 calls in Burke County: Burke County Emergency Operations Center, Burke County Sheriff's Office, Valdese Fire and Police, and Morganton's public safety. If approved, the plan would add jobs, not eliminate current dispatching positions, officials said.

Source: <http://www2.morganton.com/news/2011/mar/30/officials-mull-consolidating-911-ar-902488/>

51. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Woman posing as FBI agent, officer near Pittsburgh.** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-area police and the FBI are looking for a woman who has been flashing a badge and claiming to be either a federal agent or police investigator and trying to con people out of money by claiming it is suspected bank robbery loot. Ross Township police said the sharp-dressed black woman has been approaching people in shopping center parking lots in various suburbs since at least March 25. She has targeted mostly older women, asked to see their purses or wallets claiming their money might be counterfeit or otherwise illegally linked to a recent bank heist. Officials said the woman has encountered at least five people, but has only gotten

money from one of them: an elderly man in Oho Township who drove to his home and turned over a few hundred dollars.

Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/default/article/Woman-posing-as-FBI-agent-officer-near-Pittsburgh-1312452.php>

52. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Budget cuts police network.** Wisconsin governor's budget plan denies funding for a high-tech file-sharing network that allows officers to transmit documents electronically and detect criminals' movements across jurisdictions. The lack of money could cripple the Wisconsin Justice Information System. Contributions to the network have lagged, but the move could force dozens of police departments to revert to a pen-and-paper system and close down inter-agency connections the system's proponents said are crucial for resource-strapped investigators trying to connect the dots in a post-September 11 world. The network was envisioned as a Google for cops. It enables officers to transmit citations to prosecutors and judges from squad car laptops, saving the time it would take to drive to the county seat and hand deliver the paperwork at the courthouse. The system also bridges law enforcement agencies' databases, enabling police across Wisconsin to access millions of internal files from other agencies. Documents include court records, arrest records, incident reports, and prosecutors' confidential files. The network has yet to really catch on with police. All but two of Wisconsin's district attorneys make their files accessible, but only about 170 of the 650 or so law enforcement agencies have opened up theirs.

Source:

http://www.beloitdailynews.com/articles/2011/03/28/news/wisconsin_news/wis2800.txt

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Information Technology Sector

53. *March 31, Tech Herald* – (International) **SQL injection attack jumps to more than 600,000 domains.** Tech Herald reported that an SQL injection campaign that had hit nearly 50,000 Web sites March 30 had increased more than 10 fold by March 31. Since that initial report, two additional attacking domains were discovered. By March 31, the number of sites with signs of infection from the 3 attack sources spiked to more than 638,000. The original attacking domain, lizamoon(dot)com is still offline, but the server hosting it remains active. But this has not stopped the attack from spreading. The majority of the domains impacted are designed using ASP, while others are driven by PHP. These platforms, depending on how they are deployed, are vulnerable to several attack vectors, including SQL injection and Cross-Site Scripting (XSS). The recent attacks use an automated injection process. A bot is launched by the criminals behind the attack, which scans the Web for vulnerable sites. When a vulnerable domain is found, JavaScript code is injected into its database and the bot moves on. Links to malicious domains are delivered as the JavaScript renders in the browser, redirecting the user to rogue anti-virus software, or other malware in some cases.

Source: <http://www.thetechherald.com/article.php/201113/6994/SQL-Injection-attack-jumps-to-more-than-600-000-domains>

54. *March 31, The Register* – (International) **Testing confirms Samsung keylogger rumor just a false alarm.** Antivirus testers have backed up Samsung's protestations that the detection of keylogging software on brand-new Samsung laptops was a false alarm. The founder of security consultancy NetSec raised the alarm after a scan revealed two newly purchased Samsung laptops were infected with StarLogger, a commercial keylogger. It was suggested that Samsung was using underhand methods to extract market research, monitoring user activity without their knowledge or consent in the process. The NetSec founder was eventually put through to a Samsung support center manager who told him Samsung had pre-loaded software to "monitor the performance of the machine and to find out how it is being used." Samsung quickly denied it was doing anything of the sort before issuing a more detailed statement saying the confusion stemmed from the installation of the Microsoft Live! application suite. The Slovak language version of the suite creates a folder called C:\Windows\SL, the same folder name as is used by the StarLogger application. Testing by antivirus researchers March 31 confirmed VIPRE Antivirus detects StarLogger after creating a SL folder on a clean PC.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/03/31/samsung_keylogger_rumour_debunked/

55. *March 30, threatpost* – (International) **Sophisticated attack yields data on IEEE members.** The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) has warned 800 members their credit card and personal information may have been stolen. The group disclosed the November 2010 breach in a letter to the New Hampshire Attorney General, dated February 24. While the source and purpose of the security breach are not known, IEEE's membership of technical professionals raises concerns about whether group members might be the targets of sophisticated phishing and social engineering attacks using stolen data. IEEE, based in Piscataway, New Jersey, describes itself as the world's largest technical professional society, with some 400,000 members globally, half of whom are in the United States. Group members include senior executives and rank and file professionals in fields such as aerospace, information technology, nuclear engineering, robotics, and manufacturing. According to a letter from IEEE's law firm, the group first became aware of intrusions into its database in December. A subsequent forensic investigation revealed a file containing customer credit card information had been deleted a month earlier. The individual(s) responsible for deleting that file would have access to the card holder data and other sensitive information on IEEE members prior to deleting the file, the letter said. A letter from the group to affected members describes the organization as a victim of a "sophisticated network intrusion" that exposed data from a database used when members registered for a conference. The stolen data included names, credit card numbers, expiration data, and card identification numbers.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/sophisticated-attack-yields-data-ieee-members-033011

56. *March 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cisco ACS unauthorized password change vulnerability.** A vulnerability exists in some Cisco Secure Access Control System (ACS) versions that could allow a remote, unauthenticated attacker to change the password of any user account to any value without providing the account's previous password. Successful exploitation requires the user account to be defined on the internal identity store. This vulnerability does not allow an attacker to perform any other changes to the ACS database. That is, an attacker cannot change access policies, device properties, or any account attributes except the user password.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10825>
57. *March 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Xerox patches printer vulnerabilities.** Printer manufacturer Xerox has issued a security patch for several models of its WorkCentre multifunction devices in to address a critical buffer overflow vulnerability. The vulnerability affects network-connected all-in-one printers capable of storing documents and is located in the Samba file sharing service. The flaw, identified as CVE-2010-2063, was discovered by a researcher from of iDefense Labs and was patched in Samba 3.3.12 in June 2010. The patch was subsequently ported to many operating systems and devices that make use of the open source package. The flaw carries a base score of 7.5 on the CVSS scale and can be exploited to crash the system or execute arbitrary code by sending maliciously crafted Service Message Block (SMB) packets. In the context of Xerox printers this vulnerability can be leveraged to make unauthorized changes to the configuration, though the vendor notes usernames and passwords are not at risk. Customers with Xerox WorkCentre 5735, 5740, 5745, 5755, 5765, 5775, 5790 whose system software is version 061.130.000.04205 to 061.131.201.06200 and network controller version is 061.130.06150 to 061.131.06220 are advised to install the newly released P47 patch. The vendor warned some network vulnerability scanners might still detect the printers are vulnerable even with the patch.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Xerox-Patches-Printer-Vulnerabilities-192104.shtml>

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Communications Sector

58. *March 31, FIN Alternatives* – (National) **Pentagon, Transportation Dept. object to LightSquared network.** The U.S. departments of defense and transportation have again raised concerns about LightSquared, the wireless broadband venture funded by Harbinger Capital Management. In a recent letter, the two cabinet departments reiterated concerns expressed to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in

January, that LightSquared's service could interfere with military and aviation Global Positioning System (GPS) systems. FCC brushed off those concerns, as well as those of the departments of Commerce and Homeland Security, granting a necessary waiver to LightSquared allowing it to begin building its network. But the Pentagon and Transportation Department are undeterred, calling on FCC to undertake "a comprehensive study of all the potential interference to GPS." The two agencies fear that LightSquared's use of a frequency close to that used by GPS systems could present a major problem. "The new LightSquared business plan and the new FCC rules significantly expand the terrestrial transmission environment, increasing the potential for interference to GPS receivers," the deputy defense secretary, and deputy transportation secretary, wrote. LightSquared has already signed deals with Best Buy and Leap Wireless International, and is in talks with more than a dozen others, including major cable companies.

Source: <http://www.finalalternatives.com/node/16135>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

59. *March 30, Banning-Beaumont Patch* – (California) **Small business owners devastated by strip mall blaze in Banning.** Workers swept up charred debris and boarded up some storefronts March 30 after a fire in a strip mall in Banning, California left a house of worship gutted, and several small business owners devastated. The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research, which bills itself as a nonprofit, nondenominational, religious and scientific research organization, was destroyed. The institute occupied the western-most space in the strip mall. It was roofless March 30, and the interior was a blackened tangle of burned chairs, timbers and other debris. A city building inspector and a code enforcement officer at the scene said they red-tagged the institute and seven other units as unsafe. California fire officials said seven units were damaged — four units burned and three with smoke damage. The fire was reported at 2:34 a.m. at 1508 W. Ramsey Street, a California Fire-Beaumont battalion chief said. Eight engine crews and one truck company, a total of 29 firefighters, responded. They declared the blaze contained at 4:04 a.m., the chief said. One firefighter was transported to a hospital with minor injuries and released, a California Fire spokesman said. California Fire estimated the fire caused \$450,000 in damage. The property saved was estimated at \$500,000. An investigation was under way to determine the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://banning-beaumont.patch.com/articles/small-business-owners-devastated-by-strip-mall-blaze>

60. *March 30, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Bomb decoys found in car parked at balloon museum.** The Albuquerque Police Department (APD) blocked off Balloon Fiesta Parkway at Alameda Boulevard after suspicious devices were found in a car near the Balloon Fiesta Museum March 30. The objects were later found to be realistic looking decoys. An APD spokeswoman said the car was discovered in the museum's parking lot around noon. Police had put a man in handcuffs and placed him in the back of a squad car, but they did not confirm if he was a suspect in the case. He was released

later and no criminal charges will be filed against him. Investigators still have not located the owner of the car. The APD Bomb Squad, the FBI, and a joint terrorism task force were on hand for most of March 30 until the scene was cleared around 6 p.m. Police said multiple homemade bomb-like devices wrapped in duct tape with exposed wires were found in the backseat and trunk of a black, 4-door sedan parked in the middle of the museum's parking lot. A robot was engaged to dismantle the devices. Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S2042753.shtml?cat=500>

61. *March 30, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Fire rips through Belen shopping center.** Firefighters were able to evacuate everyone safely and extinguish the fire that broke out in a Belen, New Mexico, shopping center Mach 30. The Belen Fire chief said the fire started around 1 p.m. in the Del Rio Shopping Center off Jarales Road. He said three structures were directly affected by the fire, while other businesses in the area also suffered smoke damage. Officials were able to safely evacuate everyone from the shopping center and put the fire out around 2:30 p.m. The owner of Trend One, a shop located in the center, said the fire started at the Family Dollar Store, though that has not been confirmed by investigators. Windy conditions helped spread the blaze to the other buildings. Belen's fire chief said three office spaces were destroyed. Two of those housed the Midwest New Mexico Community Action Program, which helps the community with rental assistance, Coats for Kids, and the Head Start program. The third space was not identified. The Free Store, which provides clothing and household items to families, also had smoke damage, along with several nearby businesses. Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S2042861.shtml?cat=504>

62. *March 29, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Police investigate shooting at Marley Station Mall.** Anne Arundel County Police in Glen Burnie, Maryland are looking for two men who shot and wounded another man in the parking lot of Marley Station Mall. It happened just after 1:30 p.m. near the food court entrance between J.C. Penny's and Sears. A police spokesman said the shooting happened after some sort of altercation between the victim and the two men. After he was shot, the spokesman said the victim's friends drove him about a half a mile away to a doughnut shop parking lot where they called police. The victim was airlifted to shock trauma in critical condition. Police are searching for two suspects who witnesses said left the scene in a gray Honda. Source: <http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/police-investigate-mall-shooting>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

63. *March 31, Columbia State* – (South Carolina) **Relief trench on Irmo dam being deepened.** An earthen dam in Lexington County, South Carolina, has sprung a leak and may threaten 18 houses below it in a low-lying Irmo area flood plain. The dam on Irmo pond is what is called a “high hazard” dam, meaning it could cause loss of human life or serious property damage if it fails, according to federal records and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), which has been monitoring the situation for about a week. Residents below the dam have been advised to be ready to evacuate. To lower water pressure on the dam, county emergency workers March 30 dug a spillway around the dam to let more water out. By the morning of March 31, the pond had lowered about 5 inches, but the leak continued, so workers deepened the diversion trench to drain more water. The Lexington County emergency manager characterized the leak as “fairly large.” Even if the leak did grow, he said, the dam is made of clay and would normally not be expected to give way quickly. The leak is also at the top of the dam and is not in a place where it would cause a fast structure failure, he said. The leak may have been caused by beavers gnawing at the dam, he said. “I have not been able to confirm that.” In any case, he said, heavy rains have caused water behind the dam to build up in recent days. The 20-foot high, 300-foot long dam, built in 1950, holds back a 5-acre pond in the Coldstream area of Irmo, northwest of Columbia. DHEC had been notified by the Lake Nursery Hill Association, who own the pond, that the dam was leaking.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2011/03/30/1757616/lexington-county-earthen-dam-at.html>

64. *March 30, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – (North Dakota; Minnesota) **Army Corps builds temporary levees along the Red River.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, and its contractors began building temporary emergency levees this week in Oxbow, North Dakota., and Dwight, North Dakota. The week of March 21, the Corps of Engineers began building temporary emergency levees in Moorhead, Minnesota, and Oakport, Minnesota. The Corps is working closely with all the agencies involved to prepare for and respond to Red River flooding, and anticipates building more emergency levees in a number of Minnesota and North Dakota communities along the Sheyenne and Red rivers in the days to come. While there are inherent risks associated with all levee systems, emergency levees constructed during a flood fight are not engineered structures and are intended to be temporary. Local officials should still have evacuation plans in place in the event of an emergency. Under Public Law 84-99, the Corps may provide assistance to communities to save human life, prevent immediate human suffering or mitigate public property damage. Emergency assistance will be undertaken only to supplement state and local efforts. An imminent threat of unusual flooding must exist and a state must request Corps’ assistance. Both North Dakota and Minnesota have requested Corps’ assistance.

Source: <http://www.valleynewslive.com/Global/story.asp?S=14350028>

65. *March 30, Associated Press* – (North Dakota; Minnesota) **Corps outlines changes in Red River diversion plan.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it needs formal approval from state and local officials in two states by April 11 to keep moving forward on a planned Red River diversion around Fargo, North Dakota, and neighboring

Moorhead, Minnesota. The Corps March 30 outlined recent changes to the project, that was originally estimated to cost \$1.25 billion and has grown to \$1.7 billion. The new plan calls for homes in several communities south of Fargo to be moved or demolished. The original design for the project was changed after Corps officials discovered impacts for downstream communities of the north-flowing river were greater than first anticipated. Fargo-Moorhead area residents are preparing for a third straight major flood. Millions of sandbags are scheduled to be delivered in the next several days. Source: <http://www.kttc.com/Global/story.asp?S=14349988>

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