



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 8 April 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

**Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks**

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- Reuters reports a Chinese national who previously worked at an L-3 Communications unit in New Jersey was indicted April 6 on charges he illegally took sensitive military technology to China. (See item [9](#))
- According to the Miami Herald, four south Florida towns agreed to turn off wastewater treatment plant pumps in response to a massive sewage spill expected to disrupt transportation on Miami Beach streets for days. (See item [27](#))

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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 7, Boston Globe* – (Louisiana) **Maintenance lagged on gulf rig’s gear.** The blowout preventer that failed on a BP well in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana last year, leading to the worst U.S. offshore oil spill, was 4 years overdue for maintenance under driller Transocean Ltd.’s internal guidelines, a U.S. regulator said. The Deepwater Horizon’s blowout preventer had not been disassembled and refurbished since the rig was commissioned in 2001, a representative of the U.S.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement said April 6 during an investigative hearing in Metairie, Louisiana. Under Transocean's own rules, the blowout preventer should have been overhauled no later than the summer of 2006, the representative said. However, a study of the blowout preventer, carried out by Det Norske Veritas, concluded a lack of maintenance work was not a factor in the failure of the blades to crimp the pipe. Cameron International Corp., based in Houston, Texas made the blowout preventer used by the Deepwater Horizon.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/04/07/maintenance\\_lagged\\_on\\_gulf\\_rigs\\_gear/](http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/04/07/maintenance_lagged_on_gulf_rigs_gear/)

2. *April 7, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Fuel truck catches fire on I-95 in Bryan County, killing driver.** A crash involving a fuel tanker and a truck resulted in an explosion and fire closed southbound I-95 for hours in the Richmond Hill, Georgia area April 7. The driver of the tanker was killed. The accident happened around 3:40 a.m. Authorities said the tanker collided in a southbound lane with the back end of a tractor trailer hauling cars. Fire crews from Bryan County, Richmond Hill, and Ft. Stewart responded to the blaze. A Georgia State Patrol lieutenant told the Associated Press the fire burned hot enough to melt pavement. It is unknown exactly how much fuel the truck was carrying at the time of the accident.  
Source: <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2011/apr/07/14/fuel-truck-catches-fire-i-95-ar-1684215/>
3. *April 7, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Industrial plant fire.** A fire broke out at an industrial plant in Central Point, Oregon April 6. Firefighters from Fire District 3 and 5, Medford, Shady Cove, and Rogue River responded. Crews sprayed water from a distance, cooling diesel fuel tanks to keep them from fracturing or catching fire. Fire crews said they believe the blaze started when a natural gas line ruptured and ignited. An official cause has not yet been determined.  
Source: <http://kdrv.com/news/local/209071>
4. *April 6, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (North Carolina; South Carolina) **Duke energy adds 1,000 workers to power restoration effort.** Duke Energy said 70 percent of storm-related outages in North and South Carolina were restored April 5, but thousands may be without power until April 8. At 11 a.m. April 6, more than 72,000 outages were reported in the Carolinas. That included over 4,600 outages in Spartanburg County, and 1,400 customers without service in Cherokee County. At the peak of the storms that struck April 4 into April 5, there were 256,000 power outages. Duke reported about 1,000 additional workers from their Midwest service area, Progress Energy, and other utilities, would join the company's 1,400 employees already working on repairs. "This storm caused extensive damage to our power delivery system, with repairs needed at more than 5,700 locations," Duke Energy's senior vice president of power delivery said.  
Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2011/apr/06/58/get-out-your-umbrella-its-going-rain-again-tonight-ar-1670558/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *April 6, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Truck spills chemical, closes road after overturning.** The New Orleans, Louisiana, Fire Department (NOFD) is looking into what caused an 18-wheeler to overturn April 6. The accident happened around 6:30 a.m. near Tchoupitoulas and Calliope streets. According to the NOFD, 30 pounds of a white chemical spilled from the truck after it overturned. A hazardous materials unit was called in to clean up the chemical that was identified as glyphosate, a weed killer. “The chemical is an irritant and if exposed to it for long periods could have damaging effects,” said a statement from the NOFD. The driver of the truck was taken to the hospital for injuries. Traffic on Tchoupitoulas Street between Calliope and Henderson Streets was blocked off for about 2-3 hours, and the Tchoupitoulas Street exit from the Crescent City Connection was closed until 1:15 pm. to clean up the spill. Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/eyewitness-morning-news/Raw-Video-Truck-overturns-119317464.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

6. *April 6, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Idaho) **Misplaced button sources.** On September 2, 2010, Idaho State University was unable to account for two Pu-239 solid sources that are about the size of a quarter each. On April 6, 2011, the two missing plutonium sources were found inside a source vault mixed in with other radioactive materials in storage for decay purposes. Each source is estimated to weight about 1 gram with a source strength of 60 milliCuries and is in a non-dispersible form. The licensee noted these sources were missing as a result of a normal inventory and leak test procedure on August 19, 2010. On February 11, 2011, the licensee formally declared the two plutonium button sources lost. This material event contains a “less than category 3” level of radioactive material, and the material was very unlikely to cause permanent injury to individuals. Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html>
7. *April 6, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Illinois) **NRC begins special inspection at Braidwood, Byron nuclear plants.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has started a Special Inspection to review the handling of two equipment issues at Byron and Braidwood nuclear power stations operated by Exelon Generation Company in Illinois. The first issue came to light in February, when during routine NRC inspections at Byron, NRC inspectors identified a concern with Auxiliary Feedwater (AFW) pumps. As a result, the NRC required Exelon to provide an assessment of this equipment’s ability to cool the reactor in case the normal system for heat removal became unavailable at both Byron and Braidwood stations, which are

similar in design. The company's initial evaluation was the pumps would be available to perform their safety function. However, after confirmatory calculations were completed, the company found the pumps would not be operable. The second issue is associated with the unavailability of control room equipment alarms and the declaration of an Unusual Event, the lowest level of emergency in NRC's emergency classification system, at Braidwood March 24. The review of past maintenance activities revealed plant operators failed to recognize the same conditions while performing similar maintenance activities August 10, 2010. Neither of the issues posed an immediate threat to public health and safety. Both equipment issues have been resolved.

Source:

[http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/4387310357/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2011/april/nrc-begins\\_special.html](http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/4387310357/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2011/april/nrc-begins_special.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *April 7, Bloomberg* – (International) **Saab halts plants again.** Saab Automobile, the Swedish carmaker owned by Spyker Cars NV, halted production April 6 as renewed disputes with suppliers strangled delivery of components for the second time in 8 days. “We’re starting to get really worried,” the chairman of Swedish automotive supplier group FKG, said in a telephone interview. “You can’t have it this way, stop-and-go, stop-and-go. It isn’t making anybody happy.” Saab is in discussions with some suppliers about payment and delivery terms, a spokeswoman said, adding she was not sure when production would resume. Saab halted production March 29 after some suppliers withheld materials deliveries over late payments. Spyker’s chief executive officer told reporters April 5 the supplier issue was under control. “We’re discussing very intensively with our suppliers to reach an agreement in order to restart the flow of material,” she said April 6. She declined to identify the suppliers or to say how many there are. Saab’s chief executive officer said April 6 the Trollhaettan, Sweden-based company’s liquidity “became more strained” during the second half of the first quarter, declining to give more details. Saab sold 31,696 cars in 2010, below a forecast it had in September of 45,000 cars. It later lowered the forecast to between 30,000 and 35,000 cars.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110407/AUTO01/104070353/1148/auto01/Saab-halts-plants-again>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

9. *April 7, Reuters* – (International) **Former L-3 worker indicted for data breach.** A Chinese national who previously worked at an L-3 Communications unit was indicted April 6 on charges he illegally took sensitive military technology to China, the U.S. Justice Department said. The man, 47, was charged with one count of exporting U.S.

defense information without a license and two counts of making false statements to U.S. authorities, according to the indictment by a federal grand jury in Newark, New Jersey. He had previously been charged by criminal complaint, but the company was not identified. He has been detained pending a hearing later the week of April 4. The man worked for L-3's Space and Navigation unit in New Jersey from March 2009 until November 30, 2010 as an engineer on a precision navigation device. On his return from a trip to Shanghai last November, U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents inspected his laptop and discovered hundreds of documents that belonged to the company involving several technology programs, the indictment said. Some of the material found on his computer included technical data related to defense items that are restricted from export without a license and the man did not have one, according to the indictment. During his 2-week trip to Shanghai in 2010, he presented information at a technology conference, but the indictment said L-3 had not given his permission to present information to outsiders.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/04/07/awx\\_04\\_07\\_2011\\_p0-307312.xml&headline=Former L-3 Worker Indicted For Data Breach&channel=defense](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/04/07/awx_04_07_2011_p0-307312.xml&headline=Former L-3 Worker Indicted For Data Breach&channel=defense)

10. *April 6, Military Times* – (International) **Raptor to use F-35 radar absorbent coatings.** The newest F-22 stealth fighters produced at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Georgia factory have improved radar absorbent coatings derived from the company's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program, *Military Times* reported April 6. "Some of the [low observables] coatings system and gap-fillers that the F-35 had an advantage on, we have incorporated into the Raptor," said the vice president and general manager of the F-22 program for Lockheed Martin. The new materials do not alter the F-22's radar cross-section, but do improve on the durability of those coatings. The benefit for the U.S. Air Force is a reduced maintenance burden, he said. "[The F-35 program] had some more robust materials that were more durable and we were able to pull those back on to the F-22," he said. "So our system is better, and the life-cycle cost of the F-22 is reduced." An analyst at the Lexington Institute agreed that retrofitting the F-22 with the F-35's coatings will save the Air Force a significant amount of time and money when it comes to maintenance. "It's not going to transform the airplane, but what it's going to really do is make it much cheaper to operate the F-22 fleet, which is terribly important given its small size," he said.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/04/air-force-raptor-joint-strike-fighter-radar-absorbent-coatings-040611w/>

11. *April 6, DoD Buzz* – (International) **Minuteman III follow-on being eyed, nukes for JSF delayed.** The U.S. Air Force has begun the very first steps in identifying its next generation of nuclear ballistic missiles, the commander of the service's nuclear forces told lawmakers April 6. Meanwhile, the integration of the B61 tactical nuclear bomb onto the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) may be delayed as the overall JSF program slips in schedule. First, the service is preparing a capabilities-based assessment of what it will need from as many as 420 nuclear-armed ICBMs to replace the 40-year old Minuteman IIIs when they wear out, the chief of Air Force Global Strike Command

told the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee. Once this is complete, the Air Force will further refine the capabilities it wants to see in its future nuclear forces and conduct an analysis of alternatives for the weapons starting in fiscal year 2013, according to the general. He also told the committee that work integrating the B61 tactical nuclear bomb (largely deployed at air bases hosting F-16s and F-15Es in Europe) onto the F-35 may be delayed due to the roughly 2 year slip in the overall F-35 development program. Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2011/04/06/minuteman-iii-follow-on-being-eyed-nukes-for-jsf-delayed/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *April 6, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **CFO, accountant plead guilty in New Jersey to roles in \$880 million Ponzi scheme.** The former chief financial officer and an accountant with Capitol Investments USA, Inc., admitted April 6 to assisting a man in the operation of an \$880 million Ponzi scheme linked to a fictitious wholesale grocery distribution business, a New Jersey U.S. attorney announced. The father and son duo each pleaded guilty before a U.S. district judge to a count of securities fraud. According to statements, the two used the company to assist the leader of the scheme in fraudulently obtaining about \$880 million between January 2005 and November 2009. The pair admitted Capitol had virtually no income-generating business during that time, and that they assisted in operating the Ponzi scheme by using new investor funds to make principal and interest payments to existing investors. In particular, the defendants admitted to creating, or directing others to create, fraudulent documents which falsely touted the profitability of Capitol's fictitious grocery diversion business. They admitted that more than 50 victim investors lost between \$50 and \$100 million as a result of the scheme. The securities fraud charge to which the pair pleaded guilty carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$5 million fine. Source: [http://7thspace.com/headlines/378151/cfo\\_accountant\\_plead\\_guilty\\_in\\_new\\_jersey\\_to\\_roles\\_in\\_880\\_million\\_ponzi\\_scheme.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/378151/cfo_accountant_plead_guilty_in_new_jersey_to_roles_in_880_million_ponzi_scheme.html)
13. *April 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Windows servers hacked at The Hartford insurance company.** Hackers have broken into The Hartford insurance company and installed password-stealing programs on several of the company's Windows servers, IDG News Service reported April 6. In a warning letter sent in March to about 300 employees, contractors, and a handful of customers, the company said it discovered the infection in late February. Several servers were hit, including Citrix servers used by employees for remote access to IT systems. A copy of The Hartford's letter was posted earlier the week of April 4 to the Web site of the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General. The victims were mostly company employees. Less than 10 customers were affected by the malware, the W32-Qakbot trojan, a company spokeswoman said. Qakbot has been around for about 2 years. Once installed, it spreads from computer to computer in the network, taking steps to cover its tracks as

it logs sensitive data and opens up back doors for the hackers to access the network. With 28,000 employees worldwide, the 200-year-old Hartford, Connecticut, firm is one of the country's largest insurance companies.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215582/Windows\\_servers\\_hacked\\_at\\_The\\_Hartford\\_insurance\\_company](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215582/Windows_servers_hacked_at_The_Hartford_insurance_company)

14. *April 5, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **FBI releases 2010 bank crime statistics.** The FBI April 5 released bank crime statistics for calendar year 2010. Between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010, there were 5,546 robberies, 74 burglaries, 8 larcenies, and 13 extortions of financial institutions reported to law enforcement. The total 5,628 reported violations represent a decrease from 2009, during which 6,065 violations of the Federal Bank Robbery and Incidental Crimes Statute were reported.  
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-2010-bank-crime-statistics>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *April 7, Reuters* – (Virginia) **U.S. FAA seeks to fire second sleeping controller.** The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has identified a second air traffic controller who fell asleep on the job, the agency said April 6. The FAA Administrator told a Congressional hearing that the controller was “found intentionally sleeping” in the radar room during a midnight shift February 19 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The spokesman said the agency is seeking to have the person fired. The controller was found asleep with cushions and a blanket. The airport tower controller was forced to perform his own duties as well as handle radar responsibilities for seven flights while the other controller slept. On March 23, U.S. aviation authorities said a lone controller at the tower at Washington’s Ronald Reagan National Airport fell asleep on the job, leaving two jetliners to land without any airport guidance. That controller, a 20-year veteran and a supervisor, was suspended.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/07/uk-usa-faa-controllers-idUSLNE73601020110407>
16. *April 7, Charlotte Observer* – (National) **Trucking execs asked to be terror-aware.** A tractor-trailer filled with hazardous materials could be terrorists’ next weapon of mass destruction, according to a panel of terrorism experts gathered in Concord, North Carolina, April 6. And the group encouraged trucking executives to play the front line of defense in guarding against such an attack. A terrorism panel expert with the FBI said terrorism is changing. Future attacks are more likely to be conducted by one person, “a lone wolf,” he said, such as the Fort Hood shooter, the Christmas underwear bomber, and the Times Square bomber. “We need your industry’s help in identifying these lone offenders,” he said. More than 100 trucking executives attended the 1-day security conference at Charlotte Motor Speedway that focused on improving ties

between the government and industry leaders. The panel included experts from the FBI, DHS, and Transportation Security Administration. Some speakers referred to truck drivers as “American road warriors” and “road patriots.” They urged the executives to conduct extensive background checks on their drivers and look for unusual changes in their lifestyles, and to be aware of materials being transported to or from odd locations. Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/04/07/2203750/trucking-execs-asked-to-be-terror.html>

17. *April 6, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Strong river flow shuts down locks and dams to all traffic in Mpls.** The dangers of the Mississippi River’s surging flow have forced the closing April 6 of all three locks and dams in Minneapolis, Minnesota to all traffic well into the middle of the month. The move by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers comes one day after the locks and dams were closed to just recreational watercraft. The locks and dams affected are the two downtown — the Upper and Lower St. Anthony Falls — and Lock and Dam 1 next to Minnehaha Park. The Corps was required to close the locks and dams because the high flows are unsafe for river navigation at 40,000 cubic feet per second, which is projected to occur April 8. The Corps attributed the strong flow to rain and snow thawing upstream from Minneapolis. Flow estimates from National Weather Service show the possibility of the three locks and dams to remain closed through April 17.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/119344854.html>

18. *April 6, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **When United Airlines flight needed runway, grounds crew couldn’t clear it in time.** While the pilots of United Airlines Flight 497 and air traffic controllers were struggling to get the disabled jet back to Louis Armstrong International Airport in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, another desperate effort was under way on the ground. After experience problems upon takeoff of the San Francisco, California-bound flight, the pilots had radioed for permission to land on Armstrong’s longest runway, the 10,000-foot east-west strip. In a cockpit filling with smoke and steadily losing instrumentation, they sought as much room as possible to land an Airbus A320 carrying 106 people and 16 tons of fuel. But that runway was closed for 2 days of maintenance on its shoulder. Air traffic controllers sent word to the ground crew to clear the equipment and workers from the runway as Flight 497 made a turn over Lake Pontchartrain, according to a recording of radio conversations April 4 at the airport.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2011/04/when\\_united\\_airlines\\_flight\\_ne.html](http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2011/04/when_united_airlines_flight_ne.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

19. *April 7, WHP 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Homemade bomb found in North Cornwall Township.** North Cornwall Township Police in Pennsylvania are seeking



information regarding a suspicious black two door Chevrolet Cobalt (with a small rear spoiler) that was seen in the area of the 100 block of Royal Road within the time span of the soda pop bomb incident. The incident happened around 8:30 p.m. April 5. The vehicle was occupied by two or three teenagers who were between 15 and 18 years of age. On April 6 at about 9:20 a.m., North Cornwall police officers were dispatched to a Royal Road residence for a report of an exploded soda pop bottle bomb located in a residential mailbox. Officers found the remnants of a 20-ounce water bottle, aluminum foil, and burn marks within and around the mailbox. This type of homemade soda pop bomb is made by combining a certain home cleanser with tin foil.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-Homemade-bomb-found-in-North-Cornwall/k7RgH0eoNEqgDV4lRhgGMQ.csp>

20. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Suspicious letter sent to state building.** State police in Annapolis, Maryland, are investigating a suspicious letter found April 6 at a state building that police said contained baby powder. A police spokesman said investigators found a small pouch inside the letter containing baby powder and that it was not dangerous. Fire trucks blocked the street in front of the Jeffrey Building that afternoon after the letter was found at the state’s mail processing facility. An Annapolis Fire Department spokesman said the letter was called in at about 1 p.m.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/maryland/suspicious-letter-sent-to-state-building-040611>

21. *April 6, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **OKC charity finds white powder in mail.** A section of the Feed The Children location in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was evacuated April 6 after a white powdery substance was found in an envelope. Hazardous materials crews were called to the scene. They wore silver suits and air tanks as they entered the facility. Inside, an employee had opened an envelope and found a fine, white powder. An Oklahoma City Fire Department spokesman said, “It was an unmarked envelope. It did not have a return address. So, that became alarming to the lady that opened it. She immediately put it down and gave us a call.” Feed The Children officials said the situation happened in their mail room, where only that one employee was at the time. Fire department officials said the unmarked, standard-size envelope contained about 3 ounces of the white powder and nothing else. Crews emerged after an hour and said the substance was not hazardous. The powder was sent off to the state health department for further evaluation.

Source: <http://www.kfor.com/news/local/kfor-news-white-powder-feed-the-children-story,0,5779193.story>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

22. *April 7, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Glenwood restaurant sustains heavy fire damage.** A strip-mall restaurant in Glenwood, Illinois, was badly damaged in a fire April 7, officials said. There were reports of “some type of explosion” preceding the fire, the Glenwood police chief said. The fire at Bolo & Lulu’s Shark’s Chicken Fish in

Glenwood Town Center strip mall broke out in the back of the establishment at 12:19 a.m. Much of the restaurant was destroyed by the fire. Some of the neighboring businesses — a day-care center, an insurance office, and a hair salon — also sustained fire and smoke damage, officials said. The fire was brought under control within a half hour, officials said. There were no reported injuries. The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wgntv.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-glenwood-restaurant-sustains-heavy-fire-damage-20110407,0,2582.story?track=rss>

23. *April 6, KMPH 26 Fresno* – (California) **Ammonia leak at Fresno Pepsi plant.** Firefighters were called April 6 to a Pepsi plant in Fresno, California, after ammonia leaked in the building. The leak occurred just after 5 a.m. The workers at the plant were able to shut off the ammonia supply and evacuate the building. A Pepsi private contractor was called in to repair the system.  
Source: <http://www.kmph.com/Global/story.asp?S=14395021>
24. *April 6, KTEN 10 Ada* – (Texas) **Tyson plant fire.** A fire April 6 shut down the Tyson plant in Sherman, Texas. Crews were called to the food processing plant about 9:30 a.m. The fire started on the roof, where workers were welding, and was quickly put out. Part of the plant was evacuated for a short time, but business was back to normal by the afternoon.  
Source: <http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=14397520>
25. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Feds allege safety problems at Nebraska beef plant.** Federal authorities are citing a Fremont Beef Co. of Fremont, Nebraska, saying its violations of safety procedures led to a worker's injury. A news release April 6 from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said the department is proposing a \$45,500 fine against the company and said the company has 15 days to appeal. OSHA said a safety inspection in February came after the worker was injured. OSHA said the citations cover one serious violation, one less serious, and one repeated violation. The president of Fremont Beef said the company was asking OSHA for an informal meeting to discuss the citations against the company, which has 265 employees. He said the employee lost the tip of a finger and soon was back at work.  
Source: <http://moneywatch.bnet.com/economic-news/news/feds-allege-safety-problems-at-nebraska-beef-plant/6212861/>
26. *April 6, WAVY 10 Hampton Roads* – (North Carolina) **CG to ban large vessels from inlet.** Commercial fishermen in Oregon Inlet in North Carolina will have to find another way to get to the ocean. New U.S. Coast Guard regulations will prevent boats of a certain size and weight from passing under the Bonner Bridge. The inlet's shifting sands and strong currents make it nearly impossible for large vessels to maneuver in the channel. Now, any vessel greater than 80 feet in length and more than 100 gross tons will have to reach the ocean another way. The sandbar at low tide is sitting right in the middle of the boating channel. The depth is just under 2 feet. Most of the problem lies with money. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' proposed budget only allots \$1

million to dredge the main channel under the bridge. Last year, the Corps spent more than \$13 million. Charter fishermen can continue to travel under the bridge, but news of the restrictions may affect businesses. “I’ve got customers call me asking me what’s going on, are we going to be able to go fishing this summer,” one fisherman said. The restrictions could go into effect as early as the week of April 4 or the beginning of the week of April 11. Regarding safety, the Department of Transportation will spend \$6 million on a project starting this summer to reinforce the southern end of the Bonner Bridge.

Source: [http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/cg-to-ban-large-vessels-from-inlet](http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/cg-to-ban-large-vessels-from-inlet)

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## **Water Sector**

27. *April 7, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Road and traffic a mess after sewage line explodes in Miami Beach.** The sewage has stopped spewing, but the traffic was still a mess April 7, the day after a river of dark and dirty water flooded the streets in Miami Beach, Florida. Crews worked overnight to make repairs, but the surrounding roads were still closed. On the morning of April 7, the intersection of Harding Avenue and 71st Street was barricaded to traffic. Police are redirecting cars to neighboring streets, a city spokeswoman said. The traffic disruptions will last a few days, she said. Temporary repairs to the sewer line have been made, with work continuing to shore up the problems while the city awaits material to make permanent repairs. Meanwhile, Miami Beach officials have asked residents to try and limit the amount of waste they send down the drain. People in the vicinity of the rupture, which happened shortly after 10 a.m. April 6, said the street shook and abruptly rose up with a boom. Sewage gushed from a gaping hole in the street, chunks of sidewalk flew into the air, and a river of dark and dirty water flooded the streets and lapped onto the sidewalk. No one was hurt. The cause of the break was not immediately determined. As a precaution, Miami-Dade County environmental regulators have advised people to stay out of some of the waters nearby until safety testing can be completed. The 36-inch line pumps sewage from several coastal municipalities south through Miami Beach to the Miami-Dade County wastewater treatment plant on Virginia Key. Because there is no shutoff valve to redirect the wastewater, four towns — Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, North Bay Village and Surfside — agreed to turn off their pumps. The break did not affect the supply of drinkable water. Potable water tests in the area came up clean.  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/04/06/2154540/sewage-line-explodes-leaving-beach.html>

28. *April 7, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **TDEC tests Little Pigeon River contamination.** While the Gatlinburg, Tennessee Wastewater Treatment Plant sits dormant with a broken equalization tank and without electricity, waste from the city is pouring directly into the Little Pigeon River. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is sampling water downstream to measure the level of contamination. A TDEC spokeswoman said the city normally sent an average of 2.3 million gallons of wastewater to the treatment plant on a daily basis. Now TDEC

has set up a bypass and sewage goes into the river through a manhole which only has screens to filter out large solids. A TDEC spokesman said, “the city is pouring chlorine into the river where the sewage is coming in to try to disinfect the waste. That will hopefully reduce the pathogens in the water, but it obviously is not at the level of treatment you would get with the wastewater plant.” Officials are urging people to avoid contact with the water and to try and reduce the amount of waste they flush into the system.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/165084/2/TDEC-tests-Little-Pigeon-River-contamination>

29. *April 6, Lexington Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **Thomasville reports 83,000-gallon wastewater spill.** The City of Thomasville, North Carolina, has reported an 83,000-gallon spill of untreated wastewater April 4. The wastewater came from sections of the North Hamby Creek outfall line along West Colonial Drive and spilled into North Hamby Creek in the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin. Crews worked for more than 7 hours to removed the collapsed section of line that was blocking normal flow in the pipes and caused the spill. The division of water quality was notified and is reviewing the matter. Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20110406/News/304069984/-1/NEWS?Title=Thomasville-reports-83-000-gallon-wastewater-spill&tc=ar>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *April 6, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Whooping cough outbreak in Floyd County blamed on lax vaccinations.** A small, private Floyd County, Virginia school has closed for the week after more than half its students became ill with whooping cough. At least 30 people associated with Blue Mountain School have been diagnosed with the highly contagious disease, also called pertussis, including 23 of its 45 students, said the alternative school’s director. The Virginia Department of Health is working with the school to contain the outbreak. While the majority of the cases involve children, a few adult cases have been identified, the director of the New River Health District said. The outbreak was caused by not properly vaccinating people against the disease, she said, noting that a subset of the population does not follow vaccination recommendations. Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/282419>
31. *April 6, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida; Michigan; Minnesota; Texas) **Health officials dealing with measles outbreak.** The Orange County Health Department in Florida reported that three tourists from Minnesota, Michigan, and Texas came down with measles after they visited Orlando in March. In Minnesota alone, WFTV found out, there are as many as 15 cases of measles and they are the first cases to surface in years. Health officials said they have no idea how the outbreak started, other than that the infected individuals came through Orange County. They do not know if they made contact with someone who lives in the county and had the measles, or were infected by another traveler moving through Orange County. There have been no reported cases of measles in Orange County, and because the incubation rate of measles is 8 to 12 days

and health officials said, so far, it does not appear that the infected were also spreading the virus while they were in Orlando.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/27451133/detail.html>

32. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Suspect arrested after shooting at Neb. hospital.** A gunman shot a man April 6 in the lobby of an Omaha, Nebraska hospital, and the suspect was quickly apprehended by a swarm of officers already inside the building to keep watch as a sheriff's deputy was treated for a gunshot wound in an unrelated case. Creighton University Medical Center was placed on lockdown soon after the shooting, which was reported about 3:40 p.m., an Omaha police officer said. He identified the victim as a 30-year-old Omaha man. He said the victim was listed in stable condition April 6, but declined to elaborate on the injuries. The victim and the suspect knew each other, the officer said. Because a deputy injured in an unrelated incident was being treated inside the hospital at the time, there was a large police force on site. The Douglas County sheriff estimated there were at least 50 law enforcement officers less than 300 feet away when the hospital shooting occurred.

Source: [http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/news/national/article\\_3a0d782b-2e69-59ec-81a8-f222ce57baf4.html](http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/news/national/article_3a0d782b-2e69-59ec-81a8-f222ce57baf4.html)

33. *April 6, Web MD Health News* – (National) **As kids' CT scans rise, so do radiation worries.** Emergency CT scans for kids are on the rise — and so are worries that too many children are getting too much radiation too early in life. “We found that abdominal CT imaging went from almost never being used in 1995 to being used in 15% to 21% of visits in the last four years of [our] study,” a Children’s Hospital of Cincinnati researcher said in a news release. From 1995 to 2008, he and colleagues found a fivefold increase in the percentage of emergency department visits in which children received a CT scan. Nearly 90 percent of these scans were done in emergency rooms that did not specialize in pediatrics. “The performance of CT in children requires special oversight,” the study noted in the June issue of *Radiology*. “It is possible that non-pediatric-focused radiology departments may be less likely to consistently tailor the CT technique to the body size of the pediatric patient.” That is a concern, as children are far more vulnerable to radiation exposure than are adults: Children’s organs are more sensitive to radiation than adults’ organs; they have a longer life expectancy than adults, giving cancer a longer time to form; radiation settings often may not be set to match children’s body size; and children may eventually receive a higher lifetime dose of medical radiation.

Source: <http://children.webmd.com/news/20110406/as-kids-ct-scans-rise-so-do-radiation-worries>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *April 7, Providence Cowl* – (Rhode Island) **Mercury spill in chem lab discovered after five months.** A professor March 24 discovered mercury on a ventilation hood in Hickey Hall 254, a shared research lab at Providence College in Providence, Rhode

Island. The department chair of chemistry and biochemistry was informed, and cleanup began instantaneously. “We immediately called Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) on campus and quickly decided it was too big of a problem for us to solve ourselves,” the chair said. “EHS called Clean Harvest, which is an outside company that handles spills of this sort. Over the next few days we discovered the spill was even bigger than we thought. We started to see it in more places. Once we knew to look for it, we identified it to be in many places throughout the lab.” The college’s director of emergency management and the EHS director were called in to help with the cleanup. It was later learned that the spill occurred in October, when a professor was working on research with undergraduates. The department chair identified eight students and a few professors as having been exposed to the mercury. “While it was a good thing that the spill happened in the hood, it was also a bad thing,” he said. “In a hood, air flows in all the time and the chemicals go out the roof. There is a lot of airflow through a ventilation hood, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Source: <http://www.thecowl.com/news/mercury-spill-in-chem-lab-discovered-after-five-months-1.2147352>

35. *April 6, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Missouri teen accused in school shooting plot had mental hit list, recruited others in plan.** An 18-year-old Winfield High School student in Lincoln County, Missouri, was charged after allegedly plotting a school shooting. The Lincoln County sheriff’s office arrested the student April 5. The suspect has been charged with first-degree conspiracy assault. Authorities were called to the high school April 5 after a school administrator learned of the possible school shooting plot. Two high school students told Winfield High School’s resource officer that the suspect had tried to recruit them to execute a school shooting. Both students said the suspect asked them to make a list of the victims they wanted dead. During an interview with Lincoln County detectives, the suspect said he did not have a physical list of people that he wanted dead, but he did have a long mental list. He said his plan was to run through the halls of the school as fast as he could and shoot as many people as he could. Investigators seized the student’s computer and sent it to the St. Charles County Cyber Crimes Unit. Authorities there found several images of weapons and YouTube videos about how to build a gun rail and how to shoot guns on the student’s computer. They also found a letter that said, “I hate everything and everyone, I wanted everyone to die.” Police said they did not find a gun, and they do not know if the suspect set a date or time for an attack, but noted they have to take any threat seriously. Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Lincoln-County-teen-accused-of-plotting-school-shooting-119365429.html>

36. *April 6, Reuters* – (Alabama) **One dead, three injured in Alabama college shooting.** One woman was killed and three others were injured April 6 in a shooting prompted by a domestic dispute at a community college in eastern Alabama, police said. The shooting took place outside an academic building at Southern Union Community College in Opelika, and the victims had just pulled up in a car, an Opelika police spokesman said. The injured included a 4-year-old girl hit by flying glass and a 36-year-old college student. The dead woman was 63, the spokesman said, adding that there is a male suspect in the case, but no arrests have been made. “The suspect is

related to the four victims. He may be a husband or an ex-husband. We are tracking that down,” he said. A neighboring high school was locked down after the shooting and classes were canceled, he said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/06/us-alabama-shooting-idUSTRE7357ZG20110406>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

37. *April 7, Fargo Inforum* – (North Dakota) **No federal help for law enforcement.** Local and state law enforcement agencies in North Dakota shifted to backup plans April 6, facing the reality that a large portion of the federal aid they had during recent floods likely will not come this year. The only guaranteed assistance with in-the-field emergency operations will be from the U.S. Coast Guard, whose staff and equipment could arrive by April 8, the Cass County sheriff said. Officials with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Customs and Border Protection said they have had personnel preparing for weeks, but must wait until the U.S. President signs a presidential disaster declaration that the governor of North Dakota requested in February. The President’s signature would allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency to dispatch vital federal resources to the Red River Valley. Meanwhile, a government shutdown looms April 8 as Congress attempts to compromise on a budget measure, but officials said federal emergency response resources should not be affected.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/315134/>

38. *April 6, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Border agent suspected of smuggling pot.** A U.S. Border Patrol agent was in the Yuma County, Arizona, Jail after his arrest for allegedly smuggling bundles of marijuana April 4, according to a report from KSWT-TV. Two other Border Patrol agents were patrolling an area east of Yuma, Arizona when they encountered the suspect, agents told the station. They said they noticed the suspect was carrying numerous bundles of pot inside a marked Border Patrol vehicle. The two Border Patrol agents informed their superiors, and the suspect was arrested and turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration, a spokesman for the Yuma Sector of U.S. Border Patrol said. He stated the suspect had worked for the Border Patrol for about 3 years and that his badge was immediately revoked.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/news/27450275/detail.html>

39. *April 5, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Jury indicts man for cop’s stolen gun.** A felon suspected of stealing a handgun from a Spokane, Washington sheriff’s detective’s squad car last April has been indicted by a federal grand jury. The suspect faces up to 10 years in federal prison for felon in possession of a firearm, unlawful concealing and storing stolen ammunition, and unlawful possession and sale of a stolen firearm. Investigators believe the suspect smashed out a window on the detective’s government-issued vehicle April 21 and stole fishing poles and a backpack

containing electronics, a Glock handgun, handcuffs, a flashlight, badge, and IDs for the Sheriff's Office and FBI. A jail inmate looking for a break on drug charges told detectives of a dumpster at Garland Avenue and Post Street where most of the items had been dumped. The suspect, who was arrested in February 2010 for a suspected burglary spree in Pullman, was released from jail after no charges were filed but has been in custody since March on new drug charges. A grand jury indicted him on the federal charges April 5 in U.S. District Court in Spokane.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/blogs/sirens/2011/apr/05/jury-indicts-man-cops-stolen-gun/>

40. *April 5, Government Technology* – (National) **North Carolina aerial photography to improve 911 service in 100 counties.** North Carolina is using a \$12.3 million grant to fund a statewide aerial photography project that will give emergency responders a common operating picture. In 2009, the North Carolina 911 Board awarded the grant to the Durham Emergency Communications Center on behalf of all counties for the NC Statewide Orthoimagery 2010 project, which will provide aerial images to 100 counties. According to a state report, the grant included the “acquisition of high-resolution aerial photos from digital cameras, processing into images that fit the Earth with accurate distances between features, quality control, packaging for delivery to all 100 counties and online public access.” Orthoimagery is used as reference points for locating calls to 911 centers. Images acquired for the project will help 911 centers respond during emergencies, the director of the Durham Emergency Communications Center said. “Location is the most critical piece of information in a 911 call,” he said. The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis gathered the aerial images during January through April 2010. The images will then be delivered to the counties by the end of this month, according to NC OneMap, a geospatial data resource Web site affiliated with the project.

Source: <http://www.govtech.com/geospatial/Aerial-Photography-911-Service-100-Counties.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

41. *April 7, The Register* – (International) **Popular open source DHCP program open to hack attacks.** The makers of the Internet's most popular open source DHCP program April 5 warned that it is vulnerable to hacks that allow attackers to remotely execute malicious code on underlying machines. The flaw, which is present in Internet Systems Consortium's (ISC) dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) versions prior to 3.1-ESV-R1, 4.1-ESV-R2, and 4.2.1-P1, stems from the program's failure to block commands that contain certain meta-characters. The vulnerability makes it possible for rogue servers on a targeted network to remotely execute malicious code on the client, ISC warned. ISC advises users to upgrade. Users can in some cases follow workarounds, which include disabling hostname updates or configuring their systems to access only legitimate DHCP servers in settings where access control lists are in place. DHCP is a system for automatically assigning computers IP addresses on a given



network and helping administrators to keep track of those assignments. ISC said its DHCP program is the most widely used open source DHCP implementation on the Internet.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/07/dhcp\\_remote\\_vuln/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/07/dhcp_remote_vuln/)

42. *April 6, The Register* – (International) **Wordpress backup vuln published.** A remote execution vulnerability has been discovered in Wordpress backup utility BackWPup. According to Sydney, Australia company Sense of Security, which published the advisory along with a proof-of-concept, the vulnerability allows local or remote PHP files to be passed to a component of the utility. “The input passed to the component wp\_xml\_export.php via the ‘wpabs’ variable allows the inclusion and execution of local or remote PHP files as long as a ‘\_nonce’ value is known. The ‘\_nonce’ value relies on a static constant which is not defined in the script meaning that it defaults to the value ‘822728c8d9’,” the advisory stated. Sense of Security said the vulnerability affects at least BackWPup Version 1.6.1 (the platform on which it has been tested), and users should upgrade to Version 1.7.1.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/06/wordpress\\_backup\\_vuln/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/06/wordpress_backup_vuln/)

43. *April 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **New Chinese bootkit opens the door to multiple infections.** A new bootkit — kernel-mode rootkit variant — has been recently spotted by a Kaspersky Lab researchers, and it looks like it is currently targeting Chinese users only. It is being distributed by a downloader trojan, which is picked up by users when they try to download a video from a bogus Chinese adult site. The bootkit saves the old master boot record (MBR) to the third sector and replaces it with its own. It also installs an encrypted driver and the rest of the code from the fourth sector onwards. Once the computer boots, the malicious code executes itself and restores the original MBR so Windows can be loaded without revealing the existence of the bootkit. “Once a specific part of the system has been booted, the bootkit intercepts the function ExVerifySuite. The installed hook replaces the system driver fips.sys with the malicious driver which was written to the start of the hard drive in an encrypted format,” a Kaspersky expert explained. “It should be noted that the driver fips.sys is not required for the operating system to run correctly, so the system won’t crash when it is replaced.” This driver detects a number of AV solutions and prevents them from working as they should. Among them are solutions from Trend Micro, BitDefender, AVG, Symantec, Kaspersky Lab, ESET, and half a dozen Chinese ones. Having done that, the driver compromises the explorer.exe process and injects into the machine a variant of the bootkit that is also a downloader. “The malicious program sends a request to the server in which it communicates information about the victim computer’s operating system, IP address, MAC address, etc,” the Kaspersky expert said.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1685](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1685)

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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](mailto: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

44. *April 6, RedOrbit* – (National) **Twitter finds technical issues with new site.** Microblogging site Twitter experienced a service disruption April 5, resulting in the site having to display an older version to some users. Twitter wrote on its Web site: “We’ve temporarily disabled #NewTwitter. Our engineers are working on re-enabling it and we’ll update you shortly.” Twitter announced in March that it moved its infrastructure to a new home at an undisclosed location, which the company said would allow it to constantly “stay abreast” of its capacity needs and provide greater reliability. However, Reuters reported a custom-built datacenter in Utah that was meant to house Twitter’s gear has been plagued with problems, forcing Twitter to move most of the site’s operations to a facility in Sacramento, California instead. April 5’s disruptions meant that some people were using the version of the Twitter site that preceded a redesign unveiled in September. Other users of the microblogging site were unable to log on at all, and were greeted with a page informing them that “something is technically wrong” and promising to have things “back to normal soon.”

Source:

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/technology/2025220/twitter\\_finds\\_technical\\_issues\\_with\\_new\\_site/](http://www.redorbit.com/news/technology/2025220/twitter_finds_technical_issues_with_new_site/)

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *April 7, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Harlem fire in high-rise apartment building injures 10 people, including grandmother on 18th floor.** A fire in the Harlem section of Manhattan, New York at the Drew Hamilton Houses injured 10 people, including a grandmother who suffered third-degree burns, officials said April 7. The grandmother was fighting for her life after the blaze swept through her 18th-floor apartment in the high-rise located on Fredrick Douglass Blvd. and W. 142nd St. about 11:45 p.m. April 6. It took firefighters 45 minutes to put out the fire, which left nine others hurt, one seriously, officials said. The injured were all taken to Harlem Hospital. Source: [http://www.nydailynews.com/ny\\_local/2011/04/07/2011-04-07\\_harlem\\_fire\\_in\\_highrise\\_apartment\\_building\\_injures\\_10\\_people\\_including\\_grandmoth.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/04/07/2011-04-07_harlem_fire_in_highrise_apartment_building_injures_10_people_including_grandmoth.html)

46. *April 7, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **Pipe bomb found in Trinidad; two arrested on drug, explosives charges.** The Humboldt County Drug Task Force arrested two people in Trinidad, California, April 6 after discovering suspected methamphetamine in a room at the Patrick's Point Inn, and pipe bombs in one suspect's automobile. The task force served a search warrant at room 3 of the inn, located in the 3600 block of Patrick's Point Drive, where, according to a press release, they found the two suspects. During a search of the room, agents discovered suspected methamphetamine as well as hundreds of small clear plastic baggies commonly used to package controlled substances for the purpose of sales, the task force said. It said they also searched the automobiles used by the two men and found two metal pipes with metal caps on each end and what appeared to be gunpowder. Agents then notified the Humboldt County Sheriff's Explosive Ordinance Disposal unit, which remotely detonated the devices without further incident. The two men were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of explosive devices. Both were transported and booked into the Humboldt County Jail.  
Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci\\_17791577](http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_17791577)
47. *April 7, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Man severely burned in auto repair shop explosion.** An explosion and fire at a Denver, Colorado auto repair shop and warehouse April 7 critically injured one man and sent a firefighter to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The fire and explosion at 1160 South Lipan, near West Mississippi Avenue, was first reported around 1:35 a.m., a Denver fire spokesman. When firefighters arrived, the warehouse was engulfed in flames. Firefighters entered the building and found a man with extensive thermal burns, the spokesman said. Firefighters believe the man lives in the building, he said. The man was transported to the hospital in unknown condition. Firefighters found a lot of oxygen bottles inside, which were a concern, the spokesman said. He said it took firefighters about 50 minutes to get the fire under control and about 70 minutes to get the fire fully extinguished. The structure partially collapsed and is considered a total loss, he said. Firefighters were able to contain the flames to one building, and it did not spread to neighboring buildings or homes. The firefighter who was hurt became injured while moving fire lines into the building, the spokesman said.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/27463347/detail.html>
48. *April 6, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Woman jailed in South Dallas apartment fire that injured 1, displaced 25.** Fire-rescue investigators arrested a Dallas, Texas woman April 6 suspected of setting a 3-alarm fire that injured 1 resident and displaced 25 at the Spanish Inn Apartments in South Dallas. Investigators said the woman set the fire April 5 with a flammable liquid after getting into an argument with a resident at the apartment complex, located on Hickory Street. She faces a first-degree felony arson charge. Just before 8 p.m. April 5, firefighters responded to the blaze and went inside the complex to look for residents before fire and smoke forced them back outside. A 54-year-old man living in the apartments was taken to a local hospital for treatment of burns on one of his legs. The fire started on the first floor at the north end of the building, moved into the walls and attic, then spread through the building. The blaze left 24 units uninhabitable, and the cause is being investigated.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/south-dallas/headlines/20110406-woman-jailed-in-south-dallas-apartment-fire-that-injured-1-displaced-25.ece>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

49. *April 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Nat'l Parks face federal shutdown on Civil War eve.** The looming shutdown of the federal government includes the National Parks Service (NPS), which could mean events commemorating the start of the Civil War with a Confederate attack on Fort Sumter in South Carolina may have to happen without the fort itself. A shutdown would also affect trips to the nation's capital, where the Smithsonian and the National Zoo would be among the first to close, and could cause spring break campers out West to find Yosemite and other parks closed. If lawmakers cannot reach an agreement, NPS ceases operations at midnight April 8, shuttering Fort Sumter in the middle of Charleston Harbor days before events marking the 150th anniversary of the first shots of the war. If the federal government shuts down, then all 394 NPS sites would be closed and about 20,000 park service employees would be idled, an agency spokesman in Washington D.C. said. About 15,000 concession employees who run hotels, restaurants, and gift shops would likely be idled as well. In April, about 800,000 people visit national park sites each day, and those visitors spend \$32 million a day, giving a boost to local economies, he said.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/nation/natl-parks-face-federal-shutdown-on-civil-war-1382533.html>

50. *April 7, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Fire near Patagonia will keep burning.** U.S. Forest Service (USFS) firefighters in Arizona will allow a wildfire near Patagonia to continue smoldering while it burns pockets of grass and brush not initially consumed by flames. Firefighters have contained the 8,000-acre Duke Fire that blazed through the Coronado National Forest near Patagonia, but a USFS spokeswoman said smoke will be visible for several weeks. The fire is not expected to spread beyond the perimeter created by firefighters. The human-caused fire, which started March 20, came to within 12 miles of Patagonia. Fire danger in the Sierra Vista Ranger District remains high, the spokeswoman said.

Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/article\\_f98e638a-5c69-575e-b28b-ea0f53d26017.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/article_f98e638a-5c69-575e-b28b-ea0f53d26017.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

51. *April 7, Columbus Telegram* – (Nebraska) **City fills in ruts along dike caused by all-terrain vehicles.** An evening and weekend recreational diversion for all-terrain vehicle

(ATV) riders is causing problems for the city of Columbus, Nebraska, along the Loup River dike that shields the community from flooding dangers. ATV enthusiasts have created a trail on the inside toe of the dike along the river in the Wagner Lakes area — wearing ruts up to 2 feet deep in places — creating erosion problems and undermining the strength of the structure. “A lot of damage was caused through the winter,” said the city street superintendent, whose crews spent April 5 hauling 500 yards of dirt to the Wagner Lakes area to fill holes and stabilize erosion along the dike. He said the city has provided ATV riders and pedestrians with paved access points across the dike, but riders have been crossing at other spots along the structure from the Union Pacific Railroad bridge to the 33rd Avenue Bridge. The track created along the inside edge of the dike, a result of ATV riders heading for trails that weave through trees in the riverbed, is posted as a no trespassing zone. “The no trespassing signs were just pulled up and thrown in the weeds,” he said. He is asking members of the public to report ATV riders who violate the rules. If ATV riders continue to create erosion problems along the dike, repairs and grass seeding will not take root as the city readies for the structure’s annual inspection in September. The city has been responsible for the maintenance of the dike built by the U.S. Corps of Engineers since its completion in 1972.

Source: [http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/article\\_b748c1a0-6119-11e0-ab75-001cc4c03286.html](http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/article_b748c1a0-6119-11e0-ab75-001cc4c03286.html)

52. *April 7, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Stanislaus levee under close watch.** California water and Stanislaus County officials are keeping a close eye on the San Joaquin River near Newman, where erosion is happening to a river bank. About 10 feet of that bank has disappeared in the last few weeks, and there is concern the damage could continue right up to a levee that protects nearby farmland and a few homes. “The water is going to stay high for a couple more months, so we need to pay close attention to the levees in the county,” the Stanislaus County fire warden said. About a dozen officials and engineers from the county, state, and reclamation district inspected the problem April 6. An official said it was likely some sort of repairs would be made to the river bank to prevent further damage. The San Joaquin is especially high in that area, after joining with the Merced River just a few miles south. Water officials thought it would be necessary to monitor the river levels in that part of Stanislaus County through the start of July.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/132388/2/Stanislaus-levee-under-close-watch>

53. *April 6, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Work begins on Tuckerton dam upgrades.** Work started April 4 on a 2-year project to upgrade the existing dam under Route 9 at Lake Pohatcong in New Jersey. The \$5.5 million project will bring the dam into compliance with state department of environmental protection standards and will provide safety improvements on Route 9, state officials said. A spokesman with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), said the project will bring the dam up to the standards of the state safe dam act. The dam and its embankments that support Route 9 are owned and maintained by NJDOT. The new spillway will be able to handle water flow from a potential 100-year storm without water overtopping the dam,

officials said. It will include a gate to control release of low level water. To avoid dam failure, steel sheeting will be installed underground along the dam next to Route 9 northbound.

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