



Homeland Security

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- There are new federal charges in Chicago, Illinois, against four top Pakistani terrorists in connection to the 2008 Mumbai, India attacks at hotels, movie theaters, and other businesses, that killed 164 people, WLS 7 reported. (See item [52](#))
- There was at least one breach in the levee keeping the swollen Black River from inundating Poplar Bluff, Missouri, April 26, msnbc.com reports. (See item [59](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas refinery outages bring orders to stay inside.** Three refineries and a Dow Chemical plant lost electricity in outages that led to shelter-in-place emergency alerts and the cancellation of public schools April 26 in Texas City, Texas. The source of the power outages was still being sought, emergency officials said. A second shelter-in-place alert, advising residents to stay indoors, was issued around 5:30 a.m. April 26 after a Valero refinery also lost power, the Texas City Homeland Security coordinator said. A BP refinery and the Dow plant lost power around 11 p.m. April 25. The initial shelter-in-place order took effect after those two

outages, but was lifted around 3 a.m. April 26, the homeland security coordinator said. Around 4:40 a.m. April 26, electricity was lost at the Valero and Marathon Oil refineries, which activated their flare systems, the Galveston County Daily News reported. A BP spokesman said a fire broke out at the refinery shortly after the power went out, but crews were able to put it out. There were no injuries at the refinery. The city and BP reported no emissions of hazardous materials, the assistant emergency management coordinator for the city said. At the BP plant, workers were seen going into the plant around sunrise April 26, reporting for their shifts.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jeX7A4-6xJhWqidyUC8zKm7AD-Gg?docId=84bc916a0999400695b4ebdd6bd6c7f7>

2. *April 26, United Press International* – (West Virginia) **FBI: Mine explosion may have been crime.** The FBI has told relatives of 29 miners killed in 2010 in an explosion at the Upper Big Branch coal mine in Montcoal, West Virginia the miners may be crime victims. The week of April 18, the Charleston Gazette obtained a copy of a letter sent from the bureau's Charleston office. The letter was signed by the agent supervising the office and was dated March 28. The explosion occurred April 5, 2010 at the Upper Big Branch mine, owned by Massey Energy. The letter said the FBI is involved in the investigation of potential violations of federal laws. "In connection therewith, you may be a victim of a federal crime," the letter said. "We appreciate your assistance and cooperation while we are investigating this matter. We would like to make you aware of the victim services that may be available to you and to answer any questions you may have regarding the criminal justice process throughout the investigation."
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/04/26/FBI-Mine-explosion-may-have-been-crime/UPI-89161303797962/
3. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Entergy has peak of 88K AR customers without lights; 28K have power restored as work continues.** Entergy Arkansas said about 60,000 of its electric customers are without power, but that is down from a peak of 88,000 customers who were in the dark overnight April 26. The utility said April 26 the greatest concentration of outages is in Garland and Hot Spring counties, where 27,000 people are without lights. About 11,500 customers are without service in Pulaski County and another 5,500 are out in Faulkner County. Storms that ripped through Arkansas on April 25 killed seven people, four of them in a tornado in Vilonia. Three people drowned in floodwaters in northwest Arkansas. Entergy said it is still assessing the damage to its infrastructure and that it will take days to restore power to all of its customers.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bbe64836f70e4cdaa5f820df4a400625/AR--Arkansas-Storms-Power-Outages/>
4. *April 25, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **OSHA to fine LM Wind Power \$136,500.** In two days in October 2010, inside of wind-turbine blade No. 106, the amount of a hazardous substance called styrene reached 1,889 parts per million (ppm) and then 2,195 ppm, triggering air-quality alarms at LM Wind Power in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Workers were inside the confines of the giant blade, but a supervisor

failed to get them out, according to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Styrene is a hazardous chemical used in fiberglass production and the maximum exposure OSHA allows is 600 ppm. The October incident and several others throughout August and September at LM's plant led to proposed fines totaling \$136,500, which the agency announced April 25. The latest proposed fines, which LM can challenge, follows another set of proposed fines totaling \$92,000 for various incidents that contributed to the death of a worker in July. OSHA cited LM with four "serious" violations, with penalties totaling \$28,000; two "willful" violations, with penalties totaling \$70,000; and five "repeat" violations, with penalties totaling \$38,500. In one violation, OSHA said LM workers did not have proper protective equipment for working with styrene. "Severe chemical burns to the body were reported to the employer," the agency said.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/201467/group/homepage/>

5. *April 22, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E may never find all pipeline explosion records.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) officials acknowledged that they may never be able to find some of the documents for the utility's older natural gas pipelines in California. In a filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) April 21, PG&E said it cannot satisfy a state order to come up with what utility officials termed "traceable, verifiable and complete" records on its entire pipeline network. The CPUC ordered the utility to turn over the documents after the explosion in the fall of 2010 in San Bruno that killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes. Federal authorities have since determined that the pipeline failed at a welded seam. The San Francisco Chronicle reports PG&E officials are asking state regulators to accept what was termed "assumptions" about some of its older pipelines.

Source:

http://www.kolotv.com/californianews/headlines/PGE_May_Never_Find_All_Pipeline_Explosion_Records_120531369.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *April 26, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Hazardous material spill at Port of Tacoma.** A section of the Port of Tacoma in Washington was evacuated after a hazardous chemical spill April 26. Before 4 a.m., dock crews were unloading cargo from the tanker ship Hyundai Oakland when a substance was found to be leaking from one of the containers. A 55-gallon drum containing the highly flammable chemical chlorobenzotrifluoride, spilled onto the hull of the ship and the neighboring dock. The Tacoma Fire Department Hazardous Material Team responded and evacuated the pier at Washington United Terminal. Two workers on the ship, who were exposed to the chemical, were checked out by medics on the scene and later released. About 20 other crew members were being quarantined on the ship as a precaution, though it is not believed they were in any danger. No one else has been reported injured and none of the liquid was believed to have made it into the water. Cleanup crews were working to dispose of the chemical, a process officials said should take a few hours. A long line of

semi-trucks waiting to pick up their cargo from the ship parked along the terminal at 1815 Port of Tacoma Way. The trucks will not be allowed to enter the area until the department of ecology has determined it is safe.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/kcpq-hazmat-crews-respond-to-port-of-tacoma-20110426,0,1004611.story>

7. *April 25, WAKA 8 Selma* – (Alabama) **Montgomery plastics recycling plant explodes into flames.** An entire 2-mile radius had to be evacuated around a plastics recycling plant in the Montgomery, Alabama, community of Sellers, and residents were left concerned about a potential explosion. Thick black smoke billowing in the sky could be seen for miles. It was the result of a huge fire at the plastics recycling plant on U.S. Highway 331. Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency officials said the main threat was the potential for nearby propane tanks causing an explosion. This led to a reverse 9-1-1 response, notifying residents in a 2-mile radius of the situation and evacuating them. “The biggest thing we are concerned about are hazardous fumes settling down by the houses. We were real concerned about the houses south of here with the way the wind was blowing,” a Montgomery County Commissioner said. About 3 hours after the blaze broke out, the fire was contained, the threat of exploding propane tanks was eliminated, Highway 331 was reopened to traffic, and residents were allowed back into their homes. It is still unclear what caused the fire. A paramedic on the scene said he believes the blaze started on the outside of the building and then moved to the inside. Fire officials said three firefighters were treated for minor heat exhaustion, but there were no major injuries.

Source: <http://www.waka.com/news/7002-montgomery-plastics-recycling-plant-explodes-into-flames.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *April 25, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Vogtle reactor put back online after glitch.** Unit 1 of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant in Burke County, Georgia was back online April 25 after an unexpected automatic shutdown April 22. According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the reactor was running at 30 percent capacity at 11:30 a.m. April 25 after it was restarted April 24. “We did sync to the grid late [April 24] and are in the process of returning to full power,” said a Southern Nuclear spokeswoman. Engineers were continuing an investigation to determine the cause of the shutdown, which occurred April 20 when a breaker tripped in one of the unit’s safety systems. The breaker and related equipment were removed and replaced after the outage. So far, the new components appear to be operating as expected. The spokeswoman was unsure when the reactor would return to 100 percent production. “When you bring a reactor back online, there is a start-up process and safety checklists and testing and monitoring of everything,” she said. “So there is a natural time lapse.”

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2011-04-25/vogle-reactor-put-back-online-after-glitch>

9. *April 25, Salem Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Salem 1 nuclear reactor taken offline again because of Delaware River ‘grassing’ clogging cooling water intake.** The Salem 1 nuclear reactor in Lower Alloways Creek Township, New Jersey, was shut down for a second time in a week due to problems with vegetation in the Delaware River clogging the plant’s cooling water intakes. Salem 1 was taken offline at 10:44 a.m. April 24 due to “grassing,” a PSEG Nuclear spokesman said April 25. The reactor originally was shut down April 21, but was restarted April 23. This spring’s grassing problem is among the worst seen at the Artificial Island nuclear generating complex since the mid-1990s, the spokesman said. Salem 1 remained in hot shutdown mode April 25, he said. Although not sending electricity through the regional power grid, the plant is hovering at 9 percent power. Salem 1 and 2 draw 3 billion gallons of water per day from the Delaware River when operating at full power. The problem with vegetation has not impacted Salem 2 because it has been offline since April 9 for a scheduled refueling outage. The neighboring Hope Creek reactor at Artificial Island has a cooling tower that recirculates water, so it draws about 58 million gallons per day from the river when operating at full power. Hope Creek has not been impacted by the grassing problems. A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokesman said the April 21 shutdown will count as a hit against the plant’s performance indicator for unplanned shutdowns. The second shutdown will count as an unplanned power change. If a plant experiences three unplanned shutdowns or six power changes in a period of 7,000 operating hours, it would prompt additional oversight by the NRC.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/04/salem_1_reactor_taken_offline.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *April 25, Broomfield Enterprise* – (International) **Broomfield man charged with giving defense data to South Korea.** A Broomfield, Colorado man was charged the week of April 18 with providing technical defense data to South Korea. The man pleaded not guilty April 21 and was released on a personal recognizance bond, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney’s office in Denver. The data in question is related to a Lens No. 3 RTS and a Prism/Lens No. 3 assembly, according to the news release. The data is on the U.S. Munitions List, which is regulated by the U.S. State Department. The man did not have the necessary license or written permission to share the information, according to the news release. If convicted, he could face up to

10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. Upon conviction, the government also is seeking any proceeds from the data transfer or a judgment of \$36,000. The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

Source: http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/ci_17924387

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *April 26, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Alabama) **Former president of Alabama Central Credit Union charged with bank fraud.** Federal prosecutors April 26 charged a former credit union president with bank fraud in connection with fictitious companies whose bills were paid through the Birmingham, Alabama-based credit union, announced a U.S. attorney and the FBI Special Agent in Charge. The U.S. Attorney charged the former president of Alabama Central Credit Union in a one-count information filed April 26 in U.S. District Court. Prosecutors also filed a plea agreement in which the 42-year-old acknowledges the fraud and agrees to plead guilty to the bank fraud charge. As part of the plea agreement, the man agrees to pay restitution and forfeiture of \$140,000. Between about April 2009 and June 2010, the former president submitted fraudulent bills and invoices on behalf of two fictitious companies he had created. Neither business had provided any services or goods to the credit union. He would authorize payment by the credit union of those bills and invoices he submitted in the name of the fictitious companies. The money paid by the credit union to the accounts of the fictitious companies was controlled and ultimately spent by the man. The maximum sentence for the bank fraud charge is 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/former-president-of-alabama-central-credit-union-charged-with-bank-fraud>

12. *April 25, FoxNews.com* – (Maryland) **Maryland armored truck robbed in brazen midday heist.** Two armed men brazenly robbed a midday money shipment April 25 as it was transferred from an armored truck into a Bank of America in Clinton, Maryland, police told FoxNews.com. Police are searching for two men who wore black masks and approached the victim from behind while he delivered the money to the bank. Both men were armed with what eyewitnesses described as “long guns.” The men apparently used a white truck with a ladder as a getaway vehicle. Authorities are currently reviewing surveillance video. There were no reported injuries, and the amount of money stolen is unclear. Later, police said one suspect displayed an assault rifle and the other a silver handgun. The victim complied and the suspects took an undetermined amount of cash and fled the scene in a white van, according to a statement. Police are asking the public for assistance in searching for the men. Both suspects were identified as black males in their 30s. The man armed with the rifle was about 6-foot tall, and the man with the handgun was about 5-foot-9-inches tall.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/04/25/maryland-armored-truck-robbed-brazen-mid-day-heist/?test=latestnews>

13. *April 22, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **New York broker pleads guilty in international stock fraud scheme.** A 47-year-old New York stock broker pleaded guilty in federal court April 21 in Detroit, Michigan, to conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud in connection with a spamming organization’s stock pump-and-dump scheme. A federal grand jury indicted the man in December 2010, charging him in a wide-ranging fraud scheme involving four previously convicted co-conspirators as well as a number of others from January 2005 through December 2007. The charges arose after a multi-year investigation, which revealed a sophisticated operation that focused on running a pump-and-dump scheme, whereby the defendants sent spam touting thinly traded Chinese and Israeli penny stocks, drove up their stock price, and reaped profits by selling the stock at artificially inflated prices. The broker’s roles in the scheme included trading the stocks that were illegally promoted by spam e-mail campaigns; arranging for shares of the stocks to be transferred into the brokerage accounts he established; executing stock trades at the direction of one of the conspirators rather than the direction of the named account holders; causing funds that resulted from the stock trades to be transferred to bank accounts beneficially controlled by other co-conspirators; and providing confidential account data to his co-conspirators and others involved in the scheme without authorization from the account holders. The indictment alleged that during the course of the scheme the broker caused the sale of about 30 million shares of stock, generating about \$30 million for the co-conspirators and more than \$600,000 in commissions for himself.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/380095/usdoj_new_york_broker_pleads_guilty_in_international_stock_fraud_scheme.html

14. *April 22, IDG News Service* – (Washington) **Seattle police say ‘wardrivers’ are hitting small businesses.** Police in Seattle, Washington, are investigating a group of criminals who they say have been cruising around town stealing credit card data by tapping into wireless networks belonging to area businesses, IDG News Service reports April 22. The group has been at it for about 5 years, according to an affidavit signed by a fraud investigator with the Seattle Police Department. “A number of area small and medium-sized businesses have been targeted in these network intrusions, which have also involved a pattern of financial and personal identifying information (such as credit card information),” the investigator wrote in his affidavit, dated April 13. He believes the group has been “wardriving” the Seattle area in a customized 1988 Mercedes Benz, looking for companies using an unsecured Wi-Fi standard called Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP). WEP has well-documented security flaws and has been considered for years to be insecure, but was widely used in routers built between about 2000 and 2005. Wardrivers typically use long-range antennas connected to laptops to compile lists and locations of wireless networks, driving from street to street and logging the Wi-Fi activity they find. Many big retailers have increased security in response to previous incidents, but small companies are often at risk. Investigators had been tracking the gang and the black Mercedes since at least February 2010, police said in a court filing requesting permission to seize the car. A spokeswoman with the U.S. Department of Justice would not say whether charges had been brought against any of the suspects. The gang is thought to have stolen more than \$750,000 worth of items, according to the

Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216119/Seattle_police_say_wardrivers_are_hitting_small_businesses

15. *April 22, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Kickbacks alleged in a Trooien condo project in Minnetonka.** Three real estate professionals were charged April 21 in an alleged kickback conspiracy involving a condominium project by a bankrupt St. Paul, Minnesota developer. The alleged conspiracy involved more than 40 units in the Cloud 9 Sky Flats, an office tower in Minnetonka that the developer converted into condos several years ago. Federal prosecutors charged a defrocked Apple Valley real estate broker, a Minneapolis appraiser, and an inactive Eden Prairie real estate agent in what is described as a \$4.2 million mortgage fraud conspiracy involving the Cloud 9 condos. The Apple Valley broker also faces a charge of money laundering. The charges were filed in a “felony information” rather than an indictment, which generally indicates that a plea agreement is expected. The developer, a businessman with more than 100 business entities, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October. He was not mentioned in the charging documents filed April 21, but earlier in 2011, federal agents raided the headquarters of his company, JLT Group, searching for evidence of a fraud scheme. The affidavit they used to obtain the search warrant has remained under seal. According to the government, the three defendants knew buyers of the Cloud 9 units were being paid about 30 percent of the purported purchase price outside of the formal closing. That money went into an account under the Apple Valley broker’s control, and she skimmed some for herself and her co-conspirators before returning the rest to the buyers, who had agreed to the process. Prosecutors said lenders knew nothing about the arrangement and ended up funding artificially inflated loans. Records show that at least 32 units have gone into foreclosure.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/120428624.html>

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Transportation Sector

16. *April 25, CNN* – (National) **NTSB urges fatigue-fighting strategies for air traffic controllers.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) hopes air traffic controllers may soon benefit from long-standing research into worker fatigue by implementing strategies that include intentional sleeping on the job, the use of caffeine, and other methods shown by science to deal with the overnight shift. “A controlled nap can boost performance significantly,” an NTSB board member said at an April 25 briefing. Citing a 1995 study from National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that has been backed by other research, he said, “A 26-minute nap improved performance 34 percent and alertness 54 percent” The study prompted an advisory that has been adopted by some international air carriers to keep pilots more alert in the cockpit. The measures were not moved forward by the Federal Aviation Administration

(FAA). Congressional lawmakers may soon consider legislation reauthorizing the FAA that includes provisions addressing fatigue. NTSB's recommendations followed a cross-country listening tour of air traffic controllers. The board's advice was issued to federal and other agencies.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/04/25/ntsb.fatigue/index.html>

17. *April 25, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Bridge collapses during construction project.** Two people were hurt April 25 when a bridge collapsed in Fort Dodge, Iowa. A crew was working to tear down part of the bridge on Highway 169 over Second Avenue when it collapsed around 8:30 a.m. The Fort Dodge fire chief said the workers were beginning to remove part of the deck on the bridge when it fell about 20 feet. The director of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Office of Bridges and Structures said a contractor was working on the bridge in the southbound lanes, removing the bridge deck with an excavator. “Looks like there was some failure in the bridge and it brought down the bridge with the excavator on the bridge deck itself at the time,” an IDOT construction supervisor said. The middle span of the bridge had already been removed, and he said it was possible that weakened the remaining section of the bridge. “We don’t really know what happened but it looks like that maybe had some unequal loading on the remainder, on the rest of the bridge,” he said. Because of the work to the bridge, there was no traffic in the southbound lanes of Highway 169 at the time of the collapse.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/27659704/detail.html>

18. *April 25, KRGV 5 Weslaco* – (Texas) **Police say IED found on expressway was a Dud.** Police said the improvised explosive device (IED) found on Highway 77 near the FM 1732 exit in Brownsville, Texas, was a homemade device and not functional. Authorities said the pineapple grenade casing was modified to be an IED. The device was poorly constructed and would have caused minimal damage if it had exploded, police said. There was no detonator on the device. Police said no one was in any real danger at the time the explosive was found and the expressway was shut down. The device was safely detonated by a bomb squad robot. Authorities are now trying to figure out how the grenade got there.

Source: <http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Police-Say-IED-Found-on-Expressway-Was-a-Dud/IY6CqokN3kueQfuaevs8Tw.csp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *April 25, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Mailbox bandit sentenced to 4 years.** A mailbox bandit and reported Chinese gang leader has been sentenced to 4 years in prison for an elaborate scheme to steal checks and thousands of dollars. The 57-year-old man stole more than \$90,000 by jamming the keyhole of a U.S. Post Office depository in Wilton, Connecticut in April 2010 and creating a false key for the

depository, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. He used the key to steal mail that several Wilton, Norwalk, and Westport residents deposited there. He removed the checks, created counterfeit checks drawn on residents' accounts, and set up different accounts at Wachovia Bank, Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, and Citibank branches in Connecticut under different names using false Chinese passports and U.S. resident alien cards, according to a U.S. attorney. He was arrested in July 2010 and pleaded guilty to bank fraud and one count of illegally reentering the United States after having been deported in September 2010. He will spend 38 months in prison, and a consecutive 12-month prison term for violating the conditions of his supervised release that followed his 2005 federal conviction.

Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Mailbox-Bandit-Sentenced-to-4-Years-120629244.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *April 26, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Fire prompts Hy-Vee evacuation.** Employees at a Hy-Vee grocery store in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, went back to work about 10:15 a.m. after an hour-long evacuation April 25. An electrical fire that spread smoke around the grocery store was out before firefighters arrived slightly after 9 a.m., the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue captain said, but the building was evacuated out of concerns about smoke. The fire started on a scissor lift being used by a construction worker in the store on a remodeling job. A nearby employee saw the small blaze and put it out with a fire extinguisher. Store managers ushered employees and customers out of the store and kept the doors closed until the smoke cleared, which took about an hour, the captain said. No one was injured during the incident.
Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110426/NEWS/104260326/Fire-prompts-Hy-Vee-evacuation?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|NEWS>

21. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio fire marshal: Morgan County fire that killed 8 horses is arson.** The Ohio state fire marshal ruled a barn fire that killed eight horses in eastern Ohio was arson. A state fire marshal's office spokesman said seven adult horses and a foal died April 24 in the fire in McConnelsville. The barn was destroyed. The spokesman said investigators were looking into messages painted on the barn before the fire. He would not disclose the content of the messages but said they were derogatory. Authorities said the owner called 911 when he discovered the fire. The chief of the Malta-McConnelsville Fire Department said the quarter horses were used mostly for show purposes.
Source:
<http://www.chillicothe Gazette.com/article/20110426/NEWS01/104260313/1002/news01/Ohio-fire-marshal-Morgan-County-fire-killed-8-horses-arson>

22. *April 26, Intelligencer and Wheeling News-Register* – (West Virginia) **Officials contain ammonia leak at East Wheeling plant.** Police and fire department officials shut down a large portion of the East Wheeling industrial area in Pennsylvania for

about 30 minutes April 25 after reports of an ammonia leak at Ziegenfelder Ice Cream Co. The frozen treat plant evacuated all employees about 3:15 p.m. after a third-party vendor reportedly spilled the substance — known for its toxic effects on the respiratory system — while doing work inside the factory, the company president said. She noted the issue was not a result of faulty equipment or employee error. Once public safety officials arrived on scene, they blocked off all entry points from 16th to 18th streets between Jacob and Eoff streets. All employees received health checks and were evacuated to a pre-planned safe zone along 18th Street. The company president said there have been minor ammonia leaks at the plant in the past, and emergency protocols are always exercised. Employees all retreat to a safe zone after using a manual time card system that tracks who leaves the building. The system ensures no one is still inside the building. Ziegenfelder is best known for mass-producing frozen treats under the brand name Budget Saver.

Source: <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/554447/Officials-Contain-Ammonia-Leak-at-East-Wheeling-Plant.html?nav=515>

23. *April 25, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **4 treated, released after ammonia spill in NE Neb.** Four people were treated for exposure to ammonia April 25 in Martinsburg, Nebraska. The spokeswoman for Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa, said a mother and two children were flown there after the leak, and all four were treated and released by that afternoon. About 100 people were evacuated from the community April 25. The Dixon County sheriff's office said they were allowed to return home a few hours later. The Dixon County emergency manager said a farmer was using anhydrous ammonia fertilizer on his field when a trailer carrying a 1,000-gallon tank unhooked and snapped a line. A shutoff valve on the tank failed, so it began to leak. Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/news/article/4-treated-released-after-ammonia-spill-in-NE-Neb-1351412.php>
24. *April 25, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Hackers steal credit card information from Amherst Co. store.** Dozens of people had their credit card information stolen in Amherst County, Virginia, over the past 3 months. But the suspects are thousands of miles away. The sheriff's office said the one common thread between the more than 100 thefts is the Country Corner Market in Madison Heights. No employees at the store are to blame because a computer network was hacked, allowing a program to send all of the numbers to several locations overseas. Store owners have now made security upgrades. Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/14510864/hackers-steal-credit-card-information-from-amherst-co-store>

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Water Sector

25. *April 26, Lorain Morning Journal* – (Ohio) **Failure to issue boil alert EPA violation.** Utility workers should have issued a boil alert earlier this month when Lorain's water treatment plant could not reduce cloudiness in the water, said an Ohio

Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) spokesman. Residents of Lorain, Amherst, Sheffield Lake, and Northern Ohio Rural Water did not receive a “Drinking Water Warning” until April 23 that explained Lorain’s water treatment plant had high levels of turbidity, of cloudiness, April 9 and 10. Bacteria tests showed the water was safe to drink, but the warning notes that due to the high turbidity, “there is an increased chance that the water may contain disease-causing organisms,” according to OEPA and the warning. The problem was detected and resolved the same day, so it was not an emergency situation that required a boil advisory, the Lorain service director said. Lorain in the future will follow OEPA guidelines for issuing a boil advisory and will not prematurely warn citizens, which would be a waste of time and money while possibly causing panic, the director said. His office and the Lorain City Health Department received no calls from anyone claiming to suffer ill effects from the city’s water. OEPA April 21 issued a notice of violation to the city, which required them to notify customers immediately after that, an agency spokesman said.

Source: <http://morningjournal.com/articles/2011/04/26/news/mj4447833.txt>

26. *April 26, GateHouse News Service* – (Illinois) **Flooding closes area roads.** Rising waters have forced crews to close a portion of Route 37 in Franklin County, Illinois. A stretch between West Frankfort and Benton has water on the road in two different places. It is overflow from the Big Muddy River. There is also concern about how the flood waters will affect the sewage treatment plant. Right now, two giant pumps are working hard to keep the waters from completely taking over. The sewer and water commissioner said a third pump has been brought in to help keep the water out as well. Customers might experience problems with their sewer systems, he said, noting, however, the city is doing everything it can to prevent major problems.

Source: <http://www.dailyrepublicannews.com/news/x1146476837/Flooding-closes-area-roads>

27. *April 25, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Iowa) **Dubuque, Iowa, to pay \$205,000 penalty, spend \$3 million on sewer improvements to settle violations of Clean Water Act.** The City of Dubuque, Iowa, has agreed to pay a \$205,000 civil penalty and spend an additional \$3 million on improvements to its water pollution control plant and sewer collection system over the next 3 years to settle a series of alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), the U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced April 25. Dubuque’s violations of its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit date back to the early 1970s, when its water pollution control plant was built. Along with 165 miles of gravity sewer lines, three major pump stations and eight smaller lift stations, the plant comprises a public sewer system that serves the city of about 92,000 residents along the Mississippi River. Dubuque’s violations of its NPDES permit and the CWA identified by EPA and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources include: Approximately 39 sanitary sewer overflows that occurred between 2002 and 2007; about 687 violations of effluent limits for total suspended solids, total residual chlorine, and carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand in its wastewater discharges between 2002 and 2007; and failures to comply with a pretreatment program. The consent decree sets forth a series of schedules for the city’s completion of various

projects to improve the system. All upgrades must be completed within 34 months of the decree's effective date. The decree is subject to a 30-day public comment period and court approval before it becomes final.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/4721A64F47459CE28525787D0068EA2A>

28. *April 25, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Galveston water supply uncertain after line break.** Officials shut the water pipeline supplying Galveston Island, Texas, for repairs April 25, forcing the city to reactivate a smaller 100-year-old water line to supplement its depleted reserves, the city manager said. The city's 31-million-gallon-reserves were badly depleted over the Easter holiday as tourists swarmed to the city and two cruise ships took on water following a catastrophic break in the main trunk water line supplying the city from the mainland, he said. City water reserves are about 50 percent and there is no guarantee the additional water routed through the old line will keep the city from going dry before repairs are completed, the city manager said. The Gulf Coast Water Authority has not received the parts needed to repair the 42-inch pipe, he said, and it is uncertain how long repairs will take. The city was able to replenish some reserves before the line was shut down. Tiki Island and Bayou Vista also were cut off when the pipeline was shut, but both have wells. The leak also is affecting water supplies in Santa Fe, Dickinson, League City, Hitchcock, and La Marque. Galveston officials said the leak, discovered 2 months ago, could have been repaired earlier. In declaring an emergency shortage, Galveston officials barred watering lawns, washing vehicles, or filling swimming pools. Violators can be fined up to \$2,000. Officials do not know what caused the slow leak to become catastrophic, but one theory is Galveston's request for a larger volume of water put too much pressure on the weakened pipe.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/7536187.html>

29. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Dam leak leaves Sultan reservoir dry.** In Washington, a leak in a dam has left the city of Sultan's primary source of water dry. The Herald of Everett reports workers discovered the leak April 20 after they found mud coming out of a main water pipe. The reservoir, known as Lake 16, is located 2 miles from the city's water treatment plant and is a 45-minute drive from downtown. An engineering firm is studying the extent of the damage. In the meantime, the city of 4,000 is getting water from Everett.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2014855969_sultanwater24m.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *April 25, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **One dead, two wounded in shooting at east-side clinic.** Homicide investigators arrested a suspect in connection with a shooting April 25 at an east side drug rehabilitation clinic in Detroit, Michigan, that killed one man and left two others in critical condition. The shooting occurred about 12:45 p.m. at St. John

Eastwood Clinics' Conner House, 11542 Conner. Five squad cars and a crime scene investigator's van were at the scene near Detroit City Airport about 3:45 p.m. Police had blocked off the brick home that houses the rehab center, and two other houses north of the center. Yellow crime scene tape also blocked Saint Patrick Street. "The motive could be a robbery, or an argument," said the head of the Detroit Police homicide section. The Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team arrested the suspect about 8 p.m. April 25 after finding him inside a vacant dwelling in the 12000 block of Loretto, police said.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110425/METRO01/104250415/1410/METRO01/O-ne-dead--two-wounded-in-shooting-at-east-side-clinic>

31. *April 25, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Health officials try to contain measles in Utah.** Utah health officials were trying to contain a measles outbreak that may have infected hundreds of people who attended two recent community events. Nine cases in the state have been linked to exposure to one unvaccinated person who contracted the disease in Poland, according to the Salt Lake Valley health department. Epidemiologists determined the infected person exposed as many as 1,000 people in April. Measles can infect 90 percent of people near an infected individual if they are not immune. To keep the outbreak from spreading, state health officials were urging anyone who attended either event to contact the Utah Poison Control Center to determine if they were properly vaccinated against the measles virus. Those who attended the first event also are being asked to stay at home until April 29, and those who attended the second event were asked to stay home until May 1. Nationwide, 84 measles cases have been reported this year, the most since 2008 when there were 140 cases, many of which were traced to an outbreak in Arizona started by a Swedish tourist, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported April 22. Officials said outbreaks also have been reported in Minnesota and New Jersey. Utah has an immunization rate of up to 97 percent, health officials said.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/04/25/health/main20057154.shtml>
32. *April 25, Longmont Times-Call* – (Colorado) **Police seek help ID'ing caller in Longmont United Hospital bomb threat.** Police were asking for help identifying a man who made a bomb threat April 24 directed at Longmont United Hospital (LUH) in Colorado. At about 7:08 p.m., the Longmont Emergency Communications Center received a bomb threat directed at the hospital at 1950 Mountain View Avenue. Police released an audio clip of a man telling a 911 operator that, "The device I have left at Longmont United has a pressure release detonator, so do not move it ... Do not use a water cannon." Anyone with information is asked to call the Longmont Police Department or Northern Colorado Crime Stoppers. "The guy's voice is pretty recognizable," a Longmont police official said. "There's no accent, but I think if you knew the voice, you would recognize it." According to police, LUH officials were notified about the threat and chose to lock down the building until the surrounding areas could be searched. As a precaution, the Longmont Clinic at 1925 Mountain View Avenue was also locked down and searched. No bomb was located, and police, fire, and hospital personnel involved in the search were released several hours later. No

patients or visitors were in danger, according to police.

Source: http://www.dailycamera.com/news/ci_17923731

33. *April 25, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **New Orleans coroner's office catches fire.** The New Orleans Parish Coroner's Office in Louisiana caught fire April 25, according to the New Orleans fire department. The fire may have begun in the kitchen of the onestory masonry building at 2612 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, officials said in a statement. The blaze was reported at 10:18 a.m. When firefighters arrived on the scene 3 minutes later, they found heavy smoke coming from the rear of the building. Six units responded and brought the fire under control by 10:43 a.m. Hazardous materials personnel remained on scene to check the air quality around the building because of the chemicals used in embalming. The chief investigator for the coroner's office said he was told by the fire department that the blaze began in the kitchen, with one of the appliances as the cause. The affected area was limited to the kitchen and office areas. There is no electricity currently in that area of the building and the clerical staff was given the day off, he said. The side of the building where autopsies are conducted and where bodies are stored does have electricity and is not damaged, he said.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/04/new_orleans_coroners_office_ca.html

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Oregon National Guard Sgt. pleads guilty to theft.** An Oregon Army National Guard sergeant accused of stealing and reselling military body armor pleaded guilty April 25 in Portland to theft of government property. The Oregonian reports the 30-year-old man from Gresham will be sentenced August 1 in federal court. Investigators with the Defense Department and FBI estimated the value of military equipment stolen from the Gresham armory at more than \$15,000. An informant said the body armor was destined for an outlaw motorcycle gang in California.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Oregon-National-Guard-Sgt-pleads-guilty-to-theft-1352830.php>

35. *April 25, St. Louis Business Journal* – (Missouri) **Missouri Air National Guard base damaged in tornado.** The tornado that struck north St. Louis County, Missouri April 22 damaged the Missouri Air National Guard base at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport. Air National Guard officials said they were conducting a damage assessment at the base, which is home to the 131st Mission Support Group and several tenant units. "We have 16 buildings on the south side of the base that were damaged, and we are moving offices and equipment to non-damaged structures," the commanding officer of the 131st said.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2011/04/25/air-national-guard-base-damaged-in.html>

36. *April 25, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Chicago man pleads guilty to college bomb threats.** An 18-year-old Chicago, Illinois man could face up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty April 25 to making bomb threats to dormitories at Western Illinois University in the fall of 2010. The suspect pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to one count of making a false bomb threat under a plea agreement with prosecutors. The man, who was originally charged with nine counts, faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in August and could be ordered to pay costs associated with the investigation. The man was arrested October 25 for telephoning a bomb threat into the Macomb, Illinois, campus, authorities said. After he posted \$500 bond and was released by Illinois authorities, he used a family member's e-mail address to make additional bomb threats to the school, and he left voice and written messages seeking to throw off investigators, prosecutors said. The next eight calls used an automated calling system in which users can log onto a Web site and record or type a message to be delivered to a telephone number. School officials ordered repeated evacuations in response to the threats. A police bomb squad and bomb-sniffing dogs were called out to search for explosives. The threatening messages were traced to an e-mail address belonging to the suspect's family member. Prosecutors said the family member was not involved and was unaware of the calls.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/26/us-bombthreat-plea-idUSTRE73P02520110426>

37. *April 25, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **U.S. orders partial evacuation of embassy in Syria.** The United States late April 25 ordered embassy family members and some non-emergency personnel to leave Syria, citing the “uncertainty and volatility” of a crackdown on protesters there. The State Department's ordered departure, along with a travel warning telling U.S. citizens to leave Syria, followed another day of violent attacks on protesters by Syrian security forces. “The Department of State has ordered all eligible family members of U.S. government employees as well as certain non-emergency personnel to depart Syria,” the statement said. “Embassy operations will continue to the extent possible under the constraints of an evolving security situation,” it said. “Given the uncertainty and volatility of the current situation, U.S. citizens in Syria are advised to limit nonessential travel within the country,” it said. About 390 people have been killed in security crackdowns since the protests erupted, rights activists and witnesses said.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110425-711963.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *April 26, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Jet fuel poured from bullet hole while LAPD helicopter made emergency landing, authorities say.** Jet fuel was pouring from the bullet hole when the Los Angeles, California Police Department helicopter struck by sniper fire April 24 in Van Nuys made an emergency landing, authorities said

April 25. The pilot “heard a loud thump outside the aircraft and took evasive action,” said the chief pilot for the police air support division. “He knew the fuel tank had been hit — he could smell the fuel and some of it got on the windshield.” Police arrested a suspect after officers reportedly saw him aiming a rifle skyward in the 15700 block of Saticoy Street about 6 a.m. Officials said April 25 that no other suspect is being sought. The lieutenant of the helicopter unit said the crew involved in the April 24 emergency landing at Van Nuys Airport was back at work April 25. The helicopter was being checked for additional bullet damage, he said. Police try to keep at least two helicopters airborne at all times, and crews practice emergency auto-rotation landings every 90 days. The April 24 landing was done under full power, they said.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-chopper-shot-20110426,0,1588935.story>

39. *April 26, Long Beach Press-Telegram* – (California; National) **First port security training center unveiled.** Police officers across the country can now undergo 5 weeks of maritime security training at a new operations center that opened April 25 at the Port of Los Angeles, California. At the same time, federal, and city officials asked the public to remain vigilant of any suspicious activity at the nation’s busiest seaport. The 5-week program trains law enforcement personnel on various boating laws, maritime intelligence and how to spot terrorist threats or weapons of mass destruction that could pose a danger to cargo and cruise vessels. Classes will be held at the new \$16.1 million Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center in San Pedro, which was funded by federal and state grants. The facility is equipped with classrooms, a helicopter landing pad and floating docks. The new training facility also is expected to help relieve a backlog in training law enforcement officials on federal security protocols, the DHS Secretary said. The first class at the Port of Los Angeles began the week of April 11 with 24 officers.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10258736/first-port-security-training-center-unveiled>

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Information Technology Sector

40. *April 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Lawmakers quiz Apple, Google about location tracking.** A U.S. Senator from Minnesota and the attorney general of Illinois have separately pressed Apple and Google to provide more information about the location data they collect about their end users. The requests from the politicians follow recent reports Google and Apple have been collecting data about the location of Android and iPhone users without their permission. While both companies ask permission before collecting the location data required for certain applications, the reports, starting with one in the Wall Street Journal, show the companies also collect location information when not required to do so by an application. The attorney general said she has asked the companies to explain what information they store, for how long they store it, and what it is used for. The Senator April 25 asked representatives from Google and Apple to attend a hearing May 10 about protecting mobile privacy. Also,

two consumers filed a lawsuit in Florida April 22 that charges Apple with fraud over the alleged data collection. In addition, a U.S. Congressman from Massachusetts said he wrote to Apple's CEO the week of April 18 with questions about the company's data collection practices. Apple has not commented on the matter. Google said it does not collect location information without user permission.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216164/Lawmakers_quiz_Apple_Google_about_location_tracking

41. *April 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **DHS chief: What we learned from Stuxnet.** If there is a lesson to be learned from 2010's Stuxnet worm, it is the private sector must be able to respond quickly to cyber-emergencies, the head of DHS said April 25. "The key thing we learned from Stuxnet was the need for rapid response across the private sector," she told engineering students at the University of California, Berkeley. "There, we need to increase the rapidity of response, because in that area — as in several other recent attacks — we've seen very, very sophisticated, very, very novel ways of attacking. When you're getting at control systems, now you're really talking [about] taking things over, so this is an area of deep concern for us." Stuxnet was a watershed event, according to the Secretary. When Stuxnet hit, DHS was sent scrambling to analyze the threat. Systems had to be flown in from Germany to the federal government's Idaho National Laboratory. In short order the worm was decoded, but for some time, many companies that owned Siemens equipment were left wondering what, if any measures, they should take to protect themselves from the new worm. Both Siemens and the DHS group responsible for communicating with operators of industrial systems (the Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team, or ICS-CERT) could have been better at getting information out to the public, a security expert said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216166/DHS_chief_What_we_learned_from_Stuxnet

42. *April 25, The Register* – (International) **Sony unsure if PlayStation Network user data was stolen.** Sony has yet to determine if customers' personal information and credit card details have been stolen as part of an external intrusion into its system that has left its PlayStation network inaccessible for 5 days. "Our efforts to resolve this matter involve re-building our system to further strengthen our network infrastructure," a Sony spokesman blogged April 24. "Though this task is time-consuming, we decided it was worth the time necessary to provide the system with additional security." The day before, he said Sony systems suffered an "external intrusion" that required the PlayStation Network and the related Qriocity services to be taken offline April 20. He said April 24 Sony had no update or estimate when service might be restored. According to PCWorld, members of Sony's public relations team said the company has not yet determined if personal information or payment card data of PlayStation Network users was exposed. The intrusion follows months of criticism by some PlayStation fans over Sony's legal dragnet of hackers who jailbroke the popular game console so it would run apps and games not officially sanctioned by Sony. Critics

argued that Sony's aggressive litigation has targeted hackers for publicly speaking about jailbreaks to hardware they legally purchased. It is still unclear who is behind the PlayStation Network attack, which is affecting about 70 million registered users.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/25/sony_psn_intrusion/

43. *April 25, Electronic Engineering Times* – (International) **Three indicted for PC exports to Iran.** Three individuals have been recently indicted on charges of illegally exporting millions of dollars worth of computer-related equipment from the United States to Iran via the United Arab Emirates, according to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), *Electronic Engineering Times* reported April 25. One man, a U.S. citizen, and his Queens, New York-based company, Sunrise Technologies and Trading Co., were indicted in Washington D.C. on 27 counts relating to the illegal export of computer-related equipment to Iran without first having obtained the required license from the Treasury Department, according to the DOJ. He was arrested on a criminal complaint in New York April 6, and had his initial appearance in court in New York April 7. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for each of the counts and 5 years for each false statement count, according to the DOJ. Two other men, both U.S. citizens, and their Costa Mesa, California company, Online Micro LLC, were indicted in Washington D.C. on 32 counts relating to the illegal export of computer-related equipment to Iran without the required license from Treasury. The two were arrested on a criminal complaint in California April 7, and had their initial appearance in court in the Central District of California April 7. If convicted, both defendants face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and \$1 million fine for each of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act counts, and 5 years for each false statement, and 20 years for each obstruction of justice count, according to the DOJ. In April 2010, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations agents seized hundreds of laptop computers that originated from Sunrise and were destined for Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Communications related to these shipments indicated the purchasers were located in Iran, according to the affidavit.

Source: <http://www.eetimes.com/electronics-news/4215450/Three-indicted-for-PC-exports-to-Iran>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at 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

44. *April 26, Charleston Daily Mail* – (West Virginia) **Thieves cut cable wires at department of agriculture.** Cable thieves are to blame for cutting off West Virginia's

Department of Agriculture's headquarters from the outside world April 25, an official said. When employees arrived for work at the department's Guthrie headquarters, they discovered all external communications had been severed. Thieves cut the wires leading to the department's headquarters — located about 10 miles north of Charleston — in an attempt to strip copper from the utility cables, the department spokesman said. When the thieves cut the copper phone lines, they also severed the fiber optic data lines that provide online service to the headquarters. As a result, department employees had no way to call or e-mail anyone outside their building. The department of agriculture's Web site was also down as a result of the outage. Information technology staffers were able to forward incoming office calls to staff cell phones, so no employees were sent home as a result of the outage. The department expected service to be restored by the afternoon of April 27.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/News/201104251065>

45. *April 22, NextGov* – (National) **Federal radio navigation plan relies on GPS, with no backup.** The federal government intends to rely on the Global Positioning System (GPS) for precision navigation, location, and timing services for the foreseeable future, with no defined backup, according to a key planning document released April 21 by the Defense, Homeland Security, and Transportation departments. The 2010 Federal Radio Navigation Plan envisions decommissioning key ground band navigation aids maintained by the Federal Aviation Administration as it moves to its GPS-based Next-Generation Air Transportation System.

Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110422_3383.php

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *April 26, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **6 rescued from Chesterfield apartment building fire.** Chesterfield, Virginia firefighters rescued six people from a burning apartment building April 26. None of the six was seriously injured. The six were taken to VCU Medical Center for treatment of smoke inhalation. “Most of it was precautionary,” a Chesterfield Fire & EMS lieutenant said. Forty-four people — 31 of them children — were displaced by the fire in the 3-story, 12-unit building at the Colonial Ridge apartments in the 2700 block of Martingale Road, just west of Jefferson Davis Highway in the county's Walthall area. Investigators later determined the fire to be accidental, caused when someone fell asleep while cooking. The fire was reported at 3:03 a.m., and the first units on scene encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from the wood-frame, vinyl-siding building, prompting a second alarm to be declared at 3:13 a.m. The building features four apartments on each floor — two on either side of a breezeway — and fire officials said the fire appeared to have started in one of the second-floor units. It quickly spread to the third floor and the breezeway area, trapping the third-floor residents. A fire spokesman said firefighters were able to quickly get two adults and four juveniles from the third floor. The fire, in a building that lacks a

sprinkler system, was declared under control in about 40 minutes after causing extensive damage to the structure. The county fire marshal's office later determined a resident of one of the second-floor units left a pan with food on a hot stove.

Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2011/apr/26/3/6-rescued-burning-chesterfield-apartment-building-ar-996077/>

47. *April 26, Port Huron Times-Herald* – (Michigan) **Bomb removed from Port Huron park.** A Port Huron, Michigan police sergeant said members of the Michigan State Police (MSP) bomb squad were able to disable a pipe bomb using a robot April 25 in Gratiot Park. Police responded to the park shortly before 9 p.m. April 25 after a resident spotted the bomb near Cherry Street. The sergeant said two suspects, both Port Huron boys, were located. Pending further investigation, the case will be forwarded to the prosecutor's office and charges will be sought, he said. No injuries were reported in the incident. The sergeant said the bomb was taken back to the MSP crime lab.
Source: <http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20110426/NEWS05/110426005/Bomb-removed-from-Port-Huron-park-?odyssey=nav|head>

48. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Colorado authorities arrest suspect in Boulder for pipe bomb left at Denver-area shopping mall.** A man suspected of leaving a pipe bomb and two propane tanks at a Denver, Colorado-area shopping mall April 20 was arrested 30 miles northwest in Boulder, Colorado, authorities said April 26. The 65-year-old was captured April 26 at a grocery store, a Boulder Police spokeswoman said. Authorities have been searching for the suspect since the explosives were discovered April 20 at the Southwest Plaza Mall. The bomb and tanks were found after a fire, but they did not detonate. No injuries were reported. The fire occurred on the 12th anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School, which is about 2 miles from the mall. Authorities also noted that the times of the mall fire and the Columbine shootings were similar, as was the use of a pipe bomb and propane tanks, which were used during the attack at the school in 1999 that killed 12 students and a teacher. However, the FBI said April 25 the fire was likely not related to Columbine. Investigators said they found a motive but have not released additional information.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5a7f6acca5ad4b27aa3f90a80426f7c6/US--Colorado-Mall-Fire/>

49. *April 25, Reuters* – (New York) **Prayers at Sikh Temple in New York erupt in sword fight.** A leadership dispute that turned violent at a Sikh temple in New York City, New York, landed congregants in court April 25 on criminal charges, a prosecutor said. Amid the fight, followers of the two men who each claim to be the rightful president of the Baba Makhan Shah Lobana Sikh Center in Richmond Hill set upon each other April 24, according to court documents filed by the Queens district attorney's office. Eight men were arrested on various charges of assault, criminal possession of a weapon and disruption of a religious service, police said. A police officer suffered minor injuries during the brawl. The current president of the temple said the temple's former president arrived with a gang of followers carrying weapons

early April 24 and waited inside the temple and started shouting at and attacking worshippers as they arrived, threatening to kill them. The former president denies initiating the violence. By his account, he and his supporters had arrived at the temple for “peaceful prayer.” He had notified police in advance after hearing rumors there might be a confrontation.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/25/us-crime-sikh-temple-idUSTRE73O5YG20110425>

50. *April 25, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Mosque fire investigators not ruling out hate crime.** Fire officials said April 25 work crews will be at the scene of a fire which damaged a mosque and a church when a strip mall that caught on fire April 23 on Pershing Avenue in Stockton, California. The building on the 4200 block of Pershing Avenue has been deemed unsafe, Stockton fire officials said. Work crews will use a crane to remove an air conditioning unit and tile from the roof to lessen the weight on it. Since two places of worship were involved in the April 23 fire, officials said they cannot rule out that the incident was a possible hate crime. A real estate office and mosque shared a common wall and fire investigators believe that is where the fire started. An spokesperson from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives said once the building is safe, an arson expert, electrical engineer, and dogs trained to sniff out accelerants will comb the building to determine the cause.

Source: <http://www.kcra.com/r/27659161/detail.html>

51. *April 25, Associated Press* – (California) **Oakland club shooting leaves 2 dead, 4 injured.** Police said a man who was denied entry into a nightclub in Oakland, California, opened fire with an assault rifle, killing two and injuring four others April 25. Authorities are searching for the suspects in the shooting, which happened shortly before 1 a.m. at Sweet Jimmie’s near the city’s Jack London Square. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, witnesses told authorities that several men arrived at the club together. When they were denied entry, one of them opened fire on the 10 to 15 people inside at the time. Two men were pronounced dead at the scene. Four victims were taken to the hospital, two of whom are in critical condition. About an hour later, police responded to another shooting at a nearby nightclub called Kimball’s. Investigators said the incidents do not appear to be related.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/04/25/state/n081120D28.DTL>

52. *April 25, WLS 7 Chicago* – (International) **Grand jury adds 4 to ‘Mumbai massacre’ indictment.** There are new federal charges in Chicago, Illinois, against four top Pakistani terrorists in connection to the 4 days of attacks in Mumbai, India in 2008 at hotels, movie theaters and other businesses that killed 164 people and wounded at least 308, WLS reported April 25. The terror investigation in Chicago began 3 years ago when federal authorities arrested a mysterious North Sider who had attracted attention by traveling back and forth to Pakistan although he had no apparent means of paying for the trips, and the arrest of his friend and associate, a Chicago travel agent. Since then, the North Side man has pleaded guilty, the travel agent has prepared for trial, and a grand jury in Chicago added four top Pakistani terrorists to the case April 25. One of

the men has attracted the attention of U.S. counterterrorism agents for years. He is a Pakistan resident now in hiding. He joined the Pakistani terror group called Lashkar at age 16. He is now in his mid-30s, and has worked as a handler, taking American recruits and converting them to work as Muslim terrorists. He was assigned to the North Side Chicago man, who has pleaded guilty in connection with Mumbai and has submitted to hundreds of hours of interrogation by the FBI. There is also a warrant for the Pakistani's arrest in India. During the siege of Mumbai in 2008 that saw 10 coordinated shooting and bombing attacks, Indian federal police intercepted phone calls between the man and his terror teams in Mumbai. Even though the suspect was hundreds of miles away in Pakistan, according to Interpol, he is heard on the phone talking to some of the hostages in India and then giving orders to his gunmen to kill them.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/iteam&id=8093318>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Bridger-Teton National Forest extends winter wildlife closure.** The Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming extended some winter wildlife closures on the Jackson Ranger District. The agency said its winter travel plan would remain in effect and some areas in the Gros Ventre area would remain closed through May 15. The winter closure orders earlier had been set to expire May 1. Forest Service officials said winter range is still under snow and there are no other suitable areas for wildlife to go. Areas that will remain under winter travel restrictions include Horse Creek, Wilson Creek, and Josie's Ridge. A Jackson District ranger said some areas popular with people who search for shed antlers are covered by the extended closure.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1b8629050eb64337b2bc3ff7dfa99891/WY--Winter-Closure/>

54. *April 26, White Mountain Independent* – (Arizona) **Bear Fire believed to be human-caused.** Forest Service officials believe a fire started April 22 in a primitive area of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest near Alpine, Arizona, was human-caused. According to a public affairs officer, the 30-35 acre Bear Fire is in the Blue Primitive area at the bottom of Bear Mountain. The Black Mesa Hot Shots wildland firefighting crew was on the scene. "As dry conditions exist, please use extreme caution if camping on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. There are no fire restrictions currently, but check prior to heading out to camp check if there are any restrictions in place of Red Flag warnings," the officer said in an April 22 press release announcing the fire.

Source: http://www.wmicentral.com/news/latest_news/bear-fire-believed-to-be-human-caused/article_dc6c2634-6f8d-11e0-abd2-001cc4c03286.html

55. *April 25, United Press International* – (Texas) **Large Texas fires gradually contained.** Three large wildfires that have charred more than half a million acres of Texas were more than half contained April 25, the Texas Forest Service (TFS) said. One of the most damaging fires, the Possum Kingdom Complex, was 69 percent contained. The fire was formed by the merger of four blazes around Possum Kingdom and three other lakes west of the Dallas-Fort Worth area and spread across nearly 130,000 acres. “Lower winds and higher humidity have helped firefighters gain the upper hand, although scattered hot spots and smoldering continue on the interior,” TFS said. Evacuation orders were lifted for several towns threatened by the Wildcat Fire. TFS said the blaze, which has consumed almost 160,000 acres, was 80 percent contained. The largest of the three, the Rockhouse Fire, burned more than 215,000 acres. The fire has burned 23 houses and two commercial buildings, and continues to threaten a Boy Scout ranch. The smaller Pipeline Fire, which has burned 7,100 acres, was 90 percent contained. So far this fire season, several thousand fires have consumed nearly 2 million acres in Texas.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/04/25/Large-Texas-fires-gradually-contained/UPI-98831303718400/

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Dams Sector

56. *April 26, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Officials inspect dam at Lake Jericho to determine if safe for residents; 400 evacuated.** At least 400 people were ordered to evacuate the night of April 25 in Henry and Trimble counties in Kentucky after damage was found to a dam at Lake Jericho in Henry County. Officials said there is slippage on the outside of the dam, a break in the grass a short way up the side. Officials asked everyone along the Little Kentucky River, near the dam, to evacuate to higher ground. Emergency personnel said if the dam breaks lose, it could mean significant flooding. Engineers and inspectors are looking at the dam and will determine later April 26 if it is safe for those evacuated to return home.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/community/Officials-inspect-dam-at-Lake-Jerrico-to-determine-if-safe-for-residents-400-evacuated-.html>

57. *April 26, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Corps of Engineers: Mudslides not a threat to Table Rock Dam.** Engineers who have examined Table Rock Dam in Branson, Missouri, said the dam is sound, despite two mudslides that appeared along the downstream embankment April 25. The mudslides prompted Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and the Highway Patrol to close Highway 165 which goes over the top of the dam. Inspectors from the Army Corps of Engineers said the mudslides are just on the surface of the embankment and is topsoil, leaving the core of the dam undamaged. Geo technical engineers from the Corps were at the dam April 25. In a statement released late that night, inspectors said; “To the eye, the slides appear to run all the way down the face of the earthen portion of the dam, but this is mainly topsoil that has simply slid across the surface ... The geotechnical team believes there is no imminent threat to the safety of the dam and that Table Rock Lake can be managed

in a normal fashion to help reduce flood damage during this storm event. No change in the Corps' water management plan is warranted." Corps officials said temporary repair options will be considered after daybreak April 26 to get Highway 165 back open, and then permanent repairs will be made. The afternoon of April 25, the Corps opened the 10 gates at Table Rock Dam to release 15,000 cubic feet of water per second to ease flooding upstream. Another 15,000 cubic feet per second was also generated through the hydro-electric plant.

Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=444717

58. *April 26, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Levee breach in Stoddard County.** The Jenkins Basin Levee in Stoddard County, Missouri, had breached as of April 26, according to the public information officer for Stoddard County Emergency Management. This is a levee for the Little River Drainage District. The breach is about 40 feet wide northeast of Bell City. This could affect Shady Dell, Bell City, and Cline's Island. Bell City has let out school because of the breach. The water seemed to be flooding into fields, the information officer said.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/14515473/levee-breach-in-stoddard-county>

59. *April 26, msnbc.com; NBC News; KSDK 5 St. Louis; KAIT 8 Jonesboro; Weather Channel; Associated Press* – (Missouri; National) **Police: Levee protecting Missouri town breaches.** A levee keeping the swollen Black River from inundating Poplar Bluff, Missouri, breached downriver April 26, but water pouring through the crack was unlikely to force the further mass evacuation of homes in the area, authorities said. Crews were also looking into reports of another breach, a police officer told the Associated Press. The water was pouring into a drainage ditch along a road, and even if it topped the ditch, was unlikely to cause enough backflow to threaten homes upstream, he said. A powerful storm system dumped several inches of rain on already-swollen rivers and spawned at least one tornado. Poplar Bluff deputy police chief said more than 6 inches of rain fell on the town April 25, bringing the 4-day total in the area to 15 inches and causing the Black River to pour over the levee in 30 places, from Poplar Bluff to the town of Qulan, downriver. More showers and thunderstorms were expected April 26. He said street department workers hurriedly filled small boats with sandbags and were able to shore-up a vulnerable section of the levee. Crews rescued 59 people in an hour-and-a-half late April 25 after water spilled over the dam. Sandbagging was not an option — the river simply rose too quickly. Severe storms that began early the week of April 18 have hammered a swath of the nation's midsection without letup. Governors in Arkansas and Kentucky declared states of emergency. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was considering the extraordinary step of intentionally breaching the Birds Point levee in southeast Missouri, just downriver of the confluence, in a bid to reduce the amount of water moving down the Mississippi. The move would soak 130,000 acres of farmland, and Missouri's governor objected to the idea. A decision was expected by some time April 26.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42762039/ns/weather/>

60. *April 26, Sanford Herald* – (North Carolina) **Dam breach in Moore County doesn't flood homes.** Parts of Lee and Moore counties in North Carolina were under flash

flood warnings April 25 when North Carolina Emergency Management reported the pending failure of the Carolina Lake Dam near Cameron. The spillway pipe of the dam developed a 10-to-12-foot-wide breach, causing water to drain from the lake. WRAL reported homes in the area were evacuated as a precaution, and Moore County Emergency Management issued flash flood warnings in case the dam failed completely. Emergency management officials canceled the warnings after determining the lake had drained enough to slow the amount of water flowing through the breach. Representatives from Moore County Emergency Management, North Carolina Dam Safety, and North Carolina Water Quality spent the afternoon April 25 monitoring. Officials reported the areas likely to be affected included Herds Creek, Carolina Lakes Road, Heavenwood Road, Lamms Grove Road, and Baywood Lane, though forest land to the south and east of the dam had the greatest risk of flooding. WRAL reported that because the lake and dam were developed as part of Cameron's Carolina Lake subdivision, the responsibility for fixing the pipe lies with the Carolina Lake homeowners association. No information had been released on when the repairs might take place.

Source: http://sanfordherald.com/view/full_story/12922866/article-Dam-breach-in-Moore-County-doesn-t-flood-homes?instance=latest_articles

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