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Current Nationwide Threat Level
ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks
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- Reuters reports that three days of violent storms and tornadoes across the southern United States killed at least 45 people, wrecked hundreds of buildings, and downed power lines leaving thousands without electricity, officials said April 17. (See item [5](#))
- CNN Money reports the founders of PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker, and Absolute Poker, the three largest Internet poker companies, were indicted for bank fraud and money laundering, federal law enforcement officials said April 15. (See item [17](#))

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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 18, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **All-clear given after Rubbertown leak.** Rubbertown residents got an all-clear after thousands of gallons of ethanol leaked out of a plant in Louisville, Kentucky. The incident happened just after 3:30 a.m. April 18 at Marathon Petroleum off Kramer’s Lane. Officials deemed the scene safe around 6 a.m. Officials were able to stop the leak using a wooden plug about an hour and a half after crews arrived on scene. “It was coming from a valve assembly on the bottom of

one of the tanks,” said the Lake Dreamland assistant fire chief. Ethanol is deemed an inhalation hazard in high concentrations, and 4,000 to 5,000 gallons of it spilled. Crews controlled the vapors with foam and immediately started monitoring air quality. As a precaution, fire officials called for emergency sirens to alert for residents to shut their windows and stay in their homes.

Source: <http://www.wlky.com/r/27580382/detail.html>

2. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Storage tank suspected source of Mich. gas leak.** Michigan authorities in Ingham County said April 17 they have traced a gasoline leak to the area of a storage tank holding 14,700 barrels of fuel. Emergency officials said in a statement that they found higher levels of spilled gasoline as their monitoring equipment approaches the Wolverine Pipeline Co. facility. The large gasoline storage tank site is in White Oak Township, about 55 miles west of Detroit. Some of the gas flowed about a mile down an open drain by the time a farmer reported the leak April 13. The county said the suspected source of the leak is a tank that can hold up to 180,000 barrels of fuel. It said that while the amount of the spill remains unknown, it is nowhere near the capacity of the tank, which was mostly empty when the leak started.
Source: <http://www.wvmt.com/news/tank-1389781-leak-storage.html>

3. *April 18, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Coal train rear-ends another train, killing two.** A collision between two trains west of Red Oak, Iowa, killed two crew members April 17 and will keep the track closed until April 18, officials said. Both trains were moving eastbound when the trains collided at about 7 a.m. at McPherson, an unincorporated town about 35 miles southeast of Council Bluffs, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway spokesman said. One train was carrying 130 loads of coal from Wyoming and was destined for an eastern utility via Chicago, the spokesman said. That train rear-ended a train hauling 34 cars of maintenance equipment. The engineer and conductor of the coal train were killed. About 10 maintenance cars tipped on their sides, and heavy equipment was scattered throughout the area. One of the three coal-train locomotives derailed in the accident. Local residents said the cab of one locomotive was quickly engulfed in flames after the accident. A resident said a fire slowly spread under one train from east to west, eventually catching a coal car on fire. The tracks are used by about 40 freight trains a day, and those trains were rerouted April 17, the spokesman said.
Source:
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110418/NEWS/104180310/1001/NEWS/?odyssey=nav|head>

4. *April 18, IDG News Service* – (New Mexico) **Wind power company sees no evidence of reported hack.** One day after a hacker posted screen shots and data to a hacking mailing list, saying he had broken into a New Mexico wind turbine facility, the company that runs the turbines said it has seen no evidence of a computer intrusion. The hacker, who calls himself Big R, made the claims April 16, posting screenshots of the facility’s management interface, screenshots of an FTP server and project management system, as well as Web server info and configuration data from a Cisco router. But NextEra Energy Resources, the company that manages the 200 megawatt

Fort Sumner wind facility, said there is no evidence that it has been hacked. SCADA or supervisory control and data acquisition computer systems are used to manage industrial production at places such as factories, chemical companies, and utilities. A spokesman did not say exactly what information the hacker posted had previously been made public and what was not. PNM, the New Mexico utility company that uses the plant's energy, said April 17 that it knew of no incidents affecting the company's Fort Sumner facility. In an e-mail interview with the IDG News Service, Big R said he was a former employee of NextEra's parent company, Florida Power & Light. He said he used a bug in the Cisco Security Device Manager software used by NextEra to break into the site.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215881/Wind_power_company_sees_no_evidence_of_reported_hack

5. *April 17, Reuters; ABC News; Associated Press* – (National) **Tornadoes pummel southern U.S.** Three days of violent storms and tornadoes across the southern United States killed at least 45 people, wrecked hundreds of buildings, and downed power lines, officials said April 17. North Carolina accounted for the bulk of casualties and property losses, with 22 people killed and more than 80 others injured in a string of tornadoes that ripped through the state April 16. Houses were flattened, cars and trucks tossed like matchsticks, and planes blown off the tarmac at a local airport. Uprooted trees, poles, and debris snapped power lines, cutting electricity to more than 200,000 people in North Carolina. "We have 23 counties that are have lots of tremendous property damage, schools lost, and infrastructure damage," said a spokeswoman. In Raleigh, apartment buildings had entire roofs torn off while three family members died in a mobile home park, according to a Wake County spokeswoman. Forty miles south of Raleigh in the town of Sanford, half of a Lowe's home improvement store was pulverized by the storm. The governor said the U.S. President had pledged "whatever it takes to rebuild North Carolina." Tornadoes moved through 13 other states, including Virginia, where officials reported four deaths and unconfirmed reports of three more. Virginia emergency officials said that 177 structures were damaged by the severe weather. The storm snapped hundreds of power poles and 30 transmission structures were damaged in North Carolina, a Dominion Virginia Power company spokesman said.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/keranews/newsmain/article/0/0/1790417/US/Tornadoes.pummel.Southern.U.S...43.dead>

6. *April 16, Associated Press* – (National) **MSHA releases problems with mine inspections.** The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) on April 15 released dozens of reports documenting internal audits of inspections at field offices across the country. MSHA reported much of the information to the Senate Appropriations Committee in March 2010. The agency released the documents themselves to Congress last week. The 2010 report revealed that officials failed to document inspections well enough to withstand court challenges, and that a handful of inspectors failed to do mandatory spot inspections for mines generating high volumes

of methane gas. That report, however, also said MSHA's audit focused only on field offices where it believed it had problems and was not indicative of a systemic problem at all 92 field office. The individual reports note some of the lapses. For instance, auditors found inconsistencies in the way inspectors from the agency's Morgantown office were having an unnamed mine fix violations. A 2010 audit at MSHA's Staunton, Virginia, field office found, "Inspections appear not to be thorough or complete," auditors wrote. "During the previous 6 regular inspections, a total of 12 citations were issued. During the audit, there were 11 citations" and two orders issued.

Source: <http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x7460403/MSHA-releases-problems-with-mine-inspections>

7. *April 16, Centre Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Ethanol tanker crash kills 1.** The driver of a tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol was killed in a fiery crash on Interstate 99 early April 15 in Benner Township, Pennsylvania. The crash occurred as the ethanol tanker rear-ended a tractor-trailer containing paper products at 3:20 a.m. At the time, the two trucks were headed southbound about a half-mile before the Shiloh Road exit in Benner Township. When police arrived at the scene of the accident, the cab of the tanker was fully ablaze, and there was no indication the driver had escaped. Fighting flames and fearing the tanker might explode, county safety officials closed the highway in both directions through the morning and early afternoon, delaying thousands of commuters on their way to work in State College or classes at Penn State. At about 8:45 a.m., emergency responders closed Shiloh Road to traffic in order to provide water tankers access to a site where they could extract water needed to fight the blaze. At midmorning, firefighters began spraying the tanker with foam, and eventually doused the fire. At that point, however, firefighters had to wait for the ethanol to cool before attempting to transfer it to a waiting tanker, and begin clearing the scene. Two emergency responders from the state Department of Environmental Protection arrived at the scene soon after the crash, working to ensure no ethanol, diesel fuel, or hydraulic oil flowed into nearby Spring Creek.
Source: <http://www.centredaily.com/2011/04/16/2652125/ethanol-tanker-crash-kills-1.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

8. *April 17, Honolulu Star Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Fireworks storage called wrong place to start disposal.** Workers killed by an explosion of fireworks at an underground storage facility in Waikele, Hawaii, April 8 should not have been working on them in that bunker, according to a mainland-based fireworks expert who often serves as a consultant for fireworks firms. Five employees of Donaldson Enterprises were killed and another worker was injured when aerial fireworks stored in the concrete-lined, tunnel-like structure exploded as they were either in or just outside the bunker, police and fire officials said. The lead investigator for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board on the Waikele incident said April 13 the tunnel was being used not just for storage, but for preparation for demolition at another, unidentified location. The workers "were in the

process of dismantling some of the pyrotechnic devices that were in the storage area.” The board has yet to announce any conclusions, nor say what the men were doing specifically at the time of the blast. But federal regulations bar the disassembling of fireworks or any other explosives within the same structures they are housed, pointed out a Wisconsin-based fireworks expert. Standard practice also is to not try to dismantle fireworks until they are at or near the site where they are to be destroyed, he said.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20110417_Fireworks_storage_called_wrong_place_to_start_disposal.html

9. *April 15, Bainbridge Post-Searchlight* – (Georgia) **Chemical thief sought.** A thief caught on camera is being sought by the Decatur County Sheriff’s Department in Georgia for stealing more than \$80,000 worth of farm chemicals. An investigator said a reward from the Decatur County Citizens Against Crime is being offered for the capture of the thief or perhaps others working with the man. PGC Farms located at 1393 Yates Spring Road reported a series of burglaries beginning March 22. The reports state a black man wearing a mask was seen walking around the warehouse looking for specific chemicals used in peanut or perhaps cotton farming. Among the chemical stolen were \$44,720 worth, or 559 pounds, of Valor; \$3,600 worth, or 600 pounds, of Temik; \$2,400 worth, or 10 gallons, of Abound; \$180 worth, or 10 ounces, of Express, and \$29,325 worth, or 85 gallons, of Headline.

Source: <http://www.thepostsearchlight.com/2011/04/15/chemical-thief-sought/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *April 18, Reuters* – (Virginia) **US nuclear regulator monitors plant after tornado.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said April 18 it was monitoring a nuclear power plant in southeastern Virginia operated by Dominion Resources after a tornado cut its electrical power. The NRC said Surry Power Station’s diesel generators and safety systems operated as required, and that plant operators have partially restored off-site power to the plants. Dominion Virginia Power said the two nuclear reactors at the site shut down automatically when a tornado touched down and cut off an electrical feed to the station. No radiation was released during the storm and shutdown, the NRC and the company said. The situation was described as an “unusual event,” the lowest of the four NRC emergency classification levels.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/18/usa-nuclear-tornado-idUSN1820298020110418>

11. *April 15, Platts* – (Idaho) **Three Mile Island fuel modules at DOE facility cracking.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facility storing melted fuel from the Three Mile Island nuclear plant has not done enough to address crumbling concrete modules encasing the radioactive material, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said in a letter made public April 15. The 30 dry shielded canisters at the DOE

facility at Idaho National Laboratory contain melted fuel from the Three Mile Island-2 reactor core. The concrete modules are “showing significant cracking and degradation,” even though they were built in 1999 to last for 50 years, NRC said in the April 7 letter. DOE analyzed the structural integrity of the modules, which have walls 2 feet thick, and determined the problem is getting progressively worse, NRC said. Since the inspection, DOE has identified funding to pay for repairs and will begin the work this construction season, a spokeswoman said in an email April 15. “These cracks have no impact on the storage modules’ ability to safely store spent nuclear fuel,” she said. NRC asked DOE to provide information about corrective measures, a schedule for their implementation, and a plan for monitoring the effectiveness of actions taken. The degradation of the modules was likely due to “water intrusion and the annual thawing and freezing cycle,” NRC said. Chunks of concrete have fallen from areas of the modules and there are signs they are no longer water-tight, NRC said. Cracking was first recognized in 2000 but considered to be “cosmetic,” NRC said. In 2008, DOE recognized that continued cracking called into question the ability of the modules to protect the fuel canisters inside from natural phenomena and shield people from the radiation of the fuel. A recent study determined that protective caps should be installed, damaged concrete replaced, and a sealant applied. NRC ordered DOE to respond within 30 days.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6002873>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *April 18, Tire Review* – (Oklahoma) **Okla. fires evacuate homes, Goodyear plant.** Two wildfires April 15 in southern Oklahoma forced the evacuation of about 900 homes and the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. facility in Lawton. The Lawton grass fire burned roughly 3,500 acres. The second blaze, in northern Comanche County, burned about 2,200 acres, officials said. According to a Goodyear spokesperson, Lawton plant operations have resumed. Officials said 12 barns, sheds, and outbuildings were destroyed, as well as several railroad bridges. More than 100 firefighters from 20 departments worked the fire April 15 and overnight into April 16. Officials said the fire likely was sparked by a power line downed by high winds.

Source:

http://www.tirereview.com/Article/86572/okla_fires_evacuate_homes_goodyear_plant.aspx

13. *April 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **ADP recalls to repair unit heaters due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with ADP LLC, announced a voluntary recall of the ADP FOA series unit heaters manufactured by Lennox Industries, Inc. Some heaters were manufactured without a required flame rollout switch, which is a back-up device that shuts down the heater in the event of a heater failure. This poses a fire hazard. These unit heaters are separated combustion and gas-fired. The brand name “ADP”, the model

number and the serial number can be found on the nameplate located inside the control cabinet. The heaters were sold through ADP dealers and distributors nationwide from September 2003 through April 2011 for between \$2,700 and \$4,200. Consumers should stop using these recalled heaters immediately. Consumers should contact ADP to schedule an inspection and, if necessary, repair of the heater.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11198.html>

14. *April 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Lennox Industries recalls to repair garage heaters due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Lennox Industries Inc., announced a voluntary recall of the Lennox garage heaters. Some heaters were manufactured without a required flame rollout switch, which is a back-up device that shuts down the heater in the event of a heater failure. This poses a fire hazard. The heaters were sold at Lennox Industries dealers and distributors nationwide from July 2004 through April 2011 for between \$2,700 and \$4,200. Consumers should stop using these recalled heaters immediately. Consumers should contact Lennox to schedule an inspection and, if necessary, repair of the garage heater.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11197.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *April 16, KUSA 9 Denver* – (California) **Former IRS agent arrested for stealing from tax customers.** IRS agents in southern California on April 15 arrested a former IRS agent who now makes a living preparing people's taxes. Authorities accuse him of skimming millions of dollars from his customers. According to a federal indictment, the man stole more than \$11 million that his clients owed to the IRS. Prosecutors say he did it by persuading customers to write a check to him for what they owed the government. Then, they said he would file a false return claiming little or nothing owed and pocket the money. In addition to the multi-million-dollar home, the indictment lists an airplane, boat, motorhome, trips to the Super Bowl, and other expenditures. If convicted, the man could face several years in prison and millions of dollars in fines.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/world/193846/347/Former-IRS-agent-arrested-for-stealing-from-tax-customers-?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

16. *April 16, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida; Maryland; Georgia) **Florida man and Maryland banker indicted for fraud scheme.** A United States attorney announced the unsealing of a six-count indictment charging a 37-year-old Tampa, Florida man and a 35-year-old Maryland man with wire fraud and conspiracy to

commit mail and wire fraud April 16. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. According to the indictment, the 37-year-old former chief executive officer of Xchangeagent Inc. recruited the 35-year-old loan officer at Wachovia Bank in Langley Park, Maryland, to aid in a scheme to defraud a Georgia bank by obtaining a short-term business loan. The loan was fraudulently secured by non-existent collateral. The men produced fraudulent bank statements and supporting documents to convince bank officials that the former CEO had \$21,361,676.82 on deposit at Wachovia Bank, when in fact no such funds existed. The scheme resulted in a \$2,999,995.00 loss to Park Avenue Bank in Valdosta, Georgia. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/379362/florida_man_and_maryland_banker_indicted_for_fraud_scheme.html

17. *April 15, CNN Money* – (International) **Online poker companies indicted for fraud.** The founders of the three largest Internet poker companies have been indicted for bank fraud and money laundering, federal law enforcement officials said April 15. The United States Attorney in New York unsealed the indictment against eleven people, including the founders of PokerStars, Full Tilt Poker, and Absolute Poker. In addition to charges of bank fraud and money laundering, the companies are accused of illegal gambling offenses. The 52-page indictment alleges that the companies, based offshore, used “fraudulent methods” to get around U.S. anti-gambling laws and “to receive billions of dollars from U.S. residents who gambled through the Poker Companies.” The authorities also issued restraining orders against more than 75 bank accounts, and seized five Internet domain names used by the companies to host their illegal poker games. The companies allegedly arranged for the money from U.S. gamblers to be disguised as payments to hundreds of non-existent online merchants for the purchase of items, such as jewelry and golf balls, according to the indictment. Prosecutors also filed civil charges against the poker companies and several individual “payment processors,” seeking at least \$3 billion in penalties. Prosecutors also alleged that a part owner of SunFirst Bank in Utah agreed to process Internet gambling transactions in exchange for a \$10 million investment in his bank by one of the other defendants. Prosecutors said they are working with Interpol and foreign agencies to secure the arrest of the remaining defendants, who are not presently in the United States.

Source:

http://money.cnn.com/2011/04/15/news/economy/online_poker_indictments/?section=money_latest

18. *April 15, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. home credit saw about \$500 million in tax fraud: IG.** U.S. tax authorities failed to detect half a billion dollars in likely tax fraud by individuals applying for first-time homebuyer credits, a government auditor said April 15. Taxpayers got potentially erroneous refunds worth some \$513 million from the credits, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration said in a report. The politically popular program gave qualified buyers in 2008 through 2010 a tax credit of

up to \$8,000. Lawmakers passed four versions of the credits, in part to jump-start the stalling economy during the 2007-2009 financial meltdown. Nearly 3.9 million taxpayers have received \$27 billion dollars from the credit through the end of 2010, according to the IRS. The inspector general wants the IRS to demand more documentation from those applying for such credits in the future and legislation to give the IRS more authority to require the proper paperwork, among other fixes. The IRS, in its response, noted that refundable credits in particular are subject to cheating, and said the credit was the biggest refundable credit program at the time.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/15/us-usa-taxes-homebuyer-idUSTRE73E7WF20110415>

19. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Minnesota; California) **Minnesota man charged in \$20 million investment scams.** A Minnesota man with a prior fraud conviction was indicted for running four investment scams that bilked investors out of more than \$20 million. The indictment unsealed April 14 alleged that the 62-year-old man lured investors into ventures that were never finished, including Internet terminals at airports, golf courses, a golf club resort in Desert Hot Springs, California, and a NASCAR-type race track in Elko, Minnesota. Prosecutors said he convinced his victims to invest by lying — telling them their money would go to a specific project, saying each project was moving toward completion, and that he had celebrity endorsements. He also declined to tell investors that he had been convicted of fraud in 1993. He allegedly spent more than \$6 million of investors’ money to support his lavish lifestyle. He was charged with 30 counts including mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/200348/group/homepage/>

20. *April 15, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **FinCEN warns financial institutions on transactions from separatist Moldovan region.** The U.S. Department of Treasury’s agency tasked with policing money laundering issued an advisory April 15 warning banks and other financial institutions about transactions coming from the region of Transnistria in Moldova. Transnistria operates as a separatist, unrecognized area of the Eastern European country, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN, said the area “may still present a vulnerability” to U.S. financial institutions offering services or maintaining correspondent banking relationships there. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. issued a warning in August 2009 concerning entities doing banking activity unauthorized by the National Bank of Moldova. “Currently, the anti-money laundering laws of Moldova are not being enforced against banks operating within Transnistria because financial institutions within this specific region are not under the supervision of the Moldovan government,” FinCEN said in the advisory. Despite previous warnings by the Moldovan central bank, “large wire transfers are still being routed out of the Transnistria region and into financial institutions in other jurisdictions,” FinCEN said. The National Bank of Moldova provided a list of entities it said were operating as unauthorized financial institutions in Transnistria.
Source: http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2011/04/15/fincen-warns-financial-institutions-on-transactions-from-separatist-moldovan-region/?mod=google_news_blog

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Transportation Sector

21. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **MO transportation agency says rumble strips help.** Transportation officials said rumble strips on the side of Missouri highways have helped reduce the number of fatal accidents that result from people driving off the road. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) said fewer than 250 people died from those kinds of accidents in 2010, down from 400 such fatalities in the 2005. MoDOT said the rumble strips, sometimes painted over with a yellow line, help drivers see and feel where the edge of the road is when the weather is bad or when it is dark. They can also jolt drivers awake if they are falling asleep at the wheel and drift toward the edge of the road. Overall, MoDOT said 818 people died on the state’s highways in 2010, the lowest figure in more than half a century.
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/14464740/copy-mo-transportation-agency-says-rumble-strips-help>

22. *April 17, CNN* – (National) **LaHood: New rules for air traffic controllers.** Air traffic controllers are facing new rules aimed at preventing them from falling asleep while on duty, the government said April 17. The Transportation Secretary said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Air Traffic Controllers Union agreed to implement the changes effective immediately, following a series of recent incidents involving sleeping air traffic controllers. Controllers will now have a minimum of 9 hours off between shifts, instead of the current 8-hour minimum, the Transportation Secretary said. That rule will apply when they swap shifts as well. Controllers can no longer be put on an unscheduled midnight shift after a day off. FAA managers will schedule their own shifts in a way to ensure greater coverage in the early morning and late night hours as well, he said. On April 16, the FAA suspended another air traffic controller for sleeping on the job, the seventh apparent incident this year the agency has disclosed.
Source:
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/17/air.traffic.controllers.asleep/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *April 17, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Pipe bomb discovered in Golden mailbox.** The Jefferson County, Colorado bomb squad safely detonated a pipe bomb found near a home in the Golden neighborhood April 17. The resident reported the suspicious device after it was found in his mailbox. A reverse 911 call went out to neighbors warning them to stay indoors or away from the area. Once it was detonated, activity resumed. Officers collected evidence and will now try to figure out who put the

pipe bomb there and if there was an intended target.

Source: <http://www.kwgn.com/news/kdvr-pipe-bomb-golden,0,4009140.story>

24. *April 16, Tampa Bay Online* – (Florida) **Fire damages Sulphur Springs post office.** Smoke from a smoldering beam prompted the evacuation of the Sulphur Springs, Florida post office in the morning April 16. No one was injured. Tampa Fire Rescue crews responded about 9:45 a.m. and found a beam smoldering in the front awning of the building. The fire was under control within 30 minutes and caused damage estimated at \$12,000. Investigators said an electrical short apparently sparked the fire; a contractor had been working on the building. There was minimal damage inside the building and no mail was damaged, fire officials said.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2011/apr/16/fire-damages-sulphur-springs-post-office/news-breaking/>

25. *April 15, Silicon Valley Mercury News* – (California) **Suspicious letter found at Google headquarters in Mountain View.** The FBI is investigating a suspicious letter sent to Google’s headquarters April 15 in Mountain View, California. Officials would not say what was in the letter or provide any details on the investigation. They would only say the letter, which arrived at the Googleplex via the U.S. Postal Service, was discovered during the company’s regular processing of the mail and was considered “suspicious.” An FBI spokesman was not sure whether the campus was evacuated when agents responded. Google representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_17860740?nclick_check=1

26. *April 15, La Jolla Light* – (California) **Police investigating mailbox blast in Bird Rock.** A mailbox exploded at 9:35 p.m. April 14 in Bird Rock, California, according to San Diego Police Department (SDPD). “The whole mailbox was destroyed,” a police officer said. There are no suspects as of yet. The arson division is investigating the incident. According to NBC San Diego, shrapnel from the mailbox blast blew 50 feet, but no one was injured. An official with SDPD’s Northern Division said a witness check revealed that a late ‘90s Ford Ranger with an unknown plate and with its rear plate light out was seen driving southbound away from the area. Police suspect the explosive may have been a firecracker, judging from residue found on the remnants of the mailbox.
Source: <http://www.lajollalight.com/2011/04/15/police-investigating-mailbox-blast-in-bird-rock/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *April 16, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **2 injured in ammonia leak at Norfolk business.** Two people were injured April 15 in an ammonia leak at Americold Logistics in Norfolk, Virginia. The road was closed in both directions for much of the day as fire investigators tried to determine whether any ammonia continued leaking

from a pipe in the building. The eastbound and westbound lanes reopened that night. Firefighters entered the building around 1:45 p.m. to assess the leak and contained it by closing valves, a Norfolk Fire-Rescue battalion chief said. Ammonia was detected again later in the afternoon, and ice had formed on the outside of a pipe. Firefighters finished repairing a second leak around 6 p.m. The leak started shortly before 11:30 a.m. when a contractor installing ceiling tiles fell off a ladder and hit a pipe valve, the battalion chief said. All workers had gotten out of the building when firefighters arrived. One of the two injured workers was released from a hospital. Americold's Web site said the company is the "largest provider of temperature-controlled food distribution services in the country." The company offers warehousing and transportation.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/04/2-injured-ammonia-leak-norfolk-business>

28. *April 16, East Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Fall freeze kills orchards.** The Umatilla County commissioners in Oregon the week of April 11 declared a state of emergency for fruit growers in the Milton-Freewater area. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Extension Service predicted high crop losses in 2011 — as much as 80 percent loss for cherries, 40 percent loss for prunes and plums and 30 percent loss for apples and wine grapes. The commissioners are asking the governor also to declare a state of emergency. That declaration will help growers apply for government relief. The FSA also is helping orchards with the tree assistance program (TAP). It will help growers pay for replacing entire orchards killed by the cold. The November 23 freeze killed so many trees because it was early in the year and it was well below freezing. Temperatures ranged from 0 to -15.

Source: http://www.eastoregonian.com/news/fall-freeze-kills-orchards/article_afe938b6-67e7-11e0-b380-001cc4c002e0.html

29. *April 15, Charleston State Journal* – (Ohio) **Massive hay bale fire destroys barn in Belmont County.** A massive barn fire April 14 in Belmont County, Ohio, took several departments to bring it under control. The fire broke out after 7 p.m. just outside of St. Clairsville on 69616 Vineyard Road. The farm had a metal barn on it, which housed about 200 bales of hay. The barn is a total loss. St. Clairsville police were not allowing access to the site so emergency vehicles could pass through. Fire crews stayed on scene as the charred hay bales were being removed from the site. The cause of the fire was not determined April 14. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=97764>

30. *April 15, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Almost half of meat in stores may have drug-resistant bacteria.** Meat in the U.S. may be widely contaminated with strains of drug-resistant bacteria, researchers reported April 15 after testing 136 samples of beef, chicken, pork, and turkey purchased at grocery stores. Almost half of the samples — 47percent — contained strains of *Staphylococcus aureus*, the type of bacteria that most commonly causes staph infections. Of those bacteria, 52 percent were resistant to at least three classes of antibiotics, according to a study published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. DNA testing suggested the animals were the source of contamination. The study's leader, an environmental scientist, said the animals most

likely harbored these drug-resistant pathogens because antibiotics routinely are fed to livestock to promote growth and prevent disease in crowded pens on large farms. The meat and poultry samples tested in the study represented 80 brands and were purchased in: Los Angeles, California; Chicago, Illinois; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Flagstaff, Arizona; and Washington, D.C. The research was funded by the Pew Campaign on Human Health and Industrial Farming, which opposes the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed. The American Meat Institute, which represents producers, said April 15 that the country's meat and poultry supply was safe. And data from the CDC show that cases of food-borne illness in the U.S. have declined 20 percent in the past decade. Source: <http://www.dailypress.com/health/la-he-meat-contamination-20110416,0,7189474.story>

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Water Sector

31. *April 17, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Power outage causes 20,000-gallon sewage overflow.** Baltimore, Maryland's public works department said that a power outage at a wastewater treatment facility caused about 20,000 gallons of sewage to flow into the outer harbor April 16. The main power and backup power were disabled from 4:55 p.m. to 5:35 p.m., and 40,000 gallons of sewage flowed from the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant, near Curtis Bay. Half of the spillage stayed on the plant site, while the rest entered the storm drain system and the outer harbor. The spill was caused by a power outage — possibly due to storms April 16 — and a circuit interruption to backup power, according to the Department of Public Works. The agency is investigating the spill. Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-04-17/news/bs-md-sewage-0418-20110417_1_power-outage-backup-power-sewage
32. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **EPA may drop plan to line river with plastic.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may kill a plan to install a plastic liner along 10 miles of the polluted south fork of the Coeur d'Alene River in Idaho. The liner was intended to keep clean surface water from mixing with groundwater polluted from past mining activity. But the \$300 million liner was expensive, politically unpopular, and posed technical challenges. Agency officials are looking at other options to reduce high levels of lead, arsenic, and zinc in the water. A final decision is expected later this year. Last summer, the liner drew criticism during public hearings over an expanded Superfund cleanup in the upper Coeur d'Alene Basin. Local residents worried the south fork would lose its natural look. Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/default/article/EPA-may-drop-plan-to-line-river-with-plastic-1338663.php>
33. *April 15, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Cause of chemical leak unknown at West Elizabeth Sewage Plant.** Hazmat crews were called to a chemical leak at the

West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority April 15. The Acting Allegheny County Emergency Services chief said the spill was of an unknown hydrocarbon. He said the substance was drawn into West Elizabeth's sewer system. He said, "The chemical was carried to the treatment plant, and some may have entered the Monongahela River. A home near the treatment plant was evacuated. Allegheny County Emergency Services is on site." The site is stable, he said. There is no word on what caused the leak. Officials said the chemical does not appear to pose any danger.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/27560639/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *April 16, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Denver senior assisted living center evacuated after fire.** A fire at a senior assisted living center in Denver, Colorado, caused the entire building to be evacuated April 16. The fire broke out at about 12:30 p.m. on the sixth floor of The Heritage Club of Denver, at 2020 South Monroe St, authorities said. Denver firefighters called out a second alarm and discovered heavy smoke billowing out of the building when they arrived, a Denver fire spokesman said. The fire was put out within minutes, he said, but one person at the center was transported to Porter Adventist Hospital with smoke inhalation.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/27570159/detail.html>
35. *April 16, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Texas; National) **Texas businessman guilty of defrauding Medicare in wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.** A former owner of a durable medical equipment company (DME) pleaded guilty to engaging in a conspiracy to defraud Medicare of more than \$5 million, a United States attorney announced April 16. The man was the owner of Masspoint Medical Equipment & Supplies, a Houston, Texas-area DME, and of PUITA Research & Procurement Inc., a medical billing company. He admitted he participated in a 13-month conspiracy to defraud Medicare by billing Medicare using a specific code created by Medicare to expedite the approval and payment of claims for DME lost or destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita beginning in October 2005. The fraudulent claims involved the replacement of power wheelchairs by Masspoint.
Source:
http://7thspace.com/headlines/379351/texas_businessman_guilty_of_defrauding_medicare_in_wake_of_hurricanes_katrina_and_rita.html
36. *April 15, CalCoastNews.com* – (California) **Fire at Sierra Vista hospital.** A short in an elevator motor at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center in San Luis Obispo, California, caused a small fire in the basement of the main tower April 15. Hospital staff initiated pre-planned emergency procedures before firefighters arrived to bring the incident to a successful conclusion. San Luis Obispo City Fire Department personnel put the small fire out in about five minutes. Firefighters said there was no reason to evacuate anyone from the hospital. Investigators determined the fire was caused by a

short in a motor in the elevator control room which ignited a pan of hydraulic oil.
Source: <http://calcoastnews.com/2011/04/fire-at-sierra-vista-hospital/>

37. *April 15, Becker's ASC Review* – (Florida; National) **Miami HIV clinic physician convicted for \$23M Medicare scheme.** A Miami, Florida-area physician was convicted for his role in a \$23 million HIV injection and infusion Medicare fraud scheme, according to a release from the Department of Justice. The doctor was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud and four counts of submission of false claims to the Medicare program. He practiced at Metro Med, which operated as an HIV infusion clinic for HIV-positive Medicare beneficiaries. From approximately April 2003 through October 2005, Metro Med submitted nearly \$23 million in claims to the Medicare program for injection and infusion treatments for Medicare beneficiaries that were not medically necessary and were not provided.
Source: <http://www.beckersasc.com/stark-act-and-fraud-abuse-issues/miami-hiv-clinic-physician-convicted-for-23m-medicare-scheme.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

38. *April 17, DarkReading* – (International) **Social Security Administration exposed data of 36,000 over three years.** The Social Security Administration published the names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers of more than 36,000 living people who mistakenly ended up in its Death Master File. According to a report issued by the SSA's Office of the Inspector General, 36,657 people were erroneously included in the SSA's Death Master List, which collects names of recently deceased individuals and is sold to the public. The data was published between May 2007 and April 2010, according to the report. The SSA had already exposed an additional 26,930 individuals' records between July 2006 and January 2009. "We believe SSA should take additional precautions to limit the number of reporting errors and the amount of personal information published in the DMF—particularly the version sold to the public," the report said.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/167901072/security/privacy/229401743/social-security-administration-exposed-data-of-36-000-over-three-years.html>

39. *April 16, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Mich. teacher charged in alleged school threat.** A Michigan high school teacher with Plymouth-Canton Community Schools accused of threatening co-workers has been arraigned on weapons charges. The 52-year-old suspect was charged April 16 with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a weapon on school property, and felony firearm. The Detroit News said a magistrate dismissed a charge of carrying a weapon with unlawful intent after finding that the suspect had not specifically threatened anyone. The magistrate entered an innocent plea for the man and ordered him held on \$100,000 cash bond. Police said the suspect seemed angry and frustrated when he arrived April 13 at Plymouth High School with a handgun and ammunition in his car. He was ordered to stay away from the school. The

suspect, who has been suspended, was arrested April 14 when he returned, prompting a one-day shutdown of the school.

Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/news/2011/04/mich-teacher-charged-alleged-school-threat>

40. *April 16, Associated Press* – (Iowa; Ohio) **Ohio man charged in school terror drill threat.** Authorities have accused a 47-year-old Columbus, Ohio man of threatening terrorism by leaving an expletive-laden message on an Iowa high school's answering machine, forcing the cancellation of an emergency training drill, authorities said April 15. The suspect was charged with one count of threatening terrorism and one count of making threats, the Pottawattamie County sheriff said. The proposed March 26 drill involving police, firefighters, and other first responders was designed to feature an enraged teen shooter who was venting his anger over illegal immigration. The exercise drew criticism from groups opposed to illegal immigration who said the fictitious emergency scenario had a political agenda because it featured a teenage white supremacist gunman. "If you are smart, I wouldn't go to work tomorrow, or today. Cause maybe your little training exercise might come into reality," the caller said in the message to Treynor High School in Treynor, Iowa. Officials traced the March 25 call that was left at 2:19 a.m. to the man's cell phone and notified Columbus police. He was brought to Iowa April 14. The message prompted authorities to cancel the drill. The suspect appeared April 15 in Pottawattamie County District Court, where bond was set at \$10,000.

Source: <http://www.eshervilledailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/135384/Ohio-man-charged-in-school-terror-drill-threat.html?isap=1&nav=5012>

41. *April 14, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Carcinogen found at GSA Bannister site.** Detectable levels of at least one carcinogen were found in the General Services Administration (GSA) building in Kansas City, Missouri, federal officials said April 14. The same day, a federal health agency released a separate interim report that said it does not believe GSA employees received significant exposures to dangerous toxins. The GSA offices are part of the same building as the Kansas City nuclear bomb-parts plant. GSA's administrator confirmed the presence of a carcinogen during questioning at a news conference called to discuss the federal health report, but he would not identify the carcinogen or the level that was found. He said the testing had been for beryllium and uranium but would not say whether both toxins had detectable levels. It was the first time that federal officials have acknowledged a toxin has been found in the GSA offices in the main building of the complex. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) handled the testing. Former and current GSA employees had been concerned for years because they work next door to Honeywell FM&T, where the nuclear bomb parts are manufactured. Some say they have become seriously ill or have gotten numerous types of cancers, and others have died. EPA announced its investigation a year ago, as did the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The NIOSH health report that was the basis for the news conference April 14. The report, which is not final, said GSA employees have not been exposed to significant levels of toxins. It said public health workers did not find a cancer cluster among the employees of GSA and its tenants at the Bannister complex.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/04/14/2801434/carcinogen-found-at-gsa-bannister.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *April 18, Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Emergency radios still glitchy in Naperville, Aurora.** New public safety radios in Aurora and Naperville in Illinois malfunctioned almost 800 times between December 1, 2010 and March 16. In some police and fire situations, ineffective communication may have put lives at risk. Authorities in both cities have been aware of problems with the new digital radio system since it went live December 1. Officials in both cities started a combined list January 18 of all instances when radios did not function properly. A total of 790 problems were reported with the Harris radio systems in Aurora and Naperville. Between January 18 and April 2, 450 problems were reported including: 156 reports of losing signal in a building; 80 reports of losing signal outside; 42 reports of radios not receiving transmissions when in proximity to other radios; 28 reports of dispatchers unable to hear communication from radio users in the field; 26 reports of losing coverage in the back of an ambulance; and 118 other reported problems, including but not limited to garbled communications, fluctuating volume levels, communications issues in the Edward Hospital ambulance bay, and other dispatch issues. The number of reported problems from both cities dropped to 22 between March 20 and 26, and 5 between March 27 and 31, according to a memo from Naperville's communications director. Technology officials in both cities believe the drop in documented problems shows the fixes they have implemented are beginning to take effect, resulting in a more consistently performing system.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110417/news/704179860/>

43. *April 17, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; National) **Counter-terrorism course sharpens police skills.** A counter-terrorism program conducted in a building that overlooks the site of the Oklahoma City bombing is training front-line police officers from across the nation how to collect and report suspicious activity in neighborhoods and communities to prevent future terrorist attacks. The 1995 bombing killed 168 people and injured hundreds more and was the worst terrorist attack on American soil prior to the September 11th attacks. The bombings 16th anniversary is April 19. The counter-terrorism course is provided by the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism. The institute's executive director, said the course emphasizes the importance of detailed police reporting so analysts who review the information can piece together patterns that may be a prelude to a terrorist attack.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/Global/story.asp?S=14463002>

44. *April 16, Appleton Post-Crescent* – (Wisconsin) **At least 12 warning sirens in Outagamie, Winnebago counties failed to sound during last week's tornado outbreak.** At least a dozen tornadoes tore through Wisconsin communities April 10

severe-weather outbreak, according to the National Weather Service, but at least 12 government-operated weather alert sirens malfunctioned in counties where tornadoes struck, the Appleton Post-Crescent found while surveying emergency management officials the week of April 11. Of the nine counties where tornadoes were confirmed, sirens in at least four failed to work properly during the storms. In Brown County, at least three sirens remained silent after being activated. One tornado was confirmed in the county. Brown County's emergency management director said blown fuses likely were to blame, and the sirens have since been fixed and tested. He said the county also received reports that two other sirens did not work, but he had not confirmed problems as of April 15. He said the sirens would be checked during a scheduled test on April 20. He said the county's 53 sirens are reliable "for the most part."

Source:

<http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20110417/APC0101/104170571/1004/Candidates-final-debate-pointed-personal/Officials-Don-t-rely-solely-sirens-severe-weather?odyssey=nav|head>

45. *April 15, Central Maine Independent* – (Maine) **Local police deal with dropped radio calls.** An officer of the Windham, Maine Police Department voiced concern about the inconsistent behavior of the department's portable radio coverage at the April 12 Windham Town Council meeting. "We use two-way radios to communicate, and there are dead spots that make it difficult to communicate," the officer said. "We only have Band-Aid updates to get by." A more comprehensive measure to fix coverage would require money not included in this year's budget, but he suggested the town use Tax Incremental Funding to install more transmitters. The problem affects fire and rescue crews as well. Right now, for calls to go through from one portable radio to another, they run through a radio called a repeater, which receives messages and retransmits them at a higher wattage. The only repeater in Windham is housed in the Public Safety Building on Gray Road. To solve the problem of bad coverage in town, there would need to be several repeaters located through the town. The Windham police chief calls this a simulcast system. A simulcast system is transmitted over a number of high towers. The Windham Police Department never had the ability to form a simulcast system until this past winter, when it was able to wrangle free rental on several towers. Source: <http://www.independentpub.com/story.asp?pubId=wi&artId=-2122056793>

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Information Technology Sector

46. *April 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **Security fears still an obstacle to cloud adoption.** Sixty-two percent of IT managers state concerns about security as an obstacle to cloud adoption, according to Kaspersky Lab. The research found that among the IT managers and directors surveyed, 41 percent of the businesses are planning to move or have moved their IT operations to the cloud. In addition to security fears, data protection (60 percent) and a perceived lack of regulation (26 percent) were stated as an obstacle to cloud adoption. As a result, almost one in five (18 percent) IT managers said their businesses had considered but rejected the idea of moving any

aspect of their IT to the cloud, and almost a quarter (24 percent) had not even considered the cloud as an option.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10909>

47. *April 18, Softpedia* – (International) **European Space Agency Web site hacked.** The Web site of the European Space Agency (ESA) has been hacked into and a list of FTP accounts, as well as email addresses and passwords for administrators and editors have been leaked. The www(dot)esa(dot)int Web server was compromised by a well-known Romanian grey hat hacker who uses the online moniker of TinKode. The hacker posted details of the compromise on his blog in full disclosure style. However, the method he used was not revealed. The published data includes FTP accounts for a range of ESA subsites with passwords in clear text. A list of database users with hashed passwords was also disclosed, together with the SHA1-hashed server root password. The site administrator and editor credentials were exposed in plain text, as well as email addresses and passwords corresponding to Web site user accounts. The passwords are in readable form, but TinKode took the measure of partially hiding them before publishing. There is also a list of associated proxy user names and passwords. At the time of writing this article the www(dot)esa(dot)int Web site remains on line so it is not clear if the agency was alerted of the compromise in advance or not. TinKode is known for exposing vulnerabilities in high profile Web sites, the latest of which was an SQL injection in MySQL.com. Softpedia has learned April 18 that the hack was intended to mark the anniversary of the Apollo 13 crew's safe return to Earth on April 17, 1970, after failing to land on the Moon. The hacker leaked 13 FTP accounts, matching the mission's number.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/European-Space-Agency-Website-Hacked-195487.shtml>

48. *April 16, eWeek.com* – (International) **Adobe swiftly patches critical zero-day Flash bug.** Adobe moved swiftly to patch the critical zero-day vulnerability in Flash Player with an emergency update 5 days after it warned users of malicious Word docs exploiting the flaw. The new version with the fixed bug, Flash Player 10.2.159.1, was released for Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and Solaris April 15. Adobe acknowledged the latest security flaw in Flash Player April 11 (security advisory CVE-2011-0611). Until the flaw was fixed, users were encouraged to disable Flash entirely. Google rolled out the patch a day earlier for its Google Chrome browser through the Web browser's auto-update mechanism. Adobe and Google have a code-sharing partnership, where the Chrome team receives updated builds of Flash Player for integration and testing as soon as they are available. Adobe also issued a patch for Adobe AIR for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. Android users will have to wait until the week of April 25, Adobe said. The patches for Adobe Reader X for Macs and all Adobe Reader 9 versions and Acrobat X are expected the same week. The Flash vulnerability exists in Reader and Acrobat because both programs can execute Flash content embedded in PDF files. Although the initial advisory warned that attackers were using malicious Word documents, malformed Excel files were later detected exploiting the latest flaw, according to the independent security researcher who reported the bug.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Adobe-Swiftly-Patches-Critical-ZeroDay-Flash-Bug-870297/>

49. *April 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Malware installs rogue apps on compromised Facebook accounts.** A new piece of malware being distributed by Sality uses stolen Facebook credentials to surreptitiously install rogue apps under the corresponding profiles. Sality is the world's top file infecting malware and dates back to 2003. The threat has evolved over the years and was fitted with P2P, self-propagation, and malware distribution functionality. According to security researchers from Symantec, at the beginning of 2011, Sality operators pushed a malicious component through its P2P network that acted as a keylogger and recorded Facebook, Blogger, and MySpace login credentials. The trojan sent the stolen credentials to a command and control (C&C) server, but also stored them locally in an encrypted file to the surprise of security researchers. That was until a new piece of malware recently distributed by Sality began making use of the login details in those encrypted files. It downloads Internet Explorer automation scripts from a C&C server and uses the stolen credentials to login on the corresponding websites and perform predefined actions. As far as Facebook is concerned, the trojan received instructions to install a rogue application under hijacked accounts. The app, called "VIP Slots," only asked for access to basic account information. Since it does not have permission to post on the victim's wall, the app cannot be used for spamming purposes, but that could change in the future. Other instructions executed by this component involved opening google.com and searching for a predefined set of keywords. The purpose for this is not immediately clear.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Malware-Forces-Users-to-Install-Rogue-Facebook-Apps-194988.shtml>

50. *April 13, Darkreading* – (International) **Malware writers making code tougher to decode, harder to find.** Decoding the methods in malicious code is becoming more difficult, according to reverse-engineering experts. Attacks no longer scramble simple function names, but encrypt entire blocks of code. Attackers use obfuscation to make it harder to analyze malicious software and stymie security tools, such as intrusion-detection systems, from recognizing the attack. Initially, obfuscation merely scrambled the names of the functions being called by a program, complicating analysis of the binary code. As automated reverse engineering makes progress, however, malware authors are increasingly scrambling entire blocks of code and using better obfuscation techniques to make analysis and detection that much harder, the director of cybersecurity operations for SRA International said. Part of the problem is attackers are using so many different ways of getting onto systems, experts said. Attacks that use social engineering will use obfuscated Web addresses and code. Drive-by downloads, which infect people when they visit a Web site, will encrypt their payloads. And more direct measures aimed at servers will scramble the code to evade intrusion-detection systems, the director of product management at network security firm Stonesoft said.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/application-security/229401546/malware-writers-making-code-tougher-to-decode-harder-to-find.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *April 18, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Baseball stadium fireworks mishap injures Ohio man.** A fireworks mishap during a Cincinnati Reds baseball game on April 17 injured a technician for the fireworks company. Authorities said the man was hospitalized with burns April 17. Rozzi's Famous Fireworks shoots off fireworks after Reds' home runs and when the home team wins. The fireworks went off unexpectedly during the Reds' 7-6 loss to Pittsburgh on April 17. A Rozzi's official told the Cincinnati Enquirer that the company will investigate along with the Ohio Fire Marshal's office. He said there was no risk to the public during the misfire.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/27581997/detail.html>

52. *April 18, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Sewer gas forces 2,000 to evacuate St. Pete Beach church during mass.** About 2,000 parishioners at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in St. Pete Beach, Florida, were evacuated in the midst of a Palm Sunday Mass on April 17 after a sewer gas leak made several people sick. Eight people were treated for dizziness, nausea, and fatigue in the incident. Four people had to be hospitalized. Hazardous-materials crews found low levels of methane in the building and St. Pete Beach Fire Department officials suspect a sanitary line backed up, causing the gas to enter the church. A Hazmat lieutenant said methane levels did not reach critical levels, but were apparently enough to make people sick. A church usher who is a retired civil engineer said it is not uncommon for methane to come into the church. "It happens all the time here," he said. "It's been happening off and on for five years."

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/about-2000-parishioners-evacuated-from-st-pete-beach-church-during-mass/1164381>

53. *April 18, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Apartment building evacuated for HAZMAT situation.** The fire department evacuated a high-rise apartment building at 16th Street and Glenarm Place in Denver, Colorado on April 17 after a person who lived on the 11th floor committed suicide using the chemical agent hydrogen sulfide. A Denver Fire spokesman says there was a major discharge of the chemical and the 11th

and 12th floors were immediately evacuated. The spokesman described the gas as a highly concentrated sewer gas. Two neighbors found the man that committed suicide. The man and woman were taken to Denver Health after they were sprayed down and decontaminated. Residents who live on the 11th and 12th floors were not able to return to their apartments last night. The Red Cross made arrangements for about 30 to 40 people to stay at a nearby hotel. The building is being ventilated until the fire department finds a private contractor to finish cleaning up.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/193946/222/Apartment-building-evacuated-for-HAZMAT-situation>

54. *April 17, WRC 4 Washington and Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Fire causes Pr. George’s mall evacuation.** A shopping mall in Hyattsville, Maryland, was evacuated April 16 for a fire burning in a shipping tunnel underneath the building. Prince George’s County fire department officials said no injuries were reported at the Mall at Prince George’s Plaza. Firefighters said an electrical transformer was burning underneath the mall, pouring smoke into the structure. Fire officials got the incident under control, and mall representatives said they would be open for business April 17.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/119981349.html>
55. *April 17, KTLA-TV Los Angeles and McClatchy-Tribune Information Services* – (California) **Police: blaze at Hacienda Heights church intentionally set.** Sheriff’s Department officials confirmed late April 16 that a fire that broke out at the Saint John Vianney Catholic Church in Hacienda Heights, California, overnight April 16 was an act of arson. The blaze started just after midnight, authorities said. Two priests and a seminarian were reportedly inside a rectory located next to the church at the time of the incident. One of the priests reported hearing an explosion, authorities said, which may have been the sound of windows breaking. The L.A. County Fire chief told KTLA that the cause of the fire is still unclear. The damage to the building is estimated to be worth \$9 million. Detectives are still working to identify who is responsible for the blaze.
Source: <http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2011/04/17/5450204.htm>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *April 18, Silver City Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Gila hit with another blaze.** A fire broke out April 16 on the Gila National Forest up near Reserve, New Mexico, forcing the temporary closure of Highway 180, and the Forest is implementing fire restrictions on the Forest starting April 18. The fire started at about 2:45 p.m. two miles southwest of the Rancho Grande Subdivision near the Pine Lawn rest area, about 8 miles southwest of Reserve. Initially, the fire was threatening the subdivision’s 65 homes and evacuations went from voluntary, to mandatory, back down to voluntary over the course of the day April 16, said a public information officer on the Reserve Ranger District of the Gila National Forest. Evacuation centers had been set up in Reserve at

the Community Center, the Reserve School Cafeteria and Gym, and the Catron County Courthouse. All evacuation orders were lifted the evening of April 16. The fire is now 25 percent contained, and the Forest has 140 personnel on the fire including a Gila Hotshot Crew, three type II Crews, nine engines, four water tenders, two dozers, one air attack, and eight miscellaneous overhead. Crews worked late April 16 constructing fire line around the entire perimeter of the fire and worked April 17 to strengthen that line to hold fire within the perimeter.

Source: http://www.scsun-news.com/ci_17870518

57. *April 18, CNN* – (Texas) **Fires burn across Texas with no end in sight.** Dozens of large fires burned out of control April 18 in Texas in what officials described as unprecedented conditions that show no signs of abating soon. “We’re experiencing conditions never seen in Texas before,” said a public information officer with the Texas Forest Service, which was devoting massive resources to the effort. “Yesterday, we had 1,400 people and that number will go up today,” he said. The Forest Service has been asked to help battle fires covering about 700,000 acres. Thirty-one fires were being fought in East Texas; another 11 fires in West Texas, officials said. The Wildcat Fire just north of San Angelo has led to the evacuation of hundreds of people from their homes. The same fire threatened three small communities just north of Saint Angelo — Robert Lee, Bronte and Tennyson. The fires have a variety of causes — some of them acts of nature, such as lightning strikes — but most of them acts of man, the public information officer said. Texas authorities have made an arrest in connection with one of hundreds of blazes scorching the state in what a Forest Service official called the “perfect storm for wildfires”. One man was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment after he started a campfire at a homeless camp in a remote area, which got out of control and prompted evacuations. The fire burned about 60 acres. The man was being held under a \$50,000 bond.

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58. *April 18, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Valley City continuing to build up levees.** Officials in Valley City, North Dakota, are again calling for volunteers to help build up levees to protect it from the rising Sheyenne River. The mayor said more than 100 flood volunteers answered the call April 16 and more would be needed April 17. The city is scrambling to add another foot-and-a-half to its levees to deal with a record crest of 21.2 to 21.5 feet expected on the Sheyenne River. He told the Fargo Forum that as long as levees are built at 24 feet, things are “under control.” River levels fluctuated April 16, about a quarter-foot from the record crest of 20.69 feet in 2009. The mayor said he expects the levees to be finished by April 20. Plans are also in motion to build contingency dikes around Valley City.

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