



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 20 April 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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### Top Stories

- According to the Knoxville News Sentinel, a highly sophisticated cyber attack — known as Advanced Persistent Threat — forced Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee to shut down all Internet access and e-mail systems from April 15 to 17. (See item [28](#))
- The Associated Press reports firefighters around Possum Kingdom Reservoir, Coke County, and the Trans-Pecos of West Texas were struggling in the state’s dry conditions to fight fires April 19. Hundreds of homes and weekend retreats around Possum Kingdom were in the path of the fires. (See item [45](#))

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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 19, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **PG&E: Poor records didn’t lead to San Bruno blast.** The gas pipeline explosion that killed eight people and destroyed 38 homes in San Bruno, California would have happened even if Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) had kept accurate records of the line, the company told state regulators

April 18. The rupture on the 30-inch transmission line that caused the September 9 explosion took place at an incomplete weld on a pipe seam, metallurgists with the National Transportation Safety Board have concluded. PG&E's records showed that the pipe had no seams, and it never conducted inspections that might have detected a flawed seam weld. However, the type of weld that ruptured does not have a record of failing, PG&E told the state Public Utilities Commission. As a result, it said, the company still would have picked an inspection technique best suited for finding the problem that PG&E considered the greatest threat to the line - corrosion - and not flawed welds. "The question becomes whether the correct seam type information ... would have changed PG&E's assessment methodology" and "potentially prevented the September 9, 2010, San Bruno pipeline rupture," the company said. "The short answer to that question is 'no.'"

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/04/18/MNRU1J34F5.DTL>

2. *April 18, Dow Jones Newswire* – (International) **Worker dies at Hicorp Energy's natural gas platform in Gulf.** A worker died April 18 at a non-producing natural gas platform owned by Hilcorp Energy Co. in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. officials said. The Alliance Oilfield Services employee was assisting in so-called abandonment operations when he fell through a deck opening, said the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement April 18. The victim was helped by first responders on the platform and then evacuated by helicopter. He was pronounced dead at a hospital. The natural gas platform, located about 130 miles off the shore of Louisiana, had not been in production since 2008. Workers were pursuing operations to plug and abandon its wells, the bureau said. Bureau inspectors tried to fly to the platform April 18, but could not reach the site because of fog.

Source: <http://www.automatedtrader.net/real-time-dow-jones/56859/worker-dies-at-hilcorp-energy039s-natural-gas-platform-in-gulf--us-officials>

3. *April 18, News of Cumberland County* – (New Jersey) **Diesel thieves make off with 2,000 gallons in Vineland.** An employee of Rhoad's and O'Hara in Vineland, New Jersey, called police April 14 to report that someone had stolen a large amount of diesel fuel from two of the company's trucks. The woman at first noticed a GPS had been stolen from one of the trucks. She took a closer look at the books however and saw that the distance the trucks had been traveling was the same while the fuel cost had been increasing. She figured out that about 2,000 gallons of fuel had been siphoned from the truck's saddle tanks from October through December of 2010. With diesel averaging about \$3.00 per gallon during this period, the total amount of the theft was about \$6,000. The trucks, a Mack 3-axle and a Mack Freightliner, also had to have their fuel sending units fixed because the thieves left the gas caps off. The company's mechanic said this type of activity has been on the rise. The woman said she believes there have been more fuel thefts at the company, and she was in the process of reviewing all of the trucks' records. Police are still investigating.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2011/04/diesel\\_thieves\\_make\\_off\\_with\\_2.html](http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2011/04/diesel_thieves_make_off_with_2.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *April 19, WGHP 8 High Point* – (North Carolina) **Two injured after tanker carry liquid nitrogen cashes near Dobson.** Two people were injured after a tanker carrying liquid nitrogen crashed in Dobson, North Carolina, April 19. Officials said the tanker overturned near 515 W. Kapp St. in Dobson. One person was taken to Northern Hospital and the other victim was treated at the scene. Officials did not provide any other information about the victims. Officials said crews are on scene and will be pumping liquid nitrogen from the overturned tanker, which could take several hours. The Dobson Police Department is investigating the accident.  
Source: <http://www.myfox8.com/news/wgHP-story-overturned-tanker-110419,0,4611828.story>

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

5. *April 18, Platts* – (Vermont) **Entergy asks court to block Vermont from forcing nuke plant shutdown.** Entergy has asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont to issue an order barring the state from forcing its Vermont Yankee nuclear plant to shut permanently in 2012, the New Orleans-based utility said April 17. The company said its request for declaratory and injunctive relief comes after the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission on March 21 agreed to renew the unit's operating license for an additional 20 years, to March 21, 2032. Entergy said the Vermont Legislature in 2006 passed a law that "invalidated a key provision" of a 2002 memorandum of understanding (MOU) it signed with state officials when it bought Vermont Yankee. Under the MOU, Entergy said it had agreed to seek approval from Vermont Public Service Board if it sought to operate the plant beyond March 21, 2012. In the complaint to the court, Entergy charged that the state "repudiated the MOU, breaching that agreement." "The 2006 state law took the decision about Vermont Yankee's future away from the Public Service Board, a quasi-judicial expert decision-maker, independent of legislative control," the president of Entergy Wholesale Commodities subsidiary said. "It instead placed Vermont Yankee's fate in the hands of political decision-makers, namely the state General Assembly and governor [...] This is not what we signed up for in 2002."

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6008846>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

6. *April 16, Associated Press* – (International) **Honda adds 2 weeks to factory slowdowns.** Honda Motor Co. will slow down production at its 10 U.S. and Canadian auto factories into at least early May because it is running short of parts made at earthquake-damaged factories in Japan. The company said April 15 that it is extending the cuts through May 6, and it expects more disruptions after that. The slowdowns, which could reduce output at its plants by up to 50 percent, are likely to cause shortages of Honda vehicles in a matter of weeks. Honda's Japanese factories are running at half capacity, and the company's president has said it could take a few months to return to full production. Honda said in late March that it would shut down North American assembly lines for several hours a day through at least April 22 because of parts shortages from Japan. A Honda plant that makes parts for North American factories began running again April 4, but only at half its normal output. The company says none of its 21,000 North American factory workers will be laid off. Honda has said more than 80 percent of Honda and Acura parts sold in the United States are produced in North America, but some key parts are made in Japan.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iKpHTMVBrqmVHlksJva-6lPCPzrA?docId=f00987cc6beb4b9e8fcc19cf839fab3b>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

7. *April 15, Defense News* – (National) **New problem hits LPD 17: bad work documentation.** The U.S. Navy's most problem-plagued ship, the San Antonio (LPD 17), has a whole new set of issues, the service said — bad documentation of the work being done to fix it. The San Antonio, first of a class of large amphibious transport dock ships, has been under repair in Norfolk, Virginia, for over a year, with much of the work being done by the Earl Industries shipyard. The work was expanded from its original scope to include a comprehensive effort to fix a wide range of fundamental problems with the ship, which has never been considered fully operational since her delivery in July 2005. Now, said Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), audits of the work being done on the ship's four main propulsion diesels revealed "unacceptable, improper documentation in the overhaul reports" by the makers of the Colt Pielstick diesel engines. "There were missing reports; reports with data indicating out-of-specification conditions without indication of what repairs were performed; and reports with missing data or inconsistent data," NAVSEA said in a statement. A Navy investigation is ongoing to check the work and see if any material deficiencies exist. The San Diego is scheduled to be delivered this summer from Huntington Ingalls Industries at Pascagoula, Mississippi, formerly Northrop Grumman. The Navy plans to build 11 of the 26,000-ton ships.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6247932&c=AME&s=SEA>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

8. *April 19, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (National) **Richmond financial adviser accused of Ponzi scheme.** The Securities and Exchange Commission said April 18 that it filed civil charges against a Richmond, Virginia financial adviser, charging him with orchestrating a \$7.7 million Ponzi scheme. The complaint alleges that the 66-year-old president and chief executive officer of Chesterfield County-based AIC Inc., directly and through three stockbrokers and an investment adviser fraudulently sold \$7.7 million in AIC promissory notes and stocks to more than 74 investors in at least 14 states. Also named in the complaint are Community Bankers Securities LLC, an AIC subsidiary, Advent Securities Inc., CBS Advisors LLC, Allied Beacon Partners Inc, also known as Waterford Investor Services Inc., and two associated stockbrokers from Colorado and Florida. The three conspirators allegedly sold the investments to elderly and unsophisticated investors who lost significant portions of their savings, including retirement funds they relied on for financial security, according to the charges. New investor money was used to pay back existing investors' principal, interest and dividends, reflecting the workings of a Ponzi scheme, according to the charges. From January 2006 through November 2009, about \$2.5 million of new investor money was distributed to early investors, according to the SEC. The president and CEO used investor money to pay himself \$952,258 in salary, advances, loans, interest, and dividends, the filing says. About \$3.6 million was used to keep the subsidiary broker-dealers solvent. AIC promised to pay interest and dividends ranging from 9 percent to 12.5 percent on the promissory notes and preferred stock, knowing that it did not have the ability to pay those returns, according to the complaint. AIC and its subsidiaries were never profitable, the SEC said. The scheme collapsed in December 2009.  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/business/2011/apr/19/TDBIZ01-richmond-financial-adviser-accused-of-ponz-ar-981382/>
9. *April 18, Minnesota Star Tribune* – (National) **Two plead guilty in separate mortgage fraud scheme.** A 49-year-old Champlin, Minnesota, woman admitted April 15 to participating in a mortgage fraud scheme involving at least 200 properties, principally in north Minneapolis, and mortgage proceeds of about \$35 million. She pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. In her plea agreement, she admitted that from 2004 through 2007 she prepared false loan applications to help “investors” qualify for the loans by showing inflated incomes. The scheme’s masterminds were sent to prison in 2009, one for 8 years and the other for 7. Through their company, TJ Waconia, the two made north Minneapolis the epicenter of foreclosures in the state and gained \$14 million in the resale of houses, prosecutors said. The scheme was revealed when neighborhood group staff members in the Folwell and Webber-Camden areas detected mass foreclosures that left blocks lined with vacant and deteriorating houses. In another federal fraud case, a 39-year-old contractor from Ham Lake, pleaded guilty April 18 to participating in a mortgage fraud scheme that involved seven fraudulent transactions with the two owners of Invescorp. The man pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/120058509.html>

10. *April 18, Agence Presse-France* – (International) **S. Korea bank probed over ‘cyber-attack’ shutdown.** Regulators launched an inquiry April 18 into South Korea’s largest banking network after a suspected cyber-attack left many customers unable to access their money for 3 days. A system crash that started April 12 left customers of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation, or Nonghyup, unable to withdraw or transfer money, use credit cards, or take out loans. Nonghyup, which has about 5,000 branches, said it suspected the problem was caused by cyber-attackers, who entered commands to destroy computer servers and wipe out some transaction histories. “The latest incident was conducted internally... the meticulously designed commands entered through a laptop computer owned by a subcontractor company were carried out to simultaneously destroy the entire server system,” a Nonghyup official said. He said the suspected attack might have been staged by an “experienced” expert to cripple the entire network at the bank, which is the country’s largest in terms of branches. The bank’s services were partially restored after 3 days, but some — including an advance cash service — were still unavailable April 18. Around 310,000 customers have filed complaints and nearly 1,000 called for compensation. The major technical glitch also temporarily deleted records of some of Nonghyup’s 5.4 million credit card customers, leaving the firm unable to bill customers or settle payments to retailers. State prosecutors have launched a probe to see whether hackers attacked the bank’s system. The Financial Supervisory Service and central bank officials visited Nonghyup’s Seoul headquarters April 18 to investigate whether it had followed computer security rules. Nonghyup pledged full compensation for any damages to customers and stressed there was no leak of personal data.

Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gQsy2m31yHNentc1-hbpe2\\_fAa6Q?docId=CNG.72521c25a3f2aab3157b95f0fb41093d.181](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gQsy2m31yHNentc1-hbpe2_fAa6Q?docId=CNG.72521c25a3f2aab3157b95f0fb41093d.181)

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## **Transportation Sector**

11. *April 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Amtrak tapping fan base to boost security.** Through a new program dubbed Partners for Amtrak Safety and Security launched April 19, Amtrak will recruit people who are already watching and riding trains to keep an eye out for suspicious activity on trains and around stations and tracks. Passengers and rail fans can register online to participate in the “neighborhood watch style program.” They will be issued membership cards and learn more about observing and reporting safety and security concerns. Rail fans, or “railfans” as they call themselves, are the ideal candidates for the program, the Amtrak Police Chief said April 18. They are already out watching trains and tracks across the country every day and will notice if something is amiss. The program grew out of a forum with Amtrak executives organized by Trains magazine in 2010.  
Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/27594605/detail.html>
12. *April 19, Associated Press* – (National) **U.S. Airways flight makes emergency landing.** Officials said a U.S. Airways flight from Dallas, Texas to Charlotte, North Carolina, made an emergency landing in South Carolina after someone smelled smoke on board the flight April 18. An airport spokeswoman said the plane landed at



- Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport just after 1 p.m. She said emergency responders met the plane on the tarmac. No one was injured, and she said the roughly 100 passengers were taken by bus to Charlotte. Officials do not know what caused the smoke smell, and the matter is still under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/story/14470831/us-airways-flight-makes-emergency-landing>
13. *April 19, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Police seek help in bombing under Kellogg.** Wichita, Kansas police asked for the public's help April 18, in solving a bombing where someone detonated a powerful explosive device beside a Kellogg overpass support pillar around 3 a.m. April 16. Although the support structure was not damaged, investigators found evidence that the improvised device sent flames 20 feet in every direction and blew debris more than 500 feet away. Some of the shrapnel became embedded in the Residence Inn on South Main, a Wichita police captain said. Police do not know the motive or target but they believe the explosive was intentional. Federal agents are also involved in the investigation.  
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2011/04/19/1813642/police-seek-help-in-bombing-under.html>
  14. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **FAA suspends 2 for movie watching while on duty.** An air traffic controller has been suspended for watching a movie while on duty, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said April 18. The controller was watching a movie on a DVD player April 17 at a regional radar center in Cleveland that handles high altitude air traffic, the FAA said. The controller's microphone was inadvertently activated, briefly transmitting the movie's soundtrack to all the planes in the airspace the controller was supposed to be monitoring. The controller's microphone became stuck in the transmit position, preventing him from hearing incoming radio calls or issuing instructions to planes for more than 3 minutes. A military pilot contacted the FAA about the incident.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MMFC981.htm>
  15. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Iowa; Illinois) **Rising waters force bridge closure on Mississippi.** A bridge connecting Iowa and Illinois will be closed for up to a week because of the rising Mississippi River, which has forced the National Weather Service to post flood warnings from southwestern Wisconsin to southern Iowa. The Iowa Department of Transportation reported April 18 that the bridge on U.S. Highway 52 between Savanna, Illinois, and Sabula, Iowa was closed. The bridge, which sees roughly 2,400 vehicles cross it a day, will not reopen until flood waters caused by snowmelt and runoff from recent storms recede.  
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/default/article/Rising-waters-force-bridge-closure-on-Mississippi-1342116.php>
  16. *April 18, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **200 riders evacuated from Red Line train stuck in tunnel.** A Red Line train was stuck in a tunnel April 18 just south of the Westlake station in California, prompting the evacuation of 200 morning commuters. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) was called at 9:08 a.m. to assist in the evacuation, said an LAFD spokesman. It was not immediately clear whether the

commuter train had experienced mechanical failure or some other problem. The line runs from North Hollywood to Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. All passengers were safely escorted off the train within an hour.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/04/red-line-problem-prompts-evacuation-of-200-riders.html?cid=6a00d8341c630a53ef01538df4344a970b>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

17. *April 18, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Postal worker attacked, left unconscious outside post office.** A postal worker who had been attacked from behind was flown to a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania hospital after being found unconscious on the ground outside his local post office early April 18, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service said. The 50-year-old had facial bruising when a fellow employee found him at the side entrance to the Jeannette post office shortly before 6 a.m., said the police chief. He was in fair condition at Allegheny General Hospital, as police and U.S. Postal Inspectors continued to look for clues in the evening April 18. His son told a WTAE 4 reporter that \$150 was missing from the man's wallet.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/27587785/detail.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

18. *April 19, WNCN 17 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Tornadoes tear through Johnston County farms.** Tornadoes destroyed 17 buildings April 16 on a farm in Four Oaks, North Carolina. The tornado leveled 6 turkey houses, days before the farm expected a delivery of about 25,000 turkeys. It tore down sheds and barns. The only building still standing is the owner's house. Damage is estimated at about \$1 million. A tornado also destroyed several roofs at Lee Farms in Four Oaks. Workers are packing sweet potatoes in the open air to fill orders for more than 10,000 boxes the week of April 17. The owner hopes to have the roofs repaired within days. In Pine Level, a tornado destroyed about 75 percent of the greenhouses at Cyn-Mar nursery. "This is our peak time of the year. And it probably couldn't have come at a worst time," the manager said. He is now buying plants from other nurseries to fill his customers' orders. All of the farmers plan to rebuild, but it could take months. They may be eligible for help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The USDA is still calculating the losses at farms in North Carolina. It pays for 75 percent of the cleanup costs on farms after natural disasters. USDA officials will be visiting farmers in parts of the state April 19.
- Source: <http://www2.nbc17.com/news/2011/apr/18/7/tornados-damage-johnston-county-farms-ar-958865/>

19. *April 18, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **State orders samples from DeFusco's employees.** The Rhode Island Department of Health said April 18 that



DeFusco's bakeries in Johnston and Cranston must remain closed until the department gives permission for them to reopen. The Johnston location has been linked to a salmonella outbreak that killed two people and sickened dozens more. DeFusco's voluntarily closed the bakeries March 25 after several people reported getting ill after eating zeppole. The Health Department said all remaining food samples taken from DeFusco's tested negative for salmonella. Salmonella contamination was found in an earlier round of testing. The department also ordered all employees of DeFusco's to submit stool samples for testing. A compliance order also requires DeFusco's to get written permission from the Health Department before discarding or selling any bakery equipment.

Source: <http://www2.turonto10.com/news/2011/apr/18/state-orders-samples-defuscos-employees-ar-457917/>

20. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Ammonia leak near Boeing Field injures 1.** Fire officials said an ammonia leak prompted the evacuation of a south Seattle, Washington building near Boeing Field late April 18 and caused one minor injury. Officials said crews were working on a pressure relief valve inside a United Grocers building when a pipe burst. Fifteen people were evacuated. A Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman said the leak was reported shortly before 10 p.m. and stopped by 10:30 p.m.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2014810169\\_apwaammonialeak1stldwritethru.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2014810169_apwaammonialeak1stldwritethru.html)

21. *April 17, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Bar's fire escape collapses, injures at least four people.** A fire escape collapsed late April 16 at the Rack bar and grill near Sugarloaf ski resort in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, sending at least 10 people tumbling 15 feet to the ground below, police said. Four of the victims were transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital with injuries ranging from lacerations to broken bones, police said. The victims were attendees of an annual spring music and ski festival being held at the ski resort. The victims used the fire escape door on the second floor in the rear of the building to get onto the fire escape, which collapsed around midnight, the police statement said. A co-owner of the Rack said he would not comment on the incident until the investigation is complete. Carrabassett Valley police and fire units responded to the collapse. The fire department from Kingfield and emergency responders from Northstar also assisted at the scene.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/Fire-escape-collapse-at-bar-injures-four-.html>

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## **Water Sector**

22. *April 19, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Capitol Complex and Harrisburg City Government Center closed Tuesday after second water main problem.** All non-essential employees in state government buildings in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the Harrisburg Government Center are being asked to stay home April 19 after a 36-inch watermain break closed state buildings and schools April 18. The break at Cameron and

Herr Streets affected thousands of state employees and school kids, leaving them with low or no water pressure. A second leak is causing even further issues. A “tear” was discovered by Harrisburg Department of Public work employees April 18 near the same site as the original break. According to a spokesperson, the “tear” is in the main water trunk where the limb pipe joins the main trunk line and is the result of the contractor damage April 17. City crews worked through the night to repair the leak and have ordered parts necessary for the repair. Those parts are expected to come in some time April 19 and Harrisburg officials anticipate the “tear” will be repaired later in the day. Because of the latest “tear” and the boil water advisory, all non-essential employees in the Capitol Complex as well as Harrisburg Government Center employees should not report to work.

Source: <http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-water-main-break,0,6720283.story>

23. *April 18, WISTV 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Chlorine spill contained at Columbia water plant.** A hazardous materials team has contained a chlorine spill at a Columbia, South Carolina, water treatment plant, according to fire officials. The fire chief said the spill happened at the Columbia Canal Waterworks on Laurel Street April 18. No injuries were reported, but he said the plant was evacuated. Three hazmat workers contained the spill, and he said the public is not at risk. So far it is unknown whether any chlorine entered the canal, which flows into the confluence of the Saluda and Broad rivers.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14468234>

24. *April 15, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Water in Osceola County City is contaminated.** All the water in the town of Harmony, in Osceola County, Florida, is contaminated by a cancer-causing byproduct. TOHO Water Authority (TWA) officials say they have been having a problem with trihalomethanes on and off for about 5 years. Currently, the water at an old treatment facility is not up to standard, but is safe to drink. TWA sent a notice to its customers about the issue. TWA adds chloramine to its water supply to comply with new, stricter federal and state water purification standards. A byproduct from the disinfection process called TTHM is the problem; there is too much of it. To solve the problem, starting next week, it will start adding chloramine during the distribution process too. TWA does not face any fines at this time.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/27563321/detail.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

25. *April 19, Homeland Security Today* – (Alabama) **Impact of loss of municipal water explored by CDC.** A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) investigated the risks to public health from an extended loss of municipal water service by focusing on two rural communities in Alabama that lost water for nearly 2 weeks. The study found that not only was there an increase in reported gastrointestinal illnesses, but that “households, institutions and communities were not adequately

prepared for the water emergency that affected Alabama communities in January 2010 in part because of an aging water infrastructure.” The CDC study, Community Health Impact of Extended Loss of Water Service, reported that while 90 percent of households were aware of the boiling water advisory, less than 50 percent had heard this vital advisory at the beginning of the water emergency, while 30 percent said they consumed unboiled, potentially contaminated tap water. In one community, 40 percent of surveyed households heard about the boil water advisory from family, friends, or neighbors, but not from any official source. The investigation included a survey of 470 households representing 1,283 residents.

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/impact-of-loss-of-municipal-water-water-explored-by-cdc/6f58d022ba699b3c00aba1e9d9da96b7.html>

26. *April 18, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Weekend storm damages Isle of Wight health department.** The Isle of Wight County Health Department in Virginia sustained significant water damage during the April 16 storm, and, except for environmental services, all business were temporarily transferred to the district headquarters in Suffolk. All clinic services, STD, WIC, immunizations, and family planning services were relocated to the Suffolk Health Department. The April 19 Family Planning Clinic was canceled. Dental services were temporarily relocated to the Southampton County Health Department. And all appointments for the week of April 18 were canceled.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/04/weekend-storm-damages-isle-wight-health-department>

27. *April 18, Alexandria Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Suspicious package leads to evacuation of building at VA Medical Center in Pineville.** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Alexandria, Louisiana closed its medical center in Pineville for about four hours April 18, after employees and patients were exposed to an unknown “white powder and greenish substance.” An employee in the VA’s business office received a piece of mail April 15 with the unknown substance and filed it away. The weekend of April 16 and 17 the employee began showing “flu-like symptoms,” said the VA’s public affairs officer, and the employee reported the package to her supervisor April 18. Officials then called in the VA’s emergency preparedness decontamination team and sealed off the first floor of the hospital. Hazmat teams from Louisiana State Police and the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office assisted, as did Alpine Fire Department and officials from the Louisiana Department of Public Health. A total of 45 patients and staff members who potentially were exposed to the substance went through a precautionary decontamination. The employee who became sick processes “hundreds of pieces of mail every day,” the public affairs officer said, and though the employee noticed the substance, it was a typical VA income update form that was not accompanied by a threatening letter or anything else that was suspicious. The package was sent to a Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals lab for testing, and VA officials were hoping to get a determination about the substance April 18.

Source:

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20110418/NEWS01/110418001/1024/Abby-Young-man-wanders-adrift-sea-confused-emotions/Suspicious-package-leads-evacuation-building-VA-Medical-Center-Pineville-?odyssey=nav/head>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

28. *April 19, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Lab halts Web access after cyber attack.** A highly sophisticated cyber attack — known as Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) — forced Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Tennessee to shut down all Internet access and e-mail systems from April 15 to 17. Those restrictions will remain in place until lab officials and others investigating the attack are sure the situation is well controlled and manageable, the ORNL director said April 19. He expects e-mail functions to be restored April 19 on a limited basis, with no attachments allowed and restrictions on length. “We made the decision (at about midnight April 15) to close down the connection to the Internet to make sure there was no data exfiltrated from the lab while we got the system cleaned up,” he said. The lab’s cyber specialists were monitoring the attack and recommended further action after it looked like efforts were under way to remove data from ORNL systems. The director said the APT threat at ORNL is similar to recent attacks on Google, RSA, and other government institutions and corporations. “In this case, it was initiated with phishing e-mail, which led to the download of some software that took advantage of a ‘zero day exploit,’ a vulnerability for which there is no patch yet issued,” he said. The vulnerability involved Internet Explorer. The lab has not yet detected any large-scale exfiltration of data. ORNL has solicited help from throughout government, including other Department of Energy labs. Outside experts arrived in Oak Ridge to participate in the investigation, he said. Some computers were confiscated and quarantined. He also confirmed that the phishing e-mail messages in this case were disguised as coming from the lab’s human resource department.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/apr/19/lab-halts-web-access-after-cyber-attack/>

29. *April 18, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Hillsboro police say fire at Health and Science School was arson.** The Hillsboro Police Department is calling a fire that started April 18 in a trash can at Health and Science School in Hillsboro, Oregon, an arson fire. About 12:45 p.m., police were called to help Hillsboro Fire & Rescue with an investigation into the fire, which was in a girl’s restroom at the school, a Hillsboro police spokesman said. The fire was started in the trash can using paper towels and a match. Police do not have any suspect information. The fire caused an estimated \$20,000 in damage, a Hillsboro fire spokesman said. Firefighters believed the fire had been burning for a significant amount of time before it was discovered. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s Engine 64 first responded to the school just before noon on the report that a fire alarm was sounding at the location, the fire spokesman said. Firefighters reportedly arrived at the school and found smoke inside the building. Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, and crews worked to ventilate the building. The school’s sprinkler system did not go off. About 680 students and 64 staff members were safely evacuated for about 30 minutes. The fire investigator will be reviewing security video, interviewing witnesses, and looking for evidence at the school, the Hillsboro fire spokesman said. District administrators and a district public safety officer are also helping with the investigation.

Source:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2011/04/hillsboro\\_police\\_say\\_fire\\_at\\_health\\_and\\_science\\_school\\_was\\_arson.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/hillsboro/index.ssf/2011/04/hillsboro_police_say_fire_at_health_and_science_school_was_arson.html)

30. *April 18, WFSB 3 Rocky Hill* – (Connecticut) **Suspicious package shuts down federal courthouse.** The Federal Courthouse in Bridgeport, Connecticut, was shut down for several hours April 18 after someone left a suspicious package. The building was evacuated shortly after 8 a.m. and reopened after 10 a.m. Lafayette Boulevard and State Street around the courthouse were blocked off. Police would not comment on what type of package it was, but its discovery caused a disruption because an IRS office in the courthouse was packed with last minute tax filers making the courthouse building extremely busy. WFSB cameras captured footage of a robot from the state police bomb squad moved what looked to be either a white envelope or paper bag away from the building's front door. A state trooper in a bomb suit made his way over to the package and came back giving a thumbs up.

Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/news/27582513/detail.html>

31. *April 18, eWeek* – (International) **University Websites still redirecting users to fake software sites.** After a security researcher in January identified educational Web sites that were hijacked to redirect users to fake online stores, many of them are still unfixed. Education and government Web sites continue to redirect users to malicious sites months after the hijacked pages were flagged in a report. Major search engines continue to rank those pages high on search results pages. A Zscaler researcher identified numerous hijacked domains belonging to government organizations and educational institutions in a report in January. A quick check of those domains revealed that some of them still redirect users to fake online stores selling discounted Microsoft, Adobe, and Apple software, the Zscaler blog said April 13. While “most of the domains” were cleaned up pretty quickly, a researcher found that at least 68 domains from that initial list were still going to the same fake sites. The hijacked domains include major universities such as Harvard, Berkeley, Oklahoma State, Brown, Arizona State, Clemson, and Purdue.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/University-Websites-Still-Redirecting-Users-to-Fake-Software-Sites-272259/>

32. *April 18, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **NC's Camp Lejeune base suffered dozens of homes destroyed, damaged; toddler struggles for life.** Camp Lejeune, a North Carolina Marine Corps base, is recovering from a storm April 16 that seriously hurt one toddler and is keeping some children out of classes. A spokesman at Camp Lejeune said the nearly 2-year-old remained in critical condition April 18 at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Camp Lejeune officials said the storm destroyed about a dozen homes on base and caused structural damage to up to 60 more. About 50 on-base homes had broken windows, ripped siding and gutters, and other minor damage. One of the on-base schools teaching the children of Marines will be closed April 18 and 19 due to significant damage.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/b3934f73b3c14b25aaba7802a760928d/NC--Severe-Weather-Camp-Lejeune/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

33. *April 18, New York Post* – (New York) **400 New York police officers could face charges in ticket-fixing scheme.** As many as 400 New York police officers (NYPD) could face disciplinary charges for fixing tickets, according to The New York Post. Two NYPD lawyers were recently transferred from the department’s legal bureau to its advocate’s office, which handles departmental trials against officers, and told to expect hundreds of cases, according to a source in the unit. “This is huge,” said the source. “That’s a lot of cops all in one shot. I’ve never heard of something like that before, this many police officers charged in one period.” The department will charge cops internally in all 12 Bronx precincts — and possibly other boroughs — for allegedly helping out friends and family by “losing” paperwork and missing court dates. In turn, parking tickets, moving violations, and quality-of-life summonses would be dismissed in court or vanish before ever getting near a judge. Officers found guilty in department trials could get fired, lose benefits, or be reprimanded or warned. Those who tampered with documents might face criminal charges of obstruction or filing a false instrument, while cops who took money could be hit with felonies such as bribery.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/04/18/400-new-york-police-officers-face-charges-ticket-fixing-scheme/?test=latestnews>
34. *April 18, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Cops, firefighters’ identities stolen in tax return scam.** Tax Day brought a surprise to many South Florida police officers and firefighters after someone stole their identities and filed fraudulent returns in their names. The culprits accessed personal information, possibly through city pension funds administered by a private company. The breach initially appeared to affect up to 400 officers and firefighters in Oakland Park and Delray Beach in Florida but has expanded to include about 125 employees in Davie and at least one police officer in Lauderhill. The scam involved submitting electronic tax returns to the IRS and claiming education credits of \$1,000 or more. The U.S. Secret Service and Broward Sheriff’s Office are investigating. Authorities have made one arrest so far, a 21-year-old man from Miami. He is charged with 12 counts of using another person’s identity without consent. He pleaded not guilty and reportedly was caught with debit cards in the names of a dozen other people, though his arrest report does not specify whether the names belonged to police officers or firefighters who had had their identities stolen. It is unclear how or where the personal information came from.  
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/cops,-firefighters'-identities-stolen-in-tax-return-scam>
35. *April 17, Kalispell Daily Inter Lake* – (Montana) **Snow damages 911 radio equipment.** Heavy winter snow has resulted in damage to some radio antennas and towers that service the 911 emergency communication system in Flathead County, Montana, according to the director of the Flathead County Office of Emergency Services. In his regular briefing to the county commissioners, he said some of the



buildings that house radio equipment are covered with snow, some antennas are broken, others are bent, and some towers were bent by the weight of snow and wind. Recent wet snow in the mountains, followed by freezing overnight temperatures, are not helping the situation, the county Fire Service Area manager said. As terrain dries out, workers will get to the sites to better assess damage and determine what repairs are needed, the two men told commissioners.

Source: [http://www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local\\_montana/article\\_6761c27e-68a1-11e0-93bd-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local_montana/article_6761c27e-68a1-11e0-93bd-001cc4c002e0.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

36. *April 19, Help Net Security* – (International) **Bredolab variant delivered by fake Facebook warning.** A new Facebook scam deposits a message into users' inboxes and claims that their Facebook account has been spotted sending out spam and that their password has been changed to prevent it from doing so. Supposedly, the new password is contained in the attached .zip file, but it is just a ruse to make users open and run file, so that they end up with the computer infected by a variant of Bredolab. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1699](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1699)
37. *April 19, Help Net Security* – (International) **Software industry risks and SQL injection trends.** With the trend of targeted cyber attacks along with the exploitation of common vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, it is clear that the core software infrastructure of several critical industries remains extremely vulnerable. Veracode uncovered that those security vendors tasked with protecting enterprises are often the most at risk due to the poor quality of their very own software applications. In fact, 72 percent of security products and services applications analyzed in this report failed to meet acceptable levels of security quality. In its most recent State of Software Security report, Veracode analyzed 4,835 applications that were submitted to its cloud-based application security testing platform for independent security verification. That number is nearly double from the previous report (September 2010) and represents applications analyzed over the past 18 months. Despite many new findings, there is one constant data point: software remains fundamentally flawed. In fact, 58 percent of all software applications across supplier types continued to fail to meet acceptable levels of security quality upon initial submission to Veracode's service. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10921>
38. *April 18, The Register* – (International) **Whitehats pierce giant hole in Microsoft security shield.** Late last December, Microsoft researchers responding to publicly posted attack code that exploited a vulnerability in the FTP service of IIS told users it was a minimal threat because the worst it probably could do was crash the application. In part due to security mitigations added to recent operating systems, attackers targeting the heap-overflow flaw had no way to control data that got overwritten in memory, according to IIS's Security Program Manager. However, White hat hackers from security firm Accuvant Labs demonstrated they had no trouble accessing parts of memory in the targeted machine that the protection – known as heap exploitation

mitigation – should have made off limits. With that hurdle cleared, they showed the IIS zero-day bug was much more serious than Microsoft’s initial analysis had let on. Heap-exploitation mitigation made its Microsoft debut in Service Pack 2 of Windows XP, and has since been refined in later OSes. It works by detecting memory that has been corrupted by heap overflows, and then terminating the underlying process. Quickly, an entire class of vulnerabilities that once allowed attackers to take full control of the targeted operating system were wiped out. Running on the newer operating systems, the same exploits could do nothing more than crash the buggy application. The Accuvant Labs researchers were able to bypass the mitigation because Microsoft’s reworked heap design also included a new feature known as low fragmentation heap (LFH) which aims to improve speed and performance by providing a new way to point applications to free locations of memory. For reasons that remain unclear, the new feature did not make use of the heap-exploitation mitigations. The LFH is not turned on by default, and it turns out that it often requires a lot of work for an attacker to enable it. In the case of December’s IIS vulnerability, they turned it on by invoking several FTP commands in a particular way. With that out of the way, they had no trouble controlling the memory locations on the targeted machine.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/18/windows\\_heap\\_exploit\\_shield\\_pierced/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/18/windows_heap_exploit_shield_pierced/)

39. *April 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Backdoor distributed as Facebook Messenger application.** New rogue e-mails posing as official Facebook communications lead users to a Web site distributing a backdoor as an application called Facebook Messenger. The e-mails bear a subject of “[user] listed you as his uncle” and make use of the real template corresponding to real Facebook notifications. The body message informs recipients of several pending actions, including a friendship request and includes a [www\(dot\)facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) link that actually points to a third-party Web site. The rogue page advertises a program called Facebook Messenger, which according to its description, is supposed to be an “app for quick access to messages from your Facebook account.” The screenshots presented on the page are taken from an Android phone, but the file served for download is an executable called FacebookMessengerSetup.exe, not an .apk Android package. According to researchers from Trend Micro, the file is an installer for BKDR\_QUEJOB.EVL, a backdoor that opens a connection on TCP Port 1098 and listens for commands. The backdoor allows attackers to update the malicious file, download and run other malware applications, and launch certain processes. Information about the infected system, such as installed antivirus products and OS version, is gathered and sent to an SMTP server.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Backdoor-Distributed-as-Facebook-Messenger-Application-195582.shtml>

40. *April 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft patch disables TDL4 rootkit on 64-Bit Windows.** Modifications made as part of a Windows update released by Microsoft the week of April 10 effectively kill the TDL4 rootkit on 64-bit Windows Vista and 7. Since 64-bit Windows only accepts digitally-signed drivers, there are very few rootkits that manage to infect such systems. One of them is TDL4, the latest version from the TDSS family of rootkits. It installs itself in the master boot record, making it possible to modify the operating system since the first moment it starts. On 64-bit systems, it

leverages a boot configuration data (BCD) option called BcdOSLoaderBoolean\_WinPEMode to disable the code integrity checks in the OS. Microsoft released KB2506014 April 12, an update which according to the corresponding advisory “addresses a method by which unsigned drivers could be loaded by winload.exe.” Security researchers from ESET note that this update removes the BcdOSLoaderBoolean\_WinPEMode option abused by the TDL4 rootkit. In addition, the update intentionally modifies the size of a file called kdcom.dll by adding a KdReserved0 exported symbol. Under normal circumstances TDL4 checks the size of this file’s export directory and replace it with its own malicious version. According to the ESET researchers the change made to kdcom.dll serves no other purpose than to prevent the rootkit from replacing it. They also point that users of 32-bit Windows will not benefit from this update unless they install it manually, because TDL4 disables the Windows Update service on such systems.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Microsoft-Patch-Disables-TDL4-Rootkit-on-64-Bit-Windows-195418.shtml>

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *April 19, First Coast News* – (Florida) **Man shot by police at Bartram Park condos wanted in robberies.** A man shot by police on April 18 at the Williams Walk Condominiums near Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville, Florida, was wanted in a series of armed robberies. Police said the man is a suspect in a series of armed robberies of hotels and motels in the area over an extended period. According to the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office (JSO), he was becoming more violent with each crime. The man was identified over the weekend, police said, when he was seen at the housing complex with his wife, who lives at Williams Walk. When JSO approached him April 18 after identifying his car, he was with a little girl who police ordered to back away. Police said the man ran and was shot at three times by the same officer; one bullet went through his left arm.

Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/article/201154/3/Update-Man-Shot-by-Police-at-Bartram-Park-Condos-Wanted-in-Robberies>

42. *April 18, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Fire hits Vt. building with 59 residential units.** Main Street in the Vermont town of Brattleboro remained closed to traffic April 18 while officials assessed the damage to the historic Brooks House building that was heavily damaged by an overnight fire. It appears that 53 of the 59 residences in the five-story building were occupied, although it's unclear how many people were left homeless by the fire, which was reported at about 8:45 p.m. April 17, officials said. The fire was discovered on the fourth floor and it spread to the fifth. Fire Departments and emergency crews from New Hampshire and Massachusetts also responded to the fire, which was not fully contained until 6 a.m. Fire crews remained on the scene throughout the day. State housing and development officials were in Brattleboro to help determine the extent of the damage and the options for redevelopment and finding the displaced residents places to live, a spokeswoman for the governor's office said. Three firefighters were treated for minor injuries. The governor of Vermont called it "extraordinary" that no one inside was injured. The cause of the fire has not been determined.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/new\\_hampshire/articles/2011/04/18/fire\\_hits\\_vt\\_building\\_with\\_59\\_residential\\_units/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2011/04/18/fire_hits_vt_building_with_59_residential_units/)
43. *April 18, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Pipe bomb found near home, authorities unsure of target.** Authorities are investigating why a pipe bomb was found near a home in Golden, Colorado, April 17. Golden Police say the call came in at 10:10 a.m. on April 17 about the suspicious item in the front yard of a house in the 500 block of 15th Street. The Jefferson County Bomb Squad was called to the scene, and they used a disrupter to safely detonate bomb a short time later. Officers are investigating if the bomb was placed near the home on purpose, or if it was dropped or forgotten. They are unsure if there was a specific target for the bomb. Emergency notification calls were sent out to several neighbors, warning them to stay indoors, and a perimeter was set up in the neighborhood to keep cars and people out. The perimeter was lifted and people were told they could leave their homes after the bomb squad safely detonated the device. No one was injured, and no property was damaged, according to officers.  
Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/193907/339/Pipe-bomb-found-near-home-authorities-unsure-of-target->
44. *April 18, KTNV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Man arrested for possession of explosive device.** A North Las Vegas, Nevada, man has been arrested in connection with an explosive device found in the maintenance shed of an apartment complex on Casa Norte Drive near Commerce and Lone Mountain on April 18. The Las Vegas Bomb Squad and Armor Task Force responded to the scene around 10 a.m. April 18 and took custody of the explosive device. The 27-year-old complex resident was taken into custody and booked into the North Las Vegas Detention Center on one felony count of possession of an explosive device and one felony count of possession of prescription drugs without a prescription. The man had recently been evicted from the complex and when maintenance personnel entered his unit to clean out his belongings, they found the explosive device and called the police. Residents were allowed to re-enter their apartments shortly after 1 p.m.

Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/story/14469899/man-arrested-for-possession-of-explosive-device>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

45. *April 19, Associated Press* – (Texas) **West Texas struggles against wildfires as dry, blustery weather fans the flames.** Firefighters around Possum Kingdom Reservoir, Coke County, and the Trans-Pecos of West Texas are struggling in the state’s dry conditions to fight fires, Associated Press reported April 19. Hundreds of homes and weekend retreats around Possum Kingdom, a North Texas lake on the Brazos River, are in the path of the fires, with three fires expected to combine into one massive blaze. Meanwhile, fire crews worked to keep the Coke County fire north of San Angelo and other blazes in the rugged Trans-Pecos away from populated areas. One of the driest spells in Texas history has left most of the state in extreme drought, and wildfires in various parts of the state have burned more than 1,000 square miles of land in the past week — an area that combined would be the size of Rhode Island. A trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety said heat from the flames of fires near Possum Kingdom Reservoir on the Brazos River grew so intense April 18 that cinders were sent high into the atmosphere. There, they became icy and fell to the ground in a process called “ice-capping,” he said. The fires drove residents from their homes along the shore of the North Texas lake, with at least 18 homes and 2 churches burned. The flames reached a storage building containing fireworks on the reservoir’s western shore. Two people who apparently wanted to see the fires from the air died when their single-engine biplane crashed near San Angelo, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said April 18.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/west-texas-struggles-against-wildfires-as-dry-blustery-weather-fans-the-flames/2011/04/19/AF3evA3D\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/west-texas-struggles-against-wildfires-as-dry-blustery-weather-fans-the-flames/2011/04/19/AF3evA3D_story.html)
46. *April 18, KGWN 5 Fort Collins* – (Colorado) **Crystal Fire human caused by Fort Collins man.** A 36-year-old man from Fort Collins, Colorado, will be charged with one count of 4th Degree Arson, a class four felony, KGWN reported April 18. A warrant for his arrest is expected to be issued within 24 to 48 hours. A \$10,000 personal recognizance bond has been recommended. Larimer County Sheriff’s Office investigators were contacted by a local attorney representing the man April 6. The attorney indicated that his client had information about the fire he wanted to speak with investigators about. Subsequently, the suspect voluntarily met with investigators and admitted he started the fire while burning a slash pile. The man left the property but did not report the fire. The Crystal Fire started April 1 and ultimately encompassed approximately 2940 acres. Thirteen homes were destroyed in addition to numerous other private property. Three firefighters were injured during fire suppression operations. The fire was fully contained April 11 with additional operations extending through April 15. At the peak of the fire, there were approximately 450 people assigned to fire operations. The total cost of fighting the fire is estimated to be approximately \$3

million as of April 14.

Source: <http://www.noco5.com/story/14469046/crystal-fire-human-caused-by-fort-collins-man?redirected=true>

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## **Dams Sector**

47. *April 19, Gloucester County Times* – (New Jersey) **Logan Township business hit hard by flood waters.** A perfect storm of circumstances led to some disastrous flooding in Bridgeport as water levels rose and levees were breached over the weekend, causing big problems for at least one local business and many residents. April 16th's massive rainfall, coupled with an abnormally high tide, a full moon driving that tide, and winds in excess of 30 miles per hour caused waters to rise much higher than normal. At Godwin Pumps, on Floodgate Road, this meant submerged vehicles and equipment, extra man hours and a long clean-up process. In addition to the damage at Godwin Pumps, other areas of Logan Township have devastating damage from the rising waters. Floodgate Road, which lies in both Greenwich and Logan Townships has had flooding problems in the past, which sluice gates installed in 2009 were supposed to prevent. The gates, along with 1,000 feet of levee, replaced floodgates that were erected more than 100 years ago. According to officials from both towns, the new gates worked perfectly, but the waters rose so high that they overran other levees behind the Godwin Pumps complex levees that lie on property owned by a separate, private entity. While all of the levees held where they were supposed to and were not breached, the water went over them and flooded the area. For the next few days officials will be watching the tides, and waiting for the water to recede before they can assess damage or fix any issues. Logan will attempt to contact the private property owners and reinforce the levees and banks there.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/gloucester/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1303188907286980.xml&coll=8>

48. *April 18, Fargo Inforum* – (North Dakota) **Sheyenne River flooding swamps several Barnes County homes.** Several Barnes County, North Dakota, homes have been lost to Sheyenne River flooding, even as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is cutting back releases from Baldhill Dam, officials said April 18. Seven homes are under water and eight families are still holding out in homes surrounded by water, said a spokeswoman for the Barnes County Emergency Operations Center. About 19 rural families have moved out of their homes, she said, though it is not known how many of those homes have been touched by floodwaters. Altogether, 62 families have moved out of their homes in Valley City or out in the county due to issues tied to flooding, such as limited access due to levee construction, she said. Eleven homes in the Woodland Park area are also a concern. About 50,000 of the 150,000 sandbags sold by Fargo to Barnes County have been used, she said. The National Guard presence in town was to be reduced today from 240 to 160, according to briefing materials. Releases from the Baldhill Dam were lowered from 7,000 cubic feet per second to 6,500 cfs April 18. The corps is also done with most of the work on Valley City's levees. Downstream in Lisbon, work being done to bring the levees to 24.5 feet will be completed April 18. The Lisbon



mayor said that should protect the city from a 22.5 crest. The mayor said 16,000 sandbags were filled or obtained from other areas this weekend, with a goal of having 20,000 sandbags on hand for emergencies. Valley City and Lisbon residents are being asked to limit the use of water to reduce the stress on sanitary sewer systems. The National Guard is controlling traffic and helping with dike patrol in Lisbon, while residents are keeping track of the pumps.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/316513/group/News/>

49. *April 18, WRC 4 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Flooding on Georgetown Waterfront.** Police have closed sections of the Washington Harbour in Georgetown in Washington, D.C., due to flooding the morning of April 18. The Potomac River, swollen from severe weather over the weekend, has run over the banks there, swamping vehicles and submerging streets. Witnesses on the scene reported that lower levels of parking garages were completely underwater. A District of Columbia Fire spokesman said that several buildings had been evacuated, due to first floor and basement flooding. The restaurant Tony and Joe's was under more than 10 feet of water on that morning. Before 11 a.m. April 18, the floodgates on the river designed to prevent overflow had not been engaged on a day when the Potomac was 3 feet above flood stage. The spokesman said there was a problem raising the gates. After help from fire crews, the gates were raised, stemming the flow of water. "I think the wall being up would have prevented this from happening," he told WAMU 88.5. Fire and restoration crews pumped water out of the courtyard and restaurants. Washington Harbour's property managers released a statement the afternoon of April 18: "We have taken precautions to protect the residents, tenants and visitors to Washington Harbour, including evacuating the commercial tenants and are working expeditiously to mitigate further damage." Restaurants' insurance policies typically cover damage and lost food but not lost revenue.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/120062719.html>

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