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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. *April 5, CNN* – (Southeast) **Powerful storm kills 8 in South.** The severe storms that pummeled much of the south April 4 left at least eight people dead in three states, officials said. Local authorities reported one death in Mississippi, six in Georgia, and one in Tennessee. The severe winds and pounding rain also toppled trees and power lines, knocking out electricity in some areas. The National Weather Service said it received nearly 600 reports of severe winds across the southeast on April 4, 19

instances of suspected tornado-related damage, and 72 reports of hail. In southern Kentucky, a line of uprooted trees dotted damaged roads. No injuries were reported, however. In Georgia, the storms knocked out power to 147,000 customers out statewide, Georgia Power said April 5.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/05/severe.storms/index.html>

2. *April 5, Detroit Free Press* – (National) **U.S. pushes crackdown on gas, oil pipeline owners, operators.** A series of pipeline incidents, including one in 2010 near Marshall, Michigan, prompted the U.S. Transportation Secretary April 4 to call for pipeline owners and operators to conduct a comprehensive review of their lines, and accelerate critical repair and replacement work. The Transportation Secretary is pushing for legislation to increase the maximum penalty for pipeline violations from \$100,000 per day to \$250,000 per day, and from \$1 million for a series of violations to \$2.5 million. In a news release April 4, he urged Congress to give his department — which oversees pipeline safety and enforcement — authority to close regulatory loopholes, add inspectors, and strengthen requirements for risk management, safety, and data reporting. A pipeline safety forum is planned for April 18 in Washington D.C. to discuss what improvements are needed for the nation’s pipeline infrastructure.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110405/NEWS15/104050331/U-S-pushes-crackdown-gas-oil-pipeline-owners-operators>

3. *April 5, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Pipeline safety chief questions PG&E spiking.** The head of the U.S. pipeline safety agency April 4 questioned why Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) had been intentionally raising pressure on its natural gas lines — twice on the San Bruno, California, line that later exploded in September 2010 killing 8 people and destroying 38 homes — and said her agency is reviewing a call for stronger controls on the practice. “We don’t know why they are doing that — it is not a regulatory requirement,” said the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety agency administrator, referring to pressure increases the utility had asserted were called for under federal rules. In explaining its practice, the utility cited federal rules dictating that urban transmission lines with aging, at-risk welds be limited to the highest pressure level they had been run at over the previous 5-year period. If it did not raise pressure on its own to set a high benchmark in that period, the utility has asserted, it would face costly and burdensome weld inspections when it had to meet peak demands. The utility has repeatedly insisted the practice is safe, but has halted it pending the outcome of a federal probe of the explosion in San Bruno.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/04/05/BATM1IPNC2.DTL>

4. *April 4, Reuters* – (Washington) **U.S. board sees inadequate maintenance in Tesoro blast.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board said Tesoro Corp. had not adequately maintained a heat exchanger at its Anacortes, Washington refinery that exploded April 2, 2010, causing the death of seven workers. Microscopic cracks had formed in the walls of the exchanger in a common phenomenon seen in metal where hydrogen is present under high temperature called high-temperature hydrogen attack, the board chairman in a video statement issued April 1 on the board’s preliminary findings. “This

led to a violent rupture of the exchanger followed by an intense fire as large volumes of naphtha and hydrogen were released,” he said in the statement. A Tesoro spokesman said the company did not agree with the assessment about maintenance at the refinery from the board, an independent federal agency charged with determining causes of serious chemical accidents in the United States. The board does not regulate the industry or issue fines or citations. In October, the Washington state Department of Labor and Industries fined Tesoro \$2.38 million for safety violations in the blast including a failure to maintain and test the heat exchanger at the refinery.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/04/us-refinery-blast-tesoro-probe-idUSTRE73375120110404?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *April 5, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **No spills when five tank cars delivering chlorine go off tracks at Kuehne plant in Kearny, and no evacuations necessary.** A CSX train delivering chlorine to the Kuehne Chemical complex on North Hackensack Avenue in Kearny, New Jersey derailed April 4 because of a bent rail track, police said. The five tank cars that derailed never overturned and none of the chemical was spilled, although hazmat teams responded to the scene shortly after the derailment at 12:42 p.m., police said. The derailment occurred because one of the tracks near the factory was bent, officials said, adding it is not clear how long the track had been bent. There were no evacuations in the area nor were any traffic detours necessary, police said. A Conrail crew placed the tank cars back on the track.
Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/kearny/index.ssf?/base/news-0/1301984710150741.xml&coll=3>
6. *April 5, WRIC 8 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Possible acid leak closes part of I-95.** A potential hazardous materials leak closed a portion of Interstate 95 northbound in Richmond, Virginia, April 5. Crews investigated a truck possibly leaking muriatic acid on northbound I-95 near the Bells Road exit. Richmond fire officials said the truck was releasing steam. They were checking to see if there is an actual leak of the acid from one of the containers. No injuries have been reported. As of 9:15 a.m., the right and center northbound lanes were closed. The entrance ramp from Bells Road was also closed.
Source: <http://www.wric.com/Global/story.asp?S=14384696>
7. *April 4, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va plant’s toxic mercury releases to be studied.** Federal officials are studying the lasting effects of more than two decades of toxic mercury releases from a DuPont plant in Waynesboro, Virginia. The study conducted for the U.S. Department of the Interior and the state of Virginia will quantify environmental damage caused by the industrial chemical, which was discharged into the South River. The agencies also have the authority to seek compensation for the

damage caused by mercury entering the ecosystem and spreading into wildlife populations. DuPont used mercury as a catalyst in manufacturing processes at the plant from 1929 to 1950. The company tried to separate and reuse the mercury, but the process wasn't entirely efficient and the plant discharged the chemical into the river. Mercury was found in soil at the plant in 1976 during a construction project, and concentrations of the element found in sediment, surface water, groundwater, soil and wildlife continue to be elevated. Program officials will accept public comments on a draft plan until April 29. A proposed mitigation plan is expected about 18 months later. The Virginia Department of Health has issued fish-consumption advisories since the 1970s for contaminated portions of the South River. The state department of environmental quality said there needs to be a 99 percent reduction in mercury levels before such warnings can be lifted.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Va-plant-s-toxic-mercury-releases-to-be-studied-1321391.php>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *April 4, Reuters* – (Florida) **Progress Fla. nuclear restart delayed indefinitely.** New damage discovered in March at Progress Energy Inc's troubled Crystal River nuclear plant in Florida will keep the unit shut indefinitely, the company told state and federal regulators April 4. "The company cannot estimate a return to service date for CR3 at this time," Progress Energy Florida said in a release. Indications of a new gap in the containment building wall found in March forced Progress to suspend work to tighten the tendons, one of the the final tasks needed before ending an 18-month outage. The plant shut in September 2009 and its restart has now been delayed 4 times. Before finding the latest gap, Progress had said it planned to begin the restart process in April as the complex task of tightening structural cables that reinforce the containment building's thick concrete wall was more than half complete. On April 4, Progress said it notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Florida Public Service Commission that it will look at repair options only after a thorough engineering analysis of the new wall separation. Progress said it spent \$150 million on the repair work through the end of 2010.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/04/us-utilities-operations-progress-crystal-idUSTRE7336M920110404>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *April 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Toyota says it will temporarily shut North American plants.** Toyota Motor Corp. said April 4 it is inevitable that the company will be forced to temporarily shut down all of its North American factories because of

parts shortages due to the earthquake that hit Japan. The temporary shutdowns are likely to take place later in April, affecting 25,000 workers, but no layoffs are expected, a spokesman said. Just how long the shutdowns last, or whether all 13 of Toyota's factories will be affected at the same is unknown and depends on when parts production can restart in Japan, he said. So far, the North American plants have been using parts in their inventory or relying on those that were shipped before the earthquake, the spokesman noted, but those supplies are running low.

Source:

http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2011/04/toyota_says_it_will_shut_north.html

10. *April 4, WBEN 930 AM Buffalo* – (New York) **Firefighters continue to douse two-alarm blaze at titanium factory.** Firefighters in Buffalo, New York, brought a factory blaze at Goldman Titanium under control within a few hours April 4. Flames erupted at the titanium factory, located at 105 Dorothy Street, around 5 p.m. and quickly intensified. A second alarm was called in at around 5:10 p.m. Firefighters were hampered by their need to use soda and other dry dousing agents, instead of water. Because of the chemicals involved, water is not effective in fighting titanium fires. Further complicating the situation was the risk of an explosion. Hot titanium can explode when it interacts with oxygen. Haz-mat crews responded to the scene, and everyone had to wear additional protective gear and oxygen masks. All of the workers inside the factory made it out safely. Damage to the building is said to be minimal. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Source: <http://www.wben.com/Firefighters-Continue-to-Battle-Two-Alarm-Blaze-at/9547071>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *April 5, The Register* – (International) **SpyEye mobile banking Trojan uses same tactics as Zeus.** Cybercrooks have deployed a sophisticated man-in-the-mobile attack using the SpyEye banking trojan toolkit. The trojan, which infects Windows machines, displays additional content on a targeted European bank's Web page that requests prospective marks to input their cell phone number and the international mobile equipment identity of the device. The bank customer is told the data is needed so a new "digital certificate" can be sent to the phone. The certificate contains the malicious executable (sms(dot)exe) that infects Symbian-based smartphones along with another executable (SmsControl(dot)exe) that displays a message designed to hoodwink users into believing the only thing delivered was a digital certificate. Net security firm F-

Secure detects this malware as Spitmo-A. The European bank targeted in the attack uses short message service (SMS)-based mobile transaction authentication numbers (mTANs) to authorize transfers. Details of how the SMS-based mTANs are delivered to the attacker are still under investigation, but preliminary research suggests they are delivered via hypertext transfer protocol, and not via SMS as with an otherwise similar earlier attack that used the infamous ZeuS cybercrime toolkit. The earlier ZeuS-based attack also used a file called SmsControl(dot)exe as part of its payload. Presenting a trojan as a digital certificate, one of the tricks of the SpyEye-based attack, also appeared in the earlier ZeuSMitmo attack. Despite these similarities, and the rumored merger between ZeuS and SpyEye, the two strains of malware are otherwise dissimilar, F-Secure reports.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/05/spyeye_mobile_trojan/

12. *April 4, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Teller pleads guilty in fake bank heist.** A former employee of an Overland Park, Kansas bank has pleaded guilty to embezzlement charges in connection with a staged robbery and kidnapping at the bank last fall, KMBC reported April 4. The man admitted taking part in the scheme to cover up stolen money from the bank's ATM, a U.S. attorney said. The FBI was called to the bank at 10100 W. 119th St. in November 2010 after the employee was found in the bank at 7:20 a.m., bound with duct tape and suffering from a nosebleed. He said he had been abducted and forced to get money out of the bank. Agents said they believed the robbery was staged. The former employee is scheduled for sentencing in June. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines. Three other co-defendants who also pleaded guilty to taking part in the scheme will also be sentenced this summer.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/r/27423460/detail.html>

13. *April 4, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Four floors of Bank of America building evacuated after water main break.** Four floors of the Bank of America building in San Francisco, California, were evacuated April 4 after a 3-inch water main broke, flooding the seventh and eighth floors of the building. According to fire dispatch, reports of a water main break were received by the San Francisco Fire Department around 11:52 a.m. Fire officials were on the scene within 3 minutes. The water valves were shut off within 25 minutes of the first call, according to fire dispatch. The seventh and eighth floors received the most water damage. The seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth floors of the building were evacuated, according to fire officials. No injuries were reported, but there is a lot of water in the area. The building, located at 555 California St., is a 52-story building in the center of the city's financial district.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2011/04/three-floors-bank-america-building-evacuated-after-water-main-break>

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Transportation Sector

14. *April 5, Homeland Security Newswire* – (National) **Report finds thousands of U.S. bridges in dangerous need of repair.** The week of March 28, a new report found that nearly 12 percent of the bridges in the United States were “structurally deficient” and required replacement. The report, prepared by Transportation for America (TOA), an advocacy organization made up of business, transportation, and environmental organizations, found that 69,000 bridges are in need of major repairs and critical maintenance has often been delayed as states are struggling with budget shortfalls. Pennsylvania is the state with the largest number of deteriorating bridges with more than one out of four bridges in need of repair – 5,906 out of a total of 22,271. Oklahoma, Iowa, Rhode Island, and South Dakota rounded out the top five states with the highest number of aging bridges. More than 20 percent of bridges in those states were structurally deficient. The average age of bridges across the country is nearing 42 years, and most were designed to have a 50 year lifespan before they were replaced or reconstructed. TOA has called for increased funding for infrastructure to help make repairs. The report noted the American Society of Civil Engineers has recommended the United States spend \$17 billion per year on bridge maintenance, significantly more than the \$10.5 billion that is currently spent each year.
Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/report-finds-thousands-us-bridges-dangerous-need-repair>
15. *April 4, Brisbane Courier Mail* – (International) **Expert warns terrorists could crash planes by remote control.** Airplanes could be taken over by remote control and forced to crash with the use of newly invented computer software, according to an expert cited by the Brisbane Courier-Mail April 4. Cyber attacks are now viewed by industry specialists as the second-biggest risk to aviation behind natural disasters. Airline representatives were warned of the threat at the Asia-Pacific Aviation Security Conference in Hong Kong the week of March 28. The Australian cyber-security expert from Pure Hacking told the conference whole fleets of planes could be affected. “The stereotypical ‘Die Hard 2’ airport attack, where aircraft controls can be taken over, is no longer just a movie script. It’s an actual reality,” the expert said. “Depending on what information was accessed ... the control of the aircraft themselves could be compromised.”
Source: http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpps/news/expert-warns-terrorists-could-crash-planes-by-remote-control-dpgonc-20110404-fc_12613634
16. *April 4, Reuters* – (International) **FAA to order emergency checks of older 737s.** The government will order emergency checks of certain older model Boeing Co 737s for the kind of fatigue cracks that prompted Southwest Airlines Co to cancel hundreds of flights. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) directive on 737-300 fuselage inspections, expected April 5, applies to domestic carriers. But overseas regulators are expected to follow with the airlines operating in their countries. The order will cover 175 planes globally. Most of the eighty 737-300s needing checks in the United States are flown by Southwest, which is in the midst of its own emergency inspections after one of those planes landed April 1 in Arizona with a hole in its fuselage.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/04/us-southwest-faa-idUSTRE73362V20110404>

17. *April 3, CNN* – (National) **U.S. to investigate tour bus industry following New York crash.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will probe part of the country’s tour bus industry in the wake of a deadly crash in New York last month, two lawmakers announced April 3. NTSB will “launch a broad investigation into the entire safety regime that governs the low-cost tour bus industry,” a U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative from New York said. The two New York Democrats said the decision is the result of their urging following a March 12 accident that killed 15 people. If such an audit had taken place before the March 12 crash, it would have shown that the driver “shouldn’t have been behind the wheel,” the Senator said.
Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/04/03/new.york.buses/?hpt=Sbin>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *April 4, NCWTV.com* – (Washington) **Explosive device destroyed mailbox near Moses Lake Monday afternoon.** Grant County Sheriff’s Deputies in Washington State are investigating an incident where an improvised explosive device (IED) destroyed a mailbox near Moses Lake. Around 1 p.m. April 3, deputies were called to the 7400 block of Road K.7-NE, about 2 miles east of Moses Lake. A citizen had reported her mailbox had been destroyed, possibly the night before. Evidence collected at the scene led deputies to believe an IED, possibly a pipe bomb, was used. Deputies called the Richland Police Department Bomb Squad, whose members checked other mailboxes in the area. No other devices were found, and no other similar incidents have been reported recently. It is unclear if the owners of the mailbox or anyone else was targeted, or if this incident was a random act.
Source: <http://www.ncwtv.com/news/local/Explosive-device-destroyed-mailbox-near-Moses-Lake-Monday-afternoon-119213814.html>
19. *April 4, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Third mailbox bomb found in Shreveport.** Shreveport, Louisiana fire investigators want residents to be careful when checking their mail. They have found three bombs in mailboxes since April 2. The fire department said this type of explosive is usually in a bottle, possibly a soft drink bottle, with a chemical odor. They have arrested two teenage boys for allegedly making the devices. They believe the boys learned how to make them online. Only one man suffered minor injuries, but officials said it could have been a lot worse. “Very dangerous. Very volatile. These are basically household chemicals that are being mixed together, but they can have a very volatile reaction,” the Shreveport Fire Department chief said. Investigators are not sure if there are any more bombs out there. Investigators do not know yet if the houses were chosen at random or targeted. If convicted, the boys could face up to 20 years in prison, and up to a \$10,000 fine.
Source: <http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=14379065>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *April 5, New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets* – (New York) **Equine Herpesvirus confirmed at Cornell Hospital.** New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets' animal health officials, along with veterinarians from the Equine Hospital at Cornell University are investigating two confirmed cases of Equine Herpesvirus 1 (EHV-1) in New York. Both cases were in patients of the Equine Hospital at Cornell University in Ithaca, and could have potentially exposed 69 other horses. EHV-1 is a common viral infection of horses that is highly contagious and exhibits an array of symptoms. One case involved a 1-day-old foal admitted March 18 to the Equine Hospital. The foal died 2 days later of pneumonia, and tests revealed the presence of EHV-1 March 25. During the same time, a gelding was being treated at the hospital for a spinal injury. It was discharged March 22, but became severely ill and showed neurological symptoms after arriving back at its home farm. This horse tested positive for EHV-1 March 30. The gelding is now recovering. In response to the two confirmed cases, both the gelding's farm and the Equine Hospital were quarantined immediately, restricting movement and access to animals at both facilities. Horses at both facilities are being monitored closely and having their temperatures taken twice daily. So far, no animals have exhibited a fever attributable to EHV-1, an early warning of the virus.

Source: <http://readme.readmedia.com/Equine-Herpesvirus-Confirmed-at-Cornell-Hospital/2255700>

21. *April 5, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **4 sickened by fumes at Bridgeview meat plant.** Four workers were sent to the hospital April 5 after a mixture of two chemicals led to a hazardous materials response and the evacuation of Stampede Meat Inc., a meat packing plant in Bridgeview, Illinois. A few hundred workers were at the plant at the time. Police were called at 12:21 a.m. to the plant when workers complained of fumes. A Bridgeview police sergeant said police and fire crews helped evacuate the building and closed off streets around the area, but residents in the area were not affected. According to the company's Web site, the facility is a 140,000-square-foot plant serving the restaurant and hospitality industry.

Source: <http://www.wgntv.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-fumes-force-evacuation-of-bridgeview-meat-plant-20110405,0,5421317.story?track=rss>

22. *April 5, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Radioactive materials found in fish near stricken Japan nuclear plant.** Japanese authorities reported April 5 they had found unusually high levels of radioactive materials in fish caught about 80 kilometers from a stricken nuclear plant, stoking concerns radioactive water from the plant threatens marine life, and possibly a key food source for the country. According to the Ibaraki prefectural government, two samples of small fish called konago, or young lance fish, caught at separate locations near the Pacific coast of northern Ibaraki had higher-than-permissible levels of radioactive materials. In one sample collected April 1,

a local fishery cooperative detected 4,080 becquerels per kilogram of radioactive iodine. While Japan had not set a limit for acceptable iodine levels in seafood, the government April 5 set the limit at 2,000 becquerels per kilogram, the same as for vegetables. In another sample collected April 4, 526 becquerels per kilogram of cesium was detected in fish, exceeding the 500-becquerel limit. The findings were the first clear indication of radioactive contamination in fish following leakage of radioactive water from Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, which was battered by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The discovery of contamination in fish will likely add to fears the release of radioactive water from the plant will lead to widespread contamination. The plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., dumped 3 million gallons of low-level radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean April 4 in an effort to avoid the release of even more highly contaminated water from the plant.

Source:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703712504576244251331137870.html>

23. *April 5, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Man gets foot caught in meat grinder in Leetsdale plant.** A man on a cleaning crew at a meat processing plant in Leetsdale, Pennsylvania, had his foot caught in a shut-down grinder for 8 hours before being freed April 5 by the combined efforts of three fire departments. The grinder had been turned off for cleaning when a 26-year-old man of Edinburg slipped and got his foot wedged, the Leetsdale police chief said. The accident happened around 11 p.m. April 4 at K&K Gourmet Meats Inc. The employee's partner called off work April 4, so the man was cleaning the grinder alone, according to the chief. No one knew he was stuck until someone arrived at work around 6 a.m. The man was not freed until 7:17 a.m., and he was taken to Allegheny General Hospital.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11095/1137137-100.stm>

24. *April 5, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Crews battle Md. poultry farm fire.** Authorities said a large wind-swept fire ripped through a poultry farm April 4 in Warwick, Maryland, burning buildings and drawing more than 100 firefighters. Cecil County officials said the fire broke out at about 7:30 p.m. at the ISE America farm on Sassafra Road, and was brought under control at about 11 p.m. At least 10 fire companies from Maryland and Delaware responded to the blaze. Officials said four wood-framed chicken coops were affected, and the damage was estimated at \$700,000. Maryland state fire officials said one firefighter was taken to a hospital for treatment of an injury.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/r/27430564/detail.html>

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Water Sector

25. *April 5, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **2 missing after wastewater storage tank ruptures, spilling into river.** The Gatlinburg, Tennessee Wastewater Treatment plant was rendered inoperable, April 5, after a container that stores sewage ruptured, sending millions of gallons of waste into the Little Pigeon River, and sweeping two people into water. The situation means that any waste that enters the system will go directly into the river. Plant officials indicated they have pumps and mobile treatment equipment on the way. Gatlinburg’s city manager decribed the spill as a “catastrophic event”. She said the two people who are missing are employees of Veolia Water NA, the company contracted to operate the city-owned plant. A Great Smoky Mountains National Park spokesman said there was a failure of the equalization basin at the plant. When sewage comes in from the city, it is pumped into that basin, where it is held until it is released in a steady flow into the actual treatment plant. The U.S. Park Service is involved because they manage the road that goes in front of the visitors center and the plant, and they manage the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River. Officials said they were conducting search and rescue operations and would address water quality after the search for the missing people is completed. A spokesman from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) said 1.5 million to 3.2 million gallons of sewage may have spilled into the river. TEMA’s area coordinator, and teams from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the state health department have been asked to respond. The state health department advised people to not come into contact with the water in the Little Pigeon River. But city officials said the drinking water is safe. Because the missing employees may have been swept into the river, swift water rescue crews were staged at the Rivers Edge RV Park, which is downstream from the plant. The city manager said crews will also use a crane and other heavy equipment to search under the basin wall that collapsed. The wall was about 40 feet high and made of 12-inch thick reinforced concrete.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/164827/2/Developing-Gatlinburg-sewage-storage-tanks-fails-sends-waste-into-river>

26. *April 4, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Big Gilbert explosion goal of sabotage suspect, police say.** Anger over a lack of pay raises, increasing costs of healthcare, and the amount of money the City of Mesa, Arizona spent to ensure the Chicago Cubs professional baseball team continued to use Mesa as its home for spring training, led a city employee April 1 to attempt to sabotage public wastewater-treatment operations at a plant in Gilbert, according to court documents released April 4. After surrendering to Gilbert police about 4:30 a.m. April 1, the suspect admitted to investigators he manually shut down numerous valves to nine critical components of the plant at 4400 S. Greenfield Road. His goal, police said, was to create a buildup of methane gas that could have caused an explosion “destroying a quarter city-block,” court documents stated. The suspect “believed his actions were justified because the city of Mesa management needed to know that the employees have power,” police stated in the new report. No damage was caused to the system and safety mechanisms vented the methane gas to ensure it did not reach critical levels, a Mesa spokesman said. The suspect was booked on charges of terrorism, making terrorist threats, misconduct involving weapons, tampering with a public utility, criminal trespassing, and criminal damage to property. FBI officials assisted with the investigation because of the

terrorism charges, but opted to have the matter prosecuted in state court.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/mesa/articles/2011/04/04/20110404gilbert-water-plant-sabotage-abrk.html>

27. *April 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Indiana) **Vice president, two managers of waste treatment facility sentenced for Clean Water Act felonies.** Three officials of Ecological Systems, Inc. (ESI), an oil reclamation company that operated a centralized waste treatment facility in Indianapolis, Indiana, were sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana for felony violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The prosecution stemmed from ESI's intentional discharges of untreated wastewater and stormwater from its facility into the Indianapolis sewer system. ESI's former operations manager and executive vice president, was sentenced to 3 years probation, a \$15,000 fine, and community service, after having previously pled guilty to two counts of CWA criminal violations, and one violation of the federal false statements statute. In addition, all three defendants are prohibited from applying for any environmental license or employment in the environmental field without disclosing their convictions. The investigation began after the Indiana Department of Environmental Management received complaints from several Indianapolis homeowners that thick, oily wastewater was flowing into their yards from sewer manholes after a heavy rainfall February 11, 2009. The investigation revealed ESI had not been adequately treating the waste it took from customers for reclamation for a significant period of time, in part because major pieces of equipment in the treatment process, such as pumps, needed to be repaired or replaced, and because badly-needed storage space was not available at the facility. Investigators also found ESI had misrepresented to EPA and Indiana the storage capacity it had to handle such a rainfall event.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/FA3D07020EE935AF8525786800799BB2>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *April 5, Memphis Daily News* – (Tennessee) **Saint Francis Hospital suffers structural damage.** Saint Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, suffered structural damage April 4 when dangerous storms moved through the Memphis area. A community room on the top floor of the hospital suffered the most extensive damage when a window and part of the wall were blown out, leaving a 20-by-20-foot hole, according to the Saint Francis senior vice president. Prior to the damage, patients had been moved out of the room and into the hallway after tornado sirens sounded and staff members felt the violence of the wind against the side of the building. “When the sirens go off, our policy is to move patients away from the windows,” she said. “And if there’s a room that has a lot of windows, we really try to move them as far away as possible,

sometimes into the hallway.” Other structural damage included some shattered glass in a walkway and a satellite dish that blew off the hospital roof. The facility was also temporarily without water. “We think something happened with the pump in our area, but we were able to get it back up and running in 30 minutes,” she said. There were no injuries.

Source: <http://www.memphisdailynews.com/editorial/Article.aspx?id=57572>

29. *April 4, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police say armed man threatening suicide outside Boulder hospital surrenders peacefully.** A man who threatened to shoot himself outside a Boulder, Colorado hospital surrendered to police after a 4-hour standoff April 4. Police told the Daily Camera that no one was injured and the man will undergo a mental health evaluation. Police believe the man was armed with a .357 Magnum handgun. Authorities closed streets around the hospital and a SWAT team negotiator talked to the man. Boulder Community Hospital stayed open, but ambulances were diverted to other hospitals.
Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/sns-ap-co--suicidalgunman,0,7888597.story>

30. *April 4, Becker's Hospital Review* – (North Carolina) **North Carolina's Rex Hospital pays \$1.9M to settle Medicare fraud allegations.** Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, has agreed to pay the federal government \$1.9 million to settle Medicare fraud charges resulting from a whistleblower lawsuit, according to a news release from Phillips & Cohen LLP. The whistleblower suit alleged a number of hospitals were unnecessarily keeping Medicare patients overnight following kyphoplasty procedures to boost Medicare revenues when the procedure can be performed on an outpatient basis. Rex is the second North Carolina hospital to settle such charges. So far, the government has recovered \$103 million from the case.
Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-financial-and-business-news/north-carolinas-rex-hospital-pays-19m-to-settle-medicare-fraud-allegations.html>

31. *April 4, Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics; Health Care Compliance Association* – (National) **Data breach mistakes feared more than hackers by compliance professionals.** Seventy percent of compliance professionals feel their organizations are well or very well prepared to fend off hacker attacks, however, their confidence wanes significantly when assessing other data breach threats, according to a survey conducted by the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE) and the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA). Fully 61 percent believed an accidental breach by an employee was very or somewhat likely, and 41 percent felt the same way about accidental breaches by third-party vendors. “The fear over unintentional breaches suggest that employees and vendors still don’t fully understand the need to safeguard data and despite training, people will still make mistakes,” said the SCCE and HCCA chief executive officer. The survey found 82 percent of those responding had invested more time on the issue of data privacy compliance in the previous year. This investment is expected to continue with 77 percent of respondents indicating they expect time spent on data protection and privacy to further increase during the next year.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/data-breach-mistakes-feared-more-than-hackers-by-compliance-professionals-119183644.html>

32. *April 4, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (National) **Medical wipes-maker in Hartland stops production.** A Hartland, Wisconsin medical products manufacturer ceased production April 4 after the U.S. Marshals Service arrived to seize materials. H&P Industries, which makes alcohol wipes and other products distributed by Triad Group, has been under investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for bacterial contamination issues. Triad Group has been sued by a Texas couple who blame the firm for the death of their 2-year-old son. The week of March 28, FDA asked H&P to voluntarily stop production of its drug products. A company spokeswoman confirmed production was shut down, voluntarily, April 4 after U.S. Marshals arrived with orders to seize materials that might have included products. FDA inspection reports have revealed numerous issues at the H&P plant, including employees packing acne pads into product containers with their bare hands and children's multi-symptom cold medicine made without a necessary active ingredient. Inspectors also said they found examples of equipment and utensils not cleaned, maintained, and sanitized at appropriate levels to prevent contamination that would alter the safety, identity, strength, quality, or purity of a drug product. In the most recent inspection report, released April 4, the FDA said it found problems at the H&P plant, including a water system that was susceptible to contamination because of plumbing problems. The latest inspection report noted H&P had not done enough to investigate contamination problems, including the recall of iodine prep pads due to bacteria found in sample results reported March 11.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/business/119200289.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *April 5, Associated Press* – (New York; District of Columbia) **Bloody pig's foot sent to congressman's D.C. office.** U.S. Capitol Police in Washington D.C. are investigating a bloody pig's foot sent to a New York Representative's Capitol Hill office. The Republican Congressman chairs the House Homeland Security panel which held hearings in March on Islamic radicalization. The package was discovered by mail screeners before it was delivered to the Representative's office. A spokesman said the Congressman was notified of the package April 4. The package contained a pig's foot and a note laced with several anti-Semitic references, according to a person with knowledge of the incident. The U.S. Representative is Catholic.
- Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/bloody-pigs-foot-sent-to-congressmans-dc-office/2011/04/05/AF0lpEiC_blog.html

34. *April 5, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **U.S. bolsters consulate security in northern Mexico.** The United States boosted security at its consulate in Mexico's drug

war-rocked northern city of Monterrey, where it built a second protective ring wall. The new cement wall is 5.25 feet high, and was built with 30 pieces of 3 tons each, a worker said. Gunmen attacked the U.S. consulate in Monterrey, Mexico's third largest city, in October 2008. One man fired at the office while another lofted a grenade that did not detonate. There were no injuries. After that incident, the first wall was built, and authorities arrested two suspects who were members of the Zetas drug cartel. In late 2010, an explosion took place just 200 yards from the consulate. Two other U.S. consulates on the Mexican side of the shared border were temporarily closed in 2010. Security concerns forced the office in Ciudad Juarez to close for several days, while another in Nuevo Laredo was closed after an explosive device attack.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iGrpIthDC5Oy8uE1QP6bw5oR72Pw?docId=CNG.0e063b5a3dc51b23cb405061b1489c9c.511>

35. *April 5, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Rowers rescued after boat capsizes.** Nine members of the University of Cincinnati rowing team were rescued April 5 after their boat capsized on the Little Miami River where it meets the Ohio River at Shelter Cove Marina in Cincinnati, Ohio. The rowers were taken to hospitals for treatment of hypothermia. Two coaches in motor boats near the main boat also went into the water and were treated for hypothermia. It was not immediately clear whether the coaches fell or jumped into the water. The rowing team was practicing in the predawn hours when the long rowboat with nine rowers aboard hit a log in the water about 6 a.m. and capsized. Some rowers got to safety quickly. Four had to cling to a log in the water and wait about an hour for rescue. The district fire chief said 36 rowers and at least 3 coaches were at the practice. The water was very muddy and rough at the time of the accident, he said. The first fire units responded at 6:30 a.m. The rowers told firefighters they didn't want to go the hospital, but rescuers suggested they go as a precaution.

Source:

<http://communitypress.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20110405/NEWS01/304050015/1196/NEWS010701/Rowers-rescued-after-boat-capsizes?odyssey=nav|head>

36. *April 5, Bloomberg* – (International) **Floating houses pose bigger test for U.S. Navy, ships than Japan radiation.** Houses, cars, and tractor-trailers washed out to sea by the March 11 tsunami are clogging shipping lanes off Japan, posing a bigger challenge to U.S. Navy vessels and commercial lines than radiation from the leaking nuclear plant. The magnitude-9 earthquake that struck off the northeast coast launched a wall of seawater that obliterated cities and towns, and left more than 27,600 people dead or missing. More than 206,000 buildings were destroyed, damaged or swept away, the Japanese national police agency said April 5. The debris has prompted Japan's coast guard to warn ships to stay about 60 nautical miles away from Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s crippled nuclear-power plant in Fukushima prefecture, north of the capital. That's almost 4 times as far as the 30-kilometer exclusion zone introduced by the government because of concerns about radiation. The U.S. Navy said radiation from the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant can be scrubbed off vessels with soap and water. Japan's coast guard posts daily reports about the debris on the Internet, using information gathered from passing vessels. As of April 4, it was recommending that vessels stay up to 90

nautical miles out while passing the zone that suffered the brunt of the destruction from the natural disasters — a 240 nautical-mile stretch from Ibaraki prefecture near Tokyo to Miyagi prefecture in the northeast.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-05/floating-houses-pose-bigger-test-for-us-navy-ships-than-japan-radiation.html>

37. *April 4, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Rahway High School bathroom fire causes evacuation.** School officials are working to identify who set fires in two bathrooms April 4 at Rahway High School in Rahway, New Jersey, forcing the evacuation of the school twice in one day. The superintendent of schools said he is optimistic the culprits will be caught. Firefighters responded to a report of a fire at Rahway High School at 9:43 a.m. Students were evacuated. The superintendent said the toilet-paper dispenser was set on fire in a second-floor boys bathroom, causing minor damage and no injuries. The battalion fire chief said the fire was extinguished by about 10 firefighters who responded. The smoke, however, spread from the second-floor boys bathroom to the third-floor boys bathroom, the chief said. Another fire was reported at 12:52 p.m. in the bathroom of the boy's locker room. That fire also involved a toilet-paper dispenser. The school was evacuated again, for about 40 minutes. There was less damage during the second fire, with smoke only in the wing where the locker room is located. The chief said the locker room bathroom was closed.

Source:

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/CN/20110404/NJNEWS/110404001/0/ENTERTAINMENT/Rahway-High-School-bathroom-fire-causes-evacuation-?odyyssey=nav|head>

38. *April 4, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Suicide, bomb threat cause Leander High evacuations.** The Leander Police Department (LPD) in Leander, Texas confirmed a 15-year-old female Leander High School (LHS) student fatally shot herself at school April 4. It happened around 12:30 p.m. Sources said the wing of the school where the suicide happened was evacuated and a notice was placed on the Leander Independent School District (ISD) Web site. The alert stated there was “no threat to any students, and LHS [was] not locked down.” A source said the student was a ninth grader who had told her friends she was going to kill herself. Another incident occurred at the high school around 2:30 p.m., unrelated to the suicide. According to the Leander ISD Web site, the school received a false report of a bomb threat. This incident caused the entire school to be evacuated and searched by police. As of 3:15 p.m., all students were allowed back into the building. LPD is investigating.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/Leander-High-School-evacuated-119204824.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *April 5, New York Daily News* – (Colorado) **Police in Colo. in early a.m. standoff with sniper; gunman traps officers with semi-automatic fire.** Police in Colorado spent April 5 in a standoff with a suspected sniper who pinned down officers with shots from a semi-automatic rifle. SWAT teams and officers rounded up 11 suspects from 2

neighboring homes in Edgewater, just west of Denver, KUSA reported. One of the men in custody is believed to be the shooter, police said. Police were called to a home at around 12:30 a.m. April 5 after someone reported hearing shots. As two officers approached the house, a gunman opened fire, Edgewater police said. The gunmen trapped the officers down with a barrage of shots for about a half-hour before SWAT teams from surrounding counties showed up. Police cut power to the area, blocked off about 8 blocks, and sent electronic notifications to residents to stay inside their homes. Police did not fire any shots during the standoff, and no one was hurt.

Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/04/05/2011-04-05_police_in_colo_in_early_am_standoff_with_sniper_gunman_traps_officers_with_semia.html

40. *April 4, EMSWorld.com News* – (Indiana) **Four Indiana responders injured after ambulance, fire truck collide.** Two firefighters and two EMS workers were injured after a Vincennes fire truck and a Knox County, Indiana ambulance collided while responding to a fire April 3, according to WTVW-TV. The incident occurred shortly before 2:30 p.m. at the intersection of 6th Street and Hart as the units were en route to an apartment fire on Broadway. Officials told the news station the fire truck ended up on two wheels, coming to rest against a light pole. The four responders were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Indiana State Police are investigating the crash.
Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/article/article.jsp?id=16629&siteSection=1>
41. *April 4, Homeland Security Newswire* – (Kentucky) **Kentucky releases homeland security terrorist reporting app.** Kentucky’s Office of Homeland Security (KOHS) released an iPhone app designed to allow people to anonymously report any suspicious activity. The app, called, Eyes and Ears on Kentucky, captures tips in real-time and is capable of providing additional information using the iPhone’s camera and Global Positioning System features. The app is part of the broader national DHS “See Something Say Something” campaign to gather tips from across the nation and allow local, state, and federal law enforcement officials to sift through reports of any suspicious activity. KOHS is encouraging citizens to report people engaging in any suspicious activity, including people taking photos or videos of buildings, asking detailed questions about public transportation, and loitering near critical infrastructure. The app was developed in conjunction with state employees who helped build the Kentucky.gov Web site.
Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/kentucky-releases-homeland-security-terrorist-reporting-app>

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Information Technology Sector

42. *April 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Profile Spy scam hits Twitter.** Security researchers warn of a survey scam currently making the rounds on Twitter which tricks users by promising them the ability to view their profile visitors. According to a researcher from

Errata Security, victims post spam messages that read “94 people viewed my profile today!” followed by “Wow! See who viewed your twitter with Profile Spy [link]” Clicking on the link takes users to a page asking for an app called “Profile Spy” to connect to their accounts. This app is used for the scam’s propagation and if allowed, it will start sending spam from the victim’s accounts without their permission. People who agree to connect with the application will be redirected to a page asking them to participate in a survey, allegedly as a security check. These surveys try to sign up users for premium rate mobile services or are part of legit affiliate marketing campaigns that are abused by the scammers. Each time a user completes a survey, the scammers earn a commission, which makes it worthwhile to keep the attacks going. “There might be further malware in those links designed to compromise your machine or accounts, like clickjacking exploits,” the researcher warned.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Profile-Spy-Scam-Floods-Twitter-193106.shtml>

43. *April 5, The Register* – (International) **Anonymous hacks Sony PS3 sites.** Several Sony PlayStation sites were unavailable April 5 due to what was probably a distributed denial of service attack launched by Anonymous. The hacktivists decided to attack Sony because the company took legal action against two hackers for jailbreaking PS3s. The U.K. PlayStation 3 site is currently down, and so is the European PlayStation store, while the main U.S. and U.K. Sony sites are still available.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/05/anonymous_hacks_sony/

44. *April 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Millions of Facebook users invited to rogue events by spammers.** Security researchers warn that millions of users have been invited to attend fake Facebook events that are used by cybercrooks for survey spam. One of these rogue events is called “Who blocked you from his friend list?” and already has over 165,000 confirmed attendees. What is interesting about this spam event is the number of people whose response is still pending, over 10.3 million. There have also been around 70,000 users who answered that they might be attending, and 880,000 who declined, resulting in 1 in 6 people who decided to attend. The actual spam is inserted in the event’s description and instructs users to visit a link in order to access the promised content. However, the link takes them to a spoofed Facebook page that displays a dialog asking them to participate in a survey before continuing. Some of these surveys are part of legitimate affiliate marketing campaigns that are abused, but others can be malicious and try to sign up users to expensive services. Another event spotted by security researchers from Sophos uses the title “You will NEVER send a TEXT after seeing this VIDEO!” while experts from Trend Micro warn of one called “How to Find Out Who’s Viewing Your Profile.” It appears that since Facebook has gotten better at suspending the rogue apps commonly used in survey scams, spammers have discovered new conduits that are not monitored as strictly.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Millions-of-Facebook-Users-Invited-to-Rogue-Events-by-Spammers-192964.shtml>

45. *April 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Xbox LIVE policy director has online accounts hijacked.** A disgruntled gamer has managed to hijack the domain, e-mail, and Xbox

accounts of Microsoft's director of policy and enforcement for Xbox LIVE. It appears the hack began with a social engineering attack against Network Solution, the registrar used by the policy director for his stepto.com domain. With control over the domain, the hacker managed to obtain access to the director's personal @stepto.com e-mail address and used it to reset the password for his Xbox LIVE account. The attacker, who calls himself Predator, posted a video of him controlling the account on YouTube. Apparently, he was annoyed with the director for repeatedly banning him. As director of policy and enforcement for Xbox LIVE, the victim is responsible for banning people who try to cheat the system. The hacker also offered to hijack other people's accounts for a price of \$250.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Xbox-LIVE-Policy-Directors-Has-Domain-and-Online-Accounts-Hijacked-193068.shtml>

46. *April 4, The Register* – (International) **Attack hijacks sensitive data using newer Windows features.** Security researchers have outlined a way to hijack huge amounts of confidential network traffic by exploiting default behavior in Microsoft's Windows operating system. The man-in-the-middle attacks described April 4 take advantage of features added to recent versions of Windows that make it easy for computers to connect to networks using the next generation IPv6 protocol. The attack will also work against Apple's OS X for Macs, although the proof-of-concept has not been tested on that platform, said a program manager at InfoSec Institute, an information security services company. The attack exploits an industry standard known as Stateless Address Auto Configuration (SLAAC) for allowing clients and hosts to find each other on IPv6 networks. When the next-generation addressing scheme is turned on, as it is by default in OS X, Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Server 2008, SLAAC can be used to create an unauthorized IPv6 network that reroutes data through hardware controlled by the attackers. "All these Windows boxes will default connect to the evil router instead of the legitimate router when this parasitic overlay is running," the researcher told The Register. "If Microsoft didn't have that configuration by default, it would negate a lot of the effects of the attack."

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/04/slaac_attack_microsoft_windows/

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

47. *April 4, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Officials confirm tower collapse during W. Ky. storm.** A storm caused heavy damage as it rolled through Ballard County in western Kentucky April 4. The Paducah Sun reported a spokeswoman for the Ballard County Sheriff's Department confirmed the collapse of a cell phone tower near the community of La Center. The official said she did not know if another report of a building collapse was the cell phone tower support building. There were reports that someone was trapped inside that building after the collapse. The paper also said there were numerous reports of downed trees blocking roads.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/officials-confirm-tower-collapse-during-w-ky-storm>
48. *April 4, Associated Press* – (Arkansas; Texas) **Damage knocks NPR stations in Ark., Texas off air.** An arson at a National Public Radio affiliate in Arkansas and possible transmission wire tampering at a station in Texas were being investigated as separate incidents April 4, but authorities said they would work to determine if the two were connected. Engineers at KTXK in Texarkana, Texas, found holes in a transmission cable April 1. A fire damaged KUAR's transmitter at Little Rock, Arkansas, April 2. Police said someone changed the station's lock, and fire officials later told the station the blaze was intentionally set. Crews in Texarkana found a hole about the size of a pencil in KTXK's transmission cable April 1. The executive director of public safety and police services at Texarkana College, said it is too early to determine what caused the hole, but that he has not ruled out vandalism. "It's a pretty clean hole so it could have been a bullet," he said. "At that height, nobody climbed up there and punched a hole." The general manager of KUAR said the station first became aware of the April 2 fire after someone called in to report the Little Rock station was off the air. He said an engineer who headed out to inspect the tower discovered the original lock on the door had been removed and a new lock was put in its place, preventing the engineer from entering the burning building. After fire crews extinguished the blaze, he said officials discovered part of the perimeter fencing had been cut and pulled back and that some copper was missing. KUAR reported April 4 that ATF agents informed the station a trained dog had sniffed out an accelerant. Both stations were broadcasting online April 2. The general manager said that full repairs to the Little Rick station will cost around \$200,000. The general manager of the Texarkana station said he expects repairs to cost close to \$40,000.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7506575.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *April 5, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Leaking gas prompts downtown evacuations.** A block in Columbus, Ohio, was closed for almost 2-and-a-half hours April 4 because of a natural-gas leak at Lynn and Lazelle streets. A private contractor was working on the sidewalk and struck a gas line just before 1 p.m., said the battalion chief of the Columbus Division of Fire. Because of the high-pressure leak, about 150 people were evacuated from the Athletic Club of Columbus, the Columbus Renaissance

- hotel, and other nearby businesses, he said. Columbia Gas was able to contain the leak at 3:15 p.m. and people were allowed back into the area, he said. No one was injured. Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/04/05/leaking-gas-prompts-evacuations.html?sid=101
50. *April 4, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Explosive device defused, man arrested.** Police arrested a 20-year-old man after officers discovered an explosive device inside a car at a Georgetown, Kentucky apartment complex April 4. Georgetown police said the homemade explosive device found tucked away in a parked car could have easily injured a hand or an eye, or even killed someone. The Lexington Police Department bomb squad spent several hours carefully dismantling the device. Police arrested the man and charged him with wanton endangerment and possession of marijuana, along with additional drug charges. Officials do not believe the suspect was targeting a specific individual in the complex. Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/explosive-device-defused-man-arrested>
51. *April 4, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **CO leak at North Side day care sickens several kids, staff members.** A carbon monoxide leak at a North Side daycare in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 4 sickened several children and staff members. The manager of the day care told WPXI several staff members began complaining of headaches so they called the gas company. Firefighters responded to the day care and tested the building for carbon monoxide, which came back positive. “The first crews arrived and found carbon monoxide in the building and the staff began their evacuation procedures,” said the district EMS chief. Three toddlers were taken to Children’s Hospital by ambulance, and three staff members walked to nearby Allegheny General Hospital for treatment. The manager said they did not have carbon monoxide detectors in the building, but noted they would be installed as soon as possible. Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/27426992/detail.html>
52. *April 4, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Fire forces day care evacuation.** Two dozen children were forced to evacuate Regina’s Childcare Ministry on the east side of Indianapolis, Indiana, when the building caught fire April 4. Fire crews were called to the day care at 11616 E. Washington Street near Cumberland just after 2:30 p.m. A staff member told fire officials she smelled something burning before smoke alarms went off. All of the children, 6 months to 9 years old, along with four staff members, escaped unharmed within 2 minutes, said an Indianapolis Fire Department captain. The children were taken to the nearby Cumberland post office to wait for their parents. The fire caused substantial damage to the roof and attic area building. The fire department captain said it appeared the fire had been smoldering in the attic for quite some time. Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/27426432/detail.html>
53. *April 3, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Two arrests made in meth lab explosion in Charleston.** Two men have been charged after a meth lab exploded inside an apartment building in Charleston, West Virginia, April 2. The call came in just after 7:30 p.m. in the 1400 block of Lee Street. The Charleston shift commander told WSAZ that both men were charged with operating a meth lab. Police said the meth

lab exploded, but there was not a fire. The explosion just blew out some windows. One man was not taken to the hospital, but the hair on his face and arms was singed, investigators said. A female, who left the scene before authorities arrived, is expected to be charged in the case. The shift commander said a warrant has been issued for her arrest. One of the men will also be charged with operating a meth lab. Other people lived in the apartment building, which was closed April 3.

Source:

http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Meth_Lab_Explosion_Reported_in_Charleston.html?ref=779

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *April 4, msnbc.com, Reuters and Associated Press* – (National) **Wildfires rage across 5 parched states.** Strong winds and drought spawned raging wildfires April 3 across Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Kansas, damaging dozens of homes and businesses and forcing a Kansas town to evacuate. In some cases, firefighters struggled to bring the fires under control April 4 amid high and shifting winds. In New Mexico, a wind-driven grass fire destroyed five houses and several barns, forced evacuations and knocked out power to about 1,000 homes and businesses in Ruidoso Downs. The fire has tripled in size, but fire crews hoped improved weather conditions would help them April 4, officials said. In Colorado, crews battling a wildfire west of Fort Collins could get some help from air tankers if weather continues to be on their side. The fire destroyed about 15 houses in a rugged, hilly area around 15 miles west of Fort Collins. Residents of more than 300 homes were evacuated but were allowed to return. In Texas, high winds and extreme drought fed fires that scorched more than 7,000 acres April 3. The Texas Forest Service used a helicopter and bulldozers to support seven other agencies, a spokeswoman said. In Oklahoma, more than 100 fires burned across the state, damaging homes near Guymon and causing numerous highway wrecks, according to a spokeswoman with the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management. In Kansas, the 1,100 residents of Satanta, including the hospital and long-term care facility, were asked to evacuate after an out-of-control fire burned about 1,000 acres and threatened 250 homes in the community, the local emergency management office said.

Source: <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/42415732/ns/weather/>

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Dams Sector

55. *April 5, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Utah city paying \$175,000 to family of 3 killed in home hit by canal breach mudslide.** A Utah city has settled its share of a wrongful death lawsuit stemming from a 2009 canal breach and landslide that killed a mother

and her two children. The city will pay \$175,000 to the family of the victims. Other co-defendants in the case have settled for larger amounts, including Utah State University, the Utah Department of Transportation, and Logan and Northern Irrigation Co. An attorney said the city did not feel it did anything wrong, but it would have cost more in court than it did to settle. The city didn't own or operate the canal. But the family argued it had an obligation to warn residents of potential danger from landslides.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f7353f1f2509459b8811241a44b6320e/UT--Canal-Break-Settlement/>

56. *April 5, KFGO 790 AM Fargo* – (North Dakota; Minnesota) **Corps builds clay levees.** Contractors hired by the U.S. Corps of Engineers are busy building earthen levees to protect the Fargo-Moorhead and surrounding area from floodwaters. Earth movers are busy building dikes along 2nd Street in Fargo to protect city hall and the high rise and downtown areas from flooding. Wall Street will close in Oakport Township April 5 as the Corps builds an earthen levee across it. River Shore Drive at I-94 in Moorhead was blocked April 5 by a temporary floodwall, and the underpass by the Moorhead Center Mall was closed due to flooding.

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57. *April 4, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Break in levee buries Peralta neighborhoods in mud.** While drought parches most of New Mexico, leaving it dry as kindling waiting for a spark, the village of Peralta in Valencia County has just the opposite problem — too much water. Early April 4, the levee on the ditch bank on La Ladera Road broke, sending thousands of gallons of muddy water through a resident's yard, wiping out a gravel driveway and a lawn, washing out septic tanks, and stranding cars in drifts of slimy mud. The floodwaters poured across fields a half a mile south of the house, flooding Escondida Lane and seeping into garages and tool sheds. Conservancy district workers spent hours repairing the levee break, and began the long job of pumping out roads and driveways, and clearing out acres of fresh mud.

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