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- According to Darkreading, personal information, including Social Security numbers and passport information, of thousands of US Airways pilots was leaked in a data breach. (See item [15](#))

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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 8, Ukiah Daily Journal* – (California) **1,000-gallon gasoline heist reported at Gualala station.** Authorities are looking for suspects in the alleged theft of about 1,000 gallons of gasoline from a Gualala Chevron station in Gualala, California, the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Department (MSCO) reported April 7. Deputies responded to the Chevron station at 2 p.m. April 4. They learned that a U-Haul truck and an unknown type of two-door sedan had arrived at the station at 4:30 a.m. April 2.

“It is believed that, through some type of electronic manipulation, the pumps were unlocked and approximately 1,000 gallons of gas was taken,” the MCSO stated. The estimated value of the theft is \$5,500, according to the MCSO.

Source: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_17800291

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

2. *April 8, Reuters* – (International) **Toshiba proposes to scrap Fukushima nuclear plant.** Toshiba Corp. submitted a proposal to Tokyo Electric Power Co. and Japan’s ministry of economy, trade, and industry to dismantle the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan by 2020, the Nikkei business daily reported. The proposal was drawn up jointly by 3 U.S. firms — Toshiba’s Westinghouse Electric Co, Babcock & Wilcox Co, and Shaw Group Inc — which worked to clean the damaged reactor at the Three Mile Island nuclear facility Pennsylvania, the daily said. Toshiba and its partners plan to revise the proposal as the situation unfolds, as conditions inside the reactors are still unclear, Nikkei reported. The proposal calls for demolishing damaged buildings at the facility without causing any secondary fallout, monitoring radiation levels, and removing debris using robots, the daily added. Hitachi Ltd , which has teamed up with U.S. firms General Electric Co., Bechtel Corp., and others to help resolve the crisis at the crippled plant, is also expected to submit a proposal for decommissioning the facility.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/07/toshiba-idUSL3E7F73E720110407>

3. *April 7, Associated Press* – (Washington) **‘Unusual event’ declared at Hanford nuclear plant.** A spokesman for the Columbia Generating Station near Richland, Washington said a small amount of hydrogen gas trapped in a pipe ignited in a brief, 6-inch flame April 7 when workers cut into the pipe. An Energy Northwest spokesman said no one was injured and no equipment was damaged in the “puff,” which he said lasted less than a second. Still, the Columbia Generating Station declared an “unusual event” and temporarily evacuated the immediate area. Plant officials also notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He said the pipe is located in the plant’s main turbine building, which is a non-nuclear area. He added, “there’s no association whatsoever with the reactor building or radiation.” The plant is located on the Hanford nuclear reservation in southcentral Washington. He said an “unusual event” describes a condition at a commercial nuclear power plant that could potentially compromise normal safety levels. The plant began a scheduled refueling outage April 6.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014715662_apwanuclearplantevent1stldwritethru.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *April 8, Bloomberg* – (International) **Toyota to resume output at all Japan plants after disruptions from quake.** Toyota Motor Corp. will resume output at all local factories April 18. Toyota will restart production at about 50 percent of full capacity and continue manufacturing through April 27, said a spokesman for the Toyota City, Japan-based carmaker. The company may briefly halt factories April 20, and has not decided on a production plan after Japan's Golden Week holidays in early May, he said. Honda aims to restart auto production at half the normal rate the week of April 10, after resuming making parts for export plants the week of April 3. It will take 2 to 3 months for Honda factories to reach full levels of operation, the company's CEO said. Nissan aims to begin 50 percent operation at parts and auto assembly plants starting from April 11. Its damaged engine plant in Iwaki, northern Japan, will resume output April 18 as will its car-assembly plant in Tochigi, Nissan said April 8. Other car-assembly plants will reopen April 11 or April 13, the company said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-08/toyota-to-resume-output-at-all-japan-plants-production-in-may-undecided.html>

5. *April 8, WHTC 1450 AM Holland* – (Michigan) **Blaze strikes factory on Holland's eastern fringe.** Some welding work led to a blaze at the L & W Engineering plant located on East 32nd Street in Holland, Michigan, WHTC reported April 8. According to authorities, sparks flew inside the factory and landed in the building's dust collection system, igniting residue in the pipes the night of April 7. Workers inside attempted to stifle the blaze with extinguishers but failed, and when firefighters arrived, flames were coming from the roof, and heavy smoke filled the structure. Crews were able to contain the flames to the area where it had started, and there were no injuries reported among employees and firefighters. Investigators initially estimated the dollar amount of damage at about \$10,000.

Source: <http://whtc.com/news/articles/2011/apr/08/blaze-strikes-factory-hollands-eastern-fringe/>

6. *April 7, Detroit Free Press* – (National) **GM Texas plant cuts back production amid Japanese auto supply crisis.** General Motors postponed a day of overtime at its SUV plant in Arlington, Texas, as automakers continue to adjust to supply problems from March's Japanese earthquake and tsunami, the Detroit Free Press reported April 7. The Arlington plant runs 2 shifts, 10 hours a day, 4 days a week, and has been running overtime on Fridays and sometimes Saturdays since January 2010. Friday's two shifts of overtime were postponed, GM said, declining to give a reason. Detroit automakers have been occasionally canceling production as they try to determine the impact of the Japanese crisis on suppliers. In March, GM closed its small pickup plant in Shreveport,

Louisiana, for a week and canceled related engine production in Tonawanda, New York, to save parts for hotter sellers. Ford canceled production the week of April 4 in Flat Rock and Kentucky. Chrysler stopped overtime in Brampton, Ontario, and Toluca, Mexico, to conserve parts. Many analysts said they expect Japanese automakers to fare much worse through the summer, as those companies cope with widespread production halts, although a snafu with just one part could idle a Detroit Three plant. Another earthquake aftershock, this one a magnitude 7.4, struck Japan April 7. GM is also rescheduling the first two of the three shifts it had scheduled for overtime April 9 at its crossover plant in Lansing, a spokeswoman said. She said the change in plans has nothing to do with Japanese suppliers.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110407/BUSINESS0101/110407050/GM-Texas-plant-cuts-back-production-amid-Japanese-auto-supply-crisis>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *April 8, Canadian Press* – (National) **U.S. watchdog issues new warning about F-35 design and cost.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is worried the manufacturer of the F-35 stealth fighter keeps making too many late design changes, and that Lockheed Martin seems unable to control skyrocketing costs, according to a report released April 7. The new assessment was a follow-up to a report issued in March that showed the purchase price for the ultra high-tech fighter-bomber would be substantially more than some buyers estimated. “After more than nine years in development and four in production, the program has not fully demonstrated that the aircraft design is stable, manufacturing processes are mature, and the system is reliable,” the report said. The assessment also warns that the prime contractor has not had “adequate and disciplined” systems in place to “effectively track costs and control schedules.” The report warns that as many as 10,000 more design changes are expected between now and 2016. GAO said the number of changes is alarming because it will take years for those individual modifications to make their way into the manufacturing progress, and aircraft already on the flight line will have to be refitted. It said the risk to the program is significant. The numerous design changes indicate a “lack of understanding about the design” and could lead to parts shortages and a messed-up supply chain.
Source: <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/politics/article/971405--u-s-watchdog-issues-new-warning-about-f-35-design-and-cost?bn=1>

8. *April 6, Darkreading* – (International) **Law firms under siege.** Law firms are increasingly getting hit by stealthy, low-profile targeted attacks going after intelligence on their corporate clients, Darkreading reported April 6. Forensics investigators at Mandiant are working on twice as many targeted attacks by so-called advanced persistent threat (APT) adversaries against law firms than in years past; of the commercial victims Mandiant investigated during the past 18 months or so, 10 percent were law firms. And those are only the cases Mandiant sees: Its executives said many more go unnoticed by the victim organizations. Law firms are joining the ranks of

federal government agencies, defense contractors, and technology companies (like Google and RSA) as targets for APTs because “[l]aw firms are a means to an end: a defense contractor or utility” that they represent, for example, said the vice president of professional services at Mandiant. He said while he worked on just a handful of cases where law firms were hit, he now sees a dozen to 15 at once. Attackers find law firms an attractive and relatively soft target for gathering the intelligence they want on a new weapons system or software, for example. Firms that represent clients in mergers and acquisitions, or civil litigation, are getting hit, including when their clients are involved with deals involving Chinese companies.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/229401089/law-firms-under-siege.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *April 7, Bloomberg* – (National) **Ex-bond trader pleads guilty in \$9 million trading scheme.** A former bond trader pleaded guilty in New Jersey April 7, admitting he manipulated the prices of collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) to conceal trading losses, a U.S. attorney said in a statement. He worked at Crocker Securities, a broker-dealer that used the clearing services of Pershing LLC in Jersey City. He managed an account that “suffered significant trading losses” in 2004 that worsened through 2008, the U.S. attorney said. To conceal the losses, he entered fraudulent transactions to boost the price of CMOs to correspond to increasing losses in the Crocker trading accounts, the statement said. As a result of his fraudulent trading activity, the price of CMOs was inflated, and he lost more than \$9 million when it had to liquidate positions in the Crocker account, the statement said. He faces as many as 20 years in prison, and is scheduled to be sentenced July 22.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-04-07/ex-bond-trader-pleads-guilty-in-9-million-trading-scheme.html>

10. *April 7, KMOX 1120 AM St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Police chase/gun battle leads to bomb scare in St. Louis.** Two would-be bank robbers disguised as construction workers were shot by city police April 7, in a running gun battle that stretched from south St. Louis, Missouri, to the north side and ended with a bomb threat and controlled detonation of an explosive device the suspects were carrying. Authorities said one suspect was shot in the head and the neck and is hospitalized in critical condition -- the other was hit in the hand. A police officer was also wounded, but his injuries are considered minor. The first bullet fired was inside the Pulaski Bank around 9:30 a.m. That is when police said the two suspects -- dressed in construction gear including hard hats -- entered the bank, pulled a weapon, and shot once into the ceiling to intimidate customers and staff. They also placed a grenade like-device on the teller counter and demanded money. Following the robbery of an undisclosed amount of cash, police said the suspects exited the bank, taking the device with them, driving off in a green pickup truck. Officers spotted them and began a pursuit, during which the suspects fired at police from their vehicle. The chase ended in North St. Louis when the suspects hit a

slower moving car. Police officers rammed the suspects' truck from behind, disabling the vehicle. At that point, a hail of gunfire erupted, involving the suspects and the police officers on the scene -- ending with the suspects' wounded and a police officer hit in the leg. The injured were extracted from the scene and taken to local hospitals -- but a bomb and arson squad was called in to examine that grenade-like device used in the robbery, which was later detonated as a precaution. While there is no official confirmation yet, the suspects' description matches the two men who robbed the Pulaski Bank Branch at 10 Maryland Plaza in March.

Source: <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2011/04/07/breaking-two-in-custody-after-bank-robberychase-in-st-louis/>

11. *April 7, eWeek* – (International) **Chase Bank phish emails may be first post-Epsilon scam.** The Better Business Bureau (BBB) warned April 6 that the first post-Epsilon phishing e-mails have been spotted. In this case, cyber-crooks are targeting bank customers with a phony warning and a malicious link. An e-mail purporting to be from Chase Bank that tells users their account will be deleted unless prompt action is taken is currently making the rounds. Users are encouraged to click on the link provided to get to the “profile page” to update their information. JPMorgan Chase was one of the companies affected by the recent Epsilon data breach. Epsilon, a large e-mail marketing services company, disclosed April 1 attackers had stolen customer e-mail addresses belonging to some of its clients. If the “Chase Bank” phish is really related to the Epsilon breach, and not just one of the many fake Chase e-mails seen in the past, it proves the attack on Epsilon was a well-thought-out attack, said the chief technology officer of Application Security. The attackers knew precisely who to go after and what the payoff would be. “Based on the BBB warning, they now appear to be acting very swiftly to carry out their specific phishing attempts,” he said.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Chase-Bank-Phish-Emails-May-Be-First-PostEpsilon-Scam-851226/>

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Transportation Sector

12. *April 8, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York; International) **Police investigating Rainbow Bridge bomb threat.** The Rainbow Bridge from Niagara Falls, New York to Canada is back open after being shutdown for several hours overnight April 8. The bridge was closed shortly after midnight after a suitcase and several duffel bags were found abandoned near the duty free shop on the Canadian side. A bridge official said bomb squad experts were called in to check out the items as a precaution. Once the all-clear was given, the bridge reopened shortly before 5 a.m.

Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/117438/1/Police-Investigating-Rainbow-Bridge-Bomb-Threat>

13. *April 8, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Cleveland airport evacuated amid screening glitch.** A glitch in a bag screening machine led to an evacuation and delays at Cleveland, Ohio's main airport. A spokeswoman for Cleveland Hopkins International Airport said the entire airport was cleared at about 5:30 a.m. April 8 when screeners at a checkpoint realized the machine was giving them a static image, not an accurate look at what was in passengers' carry-on bags. The spokeswoman said the 45-minute evacuation was undertaken as a precaution so a security sweep could be done. Passengers and their bags were then allowed back in to be rescreened. The rescreening backlog ended about 7:30 a.m. The spokeswoman said a few flights were still experiencing minor delays 90 minutes later. She said a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) technical team was dispatched to check on the problem. A TSA statement said an X-ray machine experienced a "mechanical malfunction."
Source: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2014716261_apusclevelandairporthvacuation.html
14. *April 7, Oklahoma State University* – (National) **Metallic oxide nanoparticles render explosives harmless.** A research team at Oklahoma State University has developed and tested a spray-on material that can identify and make explosives carried on aircraft harmless. The detector and neutralizer that resemble ink were recently unveiled at the 241st National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS). A researcher who led the team said the material can be used in multiple areas such as battlefields, airports, and subways. The ink-like substance has been fabricated from miniscule metallic oxide nanoparticles. The color of the ink changes from dark blue to pale yellow or transparent when in the vicinity of explosives. From being a metallic conductor, it changes into a non-conducting substance, enabling electronic detecting. This feature ensures it can rapidly track vapors emitted by explosives. In the form of a wearable sensor, it can be used as a badge on a uniform. It can alternately be used as a paper-based test strip. It can also be used as a stand-alone system. It could also be designed into a piece of jewelry or mobile phone. It could be sprayed onto explosives or any unattended package that looks suspicious long enough for the color to change indicating the explosive has been neutralized. The ink has been made from nanoparticles of a compound of molybdenum, a metal used in missile and aircraft components. The dark blue ink responds to peroxide explosives and becomes yellow or clear. The material can identify TATP vapors at even 50 parts per million within seconds. The feature enables it to be used as a neutralizer. The team added the material to TATP or HMTD and rendered them non-explosive. The team has founded Xplosafe, a company that will develop and retail the material.
Source: <http://www.azonano.com/news.asp?newsID=22140>
15. *April 7, Darkreading* – (National) **Thousands of US Airways pilots victims of possible insider data breach.** The U.S. Airline Pilots Association (USAPA) said it has been working with the FBI for several months in the wake of a leak of personal information of 3,000 of the airline union's pilots. A spokesman for US Airways April 7 declined to comment on specifics of the case, but confirmed that two-thirds of the airline's pilots — 3,000 of its employees — were affected by the breach. US Airways is

offering 12 months of LifeLock's identity theft watch services to the pilots, he said. The USAPA, a union that represents 5,200 US Airways pilots, April 6 publicly expressed its frustration with the airline's handling of the case. The USAPA said the airline recently revealed a management-level pilot leaked a database of US Airways pilot names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and possibly passport information to a third-party pilot group. A former chief pilot at the airline reportedly handed over the information in an Excel document in October 2009 to the group, called Leonidas, which represents pilots from what was once America West, now part of US Airways, according to a published report. The leak appears to be associated with a long-running labor dispute and bad blood between former America West pilots and their counterparts at US Airways. According to the USAPA, the group "has acted to disrupt the ongoing negotiations between USAPA and US Airways currently under the auspices of the National Mediation Board and undermine USAPA's bargaining objectives."

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/database-security/167901020/security/attacks-breaches/229401204/thousands-of-us-airways-pilots-victims-of-possible-insider-data-breach.html>

16. *April 6, Aviation Week* – (National) **737 operators need to inspect lap joints.** Boeing 737 Classic operators with aircraft at or above 30,000 flight cycles must inspect lap joints for cracks, according to a Service Bulletin issued by the airframer April 4. The bulletin, which recommends lap-joint inspections on 175 higher life time 737-300/400/500s built between 1993 and 2000, was issued following a fuselage skin failure experienced on a Southwest Airlines-operated 737-300 April 1. Boeing's chief project engineer for 737 Classic said: "We are all concerned about the recent development." He added, however, that, given the history of similar lap-joint cracks on earlier model 737s, "it was not completely unanticipated." Following these earlier events, Boeing redesigned the lap-joint area to beef it up and introduced the first of these into service in 1993. Boeing's analysis, however, predicted the potential for skin cracks in the redesigned lap joint area at around 60,000 cycles — well beyond the lower cycle time at which the Southwest aircraft failure occurred. The inspections, estimated to require between 8 and 16 hours per aircraft, are focused on a lower row of fasteners roughly 50 feet long between fuselage stations 360 and 908. The work is centered in the lower lobe by Stringer 4 on the left- and right-hand sides of the fuselage. Eddy current inspections will indicate the presence of potential cracks, the engineer said. The bulletin recommends operators with aircraft of more than 35,000 cycles start inspections within 5 days. Operators with slightly lower cycle times, of 30,000-35,000, have a 20-day grace period to begin the process. Boeing said the Federal Aviation Administration is mandating repetitive inspections every 500 cycles following the initial check as a precaution until root causes, final fixes and inspection periods can be verified by Boeing. A total of 570, 737 Classics built over the period up to 2000 are eventually expected to require inspections, the engineer said.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/avd/2011/04/06/01.xml&headline=737 Operators Need To Inspect Lap Joints&channel=mro](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/avd/2011/04/06/01.xml&headline=737%20Operators%20Need%20To%20Inspect%20Lap%20Joints&channel=mro)

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *April 8, The Register* – (International) **Blackhole exploit posted on US Postal Service site.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has pulled down a site hosting malicious code that was earlier used in a sophisticated multi-stage attack featuring the Blackhole Exploit kit. The infected site, which is involved in the delivery of USPS's business mail-focused barcode-based Intelligent Mail services, was infiltrated with malicious JavaScript. This malicious script redirected through a relay of other sites to an attack portal. The attack portal displays a 404 Page Not Found error message while delivering live malicious code. The drive-by attack was ultimately aimed at using software vulnerabilities to install trojan viruses onto the machines of surfers visiting the particular USPS domain the miscreants compromised.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/08/us_postal_service_exploit/

18. *April 7, Annapolis Capital* – (Maryland) **Suspicious letter was a false alarm.** City and county fire officials in Annapolis, Maryland dealt with two suspicious-object reports April 5, but neither object proved to be dangerous. A letter containing a small packet of a powdery substance that was sent to a state office building in downtown Annapolis turned out to be full of baby powder, officials said. Also on April 5, county firefighters were called to a Millersville storage facility at 3:19 p.m. for another suspicious object. A caller told 911 he found what looked like a homemade pipe bomb, county police said. The Annapolis Bomb Squad unit was called to the scene, as were county fire inspectors. The bomb squad took the pipe and an investigation continues.

Source: <http://www.hometownannapolis.com/news/for/2011/04/07-32/Suspicious-letter-was-a-false-alarm.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *April 8, Food Safety News* – (National) **Food safety agencies have shutdown plans.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), which maintains a constant presence in meat and poultry plants across the country, will continue inspections even if the federal government shuts down. The plan to classify FSIS inspectors as “essential personnel” would keep about 8,000 inspectors in 6,200 processing facilities. Management and non-inspection personnel would likely be furloughed, along with much of the rest of USDA. Just before the announcement April 7, meat industry groups pressed the U.S. President to clarify the issue. “As the possibility of a government shutdown becomes more real so does the threat to the industry’s ability to provide a critical component of the food supply,” the president of American Meta Institute (AMI) wrote in a letter to the President, which was also circulated on Capitol Hill. The AMI president pointed out that in past shutdowns, the White House Office of Management and Budget “deemed

essential those employees whose ‘activities [are] essential to ensure continued public health and safety, including safe use of food, drugs, and hazardous materials.’”

According to AMI, if a shutdown kept inspectors out of plants, it would impact 3.7 million jobs and cause a loss of approximately \$3 billion per day. Meat and poultry plants are not legally able to operate without USDA inspection.

Source: http://journalstar.com/business/local/article_ffdac740-8149-5954-8598-c747941d9174.html

20. *April 8, Food Safety News* – (Louisiana) **Lethal Listeria outbreak tied to hog head cheese.** In August, 2010, a half million pounds of sausages and hog head cheese were pulled off Louisiana grocery shelves in a recall triggered by what the state department of agriculture and forestry said were *Listeria monocytogenes* isolates detected in a product sample from Veron Foods. The contamination was discovered in the Prairieville-based company’s products, according to the news release, “through a foodborne illness investigation.” There was no indication of whether that meant one illness or multiple illnesses. Less widely circulated than the recall notice, however, was the Louisiana Morbidity Report, September-October 2010, which on page 5 revealed that behind the recall was a significant foodborne illness outbreak — 14 cases of listeriosis. The Louisiana Listeria outbreak is now disclosed in detail by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its most recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, issued April 7. CDC said the case was the first published report of an invasive listeriosis outbreak associated with hog head cheese. The CDC report also mentions something else the Louisiana report did not: seven of the 14 listeriosis cases were so severe the individuals had to be hospitalized. And two of the case patients died.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/first-invasive-listeriosis-linked-to-hog-head-cheese/>
21. *April 8, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Explosion, fire rocks manufacturing plant.** No one was hurt by explosions and a fire April 7 at a K & O Manufacturing Co., Inc. plant in Hull, Iowa. The fire started inside the plant a little before 5 p.m. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Heat from the flames touched off explosions of two containers of flammable material. Part of the plant is a total loss. K & O makes livestock trailers and other farm equipment.
Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/27476678/detail.html>
22. *April 8, Monterey County Herald* – (California) **Salinas supermarket evacuated after fire.** A North Davis Road SaveMart supermarket in Salinas, California, filled with smoke, forcing a full evacuation, after a freezer display case caught fire April 7. The Salinas fire battalion chief said firefighters responded about 9:07 p.m. to the fire, which an employee had extinguished by the time firefighters arrived. The amount of smoke in the building forced evacuation of all employees and customers. The smoke was so potentially damaging to the store’s produce and other unwrapped goods that county environmental health inspectors were called. The battalion chief said the store would remain closed the rest of the night April 7, but could reopen April 8.
Source: http://www.montereyherald.com/local/ci_17800602?nclick_check=1

23. *April 7, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio Fresh Eggs fined, settles complaints.** Ohio Fresh Eggs (OFE), the state’s largest egg producer, has agreed to pay a \$625,000 fine to settle dozens of pollution and permit complaints dating back to 2003. The attorney general of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency announced April 7 an agreement resolving 71 allegations involving laws, regulations, and permits in Licking, Hardin, and Wyandot counties. OFE will make environmental improvements over the next 2 years at its farms in central Ohio. The settlement still needs final approval by the state. Some of the violations go back to when the farms were operated by Buckeye Egg Farm. The agreement was filed April 6 in Licking County Common Pleas Court. The charges in contempt, according to the release, include failure to comply with required barn renovation schedules based on the 2001 Buckeye Egg Farm consent order in Licking County, applicable to OFE as the entity that bought the former Buckeye Egg Farm in 2003. The proposed consent order imposes on OFE more stringent insect and rodent control measures, and limits the number of birds that can be stocked at the various OFE facilities. In 2009, OFE agreed to pay \$300,000 for clean water violations from one of its egg farms.
Source: <http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/BF/20110407/NEWS01/110407015/0/HS SPORTS05/Ohio-Fresh-Eggs-fined-settles-complaints?odyssey=nav/head>
24. *April 6, Associated Press* – (National) **Dust Bowl states see farms dry up, fires rage.** Oklahoma has been drier in the 4 months following Thanksgiving than it has been in any similar period since 1921. Neighboring states are in similar shape as the drought stretches from the Louisiana Gulf coast to Colorado, and conditions are getting worse, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The area in Texas covered by an extreme drought has tripled in the past month to 40 percent, and in Oklahoma it nearly doubled in 1 week to 16 percent, according to the monitor’s March 29 update. “Many drought indicators in east-central Texas have reached the Exceptional Drought (D4) level, and if rain does not materialize soon, intensification of the current drought is likely,” the update stated. While dozens of people in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas have lost homes to the hundreds of grassfires that have torn through the parched landscape in the past month, Oklahoma officials said more fires caused more damage as recently as 2009. In 2011, the biggest losses are likely to come from the drought’s effect on the wheat farmers planted last fall and hoped to harvest in June, they said.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42454820/ns/weather>
25. *April 5, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (International) **Disease outbreak leads to new poultry import rules.** Starting April 5, anyone trying to bring processed poultry or hard-boiled eggs into the United States from Mexico will need a permit, as part of an effort to stop the spread of a bird-borne disease. An outbreak of Newcastle disease in parts of Mexico prompted the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to mandate government certification that the poultry has been cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 74 degrees Celsius, or a USDA Veterinary Services import permit, for anyone trying to cross the border with chicken eggs or meat, a Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman said. Hard-boiled eggs from Mexican states, other than Sinaloa and Sonora, must also be accompanied by a

Veterinary Services import permit, she said. Products without the right permits will be seized or refused entry into the country, she said. The temperature requirement in Fahrenheit degrees is 165.

Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/27443490/detail.html>

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26. *April 8, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Road work begins after sewer main break.** Road restoration is underway almost 2 days after a sewer main burst in Miami Beach, Florida. By 6 p.m. April 7, crews completed repairs to a 36-inch sewer main that broke at the intersection of 71st Street and Harding Avenue. Residents and business owners endured a soggy and smelly day April 6 after 10 feet of the sewer main broke, shooting dirty water into the air. The cause of the break is not yet known, and the broken section of the pipe was taken away from the scene for testing. Crews have been working around the clock to make repairs to the main. Late the night of April 7, officials thought they had successfully patched the leak, but the fix failed. A Miami Beach spokesperson said, “When we put all the pumps back on, and we put the full pressure, we had a problem like a leaky faucet type of situation, so we’re just going to go in there and fix that connector.” Two blocks away, another sewer main broke in the parking lot along 73rd Street and Collins Avenue. The air in the area had been filled with a sulfuric odor ever since the sewer line’s break. That odor has since diminished since trucks have been spraying the pavement in the area with chlorine to try and disinfect and neutralize the odor. A precautionary swim advisory remains in effect for eastern Biscayne Bay, between 88th Street and 57th Street, and west to Cameo Island in North Bay Village. Though the leak affected businesses and transit in the area, the sewer break never affected drinking water.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21003991150137/>

27. *April 8, Monroe News Star* – (Louisiana) **Water trucked in.** In Tensas Parish, Louisiana, officials April 7 said the water situation in the tornado-ravaged parish remains serious, and the Louisiana National Guard has brought in additional water tanks to supply residents with safe drinking water. Officials with the state department of health and hospitals said they do not know the number of people still without water. The director of the Tensas Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness said the two water systems in the parish that were not damaged by the April 4 tornado have successfully been linked to those systems that were. The Tensas Water Distribution Association Inc.’s \$5 million water treatment plant sustained more than \$2 million damage when the F-2 tornado touched down in the area of Lake Bruin, he said. More than 50-60 homes received varying degrees of damage, the Lake Bruin Golf and Country Club was severely damaged along with a centuries-old antebellum home. The Tensas Water Distribution Association Inc. plant produced water for three systems, including the Tensas Water Distribution Association, Lake Bruin District No. 1, and the town of Waterproof. These systems serve about 5,391 people. Those systems and the Lake Bruin Water System remain under a boil advisory. The parish has been

designated a disaster area by the state, but it has not been designated federally. The director said workers are trying to clear debris at the damaged water treatment plant, and officials hope to soon begin assessments on whether it is operable. He said officials hope to begin testing water production as early as April 11.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20110408/NEWS01/104080332>

28. *April 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Maine) **Bangor-based railway company fined for Clean Water violations.** A Maine-based railroad has agreed to pay \$30,000 to settle Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) claims that it violated the Clean Water Act and federal regulations designed to prevent oil spills from reaching waterways. Bangor-based Montreal Maine & Atlantic Railway operates a locomotive repair and maintenance facility in Milo, Maine, which has a total storage capacity of almost 108,000 gallons of oil. According to EPA, a railway employee October 2, 2009, left a fuel transfer unattended in the Milo facility's boiler room. The facility's secondary containment failed to prevent fuel oil from spilling onto the boiler room's grated floor. The fuel oil traveled underground and eventually reached the Piscataquis River.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/A0AA4073AB7348528525786B006C9E8C>

29. *April 7, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Sewer pump station fails sending millions of gallons of sewage into Ohio River.** Millions of gallons of raw sewage are flowing into the Ohio River in Huntington, West Virginia, and the city has been unable to stop it. A pump station in the city's west end stopped working around 10 a.m. April 7. That station is fed by four other stations. Instead of them pumping the sewage into the wastewater treatment plant like they normally do, the stations are sending millions of gallons into the Ohio River. The city estimated it would take up to 24 hours just to get backwater pumped out of the station so they can get in and assess the damage. Once the sanitary board figures out the problem, they estimate it could cost anywhere from \$50,000-\$500,000 to fix, and anywhere from a day to a week to complete the repairs. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection was called in to monitor the situation.

Source:

http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Sewer_Pump_Station_Fails_Sending_Millions_of_Gallons_of_Sewage_into_Ohio_River_119434834.html?ref=834

30. *April 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Hampshire) **Portsmouth N.H. scrap yard ordered to address polluted water discharges.** Discharges of polluted stormwater and other pollutant discharges in violation of the Clean Water Act has prompted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue an enforcement order to Grimm Industries, LLC, a metal scrap recycler located on the banks of the Piscataqua River in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Grimm leases the property from Pease Development Authority. Monitoring by Pease shows the stormwater discharges from Grimm's metal scrapyards contain metals, suspended solids, and chemical oxygen demand which exceed permit benchmarks. Further, the stormwater discharges

contain mercury and PCBs that cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards. The company discharges its stormwater and dust suppressant wastewater to the Piscataqua. The EPA order requires Grimmel to terminate its unpermitted discharge, begin sampling its stormwater discharges, and develop and implement a plan to reduce contaminant levels in its stormwater discharge.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/1e5ab1124055f3b28525781f0042ed40/91fd7a22797784c18525786a005ffac0!OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *April 7, WMBF 32 Myrtle Beach* – (South Carolina) **Fire in patient’s room prompts evacuation at Carolinas Hospital System.** A patient attempting to smoke while on oxygen sparked an afternoon fire at Carolinas Hospital System in Florence, South Carolina, April 6. A spokesman for the Florence Fire Department said the fire was reported on the 9th floor and evacuations were made of that floor. According to Carolinas Hospital System, the fire was quickly extinguished. “The staff at Carolinas utilized their extensive training and reacted in an exemplary manner to ensure the safety of all staff and patients in the entire hospital,” he said. The front entrance of Carolinas was closed to traffic.
Source: <http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/14403994/carolinas-hospital-system>

32. *April 7, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Benzocaine topical products: Sprays, gels and liquids - risk of methemoglobinemia.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) continues to receive reports of methemoglobinemia, a serious and potentially fatal adverse effect, associated with benzocaine products both as a spray, used during medical procedures to numb the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat, and benzocaine gels and liquids sold over-the-counter and used to relieve pain from a variety of conditions, such as teething, canker sores, and irritation of the mouth and gums. Methemoglobinemia is a rare, but serious condition in which the amount of oxygen carried through the blood stream is greatly reduced. In the most severe cases, methemoglobinemia can result in death. Patients who develop methemoglobinemia may experience signs and symptoms such as pale, gray or blue colored skin, lips, and nail beds; headache; lightheadedness; shortness of breath; fatigue; and rapid heart rate. Methemoglobinemia has been reported with all strengths of benzocaine gels and liquids, and cases occurred mainly in children aged 2 years or younger who were treated with benzocaine gel for teething. The signs and symptoms usually appear within minutes to hours of applying benzocaine and may occur with the first application of benzocaine or after additional use. The development of methemoglobinemia after treatment with benzocaine sprays may not be related to the amount applied. In many cases, methemoglobinemia was reported following the administration of a single benzocaine spray.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicinalProducts/ucm250264.htm>

33. *April 6, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Memorial Health System warns about fake letter.** A fake letter bearing Memorial Health System’s logo may be circulating in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is being investigated by police as a possible scam. Memorial said the letter falsely notifies people that vast amounts of their personal information may have been stolen, and it urges them to call a Miami, Florida-based phone number. Memorial said it has not experienced a security breach of personal information, and the Colorado Springs Police Department’s Financial Crimes Unit is investigating. Although Memorial corresponds with patients by mail, the fake letter can be easily identified by a number of discrepancies, including a lack of details about the incident, misspellings of Memorial’s name, no official letterhead or address, and a non-local phone number. The letter has been received by at least one local resident. Police and Memorial do not believe the recipient was individually targeted, and more letters might be circulating. In the letter, someone with a fictional name and job title describes the likely theft of Social Security and drivers’ license numbers, patient records, and bank account information. Memorial said it does not keep bank account information. The letter said a contractor lost confidential files that were slated to be destroyed. The letter suggests the person visit with an “anti-theft system analyst” or call an “identity theft specialist,” neither of which are real job titles.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Memorial_Health_System_Warns_About_Fake_Letter_119376389.html?ref=389

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *April 7, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Elementary school evacuated due to mercury spill.** Whatley Elementary School in Birmingham, Alabama, was evacuated April 7 after a teacher dropped a thermometer, causing a mercury spill. After the teacher cleaned up the spill, she reportedly felt dizzy, a Birmingham City Schools spokesperson said. The incident happened around 11 a.m.
Source: <http://www.myfoxal.com/story/14403448/elementary-school-evacuated-due-to-mercury-spill>
35. *April 7, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **U.S. embassy convoy attacked in Lebanon.** U.S. embassy officials visiting south Lebanon were attacked April 7, but unhurt, by residents calling them “Israeli conspirators,” in the second such incident in a week. Around 60 supporters of leftist groups gathered outside a government office in the port city of Sidon and pelted an embassy convoy with stones as it drove by, with some shouting “Americans, Israeli conspirators, in our government offices.” A U.S. embassy official confirmed there had been an “incident” in Sidon but refused to give details. “We had a security delegation that had a pre-scheduled meeting with head of

the Internal Security Forces in Sidon,” the official told Agence France-Presse. On April 2, Lebanese youths threw stones and bottles at a U.S. embassy group visiting Sidon. Lebanese security forces accompanying the Americans intervened, but stones continued to be thrown, breaking car windows. The army then arrived and arrested three of the attackers. South Lebanon is the heartland of the country’s Shiite Hezbollah militia, and saw heavy fighting in the short but sharp summer war of 2006 between the group and Israeli forces. The United States warned its citizens April 4 against traveling to Lebanon “due to current safety and security concerns.”

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gKcihwYGaEr7buh33kTCjeBnB7rg?docId=CNG.8d00429b889e9bb8fbb49b947c2102b1.4d1>

36. *April 6, Anniston Star* – (Alabama) **Lightning likely cause of bogus chemical alerts in Golden Springs.** Within the past month, residents of Golden Springs and Oxford, Alabama, twice heard warning sirens indicating a chemical weapons emergency at the incinerator on Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama. Both alerts turned out to be bogus. Emergency management officials said both alarms — including one that roused local residents during the middle of the night April 5 — were caused by a lightning strike during spring storms a few weeks ago. The strike appears to have fouled the electronics in the Golden Springs sirens, leading to an alarm weeks ago and the April 5 incident, which produced two back-to-back 20-minute siren blasts. “As a precautionary measure, we’ve pulled and replaced all the electronics from that siren,” the operations officer for the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) said. Several local residents called the Anniston Star during the first minutes of the siren, and most reported they could not get through to the EMA. An EMA spokeswoman told the Star April 5 that high call volume meant some callers had to wait. There’s no evidence anybody fled the area as a result of the sirens. “We hope people will verify their information through multiple sources,” the operations officer said. “That’s why we operate multiple lines of communication.” Anniston Army Depot housed a large stockpile of chemical weapons for decades, beginning in the 1960s.

Source: http://www.annistonstar.com/pages/full_story/push?article-Lightning+likely+cause+of+bogus+chemical+alerts+in+Golden+Springs&id=12668705&instance=recentComments

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *April 7, Homeland Security Newswire* – (Texas) **Austin police officers equipped with wearable cameras.** Body cameras for officers are being touted as the next wave in policing. Austin, Texas, police are trying body cams for the first time the weekend of April 9 and 10. The idea is to capture a video record of incidences and take some of the guesswork out of investigations. KENS5 San Antonio reported that when the crowd gets rough and a confrontation is imminent, officers can flip a switch and record what

is actually happening. At a press conference in Austin April 6, police announced they will be testing 9 different systems over the next 30 to 60 days with officers in their downtown area. The individual body cams range in price from \$800 to \$3,600 per unit. As the technology becomes more common, the cost will probably come down substantially. Beyond legal issues, the videos will also be useful in training future lawmen, showing them real-life scenarios where police officers handled a situation well or poorly.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/austin-police-officers-equipped-wearable-cameras>

38. *April 7, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Calif. officers call new law a ‘disaster’**. AB109 was signed into law April 4 in California. The law releases thousands of prisoners to jails, leaving local law enforcement responsible for low-level offenders convicted of nonserious, nonviolent, and nonsexual offenses. Some law enforcement organizations called on the governor to delay signing the bill until the money is in place to pay for more jails, rehabilitation programs, and alternative sentencing, such as house arrest. Law enforcement organizations want a guarantee built into the state constitution to make sure they still get the funds once the governor leaves office. The law affects only offenders convicted after July 1, with current inmates remaining under the state’s supervision.
Source: <http://officer.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=57721>
39. *April 7, NBC News* – (International) **Mexican cartels corrupting more US border officials?** In the Mexican drug war, U.S. authorities are finding a disturbing trend: an increase in American law enforcement officials corrupted by wealthy Mexican criminals who pay them to look the other way as illegal drugs and immigrants flow north into the United States. In the last 5 years, nearly 80 U.S. Border Patrol agents and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers have been arrested along the Mexican border, and according to federal authorities, hundreds more officials are under investigation. At a U.S. Senate hearing, it was revealed that Mexican cartel members are infiltrating American law enforcement. There was also testimony that during a hiring push that began 5 years ago to add thousands of Border Patrol and CBP officers, only 10 percent of the initial applicants were given polygraph tests. Of those, 60 percent failed, raising concerns about the integrity of the others hired without screening. Along the border, the federal authorities are not the only ones facing corruption problems. Local authorities, including sheriffs and police officers, have also succumbed to the lure of drug money. To try to stem the corruption, the U.S. President signed a law requiring polygraph tests for all border patrol and customs law enforcement job applicants. Additionally, 13 FBI anti-corruption teams now keep an eye on the 2,000-mile-long border, policing the police.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42061290/ns/world_news-americas/
40. *April 5, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Police departments combing through Facebook, Twitter for evidence against suspects**. Law enforcement agencies find social media networks to be an effective tool in catching criminals, especially organized gangs, officials said at a conference April 5. At the same time, sites such as

Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter also are being used by police departments to interact with the community, and they present dangers for officer safety, panelists said at the LexisNexis Government 2011 Insight Conference in Washington D.C.. Gang members have been captured after posting photographs of themselves on Facebook or Twitter displaying tattoos and inscribed gang necklaces. Some suspects pose on Facebook with stolen money or guns, or show videos of themselves on YouTube with cars identified as evidence in a crime, officials said. A captain of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Police Department, said his department worked closely with four doctoral students from a nearby academic institution to identify effective IT tools and methods. Law enforcement agencies can use Internet Protocol addresses at nondescript locations, such as the public library or local college, so it is more difficult for suspects to realize their computer activity is being tracked by police, he said.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2011/04/05/law-enforcement-agencies-usiing-social-media-to-bust-gangs.aspx>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *April 8, Reuters* – (International) **Power cuts halt north Japan plants following aftershock.** Sony Corp., chip-maker Renesas, and Elpida Memory said April 8 production at some plants in northern Japan had been halted again after a major aftershock April 7 triggered power cuts. The stoppages are the latest blow to manufacturers, who had hoped to quickly restore supply chains after the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami savaged the region and halted distribution. Renesas, the world's largest maker of microcontroller chips and a supplier to the auto industry, said four plants in northern Japan, including two microcontroller factories, were halted by the power blackout. A spokeswoman said it was not clear when manufacturing would resume, although power had been restored to one plant. Sony said production had been suspended at two plants in Miyagi prefecture. The two sites, which make optical devices and IC cards, resumed partial production at the end of March after the disaster. Elpida, the world's number three maker of DRAM chips, said one factory in the northern prefecture of Akita had been halted by the outage. There had been no injuries or damage to equipment, and the plant would restart when power was restored, the company said on its Web site. Electronics conglomerate Toshiba said the power blackout affected a microcontroller chip plant in the northern prefecture of Iwate. It was not clear whether the quake would delay restart of this plant, which is scheduled for April 11, a company spokeswoman said. Electronics firm Panasonic Corp said it was reviewing the status of its northern Japan plants, all but one of which had resumed operations following the March disaster.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/08/us-japan-production-idUSTRE7371D120110408>

42. *April 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Anonymous suspends attacks against PlayStation Network.** The Anonymous collective has suspended the distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against the PlayStation Network and other Sony online properties whose downtime might inconvenience gamers, Softpedia reported April 8. Anonymous launched a DDoS campaign against Sony in response to the company's recent actions that involved suing two PlayStation 3 hackers. After an initial warning that slammed Sony for victimizing its own customers and violating the privacy of thousands, the group began attacking the company's Web sites, including the PlayStation Network (PSN) and the PlayStation Store. Following complaints from gamers who could no longer play on official servers, the group has suspended the attacks and is re-evaluating its strategy. It may be difficult to find a method that only affects Sony and not its customers, but Anonymous claims to have plenty of options. The people who wrote the statement warn, however, that Anonymous is formed from smaller groups of people that can act together or separately, based on principles that are not necessarily accepted by the majority. This means that even if attacks against PSN have stopped for now, some Anonymous members who do not agree with this decision might take it upon themselves to continue them.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Suspends-Attacks-Against-PlayStation-Network-193868.shtml>

43. *April 8, Softpedia* – (International) **New Japan earthquake scams pop up.** Security researchers warn about scams leveraging news of the earthquake that hit the northeast coast of Japan April 7, leading to renewed fears about the unstable situation at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant. Cybercriminals did not miss the chance to capitalize on interest in the incident. Symantec reported Portuguese-language scam e-mails originating in Brazil were detected soon after the quake struck. Clicking on it prompted users to download an executable file called XAR485849834(dot)exe, a banking trojan installer. Another rogue e-mail contained a link to a malware-spreading site. Relief scams where people are asked to donate money for victims of the disaster have been going around since after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. However, toward the end of these messages, the scammer requests a donation in the form of a wire transfer payment through a popular service.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Japan-Earthquake-Scams-Pop-Up-193860.shtml>

44. *April 7, Computerworld* – (International) **Epsilon a victim of spear-phishing attack, says report.** The massive data breach at e-mail service provider Epsilon may have been caused by a targeted spear-phishing campaign the company should have known about for at least 4 months, Australian newspaper ITNews reported April 7. According to the Haymarket Media publication, Epsilon and Atlanta, Georgia-based Silverpop, another e-mail service provider that recently disclosed a breach, were victims of a series of social-engineering attacks directed specifically against e-mail service providers. ITNews reported Epsilon should have known about the threat at least since November 24, when Return Path, a company it uses for services such as tracking e-mail delivery, issued an alert about phishing attacks. The alert, issued by Return Path's senior director of security strategy, warned of a "serious phishing attack" directed at e-mail service

providers, direct mailers, and gaming sites. According to the note, phishing e-mails were targeted “100% at staff responsible for email operations” at more than 100 service providers. “These targets have received emails typically with content that mentions the staffer by name, and purports to be from a couple, presumably friends or co-workers,” he wrote in the alert. The phishing attacks were sent to targets from several different systems, including online greeting card sites, and via a botnet, he warned. The spam messages contained a link that took users to a malicious site from where malware would be downloaded to the user’s system. The malware associated with the phishing campaign included Win32(dot)BlkIC(dot)IMG that disabled anti-virus software, a trojan keylogger called iStealer, which was used to steal passwords, and an administration tool called CyberGate, which is used to gain complete remote control of compromised systems, he said in the alert.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215605/Epsilon_a_victim_of_spear_phishing_attack_says_report

45. *April 7, Softpedia* – (International) **EFF reveals more bad digital certificate signing practices.** The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) warned that certification authorities (CAs) have signed tens of thousands of digital certificates for unqualified names, some of which even passed extended validation. The EFF, one of the leading digital rights watchdogs, reached this conclusion after analyzing data from its SSL Observatory project that looks for weaknesses in the public key infrastructure (PKI). Digital certificates are used to establish encrypted connections and trust on the Internet, which makes them a vital part of security. The EFF warned that aside from hardcoding usernames and passwords in tools used by resellers and failing to perform proper checks for certificate requests received from them, CAs also sign unqualified names. In practice, there should be a single certificate per domain or subdomain. However, it turns out some CAs have signed certificates for names like “exchange”, “mail” or “wiki,” which cannot be accessed over the Internet and are sometimes used on local networks. Another name for which there are thousands of valid certificates in existence is “exchange” and variations of it, like “exchange01”, “exchange02” etc. But not only have CAs signed certificates for unqualified names, many of them signed multiple ones for the same host. In total, the EFF has counted 37,244 valid certificates that should not exist. A separate investigation performed in January uncovered 10 EV certificates of the same type. This represents a very serious abuse of trust, because EV stands for extended validation and these certificates are supposed to be issued after extensive identity checks. The main concern is that if any of these certs falls in the hands of attackers, they can be used to impersonate mail and other types of servers on networks that use those names internally.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/EFF-Reveals-More-Bad-Digital-Certificate-Signing-Practices-193678.shtml>

46. *April 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Serious vulnerability patched in popular DHCP software.** The Internet Systems Consortium (ISC) has released an updated version of its Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) implementation to resolve a vulnerability that could allow attackers to execute arbitrary code remotely. ISC DHCP

is the most widely used open source implementation of the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocols and is included by default in many Linux distributions. The vulnerability patched in the newly released ISC DHCP 3.1-ESV-R1, 4.1-ESV-R2, and 4.2.1-P1, affects the DHCP client component, dhclient. It is the result of failure to escape certain meta-characters encountered in DHCP responses. An attacker with control of the DHCP server could send malicious responses that would lead to remote code execution on the client. Identified as CVE-2011-0997, the vulnerability has a CVSS base score of 6.8 out of 10. ISC credits two researchers from the SUSE Security Team with reporting it.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Serious-Vulnerability-Patched-in-Popular-DHCP-Client-193738.shtml>

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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 7, PC Magazine* – (International) **Elderly woman single-handedly shuts down Armenian internet.** A 75-year-old woman from the Republic of Georgia shut down the Internet in neighboring Armenia for more than 12 hours last month when she sliced through a fiber optic cable while looking for scrap metal, according to Georgian officials. Nearly all of Armenia was without Internet access March 28, and customers of one of the largest Georgian Internet service providers, Caucasus Online, also lost access for nearly 5 hours, according to Bloomberg. The woman was arrested by Georgian authorities and charged with property damage, the news agency reported April 6. She was “temporarily released due to her old age” on the day of the incident, Bloomberg quoted the Georgian interior ministry spokesman as saying. The incident affected tens of thousands of residents and businesses in the two countries. Armenia’s three main ISPs — ArmenTel, FiberNet Communication, and GNC-Alfa — were all unable to provide service for hours, according to reports. Caucasus Online launched its \$76 million fiber-optic link to Western European ISPs in 2008. A monitoring station in Western Europe detected the damage on the day of the incident, and immediately dispatched a security team to Georgia, where the woman was arrested, The Guardian reported April 7.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2383278,00.asp>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *April 8, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Investigators: Chemical reaction caused Santa Monica explosion.** Authorities said an explosion April 7 near a Santa Monica, California synagogue was an industrial accident. Investigators said a chemical reaction caused the blast, which occurred in a bin filled with construction debris. The bin was between the Chabad House and a guest house near the synagogue. The blast sent a pipe from the bin onto the roof of the guest house. The pipe left a hole in the roof of the building in the 1400 block of 18th Street. Someone was trying to remove a large pipe that was stuck in concrete near an alley but the chemical mixture they used created pressure and launched the 4-foot-long pipe and plug of concrete into the air, a fire captain said. “The device lifted up off the ground approximately 25 feet, punched a hole in the [Chabad House] and then ricocheted,” he said. About 100 people were evacuated from nearby homes as bomb experts investigated. Streets were closed, but authorities reopened nearby roads at about 11:30 a.m. No injuries were reported. Santa Monica police said the explosion was not a type of bomb. A police sergeant told Associated Press that some kind of device hit the roof of a building and exploded at about 6:45 a.m. April 7.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/119413749.html>
49. *April 7, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Explosive device detonated at Brent’s Wal-Mart.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Tuscaloosa, Alabama County Bomb Squad detonated an explosive device in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart store in Brent, Alabama, April 6. The Brent police chief said a citizen saw a suspicious package around 7 p.m. April 6 and notified police. Police secured the area around the device and notified the ATF and Tuscaloosa County Bomb Squad. The two agencies confirmed it was a homemade explosive. Wal-Mart was evacuated while law enforcement investigated the device. It was detonated around 9:30 p.m. No one was injured.
Source: <http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=14399672>
50. *April 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Near North hotel evacuated after gas line break.** A ruptured gas main prompted the evacuation of about 500 people from the Affinia Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, April 7, according to officials. A large gas line in the street in front of the hotel, located on 166 E. Superior Street, was ruptured a little before 10 a.m., and the hotel was evacuated, a fire department spokesman said. Peoples Gas crews were on the scene to shut off service, a company spokeswoman said. The hotel was evacuated after a 2-inch medium-pressure gas line supplying the hotel was ruptured by a contractor, she said. The gas line was shut off and a hazardous materials response to the incident declared secured a little after 11 a.m., the fire department spokesman said. Between 450 and 500 people were led out back entrances of the hotel, onto Chicago Avenue, he said. Surrounding streets were shut down during the incident. Other buildings were checked for gas levels, but only the Affinia had discernibly high levels of natural gas, prompting its evacuation. Some residents of nearby buildings left on their own, although fire officials told them that was unnecessary, the spokesman said. Fire officials were waiting for the gas to dissipate in the hotel before allowing people back in.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-near-north-side-hotel-evacuated-20110407,0,899957.story?track=rss>

51. *April 7, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Fire forces evacuation of downtown Santa Rosa Plaza.** Most of Santa Rosa, California’s downtown mall was evacuated April 7 after electrical panels to several stores exploded in a room away from the mall’s main hub. No injuries were reported. As a precaution, Santa Rosa Plaza officials closed the mall about 10 minutes early and shut power to most of the building while repairs were being planned. Firefighters were dispatched to the mall at about 7 p.m. April 7 after an alarm company contacted mall security to notify them of a possible fire. When firefighters arrived, they found smoke and flames coming from a room of electrical panels on the mall’s east side, near the Third Street underpass. Three of the panels that supply power to the Disney Store, Eddie Bauer, and a vacant room “literally blew up,” said a battalion chief with the Santa Rosa Fire Department. “Whatever shorted them out was quite significant.” He said firefighters used dry chemicals to put out the flames. Smoke entered a nearby hallway but not the main mall, and as a result, no audible alarms sounded.

Source:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20110407/ARTICLES/110409523/1350?Title=Fire-forces-evacuation-of-downtown-Santa-Rosa-Plaza&tc=ar>

52. *April 7, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Dodger Stadium to see a dramatic increase in LAPD presence, Chief Beck and Mayor Villaraigosa announce.** Following an attack in the parking lot of Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, California, that left a visiting fan with brain damage, the city’s police chief and mayor announced April 7 they would dramatically increase the number of police patrolling the facility. The chief and mayor were joined at a press conference by a city council member who represents the Elysian Park area that includes the stadium, which is home to Major League Baseball’s Los Angeles Dodgers. The council member pushed through the council April 6 a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the two men suspected of beating a San Francisco Giants fan after the two teams met on opening day the week of March 27. The fan suffered brain damage and is in critical condition. Along with money ponied up by the two teams and others, the city’s reward brought the total offer to \$100,000. The police chief declined to discuss specifics of the plan to bolster security, but said in a brief interview it would be “at the absolute minimum” a doubling of the 30 to 40 uniformed officers who typically work at games. He said his staff was still trying to determine the number of officers needed to provide more comprehensive patrol coverage inside and outside the sprawling facility. He emphasized that plainclothes officers would be deployed as well. LAPD officers who work at Dodger Stadium are typically off-duty from their normal patrol assignment, so it is unlikely the added deployment will strain staffing at area police stations. The stadium is one of a handful of high-profile locations that has an agreement with the city to use uniformed, off-duty officers for security.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/04/lapd-to-increase-security-at-dodger-stadium.html>

53. *April 7, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Regal Bethesda 10 evacuated because of coolant leak.** The Regal Bethesda 10 movie theater in Bethesda, Maryland, was evacuated April 7 after reports of a liquid pooling inside. The movie theater remained closed April 7 following a leak that released into the building a hazardous material authorities believe to be a coolant, a Montgomery County Fire and Rescue spokesman said. No injuries or illnesses were reported, he said. Fire and rescue, as well as a hazmat team, were called to the scene at 7272 Wisconsin Avenue at about 12:40 p.m. The liquid stopped leaking at about 12:50 p.m. and has since been contained, the spokesman said. The theater will be required to hire an approved contractor to clean up and will be able to reopen after it is cleaned, he said.
Source: http://www.gazette.net/stories/04072011/montnew143553_32553.php

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *April 7, Anniston Star* – (Alabama) **Forest Service to burn 90 acres near Sylacauga today.** The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) planned to burn 90 acres of the Talladega National Forest April 7 near Sylacauga, Alabama. The burn area, about 4 miles east of Sylacauga, would be bounded on the north by Alabama 148. That highway, along with USFS roads 603, 603A, and 603B should be traveled with caution, according to a USFS release. Smoke may settle as temperatures cool at night in the area around Alabama 148. The burn is part of 28,000 acres in the Talladega National Forest USFS plans to burn this year. Controlled burns are fires set and monitored by USFS workers. The burns are intended to remove fuel that could lead to uncontrollable fires if allowed to accumulate.
Source: <http://annistonstar.com/bookmark/12678159-Forest-Service-to-burn-90-acres-near-Sylacauga-today>

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Dams Sector

55. *April 8, Macon Telegraph* – (Georgia) **Pond work floods Bibb residents.** A contractor performing maintenance work at Airport East Industrial Park in Macon, Georgia, April 6, breached a pond dam, sending water rushing into a mobile home park and forcing residents from their homes. The manager of North Park Manor in south Bibb County said water flowed through the 8400 block of Hawkinsville Road near Avondale Circle. The American Red Cross put some residents up for the night at local motels, she said. Some of the homes lost power, but Georgia Power had restored service by about 5:30 p.m. Thursday, said the attorney for the Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority, which owns the industrial park. Water service also was restored, but the water will not be deemed drinkable until the Macon Water Authority tests it April 8. The contractor was performing a water level reduction “pursuant to engineering plans” to allow

routine maintenance to the banks and pond edge, the industrial authority said in a news release. Drainage plans were designed before the work, but the released water was not sufficiently carried away by drainage ditches and flooded the subdivision off Ga. 247, the release said.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/2011/04/08/1517771/pond-work-floods-bibb-residents.html>

56. *April 8, Covington News* – (Georgia) **Dam requires repairs.** A failing dam and drainage structure is threatening High Point Forest Drive, forcing the Newton County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners to approve a \$127,000 construction request April 5 to repair the structure. A small retention pond at Channing Cope Road and High Point Forest Drive in Covington regularly overflows and at some point in the 1990s, the county made modifications to repair the failing dam. However, the modifications were not professionally done, the county attorney said. The county built a spillway from the pond and a steel and concrete structure that the water flowed into so it could flow under High Point Forest Drive. A county engineer said April 6 a leak in the structure apparently caused the ground around the structure to break away, eventually causing the spillway to crack. He said the pond is about an acre and borders six or seven properties. The engineering design and repairs will be handled by Macon-based Southern Enginuity.

Source: <http://www.covnews.com/section/1/article/18869/>

57. *April 7, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Burns levee fears spark pre-evacuation alert.** Residents along the high- and fast-running Silvies River north of Burns, Oregon, were given pre-evacuation warnings by Harney County authorities April 7 over concern an earthen levee might fail. Officials said that north of the levee, on the west side of the river, hundreds of fields have flooded, and about a half-dozen homes already were dealing with water surrounding their property. The levy has not broken and the water was within the river's banks that night. But starting around 6 p.m., firefighters and search and rescue volunteers began going door to door, telling people of the danger and handing out fliers with information about what to do. Residents were advised that if they hear sirens go off, the levee has been breached and, according to the flier, "no time to pack anything, only to leave the area." The Burns Airport only reported a tenth of an inch of rain, but a half-foot of snow fell elsewhere in the county in 24 hours. And a National Weather Service notice earlier in the week warned of heavy snowmelt and warned area streams could rise.

Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/oregon-northwest/27474623/detail.html>

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