



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 22 April 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- According to the Washington Examiner, the Pentagon mistakenly posted plans online for its new office building in Alexandria, Virginia, showing exactly how big a bomb would have to be to destroy the facility. (See item [37](#))
- The Associated Press reports firefighters found two propane tanks and a bomb near the Southwest Plaza Mall food court in Colorado, after a small fire broke out. (See Item [50](#))

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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 21, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Gasoline pipe lost 126,000 gallons.** On April 20, officials from Marathon Pipe Line LLC, the company that owns the leaking pipe in White Oak Township, Michigan, announced it had determined the amount of lost gasoline to be 126,000 gallons. Only 6,000 gallons of that have been collected so far, a spokesman for Marathon Pipe Line said. The company still does not know how long the pipe was leaking. The leak was discovered April 13 by a farmer whose property, in the 2400 block of Mount Pleasant Road, is adjacent to a four-tank gasoline

storage facility owned by Wolverine Pipe Line Co. north of Stockbridge. Marathon owns one of the four tanks, as well as the pipeline leading to it. Marathon said the leak was caused by a faulty gasket on the pipeline used to pump gas into the 7.5 million-gallon tank. The gasoline was blend-grade, which means it was not ready to be used as fuel. Cleanup crews have been testing wells in the area, and have so far detected no contamination. Roughly 170 full-time and contract employees for Marathon have been working on the cleanup of the site, the spokesman said. There is no estimate on how long the cleanup will take.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110421/NEWS01/104210331/Gasoline-pipe-lost-126-000-gallons?odyssey=nav/head>

2. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Drilling fluid gushes from northern Pa. gas well.** A blowout at a natural gas well in Allentown, Pennsylvania, spilled thousands of gallons of chemical-laced water April 20, contaminating a stream and leading officials to ask seven families who live nearby to evacuate as crews struggled to stop the spill. “As a precautionary measure, seven families who live near the location have been temporarily relocated until all agencies involved are confident the situation has been contained. There have been no injuries or natural gas emissions to the atmosphere,” a Chesapeake spokesman said. Chesapeake Energy Corporation lost control of the well site near Canton, in Bradford County, around 11:45 p.m. April 19, officials said. Tainted water flowed from the site all day April 20, though by mid-afternoon, workers had managed to divert the spill from the stream. Chesapeake said a piece of equipment failed April 19 while the well was being hydraulically fractured. In the fracking process, millions of gallons of water, along with chemical additives and sand, are injected at high pressure down the well bore to break up the shale and release the gas. State environmental regulators took water samples from the unnamed tributary of Towanda Creek April 20 but did not report a fish kill. The deputy director of the Bradford County Emergency Management Agency said a cracked well casing is suspected as the cause of the blowout. Crews tried pumping drilling mud into the well bore in an effort to stop the leak. The spokesman said DEP recommended a heavier mud.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/national/120292074.html>

3. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Wind farm service company fined over injury.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has fined a Minnesota wind farm-service company \$378,000 following an accident that injured an employee working on a wind turbine in Odell, Illinois. The agency said Outland Renewable Services of Canby, Minnesota, failed to ensure that employees working on wind turbines at the Iberdrola Streator Cayuga Ridge South Wind Farm disconnected power. The agency said one worker suffered severe burns at the wind farm, which is located in Livingston County about 35 miles northeast of Bloomington. The company president said the company plans to appeal the OSHA decision. He said the company has taken steps to avoid future problems and said the employee has since returned to work.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-windfarm-oshafine,0,7278175.story>

4. *April 20, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Fuel tanker flips, bursts into flames.** The traffic on interstate 410 Northbound in San Antonio, Texas, reopened April 21 after a fiery tanker truck accident shut down traffic for hours April 20. According to the San Antonio fire chief, the driver suffered second-and third-degree burns over the upper portion of his body. He managed to escape the burning truck and was assisted by another driver. He was recovering from his injuries at Brooke Army Medical Center. The chief said it was unclear what caused the truck to flip on its side, but speculated the full load of 8,600 gallons of gasoline shifted. The fire sent a huge plume of thick black smoke into the air which was spread over the northeast side by 17 mph winds. Concerned about the chemicals in the plume cloud, fire officials issued shelter in place orders to surrounding businesses. Seeing no danger to any structures, the fire chief allowed the fire to burn itself out. The Texas Department of Transportation was called out to check for damage to the road.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/27619213/detail.html>

5. *April 20, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Oil tank fire north of Tulsa extinguished.** A broken pipe from an oil tank in north Tulsa County, Oklahoma led to a large fire April 20. The worker was doing maintenance on an oil tank battery near 76th Street North just west of U.S. 75, said a spokesman for the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office. As the worker was siphoning excess oil from the tank shortly before 3 p.m., the pipe broke and spewed oil on the pump's motor, he said. "With the heat of the motor, it just caught the oil on fire," the spokesman said. The fire spread to the employee's pickup and destroyed it before firefighters could arrive. The worker was able to escape without injury. Thick, black smoke could be seen for miles around as the oil, grass, and trees burned. Firefighters from Turley, Sperry, and Owasso were able to get the main body of the fire under control in about 45 minutes, but grass fires continued to smolder. An Emergency Medical Services Authority Public Relations officer said no injuries were reported.

Source:

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20110420\\_11\\_0\\_Crewsa545057](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20110420_11_0_Crewsa545057)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *April 20, KTRE 9 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Part of W. Bert Kouns closed by chemical spill.** Shreveport, Louisiana Police, Fire and Hazmat crews were on the scene of a hazmat spill around 4 p.m. on West Bert Kouns St. overpass of I-20. Police said a flat bed truck hauling chemical containers lost the content it was carrying. West Bert Kouns was closed between Greenwood Road and 70th Street. The road reopened

shortly after 5:00 p.m. according to the Shreveport Fire chief.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/14485186/hazmat-crews-working-a-chemical-spill-on-i-20>

7. *April 20, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire destroys Manheim wood products company.** An early-morning fire April 20 destroyed a wood products business in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. As many as 25 fire companies were sent to battle the flames at Guyon Industries Inc., at 1344 North Penryn Road in Penn Township, at around 4:30 a.m. The fire went to three alarms after neighbors reported they were awakened by an explosion. The main building of the family-owned business and four additions were engulfed in flames, creating an orange glow that could be seen for miles. No one was injured. Officials said the fire was fueled by the wood and the water-based paints. Firefighters said their efforts were also hampered by the lack of a water source. With the nearest hydrant several blocks away, it was too late to save the buildings by the time water finally reached the scene. Hazardous materials crews said they eliminated any human health threat from paint chemicals in the water runoff. Investigators continue to investigate the cause, but said the fire started in a part of the building closest to the family’s home. Guyon Industries specializes in wood products such as moldings and also performs paneling and coating work.  
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/14479779/fire-destroys-manheim-wood-products-company>
8. *April 19, Victoria Advocate* – (Texas) **Spill creates dust cloud at Dow Seadrift, 3 sent to hospital to be examined.** A chemical spill occurred at Dow Seadrift on April 19 in Victoria, Texas, creating a dust cloud and sending three people to the hospital, but there were no reported injuries. The community relations manager for Dow Seadrift said it is unknown what caused the spill. The incident occurred when a sand-like silica product was being unloaded. She said they do not know what type of silica was spilled or how much. Silica is commonly used to make plastic.  
Source:  
[http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2011/apr/19/dw\\_seadrift\\_breaking\\_042011\\_136819/?business&breaking-news](http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2011/apr/19/dw_seadrift_breaking_042011_136819/?business&breaking-news)

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

9. *April 21, Bloomberg* – (Georgia) **U.S. nuclear output falls as Vogtle reactor in Georgia shuts.** The Vogtle 1 reactor in Georgia shut down unexpectedly April 20, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said. Southern Co.’s 1,109-megawatt Vogtle 1 reactor automatically tripped offline at 5:34 p.m. when it was at full power. The cause is under investigation, the NRC said. “No significant activities were in progress that should have challenged the reactor protection system,” the federal agency said. The plant will remain in “hot” standby, meaning it is at operating pressure and temperature,

during the investigation, the NRC said. Another reactor at the site, the 1,127-megawatt Vogtle 2, is operating at full capacity. Power generation nationwide decreased 538 megawatts to 71,781 megawatts on April 20, or 71 percent of capacity, the smallest amount since October 22, 2006, according to an NRC report April 21 and data compiled by Bloomberg. Also in the report, 29 of the nation's 104 reactors were offline April 21.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-21/u-s-nuclear-output-falls-as-vogtle-reactor-in-georgia-shuts.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *April 21, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **One dead in explosion on grounds of Rocky Mountain Steel Mill.** A large explosion on the grounds of Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel Mill in Pueblo, Colorado, killed one person, KKTV reported April 21. The man was not an employee of Western Metals, but an out-of-state contract laborer working from Rectec LLC. from Hammond, Louisiana. Authorities said the man was in the middle of a welding project on a pressurized tank when that work sparked a deadly explosion. The steel mill, formerly the CF&I steel mill, is located at 1612 E. Abriendo Ave. The explosion happened at a company that leases land from the steel mill called Western Metals Recycling. There were no other injuries and there was no threat to the public.

Source: <http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/120306664.html>

11. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Man sentenced in 2 fatal shootings at Ohio plant.** A Cleveland man has been sentenced to life in prison for the shooting deaths of his ex-girlfriend and her stepson outside ParkOhio Products Inc. in Ohio, Associated Press reported April 20. The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported the 44-year-old plead guilty to two counts of aggravated murder and a weapons charge April 19 and was sentenced. A bailiff said the man would be eligible for parole after 33 years. Authorities alleged the man gunned down a 49-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man October 22 at the manufacturing plant. The company makes molded parts for industries and consumers. The newspaper said the man was accused of shooting the first victim in a parked SUV, using her employee badge to enter the building, and then shooting the second victim.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/04/20/man-sentenced-2-fatal-shootings-ohio-plant/>

12. *April 19, KSN 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Chemical reaction causes fire at Wichita business.** A two-alarm fire at the Metal Improvement Company in Wichita, Kansas, had crews out just before midnight, KSN reported April 19. When firefighters arrived, heavy smoke and flames were coming out of the back of the company, which is a metal-working business. Fire crews had to fight the fire from the outside because of the intense heat. The situation was even more dangerous because of explosions coming from inside the building. All the employees got out safely. Firefighters said the fire was

the result of an overflow of lubricant coming into contact with other metals. The chemical reaction created the fire.

Source: <http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Chemical-reaction-causes-fire-at-Wichita-business/VbLMGLM8mkGbWYfA-bCM7A.csp>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

13. *April 20, United Press International* – (Virginia) **Navy suspends contractor oversight command.** The U.S. Navy said it has suspended the authority of its Norfolk, Virginia, command responsible for overseeing repair of naval ships by private contractors. Norfolk Ship Support Activity, located at Norfolk Naval Station and staffed by sailors and civilians, supervises all maintenance work performed by private companies on Navy surface ships in the mid-Atlantic region. By discontinuing the command's oversight authority ("technical warrant"), the Navy is alleging Norfolk Ship Support Activity is not capable of making sure private contractors do their work properly, Virginian-Pilot reported April 20. The Navy's decision comes on the heels of its discovery April 14 of serious problems connected with reports sent in by the contractor who repaired the engines on the USS San Antonio. "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," Naval Sea Systems Command said in a written statement issued in response to inquiries from Virginian-Pilot. "Improper documentation of maintenance is unacceptable."  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/04/20/Navy-suspends-contractor-oversight-command/UPI-64371303337921/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/04/20/Navy-suspends-contractor-oversight-command/UPI-64371303337921/)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

14. *April 21, Republican-American* – (Connecticut) **Heist suspect thought to be KISS bandit.** Police in Southington, Connecticut, are trying to determine a link between a robbery on April 16 and a robbery in October 2010 in which a man dressed like a member of the rock band KISS, and robbed a bank on Wolcott Road. Southington police arrested a man on April 20 with a last known address in Wolcott on charges related to a bank robbery in Southington on April 16. The 26-year-old man was arrested in Waterbury, Connecticut, on April 20 after family members and associates identified him from bank surveillance pictures released by Southington authorities. Webster Bank at 359 Queen St. was robbed on April 16, shortly before 12 p.m., by a man who passed a teller a note indicating he was armed with a firearm. The robber fled the bank and into a waiting car.  
Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2011/04/21/news/local/552931.txt>
15. *April 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Man pleads guilty in Conn. ATM skimming scheme.** A Romanian man pleaded guilty April 20 in Connecticut to participating in a

scheme to steal passwords to bank ATM cards and withdrawing more than \$200,000. Federal prosecutors say the 30-year-old man pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. Authorities say the man was part of a group that installed “skimming” devices on ATMs in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey, and on card swipe devices used by banks to control access to ATM lobbies. The devices captured encoded information, while small cameras were placed on the ATMs to record customer PINs. The information was used to create counterfeit bank cards which the suspects used to withdraw money from customers’ accounts. The man faces up to 30 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/news/local/statewire/hc-ap-ct-atmskimmingapr21,0,5360596.story>

16. *April 20, Associated Press* – (National) **3 Fla. men indicted in wake of \$3.7B Ponzi scheme.** A former associate of a fallen Minnesota businessman and two hedge fund managers were indicted April 20 in federal court on fraud charges. The three men were each charged with four counts of securities fraud for allegedly giving false information about Petters Co. Inc. (PCI) to investors. All three men live in Florida. The CEO of PCI is serving a 50-year sentence after being convicted of orchestrating a \$3.7 billion Ponzi scheme through PCI. Prosecutors allege that two of the men falsely told investors PCI was generating profits, and that the other allegedly told both men to communicate only with him when dealing with PCI, receiving over \$60 million in commissions. The government alleges that the three men made “material misrepresentations and concealed material information” about the PCI investments to induce investors to buy securities. For example, prosecutors say, investors were told that when a retailer bought electronics or other goods from PCI, those products were paid for by the retailer with funds directly deposited into a bank account under the control of two of the men’s management companies. As a result, investors were falsely assured that PCI transactions were taking place when the defendants allegedly knew that the hedge funds actually received payments from PCI alone and never from retailers. The indictment alleges that when PCI’s debts pushed the company to the brink of insolvency in February 2008, the three men took part in a scheme to swap more than \$1 billion of PCI promissory notes to create the appearance that PCI could repay the notes held by the hedge funds. Two of the men allegedly continued to report to investors that the hedge funds were generating steady profits, and together with the third man, they solicited new investors and additional money from existing investors, raising more than \$75 million in new money from more than 30 investors, according to the indictment. Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/04/20/2177571/3-fla-men-indicted-in-wake-of.html>

17. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Facebook photos help FBI solve bank robberies.** The FBI said on April 19 a man charged with robbing five Detroit-area banks was caught after investigators matched him to photos on Facebook. The man was indicted April 19, two months after his arrest on a criminal complaint. He is accused of stealing \$6,300 during five bank robberies from October through January. An FBI agent said a tipster called after seeing bank surveillance photos. The tipster offered the man’s name, and the FBI found his profile photo on Facebook. The FBI says there were

Facebook photos of the 25-year-old man wearing the same clothes that were worn during a robbery. The suspected robber has been free on bond since his arrest.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-mi-bankrobbery-faceb,0,5840950.story>

18. *April 20, Orange County Register* – (California) **3 charged in \$11 million insurance scheme.** Three people, including an Orange County, California, resident, were charged April 20 in an \$11 million scheme to forge repair checks from insurance departments. The three suspects all pleaded innocent, a San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney said. They were released from custody April 20 pending a preliminary hearing. Two of the suspects co-own the Rancho Cucamonga and Tustin franchise of ServiceMaster, a restoration and cleanup business that is commonly hired after an insured property loss. A criminal complaint filed last week in San Bernardino County Superior Court charged that they stole \$11.6 million from nearly three dozen insurance companies by forging names on checks between 2005 and 2009. According to the complaint, the fraud began to unravel in 2007 when a homeowner complained to her insurer about work the ServiceMaster franchise had done on her home following a November 2005 fire. An investigator for Mercury Insurance allegedly then discovered that the suspects had forged signatures on insurance checks payable to the homeowners and mortgage lenders.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/charged-297192-three-insurance.html>
  
19. *April 20, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Seven arrested in \$8.8 million mortgage fraud investigation.** Three husband and wife teams and one other person were arrested in Florida April 20 in connection with an \$8.8 million mortgage fraud scheme. The arrests were the result of an investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Hillsborough County Consumer Protection Agency and the Attorney General Office of Statewide Prosecution. The investigation centered on what authorities say were 50 fraudulent mortgage applications involving 33 properties purchased from April 2003 to December 2007, with many occurring at the height of Florida's housing boom. The bad loans totaled about \$8.8 million. Each of the buyers, except for one, sold properties among themselves. At one point, the only suspect in the case not to sell properties owned the mortgage company where several of those arrested worked and sometimes prepared fraudulent documents, FDLE said. The buyers would simultaneously apply for multiple mortgages with different lenders, the FDLE said. That way, they would be eligible for lower interest rates and other advantages given to buyers of homesteaded property. All were charged with racketeering, taken to the Hillsborough County Jail and had bails up to \$700,000. Many of the fraudulent mortgages were the personal loans of the people arrested, the FDLE said. The subjects prepared 50 fraudulent applications and other documents and submitted them to mortgage lenders, trying to convince them to loan money on homes. The properties were scattered throughout Florida in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Hernando, Osceola, Seminole and Orange counties. Twenty-two were taken back by lenders in foreclosure, resulting in \$4.2 million in final judgments.  
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2011/apr/20/201844/five-arrested-in-88-million-mortgage-fraud-investi/>



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## **Transportation Sector**

20. *April 20, CNN* – (North Carolina) **Report on stowaway finds Charlotte airport security lapses.** A report detailing the death of a North Carolina teenager who stowed away in the wheel well of a U.S. Airways flight has found there were not enough security officers at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina. The report by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department found security staffing did not adequately reflect the size needed for such an airport, an issue of increasing concern among police and security agencies across the country as they attempt to balance budget shortfalls and tighter security requirements. The report — reviewed by the Transportation Security Administration and Charlotte authorities — was prompted by the death of a 16-year-old boy, who authorities said stowed away November 15, 2010, on a U.S. Airways flight bound for Boston, Massachusetts from Charlotte.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/20/charlotte.airport.safety/index.html>
  
21. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **2 Louisiana Amtrak accidents on same day kill 1, injure 7.** Authorities said accidents involving Amtrak trains 10 1/2 hours apart on opposite ends of south Louisiana have killed one and injured seven. A sheriff's office said a 36-year-old woman was killed and a 19-year-old man injured by an Amtrak train while they were walking along the tracks about 6:30 p.m. April 20 in Vinton. An Amtrak train with 12 crew members and 68 passengers hit a tractor-trailer carrying the shell of an armored personnel carrier about 8 a.m. across the state. Slidell police said that crash injured six people on board and the truck driver and blocked a major highway for hours. Authorities said the driver told investigators he did not see the train. The truck was bound for a Slidell plant that makes armored personnel carriers.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/20/amtrak-accidents-same-day\\_n\\_851845.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/20/amtrak-accidents-same-day_n_851845.html)
  
22. *April 20, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Talcum powder causes N.C. plane emergency.** Officials said the pilot of an American Airlines flight declared an emergency after someone found an “unidentifiable substance” that turned out to be talcum powder. A Raleigh-Durham International Airport spokesman said April 20 that emergency responders determined the material was powder. An American Airline spokeswoman said Flight 1972 was already headed to Raleigh-Durham airport in North Carolina from Chicago, Illinois April 20. She said the MD-80 was on its approach when the emergency was declared and the plane landed safely at 9:26 p.m. She said the 131 passengers and crew of six were fine. The aircraft was kept away from the gate until a hazmat crew could examine the substance.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/04/20/hazmat-team-responds-unidentifiable-substance-north-carolina-plane/>

23. *April 20, CNN* – (District of Columbia) **Aborted landing of first lady’s plane under investigation.** Both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating an aborted landing by a plane carrying the first lady because it was too close to a military plane ahead of it, officials announced April 20. Neither plane was in danger in the incident April 18 at Andrews Air Force Base, according to both agencies. “We consider any incident like this a serious incident,” the Transportation Secretary said in confirming the FAA review. “It’s under investigation, we will get to the bottom of what happened and how it happened, and obviously make sure it doesn’t happen again.” Later April 20, the FAA said in a statement it will now require supervisory oversight in monitoring flights transporting the vice president or first lady. Such supervision is currently required in monitoring flights carrying the president, the FAA said.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/20/michelle.obama.plane/index.html?hpt=T2>

24. *April 20, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Police: 20-25 teens storm Ga. train, attack riders.** Authorities said a group of 20 to 25 youths boarded a Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) train bound for Atlanta’s airport, and attacked the passengers April 16. Police said one of the teenagers bashed one rider in the face with a soda can, pushed him down, and stole his wallet. Another passenger on the train was punched in the face. Police said both of the riders who were attacked work for Delta Airlines and had been staying at a hotel near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The Delta workers — one from Gig Harbor, Washington., and the other from New York City — suffered cuts in the attack. A MARTA spokesman said police are still investigating, and no arrests have been made.

Source: [http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpps/news/police:-20-25-teens-storm-ga.-train,-attack-riders-dpgapx-20110420-to\\_12851912](http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpps/news/police:-20-25-teens-storm-ga.-train,-attack-riders-dpgapx-20110420-to_12851912)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

25. *April 20, WSYX 6 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Severe weather delays Columbus mail.** According to WSYX 6 Columbus major storms on April 20 delayed mail reaching certain zip codes in Columbus, Ohio. A postal service spokesman said strong, gusting winds snapped electricity for four hours at the Citygate Drive sorting facility. As of 5 p.m. April 20 the postal service spokesman was still unsure of when full service would be restored, but said postal workers would be working to get business back to normal.

Source:

[http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/newsroom/top\\_stories/videos/wsyx\\_vid\\_10473.shtml](http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wsyx_vid_10473.shtml)

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *April 21, KION 46 Salinas* – (California) **4 alarm apple warehouse fire in Watsonville.** Hazmat crews responded April 20 to a four-alarm fire at Apple Growers and Ice Cold Storage in Watsonville, California. Emergency teams made reverse 911 calls to people in the area warning them to stay indoors if they have respiratory problems. According to the Watsonville Fire Department, the fire appeared to have started in the back of the building, then it raced throughout the whole building. About five hours after the fire started, it was still burning and firefighters said they expected to be on the scene for several days. Apple juice is believed to be stored in the building. Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/14486133/3-alam-fire-in-watsonville>
27. *April 20, Quincy Herald-Whig* – (Missouri) **Train derails south of Hannibal; 22 cars off track, including several transporting chemicals.** A train derailed about noon April 19 near Continental Cement just south of Hannibal, Missouri, but no injuries were reported. Twenty-two cars left the track near Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway's Ilasco Switch, and 17 of them overturned. A Continental spokesman said the northbound train was not heading to its facility but was just passing through. Only the train's conductor and another crew member were on board. The overturned cars were carrying primarily grain and corn, Hannibal-Marion County's emergency management director said. That freight spilled onto the track. The five cars that wound up off the track but did not overturn were carrying the chemical diethyl ketone, a colorless, flammable clear liquid that is used as a solvent in paint and as a precursor to vitamin E. The railroad tracks sustained extensive damage, as well, with ties scattered in the area and the twisted, mangled track itself pulled high into the air. It was not immediately clear why the derailment occurred. The Missouri Highway Patrol, the Hannibal Rural Fire Department, the Ralls County Sheriff's Department, and the Hannibal-Marion County Emergency Management Agency responded to the scene. The director said the derailment could have been far worse if chemicals had spilled or if the train had hit a gas line located underneath the tracks. The overturned cars narrowly missed a propane tank sitting just beside the tracks. Source: <http://www.whig.com/story/news/train-derailment2011-04-19T11-04-35>
28. *April 20, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Iowa) **Customers' credit card info stolen from Iowa restaurant.** Police Department investigators in Clive, Iowa, said they believe hackers may have intercepted payment information from the Qdoba Mexican Grill on University Avenue to access some bank accounts, KETV reported April 20. "About a dozen or more individuals who have done business at a Clive restaurant have had their personal bank accounts compromised," said a lieutenant of the Clive Police Department. Detectives, however, said they believe thieves have infiltrated the company handling the restaurant's electronic transactions to steal account numbers and money. "It might be \$800 there, \$1,000 there," he said. "Somebody has been able to hack in and obtain the bank credentials of an individual and then make purchases for their own benefit." The restaurant workers have posted warning signs, advising customers that only cash will be accepted at this time. The director of the Iowa Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division advised locals to monitor their

money and check electronic banking information frequently. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service are also involved in the investigation.

Source: <http://www.ketv.com/news/27611993/detail.html>

29. *April 19, WTSP 10 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Beer grain spill closes intersection.** A truck carrying grain seeds used to brew beer lost its load just before 5 a.m. April 19 in Tampa, Florida. Police shut down 30th Street until crews were able to remove the grain from the road. According to Tampa police, the Yuengling Brewery of Tampa sent crews to help with the cleanup. All lanes of traffic reopened shortly before 7:30 a.m. Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/topstories/article/187793/250/Beer-grain-spill-closes-intersection>

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## **Water Sector**

30. *April 21, Albany Times-Union* – (Pennsylvania) **Drilling fluid gushes from northern Pa. gas well.** A blowout at a natural gas well in rural northern Pennsylvania spilled thousands of gallons of chemical-laced water April 20, contaminating a stream and leading officials to ask seven families who live nearby to evacuate as crews struggled to stop the gusher. Chesapeake Energy Corp. lost control of the well site near Canton, in Bradford County, around 11:45 p.m. April 19 officials said. Tainted water flowed from the site all day April 20, though by the mid-afternoon, workers had managed to divert the extremely salty water away from the stream. No injuries were reported, and there was no explosion or fire. Chesapeake said a piece of equipment failed late April 19 while the well was being hydraulically fractured, or fracked. In the fracking process, millions of gallons of water, along with chemical additives and sand, are injected at high pressure down the well bore to break up the shale and release the gas. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/Drilling-fluid-gushes-from-northern-Pa-gas-well-1346239.php>
31. *April 20, TCPalm.com* – (Florida) **Vero Beach water main break caused by a problem common to metal pipes.** A Indian River County, Florida, water line break that spewed tens of thousands of gallons of treated drinking water into a drainage canal probably was because of the same problem that made the county spend \$4 million on replacing miles of similar lines along State Road 60. Corrosion ate into the underground metal lines, from the outside in, said the director of the Indian River County Utility Department. But he said there is not a corrosion time bomb ticking in the hundreds of miles of county water and sewer lines throughout the county. The others are plastic, which resists corrosion, he said. It was mid-afternoon April 19 that years of exposure to acidic soils finally ate into an aging metal line under 16th Street. The water pressure lifted and buckled the pavement and flooded the highway, forcing the closing of the heavily-used two-lane road to through-traffic between 43rd and 58th avenues. It was not until 8 hours later that the break was repaired. The county boil-water advisory remains in effect through April 23 for water used for drinking in the neighboring subdivisions of Kingswood and Rosewood. County road crews expect to

have the road repaired by April 21. Meanwhile Olson's agency will be seriously looking into replacing the entire eight-inch-diameter line that extends from 43rd to 58th avenues, he said April 20. The cost to repair the damage is unknown at this time.

Source: <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/apr/20/repairs-water-main-break-still-blocking-through-tr/>

32. *April 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Idaho) **Idaho mining company agrees to pay \$1.4 million penalty to settle alleged clean water act violations.** The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that P4 Production LLC (P4), a mining and phosphorus processing company wholly-owned by Monsanto and operating near Soda Springs in southeast Idaho, has agreed to pay a \$1.4 million civil penalty for alleged Clean Water Act violations at its South Rasmussen Mine. In addition to the penalty, P4 will spend an estimated \$875,000 on monitoring and to prevent pollutants from entering local waters. According to the complaint, P4 allegedly discharged wastewater containing high concentrations of selenium and heavy metals from a waste rock dump at the mine without a required permit. Further, P4's unpermitted discharges — which contained selenium levels far above Idaho's state water quality standards — allegedly polluted a nearby wetland and an unnamed tributary of Sheep Creek, as well as downstream waters that drain to the Snake River. The settlement was lodged April 20 in the District Court of Idaho. There will be a 30-day public comment period during which comments on the settlements before it is presented to the court for entry will be accepted.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/8BF6AA09197A30F58525787800796252>

33. *April 20, Daily Review* – (Pennsylvania) **State calls for halt to shale wastewater treatment at 15 plants.** Pennsylvania state environmental regulators called April 19 for Marcellus Shale natural gas drillers to voluntarily stop taking wastewater to 15 treatment plants that do not have to meet strict discharge standards that went into effect last year. Citing concerns about high levels of bromides in western Pennsylvania rivers, the acting Department of Environmental Protection Secretary gave the drillers until May 19 to stop taking the waste to treatment facilities that were grandfathered into state rules that curb how much salt can be discharged into streams. The request — which does not have the legal weight of an order — comes after federal environmental regulators, scientists and drinking water suppliers raised concerns about the drilling wastewater, which is laden with salts, metals and naturally occurring radioactive material that cannot be completely removed by conventional treatment plants. The request came on the same day that the Marcellus Shale Coalition, an industry group, acknowledged that drilling wastewater is contributing to elevated bromide levels in the Allegheny and Beaver rivers. Reducing the amount of salts, or total dissolved solids, in the wastewater also reduces bromides, which are nontoxic but can turn into cancer-causing compounds called brominated trihalomethanes when combined with chlorine at drinking water treatment facilities.

Source: <http://thedailyreview.com/news/state-calls-for-halt-to-shale-wastewater-treatment-at-15-plants-1.1134909>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

34. *April 21, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Squirrel believed to be culprit in transformer fire at Hackensack hospital.** Firefighters believe a squirrel caused a transformer fire April 21 that knocked out power to Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, a fire official said. The animal apparently got onto the transformer, which is part of a substation that powers much of the medical center, a fire department spokesman said. The hospital ran on emergency backup power after the 9:30 a.m. incident until normal power was restored at 11 a.m., authorities said. A large transformer on the Second Street side of the hospital grounds caught fire, he said. Firefighters let the fire extinguish itself because of its high voltage. Firefighters stood nearby with a hose just in case the fire spread. Rescuers evacuated nine people trapped in four elevators for about 20 minutes, fire officials said. Four engine companies, one ladder company, one rescue truck, and about 12 firefighters responded to the scene. During the outage, patient care was not negatively affected, according to a statement released by the hospital. All of the hospital's critical care areas operated safely on generator power. The facility did not start elective surgical procedures or accept critically injured trauma patients during the outage. "Our facilities remained completely safe to handle the needs of our current patients and those that may need our emergency assistance," the statement said.

Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/topstories/hackensack/042111\\_Transformer\\_fire\\_cause\\_power\\_outage\\_at\\_Hackensack\\_medical\\_center.html](http://www.northjersey.com/topstories/hackensack/042111_Transformer_fire_cause_power_outage_at_Hackensack_medical_center.html)

35. *April 20, Associated Press* – (California) **LA man pleads guilty to defrauding Medicare \$13.6M.** A California man pleaded guilty April 20 to creating fraudulent medical clinics and stealing the identities of doctors to defraud Medicare of up to \$13.6 million. The Sherman Oaks resident admitted to establishing a series of fraudulent Los Angeles-area clinics to scam the federal medical health insurance provider between March 2007 and September 2008, according to a statement from the Department of Justice April 20. The complex scheme involved recruiting doctors to sign off on being medical directors for the fraudulent clinics and then recruiting Medicare beneficiaries whose billing information was used for expensive and medically-unnecessary wheelchairs and diagnostic tests. The man's co-conspirator has already pleaded guilty to recruiting physicians for the fraudulent clinics. Justice officials said one way he profited from the scheme was by allowing fraudulent diagnostic testing facilities to use Medicare billing information from his patient recruiters to submit fake claims for tests. The testing facilities would then give him cash kickbacks disguised as rent payments. He is slated to be sentenced October 17. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/04/20/state/n171331D94.DTL>

## **Government Facilities Sector**

36. *April 21, WINK 9 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Punta Gorda Justice Center reopens after morning evacuation.** The Justice Center in downtown Punta Gorda, Florida, was closed after being evacuated April 21. Charlotte County Fire HazMat was in the building surveying the situation when a suspicious bag was found in a third-floor courtroom. The Southwest Florida Bomb Squad was en route to Punta Gorda. The Charlotte County Sheriff Justice Center deputies who provide security called in the report at 9:26 a.m. Details were not being released pending analysis of the suspicious item found. The Charlotte County Fire/HazMat command center was set up by the park. Also on scene were the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, Punta Gorda Police and Fire, and the American Red Cross.  
Source: <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2011-04-21/Suspicious-bag-causes-evacuation-of-Punta-Gorda-Justice-Center>
37. *April 20, Washington Examiner* – (Virginia) **Army accidentally reveals Mark Center's bomb security.** The Pentagon mistakenly posted plans online for its new office building in Alexandria, Virginia, showing exactly how big a bomb would have to be to destroy the facility, Examiner reported April 20. The 424-page Army Corps of Engineers document detailed the bomb-proofing design of the Mark Center near the intersection of Interstate 395 and Seminary Road, into which 6,400 defense workers are expected to move this fall, raising questions about security not only at the new office building but other Defense Department sites. Reuters, which first discovered the document online, reported that the Mark Center was designed to withstand the blast from 220 pounds of TNT-like material if it is detonated outside the Mark Center's security perimeter, or 55 pounds if the perimeter is breached. That limit is a fraction of the size of the bombs used in attacks against the World Trade Center in 1993 and an Oklahoma City office building in 1995. The bomb-proofing of office buildings varies greatly, a professor of structural architecture at the University of Virginia said. There are no industry standards for such threats. "Probably [the Pentagon's] greater concern is that the information in those documents probably applies to lots of other buildings, and that their entire strategy here may be compromised because of the release of something like this," said the structural engineer. The plan was removed from the Army Corps of Engineers' Web site and from Internet search engines, according to a corps spokesman. The file was dated 2009 and could have been online since then.  
Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/virginia/2011/04/army-accidentally-reveals-mark-centers-bomb-security>
38. *April 20, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Security breaches cause lockdown at Yorktown base.** Two security breaches April 20 at a Yorktown military installation in Virginia resulted in a temporary lockdown. A spokesman for Yorktown Naval Weapons Station said the first breach occurred shortly after 1 p.m., when a sailor leaving the restricted area at the weapons station exited improperly by following another car through the security gate. That resulted in the restricted area being locked

down, with no one allowed to leave or enter. About 30 minutes later, two civilian contractors at the main gate of the nearby Cheatham Annex got impatient waiting for the sentry to finish his phone conversation and entered that side of the installation without approval, the spokesman said. Their actions spurred security forces to “secure” both the weapons station and the annex for a time, with no one allowed to leave or enter either side of the facility. The contractors were escorted off the base and cited for the breach.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/04/security-breaches-cause-lockdown-yorktown-base>

39. *April 19, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **School fire lands four teens in jail.** A fire at a Floyd County High School in Kentucky landed four teenagers in a juvenile detention center, WYMT reported April 19. Police say the four girls allegedly set a fire in a Prestonsburg High School bathroom setting off the sprinkler system during school. All four students are charged with arson. Police said four girls were mad at school officials. “They were upset about some suspensions due to a fight. It might be some protest towards administrators at the school,” a detective said. Police said the four girls, age 15 and 16, allegedly hung toilet paper from the sprinkler head, sprayed it with hairspray, and lit it on fire. No one was injured. The sprinkler quickly put out the flames, but officials said the water flooded the bathroom, hallway, and nearby classrooms. The school was evacuated for nearly four hours while firefighters responded and crews cleaned up the water. Police charged the four girls with arson and criminal mischief and took them to the Juvenile Detention Center in Breathitt County.

Source: [http://www.wkyt.com/wymtnews/headlines/Four\\_teens\\_120255314.html](http://www.wkyt.com/wymtnews/headlines/Four_teens_120255314.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

40. *April 20, WREG 3 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **Shelby sirens fail during storm.** A lightning strike in East Memphis, Tennessee, took out a transmission tower and the county’s warning system just as a tornado warning was being issued for Shelby County April 19. The storm caused widespread damage but no serious injuries or death. No one heard sirens before the tornado warning in Shelby County due to it’s county wide malfunction. The EMA Director said the transmission tower was struck by lightning. At least 6 of the county’s 141 sirens were destroyed. A number of sirens are now only partially working but the Office of Emergency Preparedness does not want the public to depend totally on them. Officials said sirens are intended to warn those outdoors, not inside homes.

Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/wreg-siren-failure-story,0,4470406.story>

41. *April 16, El Defensor Chieftan* – (New Mexico) **Volunteer fire department shut down.** Socorro County, New Mexico officials found it necessary to cease operations of the La Joya Volunteer Fire Department after efforts to bring the station into compliance



with the State Fire Marshal's office failed. On April 11, the office of the county manager and the New Mexico State Police went to the La Joya department and removed all the equipment purchased with state fire funds and the building was secured. The Socorro County Fire Marshal said there are a number of training and maintenance requirements a volunteer department has to do in order to be compliant with State Fire Marshal regulations and they were not being done at the La Joya station. "Engines lacked equipment, there was no documentation of training and no documentation of testing hoses," the assistant emergency service administrator said. "The [State Fire Marshal] contacted the county and gave us a certain amount of time to get things corrected or else", a spokesman for the La Joya Volunteer Fire Department said.

Source: <http://www.dchieftain.com/dc/index.php/news/3153-volunteer-fire-department-shut-down.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

42. *April 21, Help Net Security* – (International) **Gold-themed spam fishing for personal information.** Symantec spotted a new spam campaign leveraging the recent news about gold prices. The price for an ounce of gold rose above \$1,500 for the first time April 20. Recent global events have made investors turn to gold as the last safe haven investment, and scammers are counting on the fact that people have heard that news and are interesting in doing the same. In a matter of hours, scammers began sending out spam e-mails with "Is Gold Your Ticket To A Golden Future?" in the subject line and a link that takes the recipient to a Web site that offers a "free investor kit" in exchange for some contact information. "Certain personalities are used in the image for this spam campaign — including [an American conservative television and radio host]. A Google search reveals an interesting angle about [the host] promoting gold investments," a Symantec researcher pointed out. "It seems that the spammer did some research in order to know about the association before propagating this spam campaign." According to the researcher, this is a typical hit-and-run spam campaign — large volumes of spam messages (usually in HTML) sent out in short bursts, quickly rotating domains, and messages usually sent from within the same /24 IP range.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10942>

43. *April 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Royal wedding search results poisoned with scareware links.** Security researchers warned that searching for terms related to the upcoming royal wedding carry a risk of scareware infection because the results can be poisoned with malicious links. The wedding is scheduled to take place April 29 at Westminster Abbey in London. As it draws near, the event and related happenings are getting more and more attention from the media. Security researchers from GFI Security warned that searching for recent news of a jelly bean resembling the face of the bride will lead users to a scareware application called XP Antispyware. Meanwhile, experts from ESET warned that searching for keywords such as "[bride's name] wedding dress idea" carries similar risks. Search result poisoning is part of black hat

SEO (BHSEO) campaigns and is a method used with great success to distribute scareware in recent years. Google, is the primary target of such attacks, but scareware pushers have expanded their attacks to other search engines as well, making the threat even more widespread. The schemes rely on the existing PageRank of compromised legitimate Web sites to hijack results for certain terms. Trying to visit the rogue links will redirect users to pages displaying fake antivirus scans that warn them of non-existent infections on their computers. The pages distribute fake security programs under the promise that they will fix the issues. However, after installation, the applications do nothing more than display more alerts and warnings. The end goal is to scare users into buying licenses for the useless programs and expose their credit card details in the process.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Royal-Wedding-Search-Results-Poisoned-with-Scareware-Links-196268.shtml>

44. *April 21, The H Security* – (International) **Spring cleaning: Oracle's patch day brings 73 security patches.** Oracle released 73 security patches on its April patch day, closing many holes in Solaris, eponymous database server, WebLogic application server, Fusion middleware, and other products. Among the most critical of the holes closed, scoring 10.0 on the CVE scoring system, are one in Sun GlassFish Enterprise Server and Sun Java System Application Server and one in Oracle jRockit. Among the other holes closed is a vulnerability in the SSL/TLS protocol (CVE-2009-3555) that was reported at the end 2009. The products affected by the fix are Oracle Fusion Middleware and Oracle Database's Oracle Security Service and Oracle WebLogic Server. Many of the vulnerabilities allow an attacker to inject malicious code over the network. The advisory also lists vulnerabilities in OpenOffice that have already been fixed with the release of OpenOffice 3.3.0.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Spring-cleaning-Oracle-s-patch-day-brings-73-security-patches-1231992.html>

45. *April 20, IDG News Service* – (International; Michigan) **Woman pleads guilty to selling counterfeit software.** A Michigan woman pleaded guilty April 20 to a charge related to selling more than \$400,000 worth of counterfeit software on a Web site, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said. The 31-year-old, from Ypsilanti, pleaded guilty to one count of willful copyright infringement in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the DOJ said. Between July 2008 and January 2010, she sold more than 7,000 copies of pirated business software at discounted prices through the Web site, Cheapdl.com, the DOJ said in a press release. The software, with a retail value of more than \$2 million, included pirated versions of products from Microsoft, Adobe, Intuit, Symantec, and other vendors, the agency said. Agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement made several undercover purchases of the software, the DOJ said. The woman faces maximum penalties of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. During her plea hearing, she agreed to forfeit any illegal profits and pay restitution to companies. Sentencing is scheduled for August 15.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215997/Woman\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_selling\\_counterfeit\\_software](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9215997/Woman_pleads_guilty_to_selling_counterfeit_software)

46. *April 20, Wired* – (International) **Skype update for Android fixes security flaw, adds 3G calling.** Skype released a new version of its Android app April 20, fixing the app’s recently discovered security vulnerabilities. The new version secures a loophole in which third-party software was able to gain access to data stored on the user’s phone. “We have had no reported examples of any third-party malicious application misusing information from the Skype directory on Android devices,” Skype’s chief information-security officer said in a blog post. The company encouraged users to download its software from the official Android Market or the Skype Web site, rather than an unofficial outside venue. Skype’s popular voice-over-internet service faced criticism the week of April 10 after a blogger discovered the security flaw in the Android version of the app, which allowed access to sensitive user details including a user’s full name, address, and date of birth. The security exploit has existed on Skype’s Android app since its wide release last October.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/2011/04/skype-android-security-update/>

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## Communications Sector

47. *April 21, Virginia Gazette* – (Virginia; North Carolina) **Cellphone outage hits Halifax County.** People throughout Virginia and North Carolina April 20 experienced cell phone outages since about 5:30 p.m., Verizon Wireless representatives said. Multiple cell tower outages were being reported across the area, with the Halifax County area reporting a 70 percent failure rate for cell phone calls. A customer service representative said the Network Repair Bureau was aware of the problem and was working to repair the network. However, she said they had no timeline of when the problem with the cell towers would be repaired.

Source:

[http://www.gazettevirginian.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=2976:cellphone-outage-hits-halifax-county&catid=34:news&Itemid=54](http://www.gazettevirginian.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2976:cellphone-outage-hits-halifax-county&catid=34:news&Itemid=54)

48. *April 21, CNNMoney* – (International) **Amazon EC2 outage downs Reddit, Quora.** A rare and major outage of Amazon’s cloud-based Web service April 21 took down a multitude of other online sites, including Reddit, HootSuite, Foursquare, and Quora. On its Web services “Health Dashboard,” Amazon says that it is “investigating instance connectivity, latency and error rates” that started at 4:41 a.m. The outages were at Amazon’s northern Virginia data center. Amazon hosts many major Web sites on its Web servers through a service called Elastic Compute Cloud. The “elastic” infrastructure model is designed to scale up automatically to handle giant traffic spikes.

Thousands of customers utilize Amazon's cloud, renting space on its servers, some of which went down in the wake of Amazon's outage.

Source:

[http://money.cnn.com/2011/04/21/technology/amazon\\_server\\_outage/index.htm?hpt=T2](http://money.cnn.com/2011/04/21/technology/amazon_server_outage/index.htm?hpt=T2)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *April 21, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Families looking for new homes after storm leaves SE Missouri apartment building in ruins.** Some residents of the southeast Missouri town of Perryville are homeless after a powerful storm left their apartment building in ruins April 18. The owner of Hilltop Apartments had reopened part of the building just a few months ago following repairs from a tornadic storm in 2009. Now, the city has condemned the building after its roof was partially blown off during the storm that struck the night of April 19. The Southeast Missourian reports that 16 families that lived in the Hilltop are now looking for places to live. Just one tenant — a 23-year-old man — was injured when part of the roof collapsed on him while he was helping others to safety. The man's fiance told the newspaper he was in good condition April 20 and could be released from the hospital this week.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/sns-ap-mo--missouristorm-homeless,0,4639519.story>

50. *April 21, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Bomb, propane tanks found at Colorado mall.** Firefighters in Littleton, Colorado found two propane tanks and a bomb April 20 near the Southwest Plaza Mall's food court after a small fire broke out that was quickly extinguished. The bomb did not explode, and the mall was evacuated around noon. Unexploded pipe bombs and a propane tank with explosives attached were found in the school after the shootings. An FBI spokesman said authorities have identified a person of interest seen on surveillance video entering a stairwell he said is not typically used by the public. The man could be a witness or a suspect, the a Jefferson County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman said. He is described as a white male with graying hair and a silver mustache. Photos taken from surveillance show him in a dark cap, gray and white striped shirt, dark jacket, blue jeans and dark shoes. A daylong search did not turn up any other explosive devices in the mall, which was expected to be open for business April 21. About 25 schools were on lockout as a precaution, meaning access is restricted to one point, according to the Post.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iUrb0i4xY7LcTDBMMxQlq0EUYLIQ?docId=b44bad6fdaa44e0683561ef7fa35acf7>

51. *April 20, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Kenner apartment fire injures no one but damages 24 units.** No one was injured April 19 in a three-alarm blaze at an apartment complex in Kenner, Louisiana, but the 24-unit complex is likely a total loss, the fire chief said April 20. Of the apartments in the burned building, 14 were occupied, he said. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but it appears the blaze began in a

vacant apartment, he said. Fire officials were still on the scene April 20 and the smell of smoke lingered in the air. The fire chief said he called the state Fire Marshal's office to investigate the fire. In addition to Kenner paid and volunteer firefighters, firefighters from the East Bank Consolidated Fire Department and the 3rd District Volunteer Fire Department responded to the fire. An aerial platform truck belonging to East Bank Consolidated was instrumental in extinguishing the fire. The American Red Cross responded to help displaced residents.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/04/kenner\\_apartment\\_fire\\_injures.html](http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/04/kenner_apartment_fire_injures.html)

52. *April 19, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **3-alarm hotel fire forces out patrons.** A three-alarm fire at America's Best Value Inn and Suites near Mustang Rd. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and I-40 forced people onto the streets as flames and smoke overtook their rooms April 19. Driven by the wind, flames quickly spread into the rafters and began pouring out of the roof. "Initially our concern was the wind. We had a pretty good breeze that was blowing through here and heavy smoke that was drifting all the way across Reno Avenue," the Oklahoma City Fire battalion chief said. Fire officials say the fire appears to have been caused by an electrical short. Occupants in one of the rooms saw smoke coming from underneath the floor and pulled a fire alarm. Everyone was evacuated safely including two people who had to be rescued by ladder.

Source: <http://northoklahomacity.kfor.com/news/news/3-alarm-hotel-fire-forces-out-patrons/76467>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

53. *April 21, CNN* – (Texas) **Raging fires in Texas claim a second life.** A 49-year-old firefighter died April 20, 11 days after getting trapped in a fire and suffering burns, the Cactus City, Texas manager said April 21. The man was the second firefighter to die in the recent wildfires. Fire-friendly conditions are expected to return April 21 in various parts of Texas. Warm, dry winds were blowing across the already bone-dry landscape. Emergency personnel responded to four new fires April 20 across more than 1,000 acres, according to the Texas Forest Service. The Guadalupe Mountains face an extreme risk of fire through April 21, according to the National Weather Service. Van Horn, which is 165 miles west of Odessa, is expected to face a critical fire threat as well as the nearby state Highway 54 corridor and the southeast New Mexico plains. In addition to in-state crews, the Texas Forest Service is directing the efforts of more than 1,800 firefighters from 36 other states.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/21/texas.fires/index.html?hpt=T2>

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## **Dams Sector**

54. *April 21, Coshocton Tribune* – (Ohio) **Limited flooding continues in Coshocton County.** Severe storms overnight and lingering showers April 20 have caused continued flooding in Coshocton County, Ohio. The assistant operations manager for the Muskingum Area Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said with more rain expected April 22 water levels in Coshocton County and surrounding areas will most likely not start to decrease until early the week of April 25. He said all of the six gates that release water from the Wills Creek Dam have been closed, as have two of the six gates for the Mohawk Dam. He said dams all along the Muskingum Basin are holding back water to prevent rivers from flooding as water goes downstream. None of the reservoirs behind the dams are near capacity at this time. The National Weather Service has issued a flood warning for Coshocton County in effect until the evening of April 21.  
Source: <http://www.coshoctontribune.com/article/20110421/NEWS01/104210307>

55. *April 21, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **City wants to avoid using dikes.** This spring, local officials in Jamestown, North Dakota, want to see if they can go without any diking. Officials discussed that issue during an interagency meeting on high water levels April 20. The meeting was convened so all local, state, and federal agencies involved with the high water event communicated with each other in preparation for more water releases from the Jamestown Dam. “We’re structuring releases in an attempt to minimize cost and disruption in Jamestown,” said the chief of the water control section of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha. The corps plans on increasing the releases from the Jamestown Dam in small increments over the coming days. Each increase will be matched with a corresponding decrease in releases from Pipestem Dam. The process will stop when the releases from Jamestown Dam reach the maximum the river can handle without additional dikes. If rains that require additional releases occur, the city would build dikes that protect city infrastructure, such as water and sewer, but not dikes to protect private property.  
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/134184/>

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