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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- NHK World reports the Japanese government’s nuclear safety agency raised the crisis level of the Fukushima Daiichi power plant accident from 5 to 7, the worst on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale. (See item [9](#))
- According to the New York Post, some of the most heavily trafficked bridges, tunnels and transit hubs in the New York City area are on a list of facilities vulnerable to attack because of inadequate policing. (See item [26](#))

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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 12, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Police: Pipes, electrical wires that looked like dynamite were ‘a pretty big hoax’.** For 2 hours April 12, a 1-mile stretch of U.S. 131 north of White Pigeon, Michigan, was closed in both directions because an Adopt a Highway cleanup crew found something that looked like dynamite next to a natural gas pipeline. In reality, the device that was found about 9:30 a.m. was two metal pipes wrapped to looked like dynamite, with electrical wires and a clock taped to it. “It was a

pretty big hoax,” a Michigan State Police trooper said. Members of the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad came from Grand Rapids and Lansing. The Lansing bomb squad responded with a bomb removal truck and robot. The robot moved the suspicious device to a nearby parking lot and cut the tape and wiring apart. The supposed sticks of dynamite were actually hollow metal tubes. The highway was reopened at noon. Homes near the scene were evacuated during the incident, the state trooper said. The Michigan State Police were assisted by White Pigeon police and area fire departments.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/04/police_pipes_electrical_wires.html

2. *April 12, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Companies say ND wind turbine accident unique.** Experts said a North Dakota wind turbine’s rotor and blades crashed to the ground because they were not properly aligned with a power shaft atop the turbine’s steel tower, which caused the rotor’s connecting bolts to fail. The March 14 incident north of Rugby will prompt more frequent inspections of other turbines, said the director of wind plant engineering for Iberdrola Renewables Inc. of Portland, Oregon. The director told North Dakota’s Public Service Commission that investigators were unsure whether the problem resulted from the turbine’s operation or reflected an assembly flaw. He said the incident was “very out of the ordinary” and “a singular event” that did not indicate a broader problem. The turbine was one of 71 that make up an Iberdrola wind energy project in Pierce County, which is capable of generating 149 megawatts of power.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/04/12/business-us-nd-wind-blades-fall_8403852.html
3. *April 11, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Troopers: Trucker may have been cut off.** New Jersey State Police said a tanker truck that crashed April 9 on Route 440 in Woodbridge, New Jersey was apparently cut off in traffic, causing it to overturn, spilling gasoline and closing the road for hours. The driver was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and listed in critical but stable condition. Police said the truck was southbound on 440 and taking an exit onto the Garden State Parkway when the crash occurred. Numerous fire companies and a state hazardous materials unit responded. Rescue workers sprayed foam to prevent a fire around the leaking truck, which was carrying 8,500 gallons of gasoline. Route 440 was closed in both directions. Police said the gas was no longer leaking by about 10 p.m., though portions of the road remained closed throughout the night for cleanup.
Source:
<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/CN/20110411/NJNEWS10/110411002/0/NEWS/Troopers-Trucker-may-been-cut-off?odyssey=nav|head>
4. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **SUV hits tanker, resulting in leak, evacuation.** Residents of an area near a parking lot in Chackbay, Louisiana, had to evacuate their homes for over an hour April 9 after a sport utility vehicle (SUV) hit a tanker truck. The crash on Louisiana Highway 20 resulted in the leak of about 1,000 gallons of gasoline. Police closed the road and called for the evacuation. Residents

were allowed to return home around 5 a.m. and the road was reopened by 5:30 a.m., police said. There were no injuries. The driver of the tanker had been trying to back it into a parking lot. The SUV driver was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/SUV-hits-tanker-resulting-in-leak-evacuation-1330112.php>

5. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Board questions fail-safe device’s design.** A senior official for Cameron, the maker of the blowout preventer that failed to stop the Gulf of Mexico oil spill off the coast of Louisiana in 2010, said April 8 the device had not been tested to see if it could cut through a bent drill pipe. The firm hired by the government to examine the 300-ton device after it was raised from the seafloor concluded the blind shear rams could not pinch the well shut by cutting through the drill pipe. That is because the pipe had been knocked off-center. The firm faulted the design of the Cameron-made blowout preventer. A Cameron vice president told a federal investigative panel he could not say if the device was designed to cut through a bent drill pipe. He said it was not tested for that possibility before the blowout aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig that killed 11 workers and resulted in the largest accidental marine oil spill in the history of the oil industry.

Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20110409/NEWS01/104090307>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *April 12, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Dangerous chemical spill forces evacuation.** People were forced to flee a South Florida warehouse after a dangerous chemical seeped out. A 55-gallon drum of an alcohol-based solvent was accidentally punctured April 11 in the warehouse near Northwest 17th Street and 102nd Avenue in Doral, Florida. Officials said the chemical is hazardous for people to breathe and also posed a risk of igniting. Hazmat crews ventilated the building, and no one was injured. Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004025317434/>
7. *April 12, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Ohio man dies in fiery I-90 crash near North East.** State police troopers alerted to an eastbound trucker who was driving erratically arrived too late to prevent a fiery crash that killed the driver and shut down a portion of Interstate 90 in Pennsylvania for more than 7 hours April 11. Police said the driver was killed when the 2007 Freightliner truck he was driving slammed into an abutment of the bridge carrying Bort Road over I-90 in North East Township. The impact caused the truck to burst into flames. One of the two trailers that it was towing was also destroyed in the crash, and acid from industrial batteries that the truck was hauling spilled onto the roadway and into the median, emergency officials said. The Erie County Hazardous Materials Response Team was called to the crash because the truck’s trailers had placards indicating they were hauling corrosive materials. Acid leaked from some of the industrial batteries in the trailers, but the rain and the fire

departments diluted the acid, the Erie County Emergency Management director said. Hazmat crews used sodium bicarbonate to neutralize some acid that pooled in the median of the interstate, he said. Firefighters from the Crescent and Fuller hose companies in North East and from the Ripley, New York, Fire Department were called to the scene to put out the fire. Harborcreek Fire Department members also responded to help direct traffic around the site.

Source:

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110412/NEWS02/304119930/-1/NEWSITEMAP>

8. *April 12, Philadelphia Intelligencer* – (Pennsylvania) **White pickup sought after chemical spill.** Hatboro, Pennsylvania, officials had to deal with two potentially hazardous incidents that occurred within 15 minutes April 11. A gas leak was reported at 8:15 a.m. at a property on Summit Avenue. At 8:30 a.m., several containers of pool chemicals fell off the back of a white pickup, which was heading north on York Road near a Wawa and East Montgomery Avenue, police said. The containers opened when they hit the road and spilled the chemicals onto the highway. Witnesses described the truck as having utility boxes on the side, but they did not see any writing or the license plate, police said. They believe the truck's tailgate was open. York Road had to be closed from 8:30 until 11:20 a.m., while haz-mat crews cleaned the pool chemicals off the road. The Wawa and a nearby daycare center were evacuated during the cleanup. Police said the truck driver could be cited for "failure to secure a load." Anyone with information about the truck or the spill was asked to contact the Hatboro police.
Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the_intelligencer_news/white-pickup-sought-after-chemical-spill/article_1fd3b613-db75-527f-843c-e4b416d9e68b.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *April 12, NHK World* – (International) **Japan to raise Fukushima crisis level to worst.** The Japanese government's nuclear safety agency has decided to raise the crisis level of the Fukushima Daiichi power plant accident from 5 to 7, the worst on the International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale (INES). The nuclear and industrial safety agency made the decision April 11. It said the damaged facilities have been releasing a massive amount of radioactive substances that are posing a threat to human health and the environment over a wide area. INES was designed by an international group of experts to indicate the significance of nuclear events with ratings of 0 to 7. On March 18, 1 week after the massive earthquake and tsunami, the agency declared the Fukushima trouble a level 5 incident, the same as the accident at Three Mile Island in the United States in 1979. Level 7 has formerly only been applied to the Chernobyl accident in the former Soviet Union in 1986 when hundreds of thousands of terabecquerels of radioactive iodine-131 were released into the air. One terabecquerel is 1 trillion becquerels. The agency believes the cumulative amount from the Fukushima

plant is less than that from Chernobyl. Officials from the agency and Japan's nuclear safety commission were scheduled to discuss the change of evaluation at an April 12 news conference.

Source: http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/12_05.html

10. *April 12, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **PG&E puts off licensing to study faults.** Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) has agreed to undertake advanced 3-D seismic studies of the ocean's floor and earthquake faults near its Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in Avila Beach, California, delaying the relicensing process until completion of those studies. Officials made the announcement April 11, less than 24 hours before the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors was expected to hold a public hearing on the issue. The board chairman, whose district includes the plant, said he believes PG&E should completely pull back from the relicensing process and focus all of its efforts on the safety of Diablo Canyon. The supervisors agreed March 29 to hold a public hearing April 11 to discuss sending a letter to PG&E asking it stop the relicensing process until the 3-D seismic studies are complete. In a letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated April 10, PG&E said it would be prudent to complete the studies prior to granting new licenses. The company said it wanted the NRC to hold off issuing new licenses, even if approved by the agency, until the 3-dimensional studies are finished. An NRC spokeswoman said the agency will consider PG&E's request to see what, if any, impact it would have on the agency's review schedule.

Source: http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/local/article_e3124efa-64cf-11e0-b5b8-001cc4c03286.html

11. *April 12, Platts* – (International) **Nuclear energy veterans call for international safety regime.** Sixteen veterans of the nuclear industry and nuclear power regulation have called for tougher nuclear safety rules to be set and enforced worldwide, in a bid to prevent another severe accident such as those that befell Three Mile Island-2 in the United States in 1979, Chernobyl-4 in the former Soviet Union in 1986, and Japan's Fukushima-1 station this year. They said the international community would have to debate whether a new international regulatory agency should be created to issue binding safety standards and do compulsory inspections, or whether national responsibilities for nuclear safety should be emphasized "in combination with rigorous international peer reviews." In a statement entitled Never Again: An Essential Goal for Nuclear Safety, and a cover letter to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) director general, the veterans said safety requirements for existing and new nuclear power plants must be thoroughly reviewed, using modern tools, in light of the events at Fukushima-1, and all necessary measures taken to ensure they can withstand extreme challenges. This included review of requirements for plants built to earlier safety standards, in view of prospects for their extended operation, calling for "a more internationally harmonized approach in this area." Personnel must also be better trained in accident management, adding this is especially crucial for so-called newcomer nuclear power countries with no previous experience in the technology. The signatories of the statement include nuclear regulators in the United States, Russia, and Ukraine as well as former regulators and safety experts from Spain, Sweden, France, India, and

South Korea. Several of them are or were members of the International Nuclear Safety Group, Insag, which advises the IAEA director general.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/8780524>

12. *April 11, Boston State House News Service* – (Massachusetts) **SJC: State authorities may regulate water intake at nuclear plants.** Environmental authorities, arguing that water intake systems used by nuclear facilities kill “billions” of aquatic organisms each year, scored a victory April 11 in Massachusetts’s highest court. The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) said the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has the authority to regulate water intake, rejecting an argument by Entergy Nuclear Generation Co. that the agency overstepped its authority. Entergy, which operates Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth and draws water from Cape Cod Bay, had argued DEP may only regulate nuclear “discharge” and other traditional forms of pollution, but that water intake was off limits. Entergy also claimed federal regulators pressured the state to regulate water intake. “The emphasis on traditional threats to water resources cannot be read to deprive the department of authority to address atypical or novel threats that may also harm those resources,” a justice wrote in the unanimous ruling. “The department’s authority to create a discharge and pollution reduction program does not limit its authority to deal with water quality issues other than discharges and traditional pollution under its broad statutory powers. Restricting the department’s authority to water pollution control, as Entergy suggests, would render superfluous the department’s parallel duty to protect ‘the quality and value of water resources.’ “ The ruling overturned a Suffolk Superior Court ruling in Entergy’s favor.

Source:

http://news.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20110411sjc_state_authorities_may_regulate_water_intake_at_nuclear_plants/

13. *April 11, Bloomberg* – (Nebraska) **U.S. inspects Cooper Nuclear Plant after radiation exposures.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is inspecting a reactor at a Nebraska power plant after three workers received “unplanned radiation exposures” April 3, the agency said. The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), which operates the Cooper Nuclear Station near Brownsville, does not believe the workers received higher doses than allowed under NRC regulations in the incident, the agency said April 11 in a statement on its Web site. The workers were exposed while removing a radioactive tube from the bottom of the reactor, rather than following procedure and taking it from the top, NRC said. When radiation alarms were triggered, the workers set down the tube and immediately left the reactor area. “We want to understand why normal work practices were not followed,” a regional administrator for the NRC in Arlington, Texas, said in the statement. NRC announced the inspection at Cooper while conducting a 90-day safety review of all U.S. reactors. The plant was shut down March 13 for refueling, an NPPD spokesman said. The plant is to restart later this month, he said. No radiation was released “external to the plant,” he said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-11/u-s-inspects-cooper-nuclear-plant-after-radiation-exposures-1-.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *April 12, Associated Press* – (New York) **First causes \$1.25M in damage to Buffalo factory.** Fire officials say a blaze at Unicell Body Co. in Buffalo, New York, April 11 has caused more than \$1 million in damage to the structure and machinery inside. Authorities told Buffalo media outlets the fire began around 7 p.m. at the factory, which manufactures truck body equipment and parts. Officials said the fire apparently began in a machine and ignited combustibles in a compost area before spreading inside the single-story structure. Total damage has been estimated at about \$1.25 million, including \$1.1 million to the machinery. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APce1a37e00ec047d3ab2629bb29043cc6.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

15. *April 11, DoD Buzz* – (National) **Navy setting up contract fraud investigation unit.** The U.S. Navy has put together a special investigative unit to look into contracting fraud in the wake of indictments being filed against several defense contractors who attempted to bribe Navy procurement officials, the Secretary of the Navy said April 11. The move is a preemptive one designed to plug any holes in the service's acquisition community that could lead to fraud, according to the Secretary. "The special review team is to look at fraud, bribery, kickbacks, things like that and how to deal with it," he told reporters. "We had this situation where people had been indicted for giving bribes to Navy shipbuilding officials for preferential treatment."
Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2011/04/11/navy-setting-up-contract-fraud-investigation-unit/>
16. *April 11, DoD Buzz* – (National) **Welding flaw led to crack in LCS-1 hull.** A manufacturing issue, not a design flaw, led to a 6-inch crack along a weld seam on the hull of Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), USS Freedom, during heavy weather trials in February, U.S. Navy officials said April 11. "We're still reviewing the design for weld improvements, as far as the analysis of [what led to the crack] we've completed the analysis and are in the process of working through the release of that information," the Navy's LCS program manager said. He said the ship's design was not at fault, but instead, a weak weld-job. "If I was able to weld it as it was designed to be welded, it wouldn't have been an issue. The real issue was, getting access to that area to be able to do the weld," the program manager said. He added that beginning with LCS-3, welders are able to more easily reach the spot on the ship where the crack occurred, allowing them to lay an extra thick weld. Other cracks were discovered in known stress points in the ship's superstructure that computer modeling predicted might be the location of cracks during rough seas, he said. These cracks have led to minor design changes in

subsequent ships of the class.

Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2011/04/11/welding-flaw-led-to-crack-in-lcs-1-hull/>

17. *April 8, Reuters* – (International) **United Tech unit fixed oxygen generator on U.S. sub.** The U.S. Navy said Hamilton Sundstrand, a unit of United Technologies Corp, has repaired the oxygen generator on the USS New Hampshire submarine which failed during recent exercises in the Arctic, Reuters reported April 8. “Repairs to the oxygen generator on USS New Hampshire are complete and it has been restored to full service,” the spokesman for the U.S. fleet of submarines based in the Atlantic told Reuters. The generator failure occurred just before the Secretary of the Navy and other VIPs arrived at an ice camp 150 miles north of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, in March to observe the New Hampshire, a \$2.4 billion submarine commissioned in 2008, and another submarine, the USS Connecticut, in military exercises. The New Hampshire continued to operate, using an alternate system installed on all U.S. subs that burns sodium chlorate candles to produce oxygen. Neither the Navy nor Hamilton Sundstrand gave details on the cause of the generator failure, or whether it resulted from the Arctic environment. The Navy spokesman declined comment if the same equipment was in use on other U.S. submarines, and whether those generators had also been inspected. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/08/unitedtechnologies-submarine-idUSN0817638220110408>

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Banking and Finance Sector

18. *April 12, WXIX 19 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **Remke Market evacuated after bank robbery in Crescent Springs.** Remke Market customers in Crescent Springs, Kentucky were evacuated after a bank robbery led to the bomb squad being called. A man entered the First Security Trust inside the Remke Market on Buttermilk Pike just before 6:30 p.m. April 11. The unknown man handed the teller a note demanding money and placed a small package on the counter. He fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of money and left behind the small package. Police have not released what the note said, but it led to the Cincinnati Bomb Squad being called. The shopping center was evacuated while they investigated the package. Officials have not said what was inside the container, but have determined the contents were not dangerous. Employees and customers were let back inside the store at 8 p.m. No one was injured. The robbery suspect is described as a white male, thin build, and weighs 150 pounds. He appeared to be in his 40’s. He was last seen wearing a dark colored University of Michigan baseball cap, a white t-shirt under a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, and blue jeans with holes on the legs. The suspect has facial hair and was wearing glasses described as plastic safety glasses. Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/14425516/ft-mitchell-remke-customers-told-to-evacuate-building>
19. *April 11, KAAL 6 Austin* – (Minnesota) **Bank robber says ‘give me money,’ or lunch box bomb will explode.** An Edina, Minnesota bank was robbed April 11, with the

robber making an unusual threat. FBI agents said the robber put an insulated lunch box on the counter of M&I Bank on West 69th Street and told the teller there was a bomb inside. He told the teller to give him money, opened the lunch box, and put the cash inside. Authorities said the teller noticed brown paper and a light switch inside the box. Then the robber escaped in a white, 4-door sedan. The robbery occurred around 10 a.m. The suspect is described as a white male, between 20 and 30 years old, about 6 feet tall and 185 pounds. He wore a green jacket, dark pants and shoes, a wool cap, scarf, and multi-colored sunglasses. Authorities do not believe the robber is connected to any other bank robbery in the area.

Source: <http://kaaltv.com/article/stories/S2060645.shtml?cat=10151>

20. *April 11, Washington Post and Bloomberg* – (National) **Middleman pleads guilty in alleged insider trading scheme.** The middleman in an alleged insider trading conspiracy admitted April 11 that he personally placed trades in at least two instances, according to the U.S. attorney's office for New Jersey. As part of the scheme, he conveyed information about corporate deals from a Washington D.C. lawyer to a New York trader using pay phones and prepaid cellphones, the government said. To collect his share of the profits, the government stated he sometimes met the trader in Atlantic City, where gambling could provide an alibi for cash withdrawals. And, by serving as the go-between for the lawyer who was the source of the tips and the trader who acted on them, he made it less likely law enforcement would connect the dots. But in 2009 and again last year, he let his guard down and placed trades on his own, leaving himself more vulnerable to detection. That lapse gave investigators a big break, and it ultimately led them to his door, a source familiar with the investigation said April 1. Based in part on his cooperation, the Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission charged a trader and a corporate lawyer with collaborating in a 17-year scheme that netted more than \$32 million since 2006 alone. The charges against the middleman could bring up to 45 years in prison and fines of more than \$10 million, but under a plea agreement, the government is recommending a prison sentence of 70 to 87 months.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/middleman-pleads-guilty-in-insider-trading-scheme/2011/04/11/AFV5y9LD_story.html

21. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. defendant admits guilt in investment scheme.** A 62-year-old Richmond, Virginia man has pleaded guilty to bilking investors out of millions. The government said the man entered his plea April 11 in U.S. District Court in Richmond. The charges included one count of conspiracy to commit mail, wire, and bank fraud, and one count of engaging in unlawful monetary transactions. His sentencing is scheduled for July 19. He faces a maximum of 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000. In connection with his guilty plea, the man stipulated that the restitution amount associated with this scheme is about \$8.92 million. He will be ordered to repay the final restitution amount to his victims at sentencing. Last week, Virginia regulators imposed a \$37.4 million penalty on the man and his partner for violations of the state securities act.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MHM8780.htm>

22. *April 11, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Three plead guilty in 2008 Ligonier bank robbery.** Three members of a crew of robbers involved in the violent takedown of a Ligonier bank in 2008, pleaded guilty April 11 and likely face sentences ranging from probation to 14 years. The man who wielded the gun used during the robbery of the First Commonwealth Bank, in which a teller was struck and \$76,694 was stolen, agreed to a 14-year sentence, minus time served on a separate, 46-month sentence previously imposed for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The man was an accomplice of a woman who already is serving a sentence of nearly 20 years; a man due to be sentenced June 2; and a 22-year-old man who also pleaded guilty April 11. That man entered into a plea agreement recommending 7 years in prison. Also on April 11, a 35-year old New York woman pleaded guilty to misleading a FBI agent. She was involved in the reconnaissance of the inside of the bank, and lied to agents when confronted after the robbery. She will likely face probation.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11101/1138598-100.stm>

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Transportation Sector

23. *April 12, CNN* – (New York) **Air France superjumbo spins smaller plane at New York's JFK airport.** An Air France Airbus 380 clipped a smaller plane while taxiing to the runway for takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, April 11, according to a CNN reporter, who was on the Air France flight headed to Paris. The reporter said he felt a slight rumble, similar to hitting a patch of rough pavement, as his plane was moving on the ground about 8:15 p.m. The pilot then stopped the aircraft, which is regarded as the world's biggest passenger jet, and eventually fire department crews surrounded it and the other plane. Looking out the window, the CNN reporter could see that the last foot or so of the Airbus 380's left wing had been damaged. The other plane also suffered some damage. There were no injuries, said a spokeswoman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Federal Aviation Administration has been notified about the incident, and Port Authority police detectives interviewed the pilots of both planes, the Port Authority spokeswoman said.
Source:
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/11/new.york.plane.incident/index.html?hpt=T2>
24. *April 12, Bloomberg* – (International) **Belarus hunts bombers as 12 die in Minsk subway explosion.** Belarus ordered a security crackdown after at least 12 people died and 149 were wounded in a subway bombing that authorities classified as the first terrorist attack since the current president came to power in 1994. The explosive device went off during evening rush hour April 11 at the capital Minsk's, busiest metro station, which is near the presidential residence, according to the Belarusian security agency. The president ordered security tightened "to the uttermost" and said the blast may have been orchestrated from abroad, according to a transcript of an emergency government meeting published on the president's Web site late April 11. The prosecutor general's office declared the blast "an act of terrorism" and began a criminal

investigation, Belarusian state television said. Authorities detained three people in connection with the explosion, including one suspect, a KGB chairman said, according to state-run news agency Belta. The chairman said law-enforcement authorities prepared a composite sketch of an alleged attacker, a 27-year-old man of non-Slavic appearance. The KGB chief added that the bomb had been radio-controlled. No one has yet claimed responsibility for the attack. The device went off as two trains were arriving at the Oktyabrskaya station, where the capital's two metro lines intersect, the interior minister told his president at their meeting. The bomb, which was equivalent to 5 to 7 kilograms of TNT, left a crater 31 inches deep, he said.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-04-12/belarus-hunts-bombers-as-12-die-in-minsk-subway-explosion.html>

25. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **U.S. man gets 23 years in terrorist bomb plot.** A Pakistani-born computer technician pleaded guilty April 11 and was sentenced to 23 years in prison for joining what he thought was an al-Qaeda plot to bomb the Washington D.C. region's Metrorail (Metro) transit system. The 35-year-old man, of northern Virginia, apologized for his actions at a plea hearing in U.S. District Court after his lawyer explained he had succumbed to a government sting operation after being influenced by violent extremist rhetoric from a radical cleric and others. The man briefly had a job with an Islamic outreach group in 2005 but showed no outward signs of extremism until 2010, his lawyer said. Between April and October of 2010, he carried out a variety of tasks to advance what he thought would be an al-Qaeda attack on the Metro system, authorities said. He took video and scouted out several northern Virginia Metro stations and made suggestions for how to inflict the greatest number of casualties. Prior to the Metro plot, according to authorities, the convict had discussed traveling to Afghanistan to fight and kill Americans there.

Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1700914432/U-S-man-gets-23-years-in-terrorist-bomb-plot>

26. *April 9, New York Post* – (New York) **Port Authority sites still vulnerable to terror attack.** A virtual terrorist's guide to New York City was revealed April 11. Some of the most heavily trafficked bridges, tunnels and transit hubs in the world are on a list of Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) facilities vulnerable to attack, according to documents obtained by the New York Post. The Hudson River crossings to Manhattan — the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and the George Washington Bridge — along with the Bayonne Bridge, the roadway under the PA Bus Terminal and the AirTrain shuttle system at John F. Kennedy International Airport, all get inadequate policing, the documents show. "We have a real soft underbelly that can be used against us," said a state senator, who is chairman of the New York's Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs, which obtained the confidential document during a hearing on homeland security in Manhattan. The list was provided by the PA's police union, the Police Benevolent Association, and meant to be confidential. But the state senator revealed the AirTrain vulnerability during the hearing after being handed the list. Especially vulnerable is the area near Terminal 4, which houses many international airlines — including Israeli carrier El Al and several others serving the Muslim world, such as Royal Jordanian, Pakistan International, and

Emirates. In a statement, the PA said it had spent more than \$6 billion since 9/11 on a “multilayered security protocol [that] includes technological elements as well as private security.” It said the way PA cops are deployed, “as well as cameras and the entirety of our security apparatus, means the traveling public should feel safe.”

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/city_easy_targets_for_terrorists_3SyaOX33LlrONmN9uL96hJ

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Postal and Shipping Sector

27. *April 11, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Police investigating explosive device incidents in Stroud Township.** Stroud Area Regional Police in Pennsylvania are investigating two incidents involving explosive devices, the Pocono Record reported April 11. Shortly after 11:30 p.m. April 6, officers were dispatched to a residence on Stokes Avenue in Stroud Township to investigate a report of an explosion. Officers found that a destructive device had been placed under the hood of a pick up truck parked outdoors which exploded causing extensive damage to it. The truck was unoccupied and no one was injured. This is the second incident involving an exploded destructive device. The first one occurred in a mailbox in the Northgate section of Stroud Township the week of March 28. No one was injured at that incident either. Federal agencies are being consulted to determine if they will take over this investigation.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110411/NEWS/110419948/-1/NEWS01>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *April 12, Food Safety News* – (National) **More than 100 food recalls during first quarter.** There were more than 100 food recalls during the just-ended first quarter of 2011, according to federal food safety agencies. At least 48 of the 103 recalls — almost half the total — were because manufacturers had used but failed to declare some form of allergens — ingredients such as egg, wheat, nuts, or milk. Four days into the year, the U.S. President signed the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA), which gives the agency the authority to force food companies to recall suspect products. But only voluntary recalls have occurred since the FSMA became law. For the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), the first quarter saw three recalls for the dangerous E. coli O157:H7 pathogen most associated with beef cattle. Those three recalls of meat managed by FSIS totaled only 40,328 pounds.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/more-than-100-recalls-recorded-during-1st-quarter/>

29. *April 12, Food Safety News* – (Rhode Island; Massachusetts) **More salmonella illnesses in Rhode Island.** The Rhode Island Department of Health has posted an update in its ongoing investigation of the Salmonella outbreak linked to zeppole and other pastry items prepared and sold in March by DeFusco’s bakery in Johnston. The new numbers released April 11: 70 cases total (69 in Rhode Island, 1 in Massachusetts); 29 hospitalizations (25 discharged, 4 current); 42 lab-confirmed Salmonella infections; and 2 Salmonella-associated deaths.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/still-more-salmonella-illnesses-in-rhode-island/>
30. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **At least 3 hurt in Illinois ethanol plant fire.** Federal workplace safety officials are trying to pinpoint what caused a reported explosion and flash fire April 11 that injured three people at a southwestern Illinois ethanol plant. The Madison fire chief said at least one of the victims of the accident about 9 a.m. at Abengoa Bioenergy of Illinois sustained serious burns the lower extremities. The other victims were said to receive more minor burns to the head and neck. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported the men were working near a container in a maintenance shed when the container exploded. Bridick said the fire burned itself out by the time firefighters arrived. The plant is the site of an old Army depot.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MHMFLG0.htm>
31. *April 11, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Food truck explodes on West Side Highway, seriously injuring two men inside.** A popular Manhattan hamburger vending truck exploded April 11 on the West Side Highway in New York City, seriously injuring two men inside. The men were driving the Frites ‘N’ Meats truck south on West Street after serving lunch in midtown when a propane tank exploded about 3:15 p.m. The truck pulled onto the median near N. Moore Street, and the two men inside jumped out. The 21-year-old owner of the truck, and an employee were taken to New York-Presbyterian Hospital Weill Cornell with serious but nonlife-threatening burns, officials and a family member said.
Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/04/11/2011-04-11_food_truck_explodes_on_west_side_highway_leaving_two_men_inside_with_serious_bur.html
32. *April 11, KRGV 5 Weslaco* – (Texas) **Gas leak forces evacuation of grocery store, several other businesses.** People had to evacuate a grocery store and several other businesses April 11 in Brownsville, Texas, because of a natural gas line break. A team worked to seal the break near Boca Chica and Central Boulevard. The Texas Gas Service shut off the gas, eliminating the threat to nearby businesses. Customers were allowed back in to the HEB on Central Boulevard and Boca Chica. A spokesman for the grocery chain said they were asked to close the store around 9 a.m. for the safety of customers. Cars were restricted from driving to a day care behind the store, and a nearby Dairy Queen was evacuated. The 6-inch pipe started spewing gas around 8:30

a.m. Officials are trying to figure out what caused the rupture. “Because of the settlement and the weight, it may have been rusted; it’s hard to say. But obviously the pipe gave way,” the project manager said.

Source: <http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Gas-Leak-Forces-Evacuation-of-Grocery-Store/7REyghoE4kepAi78RWFIMg.csp>

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Water Sector

33. *April 12, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Sewage plant may not be built to specs.** The company that constructed the Gatlinburg Wastewater Sewage Plant basin in Gatlinburg, Tennessee that failed last week apparently did not follow exact design specifications, a forensic engineer said April 11. Working from a design by the former Flynt Engineering of Knoxville in 1996, North Carolina-based Crowder Construction did not follow initial plans to a T, said a partner with Construction Engineering Consultants, an independent firm hired to determine why the basin’s wall collapsed April 5. Veolia Water North America, the company that runs the plant owned by the city of Gatlinburg, gave Construction Engineering the basin’s initial design plans April 8 when they had their first on-site meeting at the Banner Road facility, he said. “I am certain there is one area I was concerned about on Friday that does not conform to the initial design,” he said. He declined to be more specific, citing the ongoing investigation. According to its Web site, Crowder is headquartered in Charlotte and constructs municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Southeast. The partner with the independent firm returned to the site April 11 with his team to sample the fallen basin wall. He told city of Gatlinburg officials it could take a month before his firm can determine what caused the basin to fail. Meanwhile, officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Occupational Safety & Health Administration said their respective agents continue to investigate the catastrophe.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/apr/12/plant-may-not-be-built-to-specs/>

34. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Agencies probe fatal Fla. water tank burst.** Federal, state, and local authorities are investigating the cause of a water tank burst that killed two workers in Lake Placid, Florida. The Tampa Tribune reports that investigators from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the Highland County Sheriff’s Office were at the scene April 8 of the industrial accident the day before. Officials said the victims worked for United Fire Protection in St. Petersburg. The workers were killed when a 300,000-gallon water tank burst round 2 p.m. April 7 and caused a nearby concrete building, where the men were fixing a pump, to collapse.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/agencies-probe-fatal-fla-904167.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *April 11, Becker's Hospital Review* – (Alabama) **Failure in sterilization process led to Alabama IV infections.** A failure in a step of the sterilization process at a Birmingham, Alabama, pharmacy is the likely cause of the infection that afflicted 19 patients in Alabama hospitals and resulted in 9 deaths, according to a news release from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). Investigators from the ADPH and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the *Serratia marcescens* bacteremia that was present in 12 hospitalized patients who received total parenteral nutrition (TPN) produced by pharmacy Meds IV of Birmingham, was also found on a container and stirrer used to mix IV supplements and on a tap water spigot used for rinsing the container at the pharmacy. Genetic fingerprinting matched the organism found in the patients and the pharmacy. The ADPH news release said the cause of the contamination of TPN — liquid nutrition fed through an IV using a catheter — was likely a failure in a step of the sterilization process during compounding of the IV feeding bags. Illness with bacteremia occurred in approximately 35 percent of patients receiving the TPN from Meds IV. The outbreak of *Serratia marcescens* bacteremia is still under investigation, according to the release.

Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/quality/failure-in-sterilization-process-led-to-alabama-iv-infections.html>

36. *April 8, msnbc.com* – (National) **Salmonella in water frogs sickens 217, mostly kids.** At least 217 people, mostly young children, have been sickened by salmonella spread by pet African dwarf water frogs, government health officials said. A single California breeder of the frogs has been identified as the source of infections caused by *Salmonella Typhimurium* confirmed in 41 states since April 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported April 7. Investigators visited the breeder in March and confirmed the presence of salmonella in the environment; tests are continuing to see if it matches the outbreak strain. Infections have been detected in people from ages less than 1 to 73; the median age of infection is 5. More than 70 percent of patients have been younger than 10, officials said, and about a third of those who became ill were hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. In interviews, ill people reported contact with the frogs in the days before they became sick. Of those who could identify the type of frog, 84 percent cited African dwarf frogs, CDC said. The median time from acquiring a frog to becoming ill was 15 days, with a range of a week to eight months. The breeding center in California was first identified as the source of infections in people in 2010, CDC officials said. Children younger than 5 are among those at highest risk for salmonella infections and CDC officials warn that water frogs are not appropriate pets for kids that young.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42495445/ns/health-infectious_diseases/

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *April 12, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **State Rep. Dewayne Bunch critically injured breaking up fight at school where he teaches.** A Kentucky state representative, who also is a teacher at Whitley County High School in Williamsburg, was flown to University of Kentucky Medical Center early April 12 in extremely critical condition after he was injured while breaking up a fight between two students at the school, the county sheriff's office said. The 49-year-old man was injured while intervening in a fight between two boys in the school cafeteria, the Whitley County Schools superintendent said in a statement. When emergency medical workers arrived, the man was unresponsive and bleeding from his ears. The strategic services coordinator for Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin said the man was brought there in extremely critical condition and flown to UK Medical center in Lexington. The students involved in the fight were still at the school early April 12 and had not been charged, according to a deputy sheriff. The man, a veteran math and science teacher at the high school, took office in January after defeating a long-time representative in the primary election in 2010. He represents the 82nd District, which includes all of Whitley County and part of Laurel.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110412/NEWS01/304120062/-1/sports0803/State-Rep-Dewayne-Bunch-critically-injured-breaking-up-fight-school-where-he-teaches?odyssey=nav|head>

38. *April 11, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **4 cases of measles confirmed in Granite School District.** Four cases of measles were confirmed in the Granite School District in Holladay, Utah, and several schools have been affected by the outbreak. The schools affected are Olympus and Skyline high schools, William Penn Elementary, and Evergreen Jr. High. The quarantine on students who have not been immunized was extended to April 25. Now, 22 students from Olympus High and 2 students from William Penn Elementary, along with teachers who have not been immunized, must stay home until that date. The Granite School District is working to prevent the measles outbreak from spreading to more schools. State law does not require children to immunized, and they can get an exemption from health officials. But if there is an outbreak of a disease in the school, then those affected are required to stay home. About 2 to 3 percent of students in the schools have not been immunized.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/local/kstu-measles-outbreak-measles-outbreak-spreads-to-4-utah-schools-20110411,0,7189663.story>

39. *April 11, NBCWashington.com* – (Maryland) **Three teens arrested in high school fire.** Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire and Explosives arrested three teenagers in connection with the fire at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, and a March 20 fire at White Flint Neighborhood Park in Kensington. One suspect was charged with second-degree arson, first-degree burning, and malicious destruction of property for the park playground fire. He was charged with accessory to arson in the school fire. Two 17-year-old Whitman students were charged with second-degree arson, first-degree

burning, and malicious destruction of property. The fire at Whitman was set with a flammable liquid, authorities said, not an incendiary device, as originally reported. Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42543644>

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *April 12, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **Uniform cams give police new crime-fighting weapon.** The Bal Harbour, Florida Police Department has given its officers a new weapon when it comes to fighting crime, by having them wear a camera on their uniforms. Officers are testing out the new cameras that they wear on their shoulders. The cameras record everything from an officer's point of view. They are standard definition and run up to 12 hours. According to police, the cameras not only help prosecute cases, but also help protect officers against allegations of abuse or brutality. The American Civil Liberties Union said it is a good idea for officers and the public because the video record is dependable. Bal Harbour is testing the cameras for the next 30 days. If they decide to buy them, they cost about \$4,000 each. That is less than outfitting a single car with a dash cam.
Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/27512237/detail.html>
41. *April 11, Associated Press* – (International) **Tijuana police make arrest in U.S. agent's killing.** Police in Tijuana, Mexico, said April 11 that officers arrested a man suspected of killing a U.S. Border Patrol agent near San Diego, California nearly one year after another person was sentenced to prison for his role in the ambush. The suspect was taken into custody as he was driving through Tijuana aided by information provided by the FBI, said Tijuana's police director. Mexico's federal attorney general's office had issued an arrest warrant for the Tijuana native on suspicion of killing a Border Patrol agent, who died during an attempted robbery in the mountains east of San Diego in July 2009. An additional suspect, who was 16 at the time of the killing, pleaded guilty to murder in San Diego for his role in the killing and was sentenced last April to 40 years in prison. His attorney said before sentencing that two collaborators were in Mexico.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/04/11/tijuana-police-make-arrest-agents-killing/?test=latestnews>
42. *April 11, USA Today* – (National) **Feds: No vests, no grant money.** The U.S. Justice Department (DOJ) is threatening to withhold millions of dollars in federal aid to local police departments unless they adopt policies that require uniformed officers to wear body armor. The requirement, which takes effect this month as local agencies apply for as much as \$37 million in federal aid to purchase bullet-resistant vests, comes in the wake of a recent surge in fatal shootings of police officers. The acting director of DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance, said the new policy is in response to the spike in violence — a 44 percent jump in fatal police shootings over the same time last year —

and research showing many police agencies do not require officers to wear body armor. Last year, DOJ distributed \$37 million to reimburse 4,127 agencies for the purchase of 193,259 vests. DOJ officials began contemplating changes to the program after a 2009 review by the Police Executive Research Forum, a law enforcement think tank, found 41 percent of departments do not require officers to wear body armor at least some of the time. The federal program would mandate that officers wear the vests while in uniform.

Source: <http://officer.com/online/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=57778>

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Information Technology Sector

43. *April 12, Help Net Security* – (International) **Holes found in majority of leading network firewalls.** As a new generation of firewall technology is taking hold, NSS Labs has begun testing traditional network firewalls and so-called next generation firewalls. NSS Labs engineers have discovered serious flaws in these products, despite the maturity of the market and their certification by two other major certification bodies. Researchers have found that three out of six firewall products failed to remain operational when subjected to stability tests. This lack of resiliency is troublesome, especially considering the tested firewalls were ICSA Labs and Common Criteria certified. Also, five out of six vendors failed to correctly handle the TCP Split Handshake spoof (Sneak ACK attack), thus allowing an attacker to bypass the firewall. Lastly, measuring performance based upon RFC-2544 (UDP) does not provide an accurate representation of how the firewall will perform in live real-world environments. “IT organizations worldwide have relied on third-party testing and been misled,” said the CTO of NSS Labs. “These test results point towards the need for a much higher level of continuous testing of network firewalls to ensure they are delivering appropriate security and reliability.”
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10882>

44. *April 12, Help Net Security* – (International) **Email malware jumps 400% after Rustock takedown.** Malware sent via e-mail increased by 400 percent in the last week of March 2011, Commtouch reported April 12. The significant increase was detected 2 weeks after the takedown of the Rustock botnet had resulted in a 30 percent drop in spam levels. While overall spam activity dropped around the New Year, it rose significantly after the holiday period. From January to mid-March, spam averaged 168 billion e-mails per day until Rustock was eliminated, dropping spam to an average of nearly 119 billion messages daily. Zombie activity also dropped significantly after Rustock was taken down, but large increases of enslaved computers became evident following the malware outbreak at the end of the quarter. The report also describes attempts by spammers and phishers to save money by hiding their online presence in disused forums or making use of online form-filling services to ease the collection of

phished user data.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1692

45. *April 12, H Security* – (International) **New zero-day for Flash Player.** An Adobe security advisory warns of a new critical vulnerability in Flash Player 10.2.153.1 for Windows, Macintosh, Linux and Solaris, Flash Player 10.2.156.12 for Android and the Authplay.dll component in Adobe Reader and Acrobat X 10.0.2 and all earlier versions. There are already reports the vulnerability is being exploited using crafted .swf files embedded in Microsoft Word .doc files sent as an e-mail attachment. The vulnerability can allow an attacker to take control of a system. The Krebs on Security blog reports the vulnerability has been used as part of a targeted spear-phishing campaign disguised as important government documents and launched against organizations or individuals who work for the U.S. government. Another example of the attack shows an e-mail with a title of “Disentangling Industrial Policy and Competition Policy In China” with a supposed copy of an article on that subject attached. Adobe said it is unaware of any attacks that have targeted Adobe Reader and Acrobat, and said Reader X’s protected mode would have mitigated against exploitation of the vulnerability. There is no date for when Adobe plans to release updates to close the hole.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/New-zero-day-for-Flash-Player-1226267.html>

46. *April 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Ransomware squeezes users with bogus Windows activation demand.** A new Trojan tries to extort money from users by convincing them to dial international telephone numbers to reactive Windows, a security researcher said April 11. Once on a PC, the malware displays a message claiming that Windows is “locked” and must be reactivated, said the chief research officer of F-Secure. Users seeing the message cannot boot Windows in either normal or Safe mode, he said. To regain control of the PC, users are told to reactivate Windows online or via a phone call. The former, however, is not available; a follow-up message instructs users to dial one of six telephone numbers, then enter a six-digit code to reactivate the operating system. “The call from your country is free of charge,” the second message alleges, which is untrue. “They pretend to be Microsoft,” the research officer said, adding the telephone numbers actually lead to an automated call center where users are kept on hold for several minutes, racking up long-distance charges. The scammers make money through what he called “short stopping,” the practice of billing a call at a rate higher than the actual destination.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215711/Ransomware_squeezes_users_with_bogus_Windows_activation_demand

47. *April 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Hacker breaks into Barracuda Networks database.** A hacker has broken into a Barracuda Networks database and obtained names and e-mail addresses of some of the security company’s employees, channel partners, and sales leads. The hacker, who called himself Fdf, posted proof of his attack to the Web April 11, showing e-mail addresses of company employees and

names, e-mail addresses, company affiliations, and phone numbers of sales leads registered by the company's channel partners. The attack started the night of April 9 and was launched at a time when the Barracuda Web Application Firewall that was supposed to protect the site had been taken offline for maintenance, Barracuda said April 11. After a couple of hours of probing, the hacker found an SQL injection flaw — a common Web programming error — on a script used to display write-ups of customer case studies. That one mistake got him into a database the company used for its marketing program and sales lead development. Barracuda does not store financial information in that database, the company said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215723/Hacker_breaks_into_Barracuda_Net_works_database

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *April 12, State College Centre Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Explosives found in State College garage.** Police evacuated a square block in the Holmes-Foster neighborhood of State College, Pennsylvania April 11 after a large amount of old, commercial explosives were found in a garage. Reported at about 4:30 p.m., the discovery prompted police and the Alpha Fire Company to close the 600 block of West Foster Avenue, the west side of the 200 block of Gill Street, the 200 block of South Sparks Street, and the 600 block of West Highland Alley for several hours. The State College police chief said the explosives, located at the back of the property in a detached building, were at least two decades old. In a news release, he said they were found by a resident, and that they had begun to deteriorate. But, he said, police do not suspect criminal intent. Five technicians from the joint State College/Penn State bomb squad, the state police bomb squad, and the Penn State hazmat team secured the explosives, removed them, and drove them to an undisclosed site for disposal he said. About 75 to 80 people — all those living within a one-block radius — were evacuated while the technicians worked, he said.

Source: <http://www.centredaily.com/2011/04/12/2641981/explosives-found-in-garage.html>

49. *April 12, CNN* – (National) **FBI: Man held in Ohio over California synagogue bombing.** A man believed to be connected with an April 7 synagogue bombing in Southern California was in custody in Ohio April 12, the FBI said. Law officers launched a manhunt for a 60-year-old wanted in an blast at a Jewish house of worship in Santa Monica. “The individual in custody was arrested following a call to law enforcement by a concerned citizen who had come into contact with a man believed to be” the bomber, the FBI said in a statement. The suspect, described as “extremely dangerous,” bought a ticket for a bus that was expected to arrive in New York April 10, the agency said in a statement. Surveillance cameras show the man got off the bus in Denver, Colorado and may have “further deviated from his original route,” the FBI stated. It said it appeared the explosion at the Chabad House synagogue was caused by a “deliberately constructed” device and that its investigation has linked the suspect to items found around the crime scene. The FBI said investigators do not know a motive for the explosion, which sent a 30-pound pipe flying into the roof of a house next door. The FBI described the suspect as a “transient” known for asking money from people at synagogues. He is wanted on a state charge of possessing a destructive device and unrelated local charges.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/04/12/california.synagogue.blast/?hpt=T2>

50. *April 11, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Deputies: pipe bomb in car’s muffler was payback for drug rip-off.** A pipe bomb blown up inside the muffler of a DeLand, Florida woman’s car was an act of revenge by two other women whose money was stolen by the victim’s boyfriend in a prescription drug deal, a Volusia County sheriff’s spokesman said April 10. The bomb was detonated at 3:22 a.m. April 3 in the parking lot of the Mallards of Brandywine apartment complex. The blast tore up the rear of the car and left shrapnel and other bomb components scattered in the parking lot, the spokesman said. The day before the bombing, the woman’s boyfriend used the car to drive another woman and her daughter, both of Deltona, to an Orlando pharmacy to get a prescription filled for 90 Roxicodone tablets. He took off with the money and did not return. After the stranded women called a friend to pick them up, they discussed revenge and decided to bomb the car after the friend said he knew how to make a pipe bomb, the spokesman said. Another 20-year-old woman drove the woman and her daughter to the apartment where the girlfriend lives where they lit the pipe bomb and stuffed it in the muffler of her car, he said. An 8-inch long metal cylinder was found under the car and a second vehicle sustained minor damage. The woman suspected in the bombing is on probation for selling drugs and was arrested April 8. She was charged with conspiracy to make, possess, or discharge a destructive device and being a principal to making, possessing, or discharging a destructive device. The daughter and another accomplice have not been located, but authorities have arrest warrants charging them with similar crimes and bail set at \$100,000 each. The friend who picked the women up from the pharmacy turned himself in April 9.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/west->

[volusia/2011/04/11/deputies-pipe-bomb-in-cars-muffler-was-payback-for-drug-rip-off.html](http://volusia.com/2011/04/11/deputies-pipe-bomb-in-cars-muffler-was-payback-for-drug-rip-off.html)

51. *April 11, WMBF 3 Myrtle Beach* – (South Carolina) **Lightning strike burns Centenary church to ground.** Members of Centenary Baptist Church in Marion County, South Carolina said a lightning strike during strong thunderstorms is to blame for burning their small town church to the ground. The lightning strike happened around 9 p.m. April 9. The flames quickly engulfed the church, and by 10 p.m. almost everything had burned. A church member said it may take a while but the church will have a building again — something members have already decided. Right now the church is working to figure out how much of the rebuilding cost insurance will cover, but members expect contributions from the community will be needed too.
Source: <http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=14425588>
52. *April 11, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Police arrest man suspected of meth lab explosion at Slidell hotel.** Police have arrested the man blamed for blowing up a room at the La Quinta Inn in Slidell, Louisiana April 7 when a meth lab exploded, according to jail records. The suspect was booked into the St. Tammany Parish jail in Covington April 9 on one count of creating or operating a clandestine lab to make drugs. Slidell police obtained a warrant for the man's arrest after his room at the hotel, where he was allegedly making meth, exploded. The explosion pushed out the walls of the room and required an evacuation of the second floor of the hotel. Crews with St. Tammany Parish's 1st Fire Protection District spent much of the evening decontaminating the area. No one was seriously injured in the explosion.
Source:
http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/04/police_arrest_man_suspected_of.html
53. *April 11, New York Times* – (Iowa; Wisconsin) **Tornado damage heavy in Iowa and Wisconsin.** On April 9, a tornado, which hit at 7:20 p.m. and was later identified as a Category 3 tornado with winds as high as 165 miles an hour, was the largest of 27 reported in Iowa, a National Weather Service spokesman said. There were no fatalities. The following day, 7 tornadoes were reported in Wisconsin. One tore through a section of Merrill, destroying 50 to 60 buildings and scattering debris for miles, said the city's fire chief. There were no serious injuries, he said. But the damage was severe in Mapleton, a town of about 1,200 people in western Iowa. About 100 homes and many businesses were destroyed.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/12/us/12tornado.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *April 12, KCBD 11 Lubbock* – (Texas) **Arson investigation underway in Garza County fires.** As of late April 11, fires were almost under control in Garza and Crosby

counties in Texas, but investigators are focused on how some of them started. A Garza County sheriff's deputy said arson investigators with the Texas Rangers and Texas Forest Service (TFS) are assisting Garza County authorities looking into claims that several fires were started intentionally. Deputies said a dark, older model Ford pickup truck was seen near the scene of several fires. They say they have a person of interest, but that no arrests have been made or charges filed. Firefighters' biggest concern April 11 was putting out the remaining flames. It was the third day residents of Garza and Crosby counties had a smoke-filled sky. TFS estimated the fire to be 90 percent contained as of late April 11. Airplanes were supposed to make drops on the burning ground but were called out to a larger fire 50 miles away. More than 20 area fire departments worked overtime to ensure the safety of many of the threatened homes.

Source: <http://www.kcbd.com/story/14426757/arson>

55. *April 12, Daily Times* – (Delaware) **Military ordnance found in state park, residents not alarmed.** World War II military ordnance was recently located in the Cape Henlopen State Park in Lewes, Delaware. A civilian using a metal detector found the rocket in a restricted area of the sand dunes. Park rangers were notified and secured the area until experts from the Delaware State Police (DSP) and Dover Air Force Base (DAFB) arrived. It was identified as a 3.5-inch, self-propelled practice rocket. The motor was still attached, which posed a potential hazard. A DSP spokesman said the device was transported to a secure location near Georgetown for analysis. DAFB officials used military-grade explosives to detonate the device and it was rendered safe, he said. The Cape Henlopen State Park superintendent said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently wrapped a project in the area to gather as much ordinances as they could that remained from the World War I and World War II eras. The Corps project manager said the inspection began in 2002 and ended in December 2008. During the investigation, 137 intact practice rockets were found, though they had already been fired on the practice range, along with 206 rocket pieces.

Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20110412/DW01/104120351/Military-ordnance-found-in-state-park-residents-not-alarmed?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Delaware|Waves>

56. *April 11, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Blount firefighters contain brush fire near national park.** Firefighters in Tennessee brought a brush fire under control April 11 after it came within about 50 feet of Blount County homes. The fire burned 8 acres in the Top of the World community just outside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park boundary, the Blount County fire chief said. The fire was reported April 10 when a homeowner in the Park Line Heights subdivision attempted to burn some brush, only to lose control of the fire, the chief said. Crews extinguished the fire, but strong winds caught lingering embers and reignited it April 11. The fire now was contained to a few remaining hot spots later April 11. Firefighters with the state division of forestry and the National Park Service also responded.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/apr/11/blount-firefighters-contain-brush-fire-near-nation/>

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57. *April 12, Associated Press* – (North Dakota; Minnesota) **In N. Dakota, flood attention turns to rural areas.** Residents in North Dakota’s most populous county were finding new ways to get around April 11 as floodwaters put two small towns “under siege” and closed more than 60 miles of county roads. The state’s governor was caught in rural traffic detoured by flooded roads. The north-flowing Red River crested in Fargo and neighboring Moorhead, Minnesota, over the weekend of April 9 and 10 at 38.75 feet, the fourth-highest flood on record. Officials said the levees were holding in the two cities, and offered to help with unprecedented flooding in Cass County directly north of Fargo. The largely rural territory is dotted with small towns, many with just a few hundred residents, and a National Weather Service meteorologist said record flows in the Sheyenne, Maple, and Rush rivers led to unparalleled overland flooding. Road closures were making life difficult for county residents, including commuters who normally use Interstate 29 to get to work in Fargo. More than 30 miles of the interstate remained shut down from north of Fargo to Hillsboro. State transportation officials said roads that have never flooded before are now under water. A handful of people were rescued April 10 in Cass County, and county and U.S. Coast Guard air boats were on standby April 11, but no new evacuations were reported. USCG officials said they suspended routine checks on flooded properties because of the fear the wave action could damage levees. Work was being done April 11 to reinforce levees in the Minnesota towns of Perley, Halstad, and Hendrum. It was less hectic in Fargo and Moorhead. Fargo was removing clay levees and opening bridges that cross drainage areas.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/apArticle/id/D9MHO7I82/>

58. *April 12, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **2 ND dams monitored closely this flooding season.** Authorities are keeping a close eye on two dams in North Dakota. A Burlington police officer told KCJB radio the Horse Shoe Dam on the Des Lacs River was being bolstered after officials discovered it had holes. He said rural residents near the river were being urged to leave. And in southeast North Dakota, the state water commission told The Forum newspaper repairs to the Clausen Springs Dam near Kathryn were holding up well despite high water in the reservoir.

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