



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 26 April 2011

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- CNN reports the main airport in St. Louis, Missouri, was slated to operate at 90 percent capacity April 25, less than 3 days after a powerful tornado tore through the facility destroying windows, the roof, jet gas lines, and parking lots. (See item [20](#))
- According to V3.co.uk, research from Idappcom found 52 new threats in March targeted at industrial supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems of the sort hit by the Stuxnet worm. (See item [46](#))

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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 25, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Oil tank fire extinguished at Oklahoma refinery.** An oil tank fire at a Tulsa, Oklahoma refinery resulted in no injuries April 22. The refinery, owned by the Holly Corporation, released a statement April 22 stating Tank 13 caught fire about 9:30 p.m. The company said a lightning strike may have started the fire but that the cause was still undetermined. The fire was isolated to one tank that contained "slop oil" and water, and no other operations were affected, the

company said. The Holly Fire Department responded. A Tulsa Fire Department public information officer said about 11:15 p.m. the fire was under control and that city firefighters were at the scene and ready to assist. He said a full investigation will be completed to determine the cause of the fire and extent of the damage. Holly's two Tulsa refineries can process up to 125,000 barrels per day in diesel, jet fuel, and other petroleum products.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/oil-tank-fire-extinguished-oklahoma-refinery>

2. *April 24, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **Explosion razes Long Island home.** Fire investigators said a gas leak caused an explosion April 23 in Brentwood, New York and could be heard and felt up to a circumference of 7 miles. No one was killed, but there were minor injuries and one house was completely destroyed. Officials said a Suffolk County house was flattened, when it blew apart around 10:40 a.m. No one was inside, since it was being renovated in preparation to be sold. Work was being done on the house as late as April 22. Investigators said the blast was so tremendous debris was scattered all over the neighborhood. And according to the ambulance chief, 21 people were taken to the hospital, suffering from respiratory problems, high-blood pressure, and anxiety. Police and fire officials used bomb-sniffing dogs to rule out a bomb, and employed thermal detection equipment to check the basement for victims. Reports said the Red Cross provided temporary housing for at least nine people, whose homes were seriously damaged in the explosion. The cause of the leak is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wpix.com/wpix-li-brentwood-blast-story,0,2197370.story>

3. *April 24, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Coast Guard cites Transocean lapses in Gulf spill.** Serious safety lapses by oil rig owner and operator Transocean Ltd. contributed to the massive blowout and spill at a BP Plc well in the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said in a report on the April 2010 disaster. Released April 22, the report said investigation "revealed numerous systems deficiencies, and acts and omissions by Transocean and its Deepwater Horizon crew, that had an adverse impact on the ability to prevent or limit the magnitude of the disaster." It found Transocean piled up "numerous deficiencies in the area of safety" in the years leading up to the April 20 explosion and spill that killed 11 people and fouled a wide section of the Gulf. A team of investigators from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement and USCG found poor maintenance of electrical equipment, bypassing of automatic shutdown systems, and lack of training of personnel for emergencies, the report said. "These deficiencies indicate that Transocean's failure to have an effective safety management system and instill a culture that emphasizes and ensures safety contributed to this disaster," a USCG statement said. Transocean had numerous international safety code violations, repeated maintenance deficiencies including neglected safety inspections, and a record of safety incidents that were not properly investigated, the report said. The rig operator also failed to ensure its onboard managers and crew had sufficient safety training and knowledge, and were unaware of procedures for shutting down the rig in a way that could have averted an explosion, it said. This initial report will be part of the final Coast Guard investigative report expected to be

released July 27.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-usreport-us-oil-spitre73n1pg-20110424,0,1598091.story>

4. *April 22, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Widespread power outages affect 3 towns.** Widespread power outages affected three Massachusetts towns April 22 after a power line fell. Residents in Everett, Malden, and Medford had no power April 22 after the National Grid line fell behind the company's facility in Malden. The incident happened at about 8 a.m. About 27,800 customers were affected, but power was restored by about 9:15 a.m. A contractor working at the substation came into contact with a wire causing the outage. He was not injured. The incident caused delays on the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Orange Line between Oak Grove and North Station.  
Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/27635455/detail.html>
  
5. *April 19, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Crews clean up from gas leak at Port Tampa.** Officials are investigating a gasoline leak found the week of April 11 at the Chevron Petroleum Terminal in Port Tampa in Florida that has affected groundwater and soil in the area. The leak appears to have been caused by someone who broke into the terminal on W. Commerce Street and vandalized piping on a valve. An estimated 210 tons of gasoline-contaminated soil has been excavated, and 120 gallons of water contaminated with gasoline has been recovered, an environmental supervisor with the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission said. The contaminated soil has been placed in huge trash bins; it will be tested, then safely disposed of, the supervisor said. The contaminated groundwater is not a drinking water supply, he said. The leak was found April 11 by workers at a neighboring petroleum terminal. Investigators do not know when the valve was damaged and when gasoline began to spill. They know someone broke into the terminal because a lock on a fence was broken, the supervisor said. The damaged valve was immediately repaired and the leaking had since stopped, he said. Chevron does not know how much fuel was lost, the supervisor said.  
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2011/apr/19/MENEWSO4-crews-clean-up-from-gas-leak-at-port-tamp/news-breaking/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *April 23, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire causes hazmat spill in Stowe.** Numerous Pottstown, Pennsylvania, area fire companies spent more than 12 hours on the scene of a hazardous material spill on the campus of Universal Concrete April 23 after crews initially responding to a fire learned a bin containing a sulfuric acid mixture melted and leaked. According to the township fire marshal, the 200 gallons in the bin was 30 percent sulfuric acid diluted, however, it spilled over a 60-by-

60-foot area inside Inno Chem Inc., in the 400 block of Old Reading Pike. He said the leak occurred after a fire broke out in a piece of equipment inside Inno Chem Inc., where metal is processed to separate the salvageable metal from scrap. The fire melted a container in which the sulfuric acid mixture was stored, and the mixture leaked. Although the mixture was diluted, he said precautions were taken and Montgomery County Hazmat responded. No injuries were reported among any of the responders, however, some of the equipment brought in by responding crews was damaged. "Anything that (the acid mixture) touches, you throw away, and the fire companies lost a lot of equipment," he said. "All their turnout gear, the hoses ... I know West End (Fire Company of Stowe) lost at least five sets of new gear."

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/04/23/news/doc4db3960de6ed2820915410.txt?viewmode=default>

7. *April 23, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Tractor-trailer hauling acid flips on highway ramp.** A tractor-trailer hauling 45,000 pounds of phosphoric acid flipped on the ramp from eastbound Interstate 70 to northbound I-435 the morning of April 23 in Kansas City, Kansas. The crash happened at 11:15 a.m. Rescue crews had to rescue the truck's driver by removing the windshield of the truck, Kansas City firefighters said. The driver refused medical treatment, firefighters said. Hazmat crews were also dispatched to the wreck because it involved acid. The highway ramp was closed for several hours.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/r/27648206/detail.html>

8. *April 20, Ashland City Times* – (Tennessee) **Tanker overturns on I-24 near New Hope Road.** A tanker carrying about 8,000 gallons of ethanol overturned on Interstate 24 eastbound near New Hope Road April 20 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, shutting the roadway down for nearly 12 hours. A crew was sent in to clean up the spill near mile-marker 29. No injuries were reported, the Tennessee Highway Patrol reported.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110420/ASHLANDCITY01/110420026/Tanker-overturns-24-near-New-Hope-Road?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Ashland City>

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

9. *April 24, Cherry Hill Courier-Post* – (New Jersey) **Salem County nuclear plant goes back online.** A Salem County, New Jersey, nuclear power plant returned to full service April 23 after being offline for nearly 2 days, so crews could clear vegetation that was blocking cooling water intakes. On April 24, the Sunbeam of Salem reported the Salem I reactor was restarted and was back at full power the night of April 23. The plant was manually taken offline around 4 p.m. April 21 and was out of service for about 37 hours. The shutdown was due to "grassing," a problem caused by vegetation, weeds,

and grasses that grow along the Delaware River and its tributaries. The vegetation becomes dislodged and floats downstream, and can become especially troublesome in the spring. The reactor is one of three at the Salem/Hope Creek site in Lower Alloways Creek Township.

Source:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20110425/NEWS01/104250320/1006/Salem-County-nuclear-plant-goes-back-online>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *April 25, Reuters* – (National) **Boeing plant lapse eyed in jet tear probe.** U.S. investigators suspect a manufacturing lapse at a Boeing Co. plant 15 years ago could be to blame for a midair tear in a Southwest Airlines Co aircraft earlier in April, the Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site April 24. The Boeing 737 was heading from Phoenix, Arizona, to Sacramento, California, April 1, when a 5-foot tear opened up 20 minutes after takeoff along the roof just above the left wing. The incident led U.S. regulators ordering airlines to inspect older model Boeing 737 aircraft for cracks. Southwest found fuselage cracks in five other older Boeing 737-300 aircraft in its fleet. The paper reported the fuselages are built at a Kansas factory that Boeing owned in 1996. Investigators led by the National Transportation Safety Board are looking into the potential impact of riveting techniques and certain sealants going back to around that time, the Journal said, citing government and industry officials. They are also looking at tools used to hold aircraft parts during assembly, the paper said, adding that officials said it was too early to draw final conclusions.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/25/uk-boeing-idUSLNE73O00N20110425>

11. *April 25, Dow Jones* – (International) **Honda Motor: Expect domestic plants to return to normal by year-end.** Honda Motor Co. said April 25 it expects its domestic auto plants to return to production levels planned before an earthquake and tsunami hit Japan March 11 by the end of 2011. The car maker's domestic plants will remain at half the initially planned volume until the end of June, though production levels after July are still unclear and will depend on parts supplies. The outlook for overseas factories also remains uncertain, Honda said. Plants in North America, the United Kingdom, Turkey, and the Philippines are operating at 50 percent of their initially planned levels, while the company has also reduced output volumes at factories in China and Thailand, the car maker said. The quake and tsunami disrupted the company's parts supply chain and a parts shortage has kept production at reduced levels. Toyota Motor Corp. said April 22 it does not expect its domestic and overseas factories to be back to normal until November at the earliest.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110424-702114.html>

12. *April 24, Detroit News* – (National) **Nissan to recall 195,000 Pathfinder, QX4 SUVs in cold weather states.** Nissan Motor Co. will recall at least 195,000 Pathfinder and Infiniti QX4 SUVs sold in 20 cold-weather states over concerns rust could cause the steering column to break and cause a crash. Nissan said in a notice posted on a government Web site April 23 the recall of 162,658 1996-2004 Pathfinder and 33,333 1997-2003 Infiniti QX4 vehicles includes those sold or currently registered in 20 states that use heavy amounts of road salt and could face steering problems because of corrosion issues.

Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20110424/AUTO01/104240321/1361/Nissan-to-recall-195-000-Pathfinder--QX4-SUVs-in-cold-weather-states>

13. *April 22, Clarinda Herald-Journal* – (Iowa) **Fire breaks out at NSK Plant.** Flames shot from the roof of NSK Corporation in Clarinda, Iowa, April 22, as an air conditioning unit at the plant caught fire. The Clarinda Volunteer Fire Department was summoned at about 9:15 p.m. after maintenance workers reported smoke. “Upon arrival the sprinklers were going off, there was smoke in the building and we had flames on top of the roof,” the Clarinda fire chief said. However, firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control in about 25 minutes. No injuries were reported. Although the flames coming from the air conditioning unit were hot enough to set off the sprinklers and created an acrid smoke that continued to billow from the building even after the fire was brought under control, the chief said firefighters were able to minimize the damage. “There was water damage to the plant because of the sprinklers and there was fire damage to the air conditioning unit, but there does not appear to be any structural damage,” he said. The chief said firefighters used exhaust fans to clear the heavy smoke from the building. Firefighters remained on scene until about 11 p.m. Also assisting with the fire call were members of Clarinda Emergency Medical Services, and the Clarinda Police Department.

Source:

<http://www.southwestiowanews.com/articles/2011/04/23/clarinda/doc4db243e75248d028542592.txt>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

14. *April 23, Alton Telegraph* – (Illinois) **New details emerge in purported bank scheme.** Federal authorities said a woman managed to steal \$4.4 million by doctoring reports and other means during a several-year period while an executive at Jersey State



Bank in Illinois. New details in the case were released April 22 by a U.S. attorney. The 56-year-old woman was indicted by a grand jury for bank fraud, alleging she embezzled the funds from at least 2003 until January 2011. She resigned her position in February. She was employed by the bank since about 1976. During her employment, she held various positions including assistant cashier, a director of the bank holding corporation, and executive vice president, the attorney said. Her responsibilities included being in charge of the general ledger and the corresponding accounts. She also provided regular reports to the president and board members as to the bank's assets, stability, and financial soundness. The indictment alleges the woman electronically transferred funds from the corresponding accounts to her own accounts, inflated expenses to a prepaid expense account and then electronically transferred the funds to her account, took money from a certificate of deposit account, and concealed the money in the bank's general ledger. It also alleges that to perpetuate the scheme, she provided false information in monthly reports to the board and provided false information to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation examiners and state bank examiners. Bank fraud carries a maximum penalty of up to 30 years' imprisonment and/or a fine of \$1 million, 5 years supervised release, and mandatory restitution. Source: <http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/bank-53141-fraud-becker.html>

15. *April 23, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Officer shoots man after bank heist in Va. Beach.** A police officer shot a man April 22 after a robbery at a Wachovia Bank in Bayside, Virginia. Waving a semiautomatic handgun and demanding money from clerks, a man wearing a mask entered the bank at 1612 Independence Boulevard at about 9:15 a.m., a police spokesman said. He fled with cash through the front door. A radar officer patrolling the neighborhood noticed a man matching the bank robber's description. He got out of his car, drew his firearm and told the man to stop. The suspect refused, got into a car and drove toward the officer. The officer fired several rounds through the vehicle's windshield, the spokesman said, striking the man, who drove 100 to 200 feet farther and through a fence into the backyard of a townhome. Medics took the suspect to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where he was in critical but stable condition April 22. Police identified the man as a 38-year-old from Virginia Beach. He faces three counts each of robbery and use of a firearm. Police recovered weapons from the suspect's vehicle, including one believed to have been used in the robbery, the spokesman said. Detectives are investigating whether the suspect was connected to the January 11 robbery at the same bank, the spokesman said. The robbery occurred at about the same time of day under similar circumstances. Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/04/police-id-man-shot-injured-after-bank-robbery-va-beach>

16. *April 22, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (Georgia) **GBI: Bank robber leaves behind pipe bombs.** A bank robbery suspect who brought bombs into the Northeast Georgia Bank in Carnesville, Georgia, was arrested after he was spotted driving on the wrong side of the road April 21, deputies said. The Franklin County sheriff said the 25-year-old from Central, South Carolina, was covered in dye from dye packs placed in bags with the money he had stolen a short time earlier. Investigators said the suspect first went into the bank and walked around, but then left. Deputies said the suspect then went into the

First Citizens Bank at 9654 Lavonia Road and demanded money. Investigators said he put two items, believed to be live pipe bombs, on the counter. Investigators said several elements of the devices led them to believe they were live bombs. A teller gave the man three bags that included the dye packs, deputies said. Buildings in the courthouse square area were evacuated and streets closed down because of the suspected bombs. Just before 5 p.m., the FBI and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation bomb squad mobilized a bomb diffusing robot in the bank. At about 6 p.m., the bomb squad safely detonated the devices. "There was actually two pipe bombs there and from what I understand, they were workable bombs, but they didn't have any powder in them," the sheriff said. The suspect is charged with armed robbery and two counts of manufacturing and possessing explosives.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/r/27628367/detail.html>

17. *April 22, Financial Advisor* – (California) **SEC charges Calif. company with \$10 million boiler room scheme.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) April 21 charged a Santa Ana, California-based e-mail marketing company, along with a father and twin sons who are the company's executives, with defrauding investors in a \$10 million boiler room scheme. The SEC alleges mUrgent Corporation, its chief financial officer, and his sons operated a boiler room to sell mUrgent stock. Boiler room employees cold-called investors, used high-pressure sales tactics, and misrepresented to investors that mUrgent had a prospering business and would imminently conduct an initial public offering. The SEC also alleges mUrgent and the three family members falsely told investors that stock sale proceeds would not be used to pay the family's cash salaries. "mUrgent falsely portrayed itself to investors as a successful company with imminent plans to go public," the director of the SEC's Los Angeles Regional Office said. "Instead, these three men used the company as their personal piggybank." According to the SEC's complaint filed in federal court in Los Angeles, mUrgent and the family conducted 2 unregistered securities offerings beginning in 2008 that raised nearly \$10 million from at least 130 investors nationwide. The family misused investor money to fund more than \$1.3 million in cash salary and bonuses for themselves. They also established a separate "slush fund" of more than \$500,000, and used investor funds to pay for luxury cars and other personal expenses. The SEC seeks permanent injunctions against mUrgent and the family for violations of the antifraud, offering registration, and broker registration provisions of the federal securities laws, disgorgement, financial penalties, and an order prohibiting the three family members from serving as officers or directors of any public company.  
Source: <http://www.fa-mag.com/fa-news/7258-sec-charges-calif-company-with-10-ml-boiler-room-scheme.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *April 25, Wall Street Journal* – (Louisiana) **Pilot lapses suspected after fire warning.** Pilots of a United Airlines jet apparently did not follow proper procedures and inadvertently disabled some vital electrical systems April 4 after they received a



fire warning and started an emergency return to New Orleans, Louisiana, according to people familiar with the probe. A team of safety experts led by the National Transportation Safety Board tentatively concluded that after skipping over a portion of a checklist, the pilots of the Airbus A320 failed to restore power to some equipment, making it more difficult to carry out the emergency landing, officials said. Investigators have not found any signs of fire or evidence of smoke. They suspect there may have been a faulty fire-warning sensor in the cargo hold. United has since revised a portion of the emergency checklist to help clarify how pilots should deal with electrical malfunctions, officials said.

Source:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703396404576283674057852918.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703396404576283674057852918.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

19. *April 25, KRGV 5 Weslaco* – (Texas) **Improvised explosive device discovered on an overpass in Brownsville.** Police in Brownsville, Texas, said a passerby on the southbound side of Highway 77 noticed what looked like a grenade near the FM 1732 overpass and alerted authorities around 5 p.m. April 24. The improvised explosive device was disarmed by a bomb squad using a robot. No one was hurt. Parts of Highway 77 were closed for several hours. Police continue to investigate.  
Source: [http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Improvised-Explosive-Device-Discovered-On-An/9r7k8ch2E0GJqEX\\_-YhSwQ.csp](http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Improvised-Explosive-Device-Discovered-On-An/9r7k8ch2E0GJqEX_-YhSwQ.csp)
  
20. *April 25, CNN* – (Missouri) **Director: St. Louis airport's recovery 'miraculous' after tornado.** The main airport in St. Louis, Missouri, will operate at 90 percent capacity April 25, less than 3 days after a powerful tornado tore through the facility, the airport's director said. But restoration efforts are far from over at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, where the April 22 storm shattered windows in at least five of the main terminal's arching front facades, ripped off part of a roof, damaged jet gas lines, and wreaked havoc on parking lots and vehicles. "It obviously just took a couple of minutes for the damage to occur," the airport director said. "It will take weeks, maybe a couple of months, to clean up all of it." Still, she said efforts to get the facility up and running again have been "miraculous." Airport officials are still working to help American Airlines and Cape Air restore full service by April 26, the director said. Those carriers were among the hardest hit after the storm, which devastated the airport's C concourse. The tornado damaged 750 homes near the airport, Missouri's governor said. And preliminary National Weather Service estimates show the tornado packed winds between 111 and 165 miles per hour when it hit the airport. The facility's design — and the way people responded to warnings — played a key role to the airport's survival, the director said. "It is a historic building, and it's built very, very well. I think that had a part to do with it, but we also had very early warnings," she said. Sirens sounded, she said, and police and firefighters helped make sure people inside the airport took shelter. Besides damage to homes and the airport, the strong winds also hit businesses and tore through the roof of a Ferguson, Missouri church, where dozens had gathered. Officials have said inspections of buildings will take several days and hauling off debris will take longer. Elsewhere in Missouri, storms over the weekend left behind water on the runways at a regional airport, forcing authorities

to shut down the facility temporarily. The Cape Girardeau Regional Airport, located about 100 miles south of St. Louis, has been shut down since April 24, the administrative coordinator said. Crews were activating a pumping system to remove the standing water April 25, she said, but authorities had not determined when the airport would reopen.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/25/st.louis.airport/>

21. *April 24, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Heavy rain leads to closure of eastern Okla. roads.** Authorities said several eastern Oklahoma roads have been closed because of high water. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said April 24 that Oklahoma Highway 16 was closed at Dentonville Road and near Beggs in northern Okmulgee County. Troopers also reported that U.S. 75-alternate, which runs through Beggs, was shut down. In the eastern part of the county, U.S. 62 east of Morris was closed because of high water. Severe thunderstorms spawned heavy rain in the state April 24, causing flooding problems in eastern Oklahoma. Authorities said motorists had to be rescued when their vehicles were swept off a bridge into a creek in LeFlore County.  
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Heavy-rain-leads-to-closure-of-eastern-Okla-roads-1350728.php>
  
22. *April 24, Reuters* – (International) **Man who tried to hijack Paris-Rome Alitalia flight is overpowered.** A man with a knife tried to hijack an Alitalia flight from Paris, France, to Rome, Italy, April 24, demanding it be flown to Libya, but he was quickly overpowered and arrested when the plane landed, officials and witnesses said. Witnesses said the man put a small knife to the throat of a female flight attendant and held her for a few minutes. "The man grabbed the stewardess from behind her back and pointed the knife. She was in difficulty and tried to turn around," a passenger said. The Italian media said police identified the man as a 48-year-old citizen of Kazakhstan who worked in Paris. A statement from Alitalia airlines said the man had "assaulted a flight attendant and asked that the plane be taken to Tripoli." Other attendants on flight AZ329 then overpowered the man, who was "clearly agitated" and the captain radioed police, who arrested the man when the plane landed, the statement said. The flight attendant was taken to a first aid station at Rome airport for treatment of minor injuries.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/24/hijack-plane-paris-rome-libya-n\\_853057.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/24/hijack-plane-paris-rome-libya-n_853057.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

23. *April 24, St.Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Former Madison County man admits mailing fake anthrax threat.** A 67-year-old man plead guilty April 22 to two federal crimes and admitted mailing a letter to a family that contained a white powder and threats about anthrax, the U.S. attorney's office said. The June 19, 2010 letter contained threats like, "Your hands are on fire," "You now have adecease (sic)," and "Go to the

hospital now," according to the indictment. The man, who lived in Livingston, Missouri at the time, mailed the letter to a family in the same town, prosecutors said. He used "food ingredients to mimic the anthrax," prosecutors said. They did not give a motive. The man could face up to 10 years in prison at his sentencing August 8 on the two charges of mailing a threatening communication, and making a false threat.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article\\_ccee83c0-6ecd-11e0-a4ff-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_ccee83c0-6ecd-11e0-a4ff-001a4bcf6878.html)

24. *April 23, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Explosion at Doe Run post office.** An explosion leveled the post office in St. Francois County, Missouri, April 23. No one was hurt in the explosion, which occurred at 12:45 a.m. A powerful storm passed through the area at the time of the blast. A car parked in front of the building was also destroyed. The Missouri Fire Marshal's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the U.S. Postal Service are investigating but have not determined the cause of the explosion. Doe Run is located 90 minutes south of St. Louis.  
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/256024/3/Explosion-at-Doe-Run-post-office>
25. *April 23, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Suspect charged in break-in, thefts from Spring Glen post office.** A man broke into the Spring Glen, New York post office April 22 and left with a load of packages and postal equipment, state police said. A passing jogger saw the man drive away around 5:15 a.m. and gave state police investigators a description of the vehicle, a state police captain said. State police and U.S. Postal Inspectors soon discovered a matching vehicle. Investigators said they located mail bags stashed nearby the location of the matching vehicle, and the suspect at his residence. Police have charged him with third-degree burglary, a felony. He was arraigned in Wawarsing Town Court and sent to Ulster County Jail without bail.  
Source:  
<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110423/NEWS/110429927/-1/SITEMAP>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

26. *April 25, Food Safety News* – (California; Idaho; Wisconsin) **Antibiotic drug warning to dairies in three states.** Warning letters on March 25, March 28, and April 6 put dairy farms in California, Idaho, and Wisconsin on notice about misuse of animal antibiotics. In each case, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it turned to the testing the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service does on animal tissues after slaughter to determine what, if any, animal drug residues are still found in the meat. The three antibiotics FDA said turned up in tests of animals from these dairy farms were all common, and included: Flunixin, also known as flunixin meglumine, is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agent; Ampicillin is a beta-lactam antibiotic used for 50 years to treat bacterial infections; And sulfadimethoxine is a sulfonamide antibiotic. In finding that residues of the drugs were at levels much

higher than tolerance levels, FDA said each dairy was holding animals under conditions that were "so inadequate that medicated animals bearing potentially harmful drug residues are likely to enter the food supply." Each dairy farm was given 15 working days to inform FDA of the steps it is taking to bring its operations into compliance. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/04/animal-antibiotic-drug-abuse-at-dairies-in-three-states/>

27. *April 25, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Fire destroys Lewiston grocery store.** A fire April 24 destroyed a Lisbon Street grocery store in Portland, Maine. The fire was reported around 4:30 a.m. at the African Store at 258 Lisbon Street. Officials believe the fire was sparked by some electrical cords. The store was considered a complete loss. Tenants who live above the store needed to be evacuated, but their apartments were not damaged. Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/157013/2/Fire-destroys-Lewiston-grocery-store>
28. *April 24, Orlando Sentinel* – (North Carolina; National) **Cucumber recall: Some of the South Florida harvested vegetables reshipped to Florida.** L&M Companies, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina, recalled 1,590 cartons of whole cucumbers because the shipment had the potential to be contaminated with salmonella. The recalled product was directly distributed by L&M Companies between March 30 and April 7 to wholesalers in New York (200 cartons), Florida (591 cartons), Illinois (139 cartons), Indiana (30 cartons) and Tennessee (15 cartons), and one retailer with distribution centers in Mississippi (420 cartons), Nebraska (92 cartons), Texas (2 cartons) and Wyoming (101 cartons). Despite the limited direct distribution of the one recalled lot, L&M issued a nationwide recall out of an abundance of caution because the company recognized the possibility wholesale customers could have redistributed the product in states beyond those listed above. The recalled lot of bulk cucumbers was harvested March 29 in South Florida, and according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Quick Reference for Market Inspectors, cucumbers typically maintain an edible quality for 10-14 days after harvest. Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/os-cucumber-recall-florida-20110424,0,5299179.story>
29. *April 23, New Bedford Standard-Times* – (Massachusetts) **Jonathan's Sprouts owners voluntarily expand sprout recall.** Jonathan's Sprouts announced April 22 it has voluntarily expanded its recall to include all of its alfalfa sprouts products as an extra precaution until company officials are sure there is no risk of salmonella contamination. Earlier in the week, several alfalfa sprouts products from the Rochester, Massachusetts business were recalled after a routine sample taken by a federal government program tested positive for salmonella. The owners were waiting for the results of follow-up testing conducted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). No illnesses attributed to the products have been reported, the FDA said in its announcement April 19. The expanded recall extends to all alfalfa sprout products, regardless of sell-by date, or whether the products are organic or conventional. The original announcement by the FDA specifically excluded organic products from the recall.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110423/NEWS/104230325/-1/NEWS10>

30. *April 21, WWAY 3 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Fire contained at Archer Daniels Midland plant in Southport.** Fire crews rushed April 21 to the Archer Daniels Midland facility in Southport, North Carolina. At about 11:30 a.m., employees at the facility noticed smoke near the yeast drying system of the facility's CitriStim animal feed ingredient production area. The fire suppression system was activated, and the production area was evacuated. Crews quickly got the situation under control. There were no injuries. The fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wwaytv3.com/2011/04/21/fire-contained-archer-daniels-midland-plant-southport>

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## **Water Sector**

31. *April 25, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Main break leads to water rationing in some Texas communities.** Water rationing was in effect April 25 in some Southeast Texas communities because of a broken water main in Galveston. Crews were scheduled to begin fixing the water line later that day after creating a dam and excavating the damaged pipe. The Galveston city manager said some water is flowing through the damaged line, but said the rate is much lower than normal. A small leak was discovered 2 months ago, but on April 21, experts discovered the break had gotten worse. On April 22, Galveston officials instituted emergency water rationing rules, which bar watering lawns, washing cars, or filling pools. Several utility districts that use water from the line April 23 announced emergency conservation efforts, including Hitchcock, Santa Fe, and Tiki Island.

Source:

[http://www.kwtx.com/news/headlines/Main\\_Break\\_Leads\\_To\\_Water\\_Rationing\\_In\\_Some\\_Texas\\_Communities\\_120602064.html?ref=064](http://www.kwtx.com/news/headlines/Main_Break_Leads_To_Water_Rationing_In_Some_Texas_Communities_120602064.html?ref=064)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *April 25, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Fire evacuates nursing home near UC Davis Medical Center.** Emergency crews evacuated a long-term care facility next to the University of California, Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California, April 25. The fire broke out at Crestwood Manor along Stockton Boulevard just north of 2nd Avenue around 8 a.m. Fire officials report 72 people had to be evacuated from the

facility. The sprinklers were activated when the fire started, and kept the fire from spreading through the facility. Crestwood Manor is a nursing home with room for about 130 people. No one was injured in the fire or evacuation. Investigators are looking into what may have started the fire.

Source: <http://www.fox40.com/news/headlines/ktxl-fire-evacuates-nursing-home-near-uc-davis-medical-center-20110425,0,1801881.story>

33. *April 21, Associated Press* – (International) **Major measles outbreak in Europe, WHO reports.** Europe is experiencing a major outbreak of measles, with France hardest hit by three-quarters of the more than 6,500 cases reported in 33 nations, the World Health Organization (WHO) said April 21. WHO said there have been 4,937 reported cases in France between January and March — compared with 5,090 during all of 2010. WHO officials blamed the recent outbreak on a failure to vaccinate all children. "There's been a buildup of children who have not been immunized over the years," said the head of WHO's office in Copenhagen for vaccine-preventable diseases and immunization. WHO has found that young people between the ages of 10 and 19 have not been getting immunized as they should. To prevent measles outbreaks, officials must vaccinate about 90 percent of the population. But vaccination rates across Europe have been patchy in recent years and have never fully recovered from a discredited British study published in 1998 linking the vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella to autism. Parents abandoned the vaccine in droves and vaccination rates for parts of the United Kingdom dropped to about 50 percent. The disease has become so widespread in Europe in recent years that travelers from the continent have exported the disease to regions including the United States and Africa. Spain reported more than 600 cases in Andalusia in two outbreaks since October: Sevilla had more than 350 cases; Granada, about 250 cases. Macedonia reported 636 cases since September, including 400 this year, with the capital, Skopje, most affected. WHO said outbreaks and rising case numbers also were reported in Britain, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, and Switzerland.
- Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42701894/ns/health-health\\_care/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42701894/ns/health-health_care/)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *April 25, Orange County Register* – (International) **U.S. expands Mexico travel warning.** The U.S. State Department expanded a warning against travel to Mexico because of increased violence in a wider area of the country. The new warning includes the Gulf of California resort area known as Rocky Point, and the area in Mexico around the border crossing near Nogales, just south of Tucson, Arizona. It warns of continued problems with violence and crime in popular tourist cities, such as Monterrey and Acapulco. A travel warning is the highest caution that the State Department can issue. It usually deals with civil unrest and long-term problems involving crime and violence. While most of the new warning centered on ever higher levels of violence in the areas



of Ciudad Juarez, near El Paso, Texas, and Matamoros, near Brownsville, Texas, the long list of violent regions included Northern Baja California. The latest warning points out that hundreds of thousands of Americans visit popular tourist destinations in Mexico each year without any problems. The language was an attempt to differentiate between resorts such as Cancun and Cabo San Lucas and the violent border regions.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/04/25/3576821/us-expands-mexico-travel-warning.html>

35. *April 22, Associated Press* – (International) **Japan quake briefly cut computer links to bases.** The U.S. Air Force said computer links with some U.S. bases in the Pacific were severed by the earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan March 11, but one of its cyber squadrons restored them within 5 hours. The Air Force said April 21 that bases in Japan, Korea, and Guam were affected. It was not immediately clear what the consequences were. The 561st Network Operations Squadron in Hawaii coordinated the repairs. The squadron is part of a unit at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. The Air Force Space Command, which ultimately oversees all Air Force cyber operations, is also based at Peterson. The Air Force said the Hawaii squadron also canceled planned interruptions for maintenance on Pacific computer networks so they would remain open.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/04/ap-japan-quake-cut-air-force-computer-links-042211/>

36. *April 22, Associated Press* – (Ohio; Tennessee) **Tenn. man gets 4 months for threat to Ohio US rep.** A 40-year-old Cleveland, Tennessee man received 4 months in prison for threatening an Ohio congressman during a heated health care debate in 2010. A federal judge in Akron, Ohio, sentenced the man April 22, and he faces 3 years of probation. He was convicted in December of making a March 2010 phone call to the office of the then-U.S. Representative, threatening to burn down the northeast Ohio Democrat's house. Prosecutors recommended 14 months in prison. The man's public defender asked for probation, saying he was "contrite" and would never call another elected official again. The U.S. Representative lost his re-election bid in November. The former U.S. Representative said the sentence was fair, and that there was no place in a democracy for threats or coercion.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/tenn-man-gets-4-921567.html>

37. *April 22, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police: 'Angry' parent makes school bomb threat.** A Gwinnett County, Georgia mother became irate and made a bomb threat April 22 after school officials refused to release her child because the mother did not have an identification, police said. It happened just before 2 p.m. at Ferguson Elementary School in Duluth, police said. The school was placed on lockdown while a bomb squad investigated. Police said they did not find any explosives at the scene. The mother was taken into custody and charged with disruption of a public school and terroristic threats. The lockdown was lifted and school was dismissed on time, a Gwinnett Count Schools spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/27640342/detail.html>

38. *April 22, WBBH 2 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Second suspect arrested in justice center incident.** Detectives in Florida arrested a second suspect, a 60-year-old Englewood man, believed to be involved in the Charlotte County Justice Center HAZMAT evacuation April 21. The suspect was wanted for giving a 67-year-old man an envelope containing a suspected chemical agent to deliver to a judge during the 67-year-old man's traffic-related hearing April 21, according to investigators. Shortly after 8 a.m., the Englewood man reportedly drove the accomplice and his wife to the justice center. The accomplice then handed the envelope to the judge, prompting authorities to evacuate the building, according to an incident report. The 67-year-old man was arrested a short time later. HAZMAT officials sealed the envelope and turned it over the Charlotte County Health Department to transport to Tampa for further analysis of the contents. The minivan was towed to the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office for inspection, then released back to the owner.

Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/14497052/man-wanted-in-justice-center-hazmat-incident>

39. *April 21, NextGov* – (International) **Amazon cloud crash endangers federal Web sites.** Parts of Amazon's cloud computing service crashed April 20, bringing down or disrupting several popular Web sites, and endangering some federal sites that purchase space in the cloud. By the afternoon of April 21, the only federal site affected by the crash was an Energy Department Web site devoted to sharing clean energy practices with industry. A note on the site said it was "temporarily down" because of the Amazon crash and that engineers were "working aggressively to restore service." Recovery.gov, which tracks money spent on the U.S. President's stimulus plan, was located inside the affected cloud — the Amazon Web Service EC2 cloud in Northern Virginia — but was engineered to jump to another location as soon as it spotted trouble and so service was never disrupted, a spokesman for the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board said April 21. Amazon engineers still had not located the source of the crash by 5 p.m. April 21, and it was still causing trouble for several high traffic Web sites, including reddit.com, a popular site for ranking other Web content, which was operating in an "emergency read-only mode."

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110421\\_7729.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110421_7729.php?oref=topnews)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

40. *April 25, East Liverpool Review* – (Ohio; West Virginia) **Area hazmat team is official.** There is now a regional hazardous materials response team under the guidance of East Liverpool Fire Department in Ohio. The agreements signed April 20 were between the city and departments across the river including the Chester, Lawrenceville, New Manchester, and Newell volunteer fire departments. "We want to start the process and get a regional hazmat team that will ultimately help better protect East Liverpool and the four jurisdictions in West Virginia," the East Liverpool fire chief said. Right now, the closest hazmat team for northern Hancock County is more than an hour away in Wheeling, West Virginia he said. The regional team would significantly cut down

the response time, he added. The regional team should not cost the city anything, and it would likely pave the way for more grant funding for equipment and training, the fire chief said. A total of 8 to 12 firefighters from the 4 other departments will be a part of the regional team along with East Liverpool firefighters.

Source: <http://www.reviewonline.com/page/content.detail/id/543420/Area-hazmat-team-is-official.html?nav=5008>

41. *April 24, Associated Press* – (California) **LA police helicopter shot; man, 18, arrested.** A man shot and damaged a Los Angeles, California police helicopter April 24 and forced it to make an emergency landing at a San Fernando Valley airport before he was subdued by family members and arrested, authorities said. The man was firing shots at random with a rifle early in the morning, then turned his fire toward the responding police helicopter and hit the fuel tank, the assistant chief said. The helicopter landed safely at Van Nuys Airport, and no officers were hurt. "This situation could have easily turned tragic, and we were just fortunate that the aircraft was able to land safely without injury to the officers or the public," he told the Los Angeles Times. An 18-year-old was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder of a police officer, a detective told City News Service. Jail records showed he was being held without bail at Van Nuys Jail. Police conducted a search for more than 7 hours and even fired tear gas into an evacuated apartment building after reports of a possible second gunman, but no one was found and the search was called off. Residents returned to the apartment building after waiting in a nearby school auditorium.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/default/article/LA-police-helicopter-shot-man-18-arrested-1350741.php>

42. *April 24, Daily News of Los Angeles* – (California) **LA fire chief says fire truck cutback will aid EMS.** On April 22, bracing for a \$54 million cut in the next budget, the Los Angeles, California fire chief announced a new plan to reduce the number of fire engines in service while boosting the city's ability to respond to medical emergencies. He said the new plan, detailed in a 14-page memo, brings an end to the rolling brownouts at fire stations around the city, but gives the department flexibility to respond to emergencies. The plan will be phased in beginning in June and take full effect by July 5. Once implemented, it will eliminate one division and two battalion offices; end service by 11 engine companies and 7 light forces; upgrade 10 fire companies to paramedic companies; and open an emergency medical service battalion office. It eliminates the staff assistant positions from seven battalion companies and renames the remaining staff assistants as emergency incident technicians. The changes are partly to reflect the fact that demand for fire service is secondary to the medical calls the department receives. Officials have said more than 80 percent of its calls are for medical care.

Source: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-ems/articles/1032024-LA-fire-chief-says-fire-truck-cutback-will-aid-EMS/>

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## Information Technology Sector

43. *April 22, Softpedia* – (International) **New PDF exploit hiding technique tricks antivirus engines.** Researchers from AVAST warn of a new technique used by PDF exploits to evade antivirus detection. It relies on encoding the malicious code as an image object. AVAST first encountered this technique in a malicious PDF file a month ago and has seen it used in limited, but also targeted, attacks since then. "This story began when we found a new, previously unseen, PDF file a month ago. It wasn't detected by us or by any other AV company," a senior antivirus analyst at AVAST, wrote on the company's blog. "[...] Its originating URL address was quite suspicious and soon we confirmed the exploitation and system infection caused by just opening this document. But our parser was unable to get any suitable content that we could define as malicious," he added. It turned out there was no JavaScript stream in this file. One of the only two objects referenced by an XFA array was decoded, analyzed, and quickly eliminated. Researchers then observed the remaining one required two filters, FlateDecode and JBIG2Decode. FlateDecode is common, but JBIG2Decode is normally used to decode monochrome image data, and this is how attackers chose to store the JavaScript code. As it turns out, JBIG2Decode can be used on any object stream, an unusual behavior the AVAST developers, and probably those from other vendors as well, did not anticipate when coding their PDF parser. This particular file attempted to exploit an older Adobe Reader vulnerability, CVE-2010-0188, discovered in 2010 and patched in current versions of the program. "Based on the information from the avast! Virus Lab logs, this new trick is currently used in only a very small number of attacks [...] and that is probably the reason why no one else is able to detect it," the analyst wrote. Since the PDF parser has been updated to decode JBIG2-encoded objects, the AV vendor spotted the technique being used in other PDF files as well. However, because those also contained regular malicious code, they were already detected.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-PDF-Exploit-Hidding-Technique-Tricks-Antivirus-Engines-196659.shtml>

44. *April 21, Darkreading* – (International) **One-fourth of SSL Websites at risk.** More than a year after the Internet Engineering Task Force issued a security extension to the Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) protocol for a flaw that affects servers, browsers, smart cards, and VPN products, as well as many lower-profile devices such as Webcams, more than one-fourth of SSL Web sites have not deployed the patch — leaving them vulnerable to a form of man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack. Of the 1.2 million SSL-enabled Web site servers recently surveyed by the director of engineering at Qualys, more than 25 percent were not running so-called secure renegotiation. He also found that among 300,000 of the top 1 million Alexa Web sites, 35 percent were vulnerable to this type of attack, which takes advantage of a gap in the SSL authentication process and lets an attacker wage a MITM attack and inject his own text into the encrypted SSL session. The gap occurs in the renegotiation process, when some applications require that the encryption process be refreshed.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/167901072/security/vulnerabilities/229402059/one-fourth-of-ssl-websites-at-risk.html>

45. *April 21, V3.co.uk* – (International) **'Blackhole' attack tool spreads across the Internet.** An online attack tool known as Blackhole has stormed onto the market in the first part of 2011 and is being used for large-scale attacks, according to experts. Security vendor AVG said in its latest quarterly security report that the Blackhole Exploit Kit, which targets flaws and allows an attacking machine access to a vulnerable system, has become a favorite tool among cyber criminals in recent months. Use of the malware spiked in February, in some cases rising as high as 800,000 attack attempts per day. The kit was also used for a large-scale attack on U.K. Web users. Blackhole accounted for 44 percent of malware detections collected by AVG in the first quarter, and for more than 86 percent of attack toolkit deployments. The AVG report also highlighted a jump in Android malware, particularly in China, where an Android firmware update was repackaged with additional code on marketplace sites in March. AVG estimates that roughly 0.2 percent of Android applications are malicious, and that users have potentially logged as many as 7.8 million malicious application downloads. The company also found attackers have increased their attacks on social networking services. Social engineering scams, which trick users into clicking on misleading links and visiting third-party sites, have greatly increased in frequency over the past year, with Facebook being a particularly attractive target.  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2045303/blackhole-attack-tool-threatening-users>

46. *April 21, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Stuxnet-like attacks beckon as 50 new SCADA threats discovered.** Cyber criminals appear to be ramping up their interest in industrial control systems after research from application security management firm Idappcom found 52 new threats in March targeted at supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems of the sort hit by the Stuxnet worm. The chief technology officer at Idappcom told V3.co.uk that hackers could be going for the systems as they are typically less well defended than more mainstream public facing IT systems. SCADA systems are typically found in a variety of industrial plants ranging from water and waste treatment to food and pharmaceuticals and even nuclear power plants. As such, they play a vital role in the monitoring and production of key products and services, and could represent an attractive target for hacktivists seeking notoriety, or cyber criminals looking to extort money by threatening to disrupt the systems. "We quickly realized this was too much of a significant blip to be an anomaly. It may be an indicator towards a worrying trend," said Idappcom's chief technology officer. "Our records go back to 2004 and I've never recorded any sort of significant blip on the radar in an area like this previously." Many of the exploits discovered by Idappcom center around denial-of-service attacks directly targeting input validation techniques, which are able to repeatedly bring control systems to a halt, he explained. SCADA systems are often at greater risk because they are connected to legacy operating systems such as Windows 95 for which there are no service packs or automatic updates. "These systems are clearly not being monitored and maintained by network infrastructure teams," he said. "They are not updating or service packing them or showing them the same attention as

their public facing services."

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2045556/stuxnet-attacks-beckon-scada-threats-discovered>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

47. *April 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Sony ‘rebuilding’ PlayStation network, Qriocity after outage.** Sony Corporation, said it is rebuilding its PlayStation Network to bring it back online after an “external intrusion” caused it to suspend the service. The company said it turned off the service, which lets gamers connect in live play, so that it could strengthen its network infrastructure. Qriocity — the company’s online entertainment platform — was also affected. ”Though this task is time-consuming, we decided it was worth the time necessary to provide the system with additional security,” the company said in a blog post April 23. The PlayStation Network and Qriocity had been turned off April 20 so the company could investigate an external intrusion. The company said April 21 that it could take a “full day or two” to get the service back up and running. On April 23, the company said in a blog post that it was ”working around the clock” to bring the services back online. The outage came just after April 19’s release of the game “Mortal Kombat,” which is available on the PlayStation 3 and Microsoft Corp.’s Xbox 360. It also comes as Amazon.com restores computers used by other major Web sites as an outage stretched into a fourth day.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/sony-rebuilding-playstation-network-qriocity-after-outage/2011/04/24/AFUIGYdE\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/sony-rebuilding-playstation-network-qriocity-after-outage/2011/04/24/AFUIGYdE_story.html)
48. *April 24, GigaOm* – (International) **Will the Royal Wedding break the Internet?** Will the Royal Wedding in Great Britain break the Internet? According to a chief executive officer (CEO) of network optimization provider Cymtec, in a small office of 25 people, typically no more than a handful of employees are aggressively using bandwidth for their tasks. But if that number increases dramatically, that could dramatically slow down or crash the internal network. While he believes the time difference will make live stream bottlenecks primarily a United States East Coast issue, other time zones will be affected as Americans catch up on what they missed via archived video. “No matter what, work is going to be the most convenient place to watch it,” he said. And the variety of locations it can be streamed will not lessen the load, as its high level of availability will inspire clicks from people who might not have gone looking for a stream. He has suggested a solution for companies is to give employees permission to watch the event, then do everything possible to centralize viewing, either on television



(which will have no impact on networks) or a large PC.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/external/gigaom/2011/04/24/24gigaom-will-the-royal-wedding-break-the-internet-93921.html>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *April 25, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Colorado mall bomb suspect was released from prison 7 days before incident.** Seven days before authorities said a 65-year-old man left a crude pipe bomb in a Jefferson County, Colorado mall stairwell, the suspect walked out of a federal prison in Georgia, the Denver Post reported April 25. In 2005, the suspect wielded a handgun while targeting a West Virginia bank, assaulted a clerk and stole \$2,546, court records show. He was originally sentenced to 18 years in federal prison but had his sentence reduced to 7 years. He was released on supervised parole April 13 and quickly made his way to Colorado, authorities said. The FBI Denver Joint Terrorism Task Force considers the suspect armed and dangerous and has launched a nationwide manhunt for the seasoned criminal with ties to Colorado, West Virginia, and California. His motives for the hurried cross-country trip and the timing of the alleged attempted bombing — the anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings — remain a mystery. Jefferson County sheriffs discovered a small fire, two propane tanks and a poorly constructed pipe bomb at the Southwest Plaza mall April 20, prompting mass evacuations and setting a community on edge. The task force and sheriffs have visited the suspect's former Colorado addresses in Denver, Englewood and Pueblo, Colorado, and reached out to his known family, including a daughter who until recently lived in Lakewood. They continue to ask the public for help finding the suspect and have expanded their search outside Colorado. Mall surveillance video from April 20 shows a man who resembles the suspect entering a hallway typically used by employees around 11:43 a.m. and carrying a plastic Target bag. Nine minutes later, a security officer discovered a fire in the same hallway.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_17921298](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_17921298)

50. *April 25, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Fire forces building residents to evacuate.** A three-alarm fire at a condominium complex in Boston, Massachusetts, April 24 caused the shutdown of part of Tremont Street and forced residents out of the 28-story building. The Boston Fire Department deputy chief said the fire broke out about 12:16 p.m. in a unit on the 25th floor of Tremont-on-the-Common at 151 Tremont Street. The fire was caused by careless disposal of a cigarette, officials said. Firefighters evacuated all the residents on the 25th floor and above as a precaution, he said, and most of the other occupants below left when they heard the alarm. The fire department used a freight elevator to evacuate some residents, the deputy chief said. The fire was declared out shortly before 1 p.m. Three people were treated at the scene and one firefighter had minor cuts on his face, the deputy chief said. Boston police and fire officials blocked Tremont Street to traffic from West Street to Boylston Street

during the fire. A fire department spokesman said April 24 that residents of the 368-unit building were allowed back in later in the afternoon. He said the department estimates smoke and water damage on the 25th floor will amount to about \$300,000.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/04/25/fire\\_forces\\_condo\\_complex\\_residents\\_to\\_evacuate/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/04/25/fire_forces_condo_complex_residents_to_evacuate/)

51. *April 23, Geneva Republican* – (Illinois) **Two injured in Batavia apartment fire.** A resident and a Batavia firefighter were treated for minor injuries after an apartment building fire at 1050 Lorlyn Circle in Batavia, Illinois, April 22. Fire officials said the resident was overcome with smoke inhalation and was treated and released on the scene. A firefighter suffered a hand injury from falling glass, but officials said medical attention was not required at the scene. Firefighters arrived at the 3-story multi-family apartment complex at 9:16 p.m. and found several residents evacuating the building. Thick, rancid smoke had spread and damaged units in the building and adjacent building at 1052 Lorlyn Circle. More than 40 residents were evacuated from the 2 buildings and 39 firefighters from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, North Aurora, Elmhurst, and West Chicago worked to control the blaze. Officials said the fire caused about \$300,000 in damage. Fire officials said the fire originated on a kitchen stove after cooking oil ignited because of unattended cooking.  
Source: <http://www.mysuburbanlife.com/huntley/newsnow/x1146473570/Two-injured-in-Batavia-apartment-fire>
52. *April 22, KOMO 4 Seattle and KXLY 13 Spokane* – (Washington) **MLK parade bomb suspect charged with hate crime.** A federal grand jury has added hate crimes to the charges against the man accused of placing a bomb along the planned route of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in Spokane, Washington. The pair of indictments handed up April 21 accuse the man of violating the Federal Hate Crimes Act and using an explosive device to commit a hate crime. The 36-year-old pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and unauthorized possession of an unregistered explosive device. The suspect is a U.S. Army veteran who lives near Addy, 50 miles north of Spokane. The bomb was found the morning of the parade January 17 and disabled before it could explode. No one was injured. The man's father has told reporters his son was with him the morning the bomb was found, and could not have planted the device. The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), which tracks hate groups, said the suspect made more than 1,000 postings on an Internet site used by racists called the Vanguard News Network. The SPLC has also said the man belonged to a neo-Nazi group called the National Alliance.  
Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/120430249.html>
53. *April 22, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Boys and Girls Club evacuated after strong smell of chlorine wafts through building.** A Boys and Girls Club building in San Francisco, California's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood was evacuated April 22 after the strong smell of chlorine emanated from the organization's basement, a firefighter said. Chlorine potentially came in contact with some acid at about 11:55 a.m. causing possibly toxic clouds to waft through the club located at 1950 Page Street,

a firefighter said. The building was quickly evacuated and no injuries were reported, but it remains unclear when the Boys and Girls Club will be safe to enter again. Investigators are still looking into the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/2011/04/boys-and-girls-club-evacuated-after-strong-smell-chlorine-wafts-through-building>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

54. *April 25, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **2 structures evacuated from NM grass fire.** Authorities evacuated two structures near where a wind-driven fire has burned 10,000 acres of southeastern New Mexico. The fire broke out April 24 near a forest road 5 miles west of Queen in an area of grass, brush, and pinon trees. Queen is 40 miles southwest of Carlsbad. Fire officials said the blaze threatened three structures, and two were evacuated. The cause is under investigation. The fire was actively burning in steep, rocky, and inaccessible terrain in the Guadalupe Mountains of the Lincoln National Forest and burned onto Bureau of Land Management land as well as state and private land. Firefighters also attacked the blaze from the air most of April 24, but officials said gusty conditions made their efforts unsuccessful.

Source: [http://www.daily-times.com/ci\\_17922217](http://www.daily-times.com/ci_17922217)

55. *April 25, CNN* – (Texas) **Hot weather forecast for Texas as battle against wildfires continues.** Hot, dry weather will return to Texas the week of April 25, whisking away the limited relief scattered thunderstorms brought to the area over the weekend. The Texas Forest Service (TFS) said a low-pressure system will push temperatures into the 90s, humidity to 10 percent or less, and winds up to 45 mph April 25 and 26. The conditions prompted the National Weather Service to issue a red flag warning for a large portion of west Texas, urging residents to avoid the use of open flames and to avoid activities that may generate sparks. The system will bring with it a chance of precipitation. However, rain accompanied by thunderstorms can be a mixed-blessing for firefighters, since lightning can ignite new fires. One such fire scorched nearly every inch of a 10,000-acre north Texas ranch, about 70 miles west of Fort Worth. TFS responded to 17 new fires over the weekend, but the fires were slowed by storms that brought softball-sized hail and reports of tornadoes.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/25/texas.fires/>

56. *April 24, KOLD 13 Tucson* – (Arizona; International) **New wildfire burns near Arizona-Mexico border.** Coronado National Forest crews battled a new wildfire April 24 along the Arizona-Mexico border. The Verde Fire was burning about 5 miles west of Nogales, in Portrero Canyon. It had charred about 240 acres, as of that afternoon. Firefighters contained about 70 percent of the blaze. No structures were threatened. Investigators said the fire was human-caused.

Source: <http://www.kold.com/story/14505411/wildfire-burns-near-arizona-mexico-border>

57. *April 22, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **Fire destroys boat, prompts evacuations at Lake Mead.** Boulder City firefighters and National Park Service rangers extinguished a boat fire April 22 at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada. Park dispatchers were notified of the fire at 10:39 a.m. Responders evacuated campers from the area as they fought the fire, which burned a tent and surrounding brush. According to park investigators, the boat's operator was filling the trailered boat's tank from a gas container when he unintentionally hit the ignition switch. Officials said they believe the ignition switch caused a spark that ignited the fuel vapors. In August 2009, five Las Vegas residents were injured when fuel vapors ignited and their boat exploded at the Callville Bay Marina fuel dock.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2011/apr/22/fire-destroys-boat-prompts-evacuation-lake-mead/>

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## **Dams Sector**

58. *April 25, CNN* – (Missouri) **Missouri flooding forces evacuations, closes airport.** The governor of Missouri ordered the state's National Guard to the southeastern corner of the state April 25 to help combat rising rivers as parts of the lower Mississippi and Ohio river valleys braced for what the National Weather Service (NWS) said could be record flooding. In Poplar Bluff, about 130 miles south of St. Louis, the swollen Black River threatened to break through a compromised levee, prompting police to order an emergency evacuation of the southeastern part of the town. About 250 to 300 people living in the city of 17,045 were affected by the evacuation order, according to the city manager. As many as 1,000 people could ultimately be affected, he said. Police went house to house in part of Poplar Bluff April 25, ordering people to evacuate ahead of what they said was an imminent "catastrophic failure" of a levee on the Black River. The city said the levee had been compromised after a week in which the area received more than 8 inches of rain. "The levee is weakening by the minute and may fail at any time," NWS said in an April 25 alert. It said the southeastern portion of the city would be inundated if the levee fails. The levee protects Poplar Bluff from the river, which is now more than 4 feet over flood stage, NWS noted. The Red Cross has established a shelter at the Black River Coliseum, the police department said. Twenty-five residents were at the shelter as of midday April 25, according to city officials.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/04/25/missouri.levee.failure/index.html?hpt=T2>

59. *April 24, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Illinois) **State of Emergency declared for Old Shawneetown.** As of April 24, a State of Emergency had been declared for the village of Old Shawneetown, Illinois. The declaration was made due to rising rain water inside the levee. A voluntary evacuation has been issued by the Village of Old Shawneetown, according to the Gallatin County EMA coordinator. All non-local traffic was forbidden inside the village limits, effective noon April 24. The excessive rains following inside

the levee basin caused rising water situations inside the levee. Pumps were slowly working to pump the water out of village. At noon April 24, the river stage at Old Shawneetown was 44.88 feet, flood stage was 33 feet.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/14504426/old-shawnee>

60. *April 24, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Floods force Louisville residents to evacuate.** High water closed roads and forced dozens of Louisville, Kentucky residents to evacuate their homes April 24 as the swollen Ohio River continued to wreak havoc on Kentucky's largest city. Residents living along the river were warned their utilities would be cut off April 24. Many packed up their belongings in rental vans or used boats to access their homes along the river's banks. The National Weather Service predicted the river would reach 33 feet by mid week, a level that has many residents concerned they could be out of their homes for some time. Along Riverside Drive in the Riveria neighborhood, residents packed up their belongings in U-hauls and spent April 24 making trips to friends' homes. Along Eifler Beach, the water is so high that only rooftops of some homes were visible. Floodgates are now in place at 10th Street in Louisville. The Metropolitan Sewer District director said all 16 pumping stations were working. Utility company LG&E said it was forced to cut power to about 100 residents living near the river.

Source: <http://www.fox41.com/story/14505598/floods-force-louisville-residents-to-evacuate>

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