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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to ABC News, a critical shortage of a leukemia drug has forced some hospitals to turn patients away. (See item [36](#))
- The Register reports authorities arrested five people who took part in an armed robbery of a California factory that netted \$37 million in Intel flash memory chips. (See item [48](#))

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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 15, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Power outages, storm damage across Arkansas.** Severe weather April 15 caused extensive damage and left tens of thousands of Arkansans in the dark. As of 5:05 a.m. Entergy reported that 41,886 homes across the state were without power. North Little Rock Electric Department reported at 6:40 a.m. they had fewer than 7,000 customers without power. The general manager of NLR Electric, said that by 7:30 a.m. most customers should have had power restored. In Pulaski County, there were reports of a gas line rupture at 904 Mellon in Little Rock. There are no reports of fires. Powerlines, poles, and large trees are were also down in

the Belleville and Danville area, resulting in numerous trees blocking roads.

Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/153666/2/Power-outages-storm-damage-across-Arkansas>

2. *April 14, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Hydrogen buildup caused fatal NC power plant blast.** Progress Energy Inc. said a buildup of hydrogen caused an explosion March 15 that killed a 24-year-old worker at a coal-fired power plant near Wilmington, North Carolina. The control technician died at the L.V. Sutton Steam Electric Plant as he performed maintenance on one of the plant's offline units. Utility officials said hydrogen is used as coolant in the generator and is supposed to be purged from the area when the unit is shut down for maintenance. But some hydrogen was still in the unit when the technician entered, and it was ignited by either a fan or a work light. Progress said it is trying to figure out why all the hydrogen was not purged from the unit. The North Carolina Department of Labor is also investigating.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MJIVP01.htm>
3. *April 14, WILX 10 Lansing* – (Michigan) **Gasoline leak detected near stockbridge.** Gasoline was leaking from an unknown source northwest of Stockbridge, Michigan, however it was coming from the same area where there are gasoline storage tanks owned by the Wolverine Pipe Line Company and other companies. It is not known how much gasoline leaked or if there has been any contamination of the water system. The owner of the Wolverine sent crews to investigate, and found some petroleum-based substance coming from the bank of the drain. The Ingham County Drain Commission said the substance was gasoline. Wolverine used absorbent booms and pads to capture the substance. They said their crew has stopped the petroleum from entering the country drain. Wolverine workers and the county drain commission and department of environment quality were searching for the source. As of April 14, testers had not found any gas in nearby wells.
Source: <http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/119853474.html>
4. *April 14, United Press International* – (International) **Somali pirates zero in on oil tanker lanes.** Somali pirates are increasingly threatening global oil supplies from the Persian Gulf as they extend their attacks ever deeper into the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, morphing from a tactical nuisance to a strategic danger. Three supertankers have been seized so far in 2011, the first time since the piracy plague began in 2006 that so many have been captured in a three-month period. The International Maritime Bureau in London, which monitors international shipping, reports piracy hit an all-time high in the first quarter of 2011 with 142 attacks worldwide, mostly by Somali sea bandits. Of the 97 attacks pinned on Somali pirates — up from 35 in the equivalent period in 2010 — 37 were on tankers, including 20 with a deadweight of more than 100,000 tons, the bureau said. The “dramatic increase in the violence and the techniques” employed by the Somali marauders put large tankers carrying oil or inflammable chemicals at serious risk, a spokesman stressed. As the pirates increasingly concentrate their attacks close to the Persian Gulf, calls are mounting for tougher action against the marauders. The piracy problem “is spinning out of control into the entire Indian Ocean,” the managing director of the International Association of

Independent Tanker Owners said February 9. “If piracy in the Indian Ocean is left unabated, it will strangle these crucial shipping lanes with the potential to severely disrupt oil flows to the United States and the rest of the world,” he said.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2011/04/14/Somali-pirates-zero-in-on-oil-tanker-lanes/UPI-35161302806016/

5. *April 12, Gov Info Security* – (National) **NSA boss anxious about e-grid safety.** The director of the National Security Agency suggested American electric companies may not be able to protect the power grid in the United States from a cyberattack. “When you look at it, if you were to ask me to rank order where industries are in terms of their cybersecurity capability, I think power is at or close to the bottom of the list, not because they’re bad, but because that’s not a focus area for them right now,” said the four-star Army general who also commands the U.S. Cyber Command. At a cybersecurity symposium April 11 at the University of Rhode Island, the general spoke of an August 2003 electrical blackout that affected 45 million people in 8 Eastern states and 10 million others in Ontario, Canada, aggravated by a software problem that was initially unknown to the systems operators. He also addressed an August 2009 sensing-system failure at the world’s third largest hydroelectric plant at the Sayano-Shushenskaya dam in Russia, where engineers remotely turned on a turbine that violently tore apart, causing a ceiling to collapse at the power plant, damaging eight other turbines and killing 75 people. “What I’m concerned about: these are issues that were caused by people with good intentions,” the general said.

Source: http://www.govinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3533

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *April 14, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **HAZMAT team called for ammonia spill.** A chemical spill at a plant near Lambert Airport forced the evacuation of workers at the Univar Company on Seeger Industrial Drive in Berkeley, Missouri, April 14. About 5,400 gallons of ammonium hydroxide leaked from what may have been a faulty valve as workers were transferring the chemical from a tanker truck to the plant where it was being repackaged in 55-gallon drums. The leak went unnoticed for some time between 4:45 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. as workers operated the packaging equipment inside a building. A Univar spokesman said no one was injured. He also said some of the chemical ran into Cold Water Creek, which borders the north side of the company property. The Berkeley assistant fire chief said the chemical will cause skin burns and in vapor form can irritate lungs. When it mixes with water, ammonium hydroxide vaporizes and can be carried some distance by wind. He said the evacuation of some workers was done as a precaution. Berkeley fire also called in the St. Louis County Haz-Mat team. Haz-Mat technicians tested creek water to determine if pH levels were safe and monitored air samples. Experts from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also conducted investigations and spoke to

company officials about the accident. “They think it pretty much diluted itself in the creek,” he said. A DNR spokesman said there was no evidence of serious environmental damage to wildlife because there was not much in the way of aquatic life in Cold Water Creek. The company hired an environmental clean-up firm to vacuum up the spill so the expected rains would not spread the chemical. Univar is a chemical processing firm that sells chemicals and solvents to firms such as Boeing and to municipal waste water treatment plants.

Source: <http://www.fox2now.com/news/ktvi-hazmat-called-ammonia-spill-20110414,0,6599713.story>

7. *April 13, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **I-70 ramps reopen after truck leaks chemical in Licking County.** The portion of Rt. 158 in Licking County, Ohio, that was closed earlier April 13, as well as the ramps to and from I-70, were open by the late evening of April 13. They were all closed because of a potentially hazardous leak at the Flying J truck stop, which remained closed late April 13. The truck stop is on Rt. 158 just off I-70. The chemical leak came from a tractor-trailer at the truck stop. The Flying J gas station, store, and restaurant remained closed as of late April 13, and were evacuated, the Licking County Sheriff’s Office said. The sheriff’s office has not yet said what chemical leaked from the truck. There were no injuries and hazmat crews were called in.

Source:

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/04/13/Chemical-leak-closes-ramps-from-I-70.html?sid=101

8. *April 13, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Anhydrous ammonia leak contained in Miami County.** Firefighters were able to contain an anhydrous ammonia leak April 13 in Miami County, Missouri. The Miami County undersheriff said a liquid fertilizer tank tipped about 2:15 p.m. near 250th Street and Columbia Road north of Hillsdale. A hose on the tank broke, but the South Johnson County Fire Department was able to stop the leak within 45 minutes, emergency officials said. During that time, crews prepared to evacuate a few farm homes north of the leak. The precaution was taken just in case the leak could not be contained quickly. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/04/13/2798181/anhydrous-ammonia-leak-contained.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *April 15, Reuters* – (Arizona) **Man arrested in bomb scare at Arizona nuclear plant.** A contractor arriving for work at the nation’s largest nuclear plant was arrested April 15 after suggesting he had a bomb in his car, authorities said. The man is in custody after causing a roughly 5-hour lockdown of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Wintersburg, Arizona, a Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office spokesman said. “Our bomb squad has just cleared the vehicle and no explosives were found,” he told Reuters. “There was no danger to the plant. Everything is fine.” He told Reuters the

man faces possible felony charges. Authorities said the man was undergoing a routine inspection at about 12:45 a.m. and made an “off-handed remark” that he had a bomb in his car. Sheriff’s deputies were called and no one was allowed in or out of the plant. The spokesman said the gate is about 1,000 feet from any plant operations.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wbfo/news.newsmain/article/0/0/1789669/US/Man.arrested.in.bomb.scare.at.Arizona.nuclear.plant>

10. *April 15, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Alabama; Tennessee) **TVA board discusses changes to nuclear reactors.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) immediately will add satellite telephones and small portable generators at its three operating nuclear plants, and could within months strengthen power and water supplies to spent fuel pools and speed up the transfer of nuclear waste from pools to dry cask storage. The chief operating officer told board members April 14 at a meeting in Chattanooga that reviews after the Japanese nuclear crisis confirm the utility’s six reactors and five spent fuel pools are safe. They already had been “retrofitted with safety measures to assure defense-in-depth,” he said. “But we are working to assure that we’re ready for the unexpected.” Since the March 11 earthquake in Japan, TVA has reviewed local plant requirements and response plans to a slate of disasters, single or multiple. That look prompted a 90-day plan to add satellite phones and portable generators. It also has prompted a recommendation for the following changes within 12 months: Move additional nuclear fuel from spent-fuel pools into dry cask storage; harden cooling-water supply pipes to spent-fuel pools; add a fifth generator for backup power at Sequoyah and Watts Bar nuclear plants; and harden electrical switchyards to better withstand seismic impacts.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2011/apr/15/tva-board-discusses-changes-nuclear-reactors/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *April 15, Dow Jones* – (International) **Toyota to continue to run production at Japan plants at half volume.** Plagued by prolonged parts shortages after the massive earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan in March, Toyota Motor Corp. said April 15 it will run its Japanese auto plants at half their normal volumes for a month from early May. Toyota, the world’s largest auto maker, said its entire lineup of vehicles at the group’s 17 plants in Japan will be manufactured on a single shift basis for 5 days a week from May 10 to June 3. The company had already planned to run all its factories in Japan at 50 percent of usual volumes from April 18 to 27 before stopping production again for 12 days from April 28 due to an annual spring holiday shutdown. The prolonged period of reduced volumes will make it tougher for the firm to meet demand for a swift delivery of vehicles to customers at home and overseas, weighing on sales operations. The latest move comes a day after Toyota’s Australian unit said it will cut production at its factory at Altona, Victoria state, by half next month with a similar outlook for June. The firm’s major overseas factories have been affected by the

disruption to the supply of parts. Toyota said April 13 it would suspend production at five plants in Europe from late April to early May, while the car maker will not operate its plants in North America for 5 days in April. The auto giant has to continue to keep production down as it has made little progress in returning the procurement of parts to normal. It continues to find it hard to source 150 types of parts, unchanged from a week ago, a spokeswoman said. Toyota said it will decide on its production plan after June 3 based on parts supplies.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110415-703082.html>

12. *April 15, Bloomberg* – (International) **Hyundai, Kia run U.S. plants overtime as Toyota pares output.** Expanded U.S. output at Seoul, Korea-based Hyundai and affiliate Kia contrasts with assembly reductions at the North American plants of Toyota Motor Corp., Honda Motor Co., and Nissan Motor Co., implemented after Japan's earthquake March 11. U.S.-based General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Co. also cut some assembly, and Chrysler Group LLC canceled overtime shifts to conserve supplies of parts that may grow scarcer. Globally, 1.5 million units of auto production may be temporarily lost because of damaged operations at Japan-based parts and materials suppliers, the vice president of IHS Automotive said. The full extent of the disruption is not clear yet, he said. Toyota the week of April 10 told U.S. dealers reduced output in Japan and North America may thin supplies of cars and trucks into the third quarter. The company, the world's largest automaker, has canceled 5 days of work at plants in North America in April and expects to lose 35,000 units of production as a result. Honda began curbing daily output at U.S. and Canadian factories by 2,000 vehicles March 30, a spokesman said. Nissan canceled 6 days of production at its plants in Tennessee and Mississippi, and for 5 days at each of its two auto-assembly factories in Mexico.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-04-15/hyundai-kia-run-u-s-plants-overtime-as-toyota-pares-output.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *April 14, Associated Press* – (International) **Ill. man denies taking military data to China.** An Illinois man accused of taking restricted military data to China has pleaded not guilty. An attorney for the man entered the plea April 14 in federal court in Newark, New Jersey. He was originally granted bail in Illinois, but was later ordered held on \$750,000 bail by a judge in New Jersey. He is accused of taking documents from his job at L3 Communications in New Jersey to China, where he was speaking at a technology conference last November. He faces one count of exporting defense-related data without a license, a charge that carries a possible 20-year prison sentence. The man's attorney said her client is a legal permanent resident of the United States but is being targeted because of his Chinese heritage.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/04/ap-illinois-man-denies-taking-military-data-to-china-041411/>

14. *April 14, Homeland Security News Wire* – (North Carolina) **U.S. Army surveillance blimp destroyed in accident.** Inside Defense reports the U.S. Army lost one Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor (JLENS) in an accident in 2010, Homeland Security News Wire reported April 14. TCOP, L.P., the manufacturer of the blimp, has a manufacturing facility near Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Last September, two aerostats were moored next to each other in the facility — but one of them nearly broke loose and crashed into the blimp moored nearby. The offending blimp was a Skuship 600 airship, which is not part of the military’s JLENS program. The collision was not disclosed at the time, and came to light in a Government Accountability Office report March 29. The cost of the accident is not clear, but a clue may be found in the numbers associated with the extension of the manufacturing phase of the JLENS program. Inside defense concludes: The accident has led program officials to extend the engineering and manufacturing development phase of the program, a fact noted but left unexplained in Army budget documents released earlier in 2011. The extension will cost an additional \$168 million on top of \$176 million originally planned for fiscal year 2012, according to the budget documents. The JLENS is a tactical, theater-based, advanced sensor system. It is carried on a blimp — or rather, on a tethered aerostats — to enable battlefield commanders to increase their wide-area protection against land-attack cruise missiles.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/us-army-surveillance-blimp-destroyed-accident>

15. *April 14, InnovationNewsDaily* – (International) **DARPA wants telescopes to protect military satellites from space junk.** Satellites that support U.S. military missions around the world can fall prey to collisions with space junk, tiny meteoroids, and even enemy microsattellites. To combat these threats, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has begun deploying new ground-based telescopes that can take wide-angle views of small deep-space objects and keep satellites safe. The innovative design of DARPA’s telescope can provide the same space surveillance data “in a matter of nights” that existing telescopes require weeks or months to provide, according to DARPA’s Space Surveillance Telescope program manager. “Currently we have a ‘soda straw’ view of deep space, where we can only see one narrow segment of space at a time,” he said. “The Space Surveillance Telescope should give us a much wider ‘windshield’ view of deep space objects, significantly enhancing our space situational awareness.”

Source: <http://www.space.com/11395-space-debrisdebris-darpa-telescope-satellites.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *April 14, Wall Street Journal* – (Massachusetts) **SEC charges three subprime auto loan executives.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) April 14 charged three executives of Inofin Inc., a subprime auto loan provider based in Massachusetts, with misleading investors and diverting at least \$110 million for personal use. The SEC

alleges the three individuals illegally raised funds through the sale of unregistered notes. Investors were told the money would be solely used to fund subprime auto loans and that they could expect to receive returns of 9 percent to 15 percent. Instead, two of the suspects used a portion of the funds to open four used car dealerships, and start several real estate property developments.

Source: http://www.marketwatch.com/story/sec-charges-three-subprime-auto-loan-executives-2011-04-14-1152350?link=MW_latest_news

17. *April 14, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Tax man scams government of \$30 million.** A Pasadena, California-based tax preparation company has been forced April 14 to stop providing services after a federal court order. The court order bars the man and his two companies, Retirement Plan Services, Inc. and Lyon Pensions Inc., from preparing federal taxes or representing others before the Internal Revenue Service, the Justice Department (DOJ) announced April 14. The man was sued in August, 2010 by DOJ for allegedly conducting fraudulent tax schemes. According to the lawsuit, his schemes cost the government at least \$30 million in tax collections. He reportedly helped small business owners create bogus pension and welfare-benefit plans so they could hide revenue and, therefore, owe less on their corporate income taxes. He also allegedly funneled the fake contributions back to the customers by taking fake loans from the plans. He is also being ordered to stop selling or administering pension or welfare-benefit plans.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-tax-man-fraud,0,4362246.story>
18. *April 13, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Manson Insurance owner pleads guilty in \$9.6 million bank fraud conspiracy.** The former head of a Wausau, Wisconsin insurance agency pleaded guilty April 13 to his role in a multi-million dollar bank-fraud scheme. The former chief executive officer of Manson Insurance faces maximum penalties of 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and restitution that will be determined at his June 14 sentencing. The former executive was accused of forging customer signatures on loans to finance phony insurance premiums, embezzling credits from insurance companies, and fraudulently billing customers. In court April 13, the assistant U.S. attorney said that on February 18 and December 12 in 2008, the man had a former Manson Insurance vice president draft loan notes for two customers who had not requested the loans. The executive then sold the notes to River Valley Bank, which was located in the same building as Manson Insurance, and deposited the \$281,049 proceeds in the Manson agency bank account, a U.S. attorney said. According to court records, the fraudulent insurance premium notes sold to River Valley had a face value of \$3,771,799 and resulted in a loss to the bank of approximately \$1,926,695. The former vice president who served as an accomplice in the scheme pleaded guilty last month to concealing a felony in connection with her role in the scam.
Source:
<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20110413/WDH0101/110413040/Updated-Scholfield-guilty-fraud-scam?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|FRONTPAGE|p>
19. *April 12, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California; International) **Owner of foreign currency exchange trading company charged with defrauding investors**

out of more than \$5 million. A California man was arrested tApril 12 on federal charges that he defrauded investors out of more than \$5 million. The 31-year-old Los Angeles, California man is charged with wire fraud arising out of the operation of Green Tree Capital. According to the complaint the man, through Green Tree, solicited more than \$5 million from customers, purportedly for the purpose of trading in the foreign currency exchange (FOREX) market. It is alleged the man traded, at most, a small portion of customer funds in FOREX and instead spent most of it on personal expenses, including more than \$950,000 at casinos and approximately \$130,000 to purchase a car. Between October 2009 and February 2011 he also withdrew more than \$2.1 million in cash from Green Tree customer accounts. During that same time period, Green Tree continued to e-mail account statements to customers purporting to show trading gains and losses. In many instances, the account statements showed customers' accounts had gained value through successful FOREX trading. If convicted on these charges, the man faces up to 20 years in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/boston/press-releases/2011/owner-of-foreign-exchange-currency-trading-company-charged-with-defrauding-investors-out-of-more-than-5-million>

20. *April 12, The Register* – (International) **Exploit-wielding boffins go on free online shopping binge.** Computer scientists have documented serious flaws in software running some of the world's biggest e-commerce sites and shown how they can be exploited to receive DVDs, digital journals, and other products for free or at sharply reduced prices not authorized by sellers. The findings are an indictment of software makers, e-commerce sites, and third-party cashiers used to process payments. The researchers, from Microsoft and Indiana University, said the vulnerabilities stem from the interconnected communication among the end user making a purchase, the online merchants, and the cashier-as-a-service providers such as PayPal, Amazon Payments, and Google Checkout. The "trilateral interaction" is so complex the two most popular e-commerce programs used to coordinate the communications can easily be fooled into approving the transactions for free, or at a tiny fraction of the price being charged. They said the software they analyzed was vulnerable largely because it was designed to be flexible enough to work with a variety of merchants and payment processors. But they said the payment processors were also culpable. They called out Amazon Payments specifically for a "serious error" in its software developer kit that allowed attackers to provide their own digital certificates during online transactions so they bypassed legitimate certificates used during a verification process.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/12/free_online_shopping_exploits/

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Transportation Sector

21. *April 15, CNN* – (National) **FAA official out amid sleeping-on-the-job cases.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) official in charge of operating the air traffic control system has resigned amid revelations that several controllers have fallen asleep

on the job this year, the FAA chief said April 14. The FAA's chief counsel will be the acting chief of the unit during a search to fill the post, according to the agency's administrator. "Over the last few weeks we have seen examples of unprofessional conduct on the part of a few individuals that have rightly caused the traveling public to question our ability to ensure their safety. This conduct must stop immediately," the administrator said in a written statement.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/14/faa.resignation/index.html>

22. *April 14, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **More of I-29 closed in ND because of flooding.** Officials prepared to close another section of Interstate 29 in eastern North Dakota April 13 because of flooding. The state transportation department said a 28-mile section between Manville and Grafton would be closed to everything but emergency vehicles and commercial trucks of at least 26,000 pounds. A 30-mile stretch of I-29 north of Fargo remains closed as well. The transportation department said that section could be closed for a few days while it is checked for erosion and washouts beside or beneath the roadway.

Source: <http://www.devilslakejournal.com/newsnow/x1225322055/More-of-I-29-closed-in-ND-because-of-flooding>

23. *April 14, Associated Press* – (New York) **Surprise NY bus inspections remove 124 drivers.** Nearly 100 buses and more than 100 bus drivers have been removed from the roads in New York State after surprise inspections following a deadly tour bus crash in New York City 1 month ago, state transportation officials said April 14. The state department of transportation said the 1,286 roadside inspections are part of a crackdown ordered by New York's governor just days after a crash in New York City. State police reported ticketing bus drivers for more than 150 moving violations in the effort. Transportation officials said 96 buses and 124 drivers were taken off the road. "Operators and drivers are advised to take our message of zero tolerance seriously," the transportation commissioner said. Nationally, federal transportation officials have reported 2,800 spot checks of passenger buses from March 28 to April 6 resulted in 289 drivers of buses taken off the road. That followed 300 buses being removed from service following 3,000 inspections during 17 days of earlier spot checks.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP21a44bb8ac72416c9bf01d97a4750f08.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

24. *April 15, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (National) **Postal Inspectors warn of change of address scam.** The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is warning consumers of a "change of address" scam they are seeing more frequently. Postal inspectors said unauthorized Web sites are not submitting a change of address after charging people a \$20 to \$30 fee. Inspectors said the U.S. Postal Service charges \$1 to change an address online, or if a person goes to the post office in person, it is free.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/national/Postal-Inspectors-warn-of-change-of-address-scam-119901954.html>

25. *April 14, Milford Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Milford police investigate suspicious envelope at National Guard.** Firefighters April 13 investigated an unknown substance sent to the state Department of Correction (DOC) in Milford, Massachusetts. A department spokeswoman said the department received a letter that contained the substance. The Milford Fire Department sent a hazardous materials team, she said. Police and firefighters went to the building, which is also home to the Army National Guard Headquarters, around 2:40 p.m. The DOC offices are located on the third-floor. The building was locked down for about one-half hour before officials let people in and out. Fire crews and members of the FBI spent several hours investigating. Fire officials said there was no hazard to the general public.

Source: http://www.milforddailynews.com/news/police_and_fire/x432879911/Milford-police-investigating-suspicious-envelope-at-National-Guard

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *April 15, All Headline News* – (National) **Study: U.S. meat, poultry widely contaminated with antibiotic-resistant bacteria.** A recent study of the U.S. meat and poultry industry found unexpectedly high rates of bacterial contamination in products from grocery stores. Researchers with the Translational Genomics Research Institute said they found that almost half of the meat and poultry they sampled was contaminated with *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria, 52 percent of which were resistant to at least three classes of antibiotics. In a statement, the researchers said their study was the first national assessment of antibiotic-resistant *S. aureus* in the national food supply. DNA testing suggests the animals themselves were the major source of contamination. The researchers collected 136 samples of beef, chicken, pork, and turkey from 26 retail grocery stores in Los Angeles, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Flagstaff, and Washington, D.C. The researchers said the fact that so many animals are infected with the bacteria suggests they are becoming immune to the steady amounts of antibiotics fed to them before slaughter.

Source: <http://gantdaily.com/2011/04/15/study-u-s-meat-poultry-widely-contaminated-with-antibiotic-resistant-bacteria/>

27. *April 14, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **New patient linked to salmonella scare.** The number of people affected by a salmonella outbreak linked to tainted pastries from Johnston, Rhode Island's DeFusco's Bakery expanded to 76 April 14, a month after the first illness was reported, the Rhode Island Health Department reported. Of the 76 patients, 46 had lab-confirmed cases of salmonella poisoning and 29 were hospitalized. As of April 14, two patients were still in the hospital. The health department is investigating two deaths possibly linked to the outbreak. Investigators discovered pastry shells stored in egg crates that tested positive for salmonella. Those shells may have been used in zeppoles distributed at DeFusco's and across Rhode

Island.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/blackstone/providence-another-case-of-salmonella

28. *April 14, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **As many as 42 people sickened by norovirus.** The Hawaii State Health Department said April 14 as many as 42 people got sick with the norovirus and all of them had a connection with a restaurant in Haleiwa. State health officials said the people who reported nausea, vomiting, and other gastrointestinal problems either ate or worked April 10 at Cholo’s Mexican restaurant. State health inspectors visited the restaurant April 12, and found no health violations, a state epidemiologist said. She said the restaurant was cooperative and immediately chose to temporarily close down and fully clean its facilities. At the time of the inspection April 12, Cholo’s Homestyle Mex restaurant voluntarily closed to customers and began disinfection of all surfaces, the health department said. No violations were found. The restaurant reopened April 13. The health department revisited the facility April 14 to reinforce personal hygiene, cross-contamination prevention, and proper sanitizing of equipment and utensils. A follow-up inspection will be conducted in one week. Health officials said they still do not know who or what was the cause of the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/27552574/detail.html>

29. *April 13, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Study: Iowa farmland erosion worse than believed.** Heavy rains in recent years have washed away Iowa’s rich soil at much faster rates than what is considered sustainable to maintain production of corn and other crops, according to an environmental group’s study of data compiled by Iowa State University scientists. In parts of Iowa, soil has eroded by as much as 12 times the rate the government considers sustainable, according to the report from Environmental Working Group (EWG), a Washington D.C.-based research and advocacy organization. The findings have raised concerns among scientists and environmentalists about the state’s ability to increase or even maintain crop production. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates, Iowa soil erodes at an average rate of 5.2 tons an acre each year. That is close to the rate at which the USDA estimates most Iowa land can maintain its productivity. Five tons per acre of soil would be less than a dime in thickness. However, in 2009, one in every four townships in Iowa, or 395, had average erosion rates of more than 10 tons per acre, according to the EWG report. Thirty townships in 2009 had erosion rates exceeding 50 tons an acre. Erosion in 2010 was not as severe, with just 41 townships having rates that exceeded 10 tons an acre. But the study warned the problem could get worse if farmers try to produce from every available piece of land.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Study-Iowa-farmland-erosion-worse-than-believed-1335009.php>

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Water Sector

30. *April 15, Columbia State* – (South Carolina) **Vandalism caused sewage spill.** Vandals removed several manhole covers and tossed logs into one open manhole, causing a sewage spill this week in northern Richland County, South Carolina, Columbia utility officials said. The spill was discovered April 12 around 12:30 p.m., though it was difficult to tell how long it had been going on or how much sewage had spilled. The city officially reported the spill as more than 5,000 gallons to state regulators. The spill was in a wooded area off Scioto Drive, near a tributary of Crane Creek.
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2011/04/14/1779311/vandalism-caused-sewage-spill.html>
31. *April 14, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Sewage spills into DeKalb waterways.** Nearly 19,000 gallons of raw sewage have spilled into DeKalb County, Georgia, waterways the week of April 11. County water reports show 18,020 gallons spilled into the North Fork of Peachtree Creek from the 4000 block of Brownlee Drive in Tucker. A 920-gallon spill was also reported in Ball Mill Creek from the 1600 block of Mt. Vernon Road in Atlanta. In December, the federal Environmental Protection Agency mandated the county upgrade its sewage system after more than 800 spills were reported in 5 years.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/dekalb/sewage-spills-into-dekalb-909474.html>
32. *April 14, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Reward offered in vandalism to Dover pumping station.** York County, Pennsylvania Crime Stoppers is offering a reward in a case of vandalism to a Dover water pumping station. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to a resolution of the April 12 incident. Northern York County Regional police said a gate to the fenced pumping station near Stony Lane was forced open. A dusk to dawn light and post, and an electric meter were torn from the side of the building before those responsible broke the knob off the main entry door. Once inside, police said the vandals set off a fire extinguisher. The building had been covered in graffiti from a previous act of vandalism, police said.
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/14444520/reward-offered-in-vandalism-to-dover-pumping-station>
33. *April 14, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Five water main breaks results in blocked traffic in Wilmette.** Traffic on Lake Avenue in Wilmette, Illinois, was closed in two places April 14 due to five water main breaks the evening of April 13. Some residents and businesses were without water for portions of the day, the public works director. Westbound traffic was blocked early in the day on Lake Avenue near Hibbard Road. Once that pipe was repaired, crews blocked eastbound traffic on Lake Avenue just west of Skokie Boulevard, which remained closed during the afternoon rush hour as the village waited for an “all-clear” from electricity provider ComEd before reopening the lane to traffic. Two other breaks were near the Lake and Skokie intersection and a fifth was on Lavergne Avenue, which crews would address by April 15, the director said. The cause is likely due to Wilmette’s standpipe being taken out of service earlier in the week for maintenance. The pipe acts as a “shock absorber” when there is a drastic

change in water pressure in the system. Wilmette supplies water to Glenview, which recently opened its Glen Town Center to the water system. Glenview's water plant regularly cycles water in and out of its reservoir, the director said, leading to a drop in water pressure in Wilmette's system last night. "We're going to work a little closer with Glenview to avoid it while our standpipe is being serviced," she said.

Source: <http://triblocal.com/wilmette-kenilworth/2011/04/14/five-water-main-breaks-results-in-blocked-traffic-in-wilmette/>

34. *April 13, Jacksonville Daily News* – (North Carolina) **Irregularities at Richlands wastewater treatment plant.** An unknown condition at the Richlands Wastewater Treatment Plant in North Carolina has caused the characteristics of the effluent to be outside of normal limits, according to the Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA). ONWASA has been working with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality to correct the effluent, which is the highly treated discharge from the treatment process, according to a press release from ONWASA. The effluent is discharged from the plant into Squire's Run in the White Oak River Basin. An increase in fecal coliform was detected within the plant last week, according to the release. North Carolina Division of Water Quality officials were alerted April 11. Plant operators and ONWASA engineers are working to correct the problem and determine the cause. The plant is functioning, the release stated. There is no immediate danger to those in the plant area. One of four gear boxes also malfunctioned at the treatment plant, which affected a rotor within the oxidation ditch. The malfunction did not cause the contamination. Officials with ONWASA believe something is being introduced into the sewer system in the Richlands area without their knowledge or permission, due to the rapidness of abnormal readings. Law enforcement has been alerted to the possible unauthorized use of the sewer system, including the collection pipes and manholes, according to the release.

Source: <http://www.jdnews.com/news/treatment-90043-effluent-plant.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *April 14, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Pathology lab fined 70K for hazardous waste violations.** The Clin-Path Diagnostics pathology lab in Tempe, Arizona, has been ordered to pay \$70,000 by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the attorney general's office for numerous hazardous waste and other violations. The company, located at 2109 S. 48th St., Suite 102, was cited for 18 violations following an ADEQ inspection in August 2009, a news release said. The violations against Clin-Path include failure to comply with rules concerning emergency preparedness and prevention, failure to properly train employees handling hazardous waste, improper inspections of hazardous waste storage areas, and other similar violations. "Their unlawful management of hazardous waste put employees and the community at risk," the ADEQ director said. "But the company has stepped up and

improved the way it does business,” he noted. “We’re glad to see that Clin-Path takes seriously its obligation to protect human health and the environment in Arizona by complying with Arizona’s hazardous waste management statutes,” the attorney general said. The consent judgment is subject to court approval.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/valleynews/27549513/detail.html>

36. *April 14, ABC News* – (National) **Shortage of leukemia drug forcing hospitals to turn some patients away.** A critical shortage of a leukemia drug has cancer centers across the country worried about how to treat many of their patients. Oncologists in 30 states have reported a shortage of cytarabine, a drug that is key to treating certain types of leukemia. “If we can’t get the drug, then the patients are going to die,” the chairman of the Department of Leukemia at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston said. One of the drug’s three U.S. manufacturers, Hospira, said its delays were caused when the company was unable to obtain the active ingredient, cytarabine, from its supplier. Hospira and another manufacturer, APP, also had a problem with crystallization in drug vials. APP recalled a supply in February. Bedford Laboratories said its delays are “due in part to the fact Bedford continues to face increased market share of product demand due to a decrease in competitor’s capacity.” Cytarabine is used as part of a drug regimen against acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a relatively rare cancer. It is sometimes used to treat acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). For patients with AML who take cytarabine, the drug is the difference between a shot at life and certain death. “Since its introduction, we can claim cures in 40 to 50 percent of patients,” the director said. “Without the drug in the treatment regimen, the rate is zero.” Doctors said there are no suitable substitutes for cytarabine, leaving AML patients without a viable alternative. A number of hospitals said they have to ration supply, meaning some patients will not get the doses they need. It also means they must turn new patients away. Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha said, “At one point last week, we were completely out of enough cytarabine for any new patients. We had enough to finish the current patients we had in the hospital but no new ones.”
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/shortage-leukemia-drug-cytarabine-forcing-hospitals-turn-patients/story?id=13374817>

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *April 14, CNN* – (South Carolina) **Note causes two-hour shutdown of military base in South Carolina.** An active-duty service member found a note April 14 at Joint Base Charleston in South Carolina that said “I have a hostage,” triggering a 2-hour shutdown of the base. Within a short time after the note was discovered, security officers had locked down the entire base, a base spokeswoman said. The office building on base where the note was found was evacuated and searched, and nothing out of the ordinary was found. Security ran a routine check to make sure all personnel were accounted for. By 7 p.m., the all-clear was given and the gates were opened. Joint Base Charleston, home to thousands of military and civilian workers, was created by the merger of Charleston Air Force Base and Naval Weapons Station Charleston. It is home to a unit

of large Air Force cargo planes used on missions around the world. The base is still under Air Force command. The note, which was written on “sticky paper,” is still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/14/south.carolina.base.closed/>

38. *April 14, El Centro Imperial Valley Press* – (California) **Brawley teen arrested on suspicion of making two separate bomb threats, official says.** Authorities in Brawley, California, arrested a 17-year-old boy April 14 on suspicion of making two separate bomb threats, one at Brawley Union High School (BUHS) and the other at another school in the city, a sergeant said. High school students approached police at the scene and told them of a potential suspect who was located and brought for questioning, a Brawley police sergeant said. The teen confessed to calling up BUHS officials and making the bomb threat. The teen was also arrested in connection with making a second bomb threat at the Renaissance Continuation High School where an unknown number of students were evacuated. The suspect does not attend any school in the Brawley area and was being booked on felony charges of making a false bomb threat.
Source: <http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/quicknews/ivp-brawley-teen-arrested-on-suspicion-of-making-two-separate-bomb-threats-official-says-20110414,0,623030.story>
39. *April 14, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Tossed cigarette sparks fire at Kane courthouse.** The Kane County Judicial Center in St. Charles, Illinois, was evacuated April 14 after insulation was ignited by a cigarette tossed just outside the building, the Kane County sheriff said. Insulation between the facade of the building and interior walls caught fire at about 10:30 a.m. and the building filled with smoke. Firefighters from St. Charles extinguished the fire. The center, on Illinois Route 38 just west of Randall Road, was to remain closed until 1 p.m. as workers vented the building.
Source: <http://www.wgntv.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-tossed-cigarette-sparks-fire-at-kane-courthouse-20110414,0,1246579.story?track=rss>
40. *April 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google defends Apps for Government.** Google went on the defensive April 13, saying it never misled the U.S. government about Google Apps’ compliance with an important security standard. The blog post came after Microsoft criticized Google for misleading customers about its compliance with the standard. At issue is whether Google Apps has achieved certification under the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). FISMA set a stringent security standard that some federal agencies must require their vendors to comply with. Microsoft April 12 pointed out recently unsealed U.S. Department of Justice court documents that said Google Apps for Government does not have FISMA certification, even though the company’s Web sites say it does. The disagreement appears to be over whether Google should say Google Apps for Government is FISMA certified while it is going through the recertification process. The company firmly argued it should.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215807/Google_defends_Apps_for_Government

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *April 14, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **\$5 million of terror grant was misused.** An 8-month federal DHS audit has confirmed the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police mismanaged and misspent almost \$5 million in federal grants designed to develop a statewide police network to help fight terrorism and other crime. Questionable expenses included sending 20 Ohio police officials to Turkey and more than \$800,000 in bonuses paid to the executive director of the Dublin-based association. While the Ohio Local Law Enforcement Information Sharing Network is in operation today, and has been credited with helping statewide police agencies fight crime, its cost has been questioned. The nonprofit association received about \$21 million in Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program grants from 2004 to 2006. Almost a quarter of that must now be returned to the federal government, even though it has been spent. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), which was responsible for monitoring how the federal money was spent, was found “severely lacking” in its record-keeping and oversight, the audit found. The federal government’s analysis agrees with a similar study by accounting firm Crowe Horwath, retained by OEMA after questions arose in 2005 about questionable spending.

Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/04/14/5-million-of-terror-grant-was-misused.html?sid=101

42. *April 13, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana; National) **Devices will ‘revolutionize’ CPR.** A recent study suggests two new devices used together while performing CPR on a cardiac arrest victim can have a dramatic effect on survival rates. Patients treated with the devices, one of which is not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), had a 53 percent better chance of survival than those who underwent standard cardiopulmonary resuscitation. They also suffered less brain damage. The two devices, one of which resembles a plunger, work together to increase blood circulation during the life-saving CPR procedure. While CPR can save someone’s life, it normally provides only about 15 percent of normal blood flow, a professor of emergency medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee said. The two devices help increase that flow. The first, called the ResQPod, attaches to a facemask or endotracheal tube. It then prevents air from entering the chest, creating a vacuum that increases blood pressure, which helps the body maintain nearly normal levels of blood flow to the brain. The ResQPump, not yet FDA-approved, further improves blood flow. It creates suction over the chest, which also brings more blood into the heart. Overall, 47 out of 813 people in the control group compared with 75 of 840 in the intervention survived to leave the hospital in good neurological condition. It will likely be a year to 18 months before the FDA decides whether to OK the pump, the director of clinical marketing for Advanced Circulatory Systems said. The pump is already in use in many other countries.

Source:

<http://communitypress.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20110414/LIFE07/104140305/1196/rss1209/Devices-will-revolutionize-CPR?odyssey=nav|head>

43. *April 13, Fox News Latino* – (International) **Mexican security forces arrest 2 men carrying grenades.** Two men were arrested by Mexican police and army troops as they picked up two suitcases packed with grenades that were passed to them in Baja California state from the U.S. side of the border, officials said. The suspects were arrested April 11 when they were spotted by a patrol, 2nd Military Region commander general, the Duarte and Mexicali municipal police chief said in a press conference. The arrests were made near border post Number 2 in Mexicali, the capital of Baja California. The two suspects tried to escape, but they were apprehended, the police chief said. The suitcases contained 194 grenades of different types, 192 fuses and 3 boxes with parts for different types of weapons, including AR-15 rifles, the police chief also stated. Investigators suspect the grenades, which are similar to those used in a recent attack on a bar in Guadalajara, the capital of the western state of Jalisco, were bound for central Mexico.

Source: <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/news/2011/04/13/mexican-security-forces-arrest-2-men-carrying-grenades/>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *April 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **Epsilon breach leads to more than just phishing.** Since the Epsilon breach, customers have had daily reminders that they could expect and be prepared for spear phishing e-mails coming their way. But, phishing is not the only type of attack that can be mounted against them. Websense researchers have recently spotted a Web page spoofing the Epsilon official Web site, i.e. the page with the press release regarding the breach. Screenshots show the attackers have simply taken some of the source code from the legitimate page. Once a user has landed on the page, he/she reads that there has been an “update” to the press release which states that the investigation concluded that personally identifiable information was stolen. In order to check if his information was stolen, the user is urged to download and install a trojan dropper disguised as an “Epsilon Secure Connect Tool.”

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1696

45. *April 15, Digital Trends* – (International) **Skype for Android has a major security flaw.** A major security flaw has been discovered in the Skype for Android app, which could put users’ private data in danger of being accessed by others. After discovering that a leaked beta version of the VoIP app was vulnerable to an exploit that offers access to all user data, Android Police tried the same tactic with Skype for Android, available since October 2010, and saw the same results. The site notes the Skype Mobile for Verizon app appears to be unaffected, only Skype for Android. Skype stores all user data in a folder bearing that user’s name. The database files contained in that

folder have incorrect permissions that are not encrypted. Therefore, these files, which contain everything from contacts and profile information to message logs, can be accessed and read by anyone with minimal trouble. However, potential intruders would require a user's Skype name to access the private data. Android Police notes there is the danger of a rogue developer releasing a modified version of the app that could pull out and transmit private user information.

Source: <http://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/software-mobile/skype-for-android-has-a-major-security-flaw/>

46. *April 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Chrome security update patches Flash Player plug-in.** Google has released a new stable update for Chrome to address several vulnerabilities in the browser itself, as well as in the bundled Flash Player plug-in. The new Chrome 10.0.648.205 version fixes three critical flaws, which is unusual because critical bugs are a relatively rare occurrence in Google's browser. One of them affects only the Windows version and stems from an error in the GPU process. Another critical error in the GPU process triggers a heap overflow. The last patched vulnerability is also located in the GPU process and consists of a use-after-free memory condition. The bundled Adobe Flash Player plug-in was updated to version 10.2.154.27 from 10.2.154.25, to address an actively exploited zero-day flaw. Identified as CVE-2011-0611, the vulnerability was discovered earlier in April in the wild where it was targeted via Flash exploits embedded in rogue Word documents.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chrome-Security-Update-Patches-Flash-Player-Plug-In-195193.shtml>

47. *April 14, Computerworld* – (International) **Apple patches Pwn2Own, Comodo hack bugs.** Apple April 14 patched bugs in iOS and Safari used at March's Pwn2Own hacking contest by three teams of researchers. In an iOS update to version 4.3.2, Apple patched a bug exploited by two researchers, who hacked an iPhone at Pwn2Own. Apple fixed the same flaw in Mac OS X March 21, but had left iOS — the operating system for the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch — unprotected until April 14. The same update also patched a vulnerability in WebKit — the browser engine that powers Safari on Mac OS X and iOS, and the browser on BlackBerry devices — that was exploited by a trio of researchers to hack a BlackBerry. iOS 4.3.2 also closed a second WebKit hole that was used by a team from the French security company Vupen to breach Safari on a MacBook Air. Apple quashed the two WebKit bugs in Safari with a separate update that brought Apple's browser to version 5.0.5. A third update addressed a March theft of digital certificates used to authenticate sites owned by some of the Web's biggest name, including Google, Microsoft, Mozilla, Skype, and Yahoo.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215826/Apple_patches_Pwn2Own_Comodo_hack_bugs

48. *March 14, The Register* – (California) **Five cuffed over \$37m heist of Google flash chips.** California law enforcement officials have arrested five people who allegedly took part in a February 27 heist that nabbed \$37 million in Intel flash memory chips from memory module manufacturer Unigen in Fremont, California. Silicon Valley's

Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT) -- a task force of local, state, and federal agencies focused on high-tech crime -- has been investigating the heist after taking over from the Fremont police department and working in conjunction with the Santa Clara County district attorney. The director of REACT and a lieutenant in the district attorney's bureau of investigations, told The Register 1.7 million flash memory chips were stolen from the facility that makes DRAM and flash memory products for Google. Roughly 15 people entered the Unigen factory at 8:30 a.m., dressed in black and armed with handguns and automatic rifles. They tied up employees, locked them up in a room, and loaded up the flash memory on a truck. REACT's director said 98 percent of the Intel flash chips that had been stolen have been recovered, and that one of the things that the team is trying to ascertain is why the thieves did not immediately try to sell the flash memory. He confirmed reports that about 2 percent of the flash memory that was stolen had been traced to buyers in China.

Source: http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2011/04/14/flash_heist_bust/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *April 14, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Possible case of arson at Islamic center of north Detroit.** Smoke and flames were seen coming from the Islamic Center of North Detroit, Michigan on North McDougall around 12 p.m. =April 1. No one was hurt, but an insurance investigator who came to check out the damage immediately became suspicious. "I have a feeling that the fire did not start accidentally," he said. "Just based upon the examination of the burn patterns that were up there." He called the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Agents took samples and looked for evidence on the roof of the building where it is believed the fire started. In the wake of the fire, daily prayer services have been moved to a nearby school. A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information that leads to the suspected arsonist.

Source: http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/robin_schwartz/possible-case-of-arson-at-islamic-center-of-north-detroit-20110414-wpms

50. *April 14, Reuters* – (Massachusetts) **White man convicted over black church fire to protest Obama win.** A white man was convicted April 14 of setting fire to a mostly black church in November 2008 to protest the U.S. President's election as the nation's first black president. The arson fire November 5, 2008, just hours after election results were announced, destroyed the almost-completed Macedonia Church of God in Christ in Springfield, Massachusetts, about 90 miles west of Boston. Several firefighters were slightly injured battling the flames. Prosecutors argued the 26-year-old and two white friends were motivated by racial resentment when they doused the building with gasoline and torched it. The church's congregation was about 90 percent African American and authorities said the white men wanted to denounce the President's victory. After a 3-week trial, the jury in U.S. District Court in Springfield deliberated for nearly 3 days before finding the man guilty of conspiracy to violate civil rights, religious property damage because of race, and damage to religious property by use of fire. He faces up to 60 years in prison when he is sentenced September 15, said the assistant attorney, the lead prosecutor in the case. Two other men charged in the hate crime have already pleaded guilty to similar charges.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wxel/news.newsmain/article/0/0/1789435/National/White.man.convicted.over.black.church.fire.to.protest.Obama.win>

51. *April 14, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **WDIV-TV crew back after bomb scare.** The WDIV-TV crew returned to its station at about 11:15 p.m. April 14 after a bomb scare caused authorities to evacuate the building in Detroit, Michigan. The bomb squad detonated something outside of the building on Lafayette shortly after 10:45 p.m. A Detroit police spokeswoman said a backpack was discovered in the building foyer at about 7:30 p.m. Fire trucks were dispatched to the station and blocked streets around the building. The building was evacuated at about 9 p.m., a station security guard said. At about 11:15 p.m., a WDIV-TV anchor said on air that she and other employees had just returned to the building. They were waiting outside for hours, as a precaution, while the bomb squad examined the package. She said the bomb squad was called because someone had walked into the station with something that looked like a briefcase and left it in the lobby. A security guard who was recently hired, alerted authorities. No one was injured, employees said on air. Emotions were heightened, another WDIV anchor said, because 6 years ago, almost to the day, a former WDIV employee was shot at the station.

Source:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20110414/NEWS01/110414054/1001/NEWS/WDIV-TV-crew-back-after-bomb-scare>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *April 14, OzarksFirst.com* – (Arkansas) **Arson suspected in Buffalo National River fire.** Fire crews in northwest Arkansas battled a fire April 14 in the Ponca Wilderness. As of 6 p.m. they said they had gotten about 80 percent of the blaze contained at Buffalo National River. The National Park Service said the fire was human caused and is under investigation. The U.S. Forest Service and Compton Volunteer Fire Department personnel joined to assist in the containment efforts. Crews used ground moisture to help fight the fire within Cliff Hollow. “To ensure safety to our visitors, Center Point Trail to the junction of Sneed Creek, along with the entire section of the Chimney Rock Trail, are closed until further notice,” an official statement from the park service said. Visitors who are using the trails from Steel Creek to Big Bluff should stay on those trails and not venture onto any side trails.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=438627
53. *April 12, KQDS 21 Duluth* – (Minnesota) **Vandals damage helicopter at Chisholm Veterans Memorial.** Police in Chisholm, Minnesota, are looking for the vandal who damaged a helicopter at the veteran’s memorial on or close to April 8. They said someone threw a rock into the window of the Army National Guard chopper that sits in the park next to the Minnesota Discovery Center. The investigation is still ongoing.
Source: <http://www.fox21online.com/news/vandals-damage-helicopter-chisholm-veterans-memorial>

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Dams Sector

54. *April 15, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Pressure eases on dam, residents in ND town.** The Des Lacs River’s slow decline took the pressure off a fragile dam and the people who live nearest it, with most of the evacuees in a 30-home development in Burlington, North Dakota, filtering back home to turn their attention to cleanup and flooded basements. The fire chief said the neighborhood was not in the clear yet, but cooler weather had slowed runoff from snow lingering in the area, leaving him optimistic. Just 2 days after an estimated 25 of the houses had been evacuated, he said all but 5 to 10 homeowners had returned. Water levels had fallen more than a foot and the river had retreated from overflowed banks by about 3 feet compared with a day earlier, state and local officials said. Water behind the troubled Burlington Dam No. 1 was down by about a half-foot, and the dam was holding steady, said North Dakota’s state engineer. Flooding fears eased elsewhere in North Dakota, too. A 30-mile stretch of Interstate 29 reopened north of Fargo after being closed by overland flooding, and to Fargo’s west, officials said Valley City appeared poised to escape flooding from the Sheyenne River after raising its levees. In Burlington, the strength of the 77-year-old dam has been suspect for decades, but this year’s flooding has spurred a need to either repair the dam or intentionally breach it by next spring, the engineer said. For now, authorities are watching the ailing structure with remote video cameras, fearing any attempt to shore up the dam — or even walk across it — could cause it to collapse. About 1,200 people live in Burlington. Those in most immediate danger are on the west edge of town, and he said the risk to the rest of the city was “very, very minimal.”

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/Pressure-eases-on-dam-residents-in-ND-town-1338519.php>

55. *April 15, Associated Press* – (California) **Judge rejects water district dam project analysis.** A judge has rejected a San Francisco Bay area water district's analysis of a project to raise a dam in the Sierra. The judge said the analysis by the Oakland, California-based East Bay Municipal Utility District failed to identify the project's potential environmental dangers. The ruling was made public April 14. The district approved the \$6 million study of a project to raise the dam at Pardee Reservoir in 2009. The analysis concluded the district would have to build a major desalination plant or raise the dam to meet its drought protection goals. Officials with the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, one of the plaintiffs, told the Contra Costa Times the district should have considered a less costly alternative. The district said because it had not actually proposed to build the dam, it did not have to fully identify environmental damage.

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