



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 29 April 2011

### Top Stories

- Associated Press reports massive tornadoes tore a town-flattening streak across the South, killing at least 269 people in 6 states, and knocking out power to more than 1 million people in Alabama. (See items [2](#), [24](#), [25](#), [36](#), [50](#))
- According to Reuters, severe storms and tornadoes caused three Tennessee Valley Authority nuclear reactors in Alabama to be shut down. (See item [10](#))

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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 28, Opelousas Daily World* – (Louisiana) **Gas well blowout forces evacuation.** More than 100 homes were evacuated April 27 as authorities worked to cap a natural gas well that blew out in a rural area of Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. By the evening of April 27, some of those residents were allowed back home as the evacuation area shrunk to about a half-mile radius from the well. The incident began just after 10 a.m. The rig is owned by Precision Drilling, and the well is owned by CEL Properties. The cause of the major blowout remains unclear. Mud could be seen spewing from the well from at least a mile away. Strong winds carried small particles

of mud several miles. Natural gas could also be seen shooting from the well. The smell of gas permeated the area for several miles. A Louisiana State Police spokesman said the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality was monitoring the situation, but authorities did not believe the situation caused any health or environmental safety risks. As of late April 27, there was no longer anything leaking from the well, but it was still not secure. Workers were to continue working to secure the well April 28.

Source: <http://www.dailyworld.com/article/20110428/NEWS01/104280316>

2. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Southeast) **Tornadoes devastate South, killing at least 269.** Massive tornadoes tore a town-flattening streak across the South, killing at least 269 people in six states and forcing rescuers to carry some survivors out on makeshift stretchers of splintered debris. Two of Alabama's major cities were among the places devastated by the deadliest twister outbreak in nearly 40 years that also knocked out power to more than 1 million people. Alabama officials confirmed 180 deaths, while there were 33 in Mississippi, 33 in Tennessee, 14 in Georgia, 8 in Virginia and 1 in Kentucky. The U.S. President has already approved the Alabama governor's request for emergency federal assistance. The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, said it received 137 tornado reports into the night of April 27. The storms forced authorities in some places into makeshift command posts after their headquarters lost power or were damaged, and an Alabama nuclear plant was using backup generators to cool units that were shut down. A tornado expert at the Oklahoma center said it appears some of the tornadoes were as wide as a mile. Some of the worst damage was in Tuscaloosa, a city of more than 83,000 that is home to the University of Alabama. The storm system spread destruction from Texas to New York, where dozens of roads were flooded or washed out. The governors of Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia each issued emergency declarations for parts of their states.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j5eckAhrdyjHcGH9YEmX7LwHKM0Q?docId=a8332b975c0d48308ac65f76d8e3287f>

3. *April 27, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. suspends miner for fake credentials.** Another West Virginia coal miner has been disciplined by state regulators who found he falsified credentials to work as a foreman. On April 27, the coal mine safety board of appeals suspended four certificates held by the foreman for one year. The three-member panel determined the man used a false certificate number to work as an underground foreman. While the state said the man never held a valid foreman's certificate, he claims to have worked as a foreman for 17 years. The panel also barred the man from seeking any supervisory certificates for 3 years. The man is the latest in a string of miners disciplined by the state for using fake foreman's credentials. Several also face federal criminal charges for signing off on safety inspections without the proper credentials.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/policebrfs/201104270706>

4. *April 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Power problems still impacting Texas City plants.** Power problems continued to prevent refineries and chemical plants in southeast Texas from resuming normal operations April 27 as officials worked to

pinpoint the cause of the outages, which began earlier the week of April 25. A spokeswoman for Texas New Mexico Power Co. said officials have a “pretty good idea” what is causing the outage problems: salt and other residue that has built up on transmission equipment at substations and other locations, leading to short circuits. The power loss at BP’s chemical plant was connected to four very brief outages, lasting a second or two that took place April 27 on Texas New Mexico Power’s transmission lines. Dow, BP, and Marathon Oil first began experiencing power outages late April 25, prompting Texas City officials to call for a shelter-in-place, an advisory asking residents to stay indoors because of potentially harmful chemicals that might have been released in the air when production units were forced to shut down because of the outages.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7540198.html>

5. *April 26, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Aniak suffers another fuel spill; three homes evacuated.** A gasoline spill discovered April 25 at a tank farm in Aniak, Alaska, led to the evacuation of three nearby homes and a 1-day closure of the village school and post office, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said in a report April 26. The school and post office reopened April 26, and residents returned home, the DEC said. Several area roads were closed initially, and River Avenue remains closed as a precaution. Aniak is on the south bank of the Kuskokwim River, some 317 miles west of Anchorage. None of the fuel seeped from a containment area at the tank farm, which is operated by Crowley Petroleum Distribution, the DEC said. Crowley estimated the spill at nearly 2,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline. The capacity of the leaking tank is 21,000 gallons; it held 6,500 gallons when gauged last week, according to figures provided to the DEC by Crowley. Volunteer firefighters applied a water-based foam to the containment area to reduce explosive vapors from the gasoline. Crowley hired response contractors, which focused on transferring thousands of gallons of fuel remaining in the leaking tank to another tank, a Crowley spokesman said. The fuel apparently leaked from a small hole in the tank, he said. The spill is under investigation, and the cleanup continues.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/04/26/1829651/aniak-suffers-another-fuel-spill.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *April 28, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **US 60 shut down for semi accident.** U.S. 60 in Mesa, Arizona, was shut down in the height of rush hour April 27, after a semi rolled on top of a car — leaving traffic at a standstill and killing the semi driver. A Department of Public Safety (DPS) spokesperson said the semi truck rear-ended several vehicles and flipped over near the Dobson exit. It happened at 5:23 p.m. Both directions were closed. The driver of the semi was trapped, needing extrication, and was taken to a hospital in critical condition. He later died at the hospital. On top of that, the semi was carrying compressed oxygen tanks, which are a possible explosion

hazard. “We want to make sure we have everything controlled as far as no tanks are exposing chemicals, identifying those chemicals, and at that point allowing DPS to come in and clean up and then move on,” a Mesa Fire Department captain said. The eastbound lanes of the Superstition Freeway reopened at about 9:30 p.m. April 27, and the westbound freeway was opened by early morning April 28.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/traffic/westbound-us-60-crash-4-27-2011>

7. *April 27, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Worker electrocuted at Hartwell plant.** Federal investigators said April 27 they were looking into the electrocution death April 26 of a worker at Emery Oleochemicals LLC, 4900 Este Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Cincinnati Fire Department was called to the plant about 8:45 a.m. for a report of an electrocution, said the assistant area director for the Cincinnati office of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The 49-year-old maintenance electrician was taken to University Hospital, where he died. In a statement, Emery officials said the electrician was found unconscious in a manufacturing area of the plant. Company officials notified OSHA of the incident and are working with them to determine the cause of the accident. It may take months to complete an investigation.  
Source:  
<http://communitypress.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20110427/NEWS01/304270017/Worker-electrocuted-Hartwell-plant?odyssey=nav|head>
  
8. *April 27, WLOX 13 Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **MDEQ identifies chemical leaked on I-10.** The chemical that leaked out of an 18-wheeler on Interstate 10 in Biloxi, Mississippi, April 27 has been identified as acetic anhydride, which is a flammable corrosive. Officials with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) said 1,500 gallons of the chemical were being hauled to Theodore, Alabama, when the driver noticed a strong odor. Just before 2 a.m., he pulled over at the Love’s Truck Stop on Cedar Lake Road. Once he realized the acetic acid blend leaking from one of the containers, he called authorities. MDEQ crews responded and found one of the container valves had sprung a leak. About 100 gallons of the chemical spilled out in the parking lot. The truck stop was forced to close for about an hour while the mess was cleaned up. MDEQ’s Emergency Response coordinator on the Gulf Coast said this is a rare occurrence. It has been 8 months since a HAZMAT crew was called to clean up anything in South Mississippi.  
Source: <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=14524498>
  
9. *April 27, Lehigh Valley Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Alpha explosion was in an outdoor storage facility at Linde North America plant.** A massive explosion that rocked an Alpha, New Jersey, gas and chemical facility the night of April 26 was caused by a fire in an outdoor area used to store various sizes of chemical and gas containers, officials said. The cause of the fire, which started about 10:30 p.m. at a plant owned and operated by Linde North America, is unknown and is still being investigated. No injuries were reported, said the Pohatcong Township-based Huntington Volunteer Fire Co. chief. He said the fire took crews about an hour and a half to quell. The fire prompted warnings to residents in a 1-mile radius to shut their windows and stay inside. Warren County emergency officials performed air tests and

said there were no health issues associated with the fire. The 23 people working April 26 were immediately ushered from the plant. The fire chief said crews w arrived to find a giant fireball erupting. He said crews used giant streams of water to knock the flames down. As the heat and flames subsided, firefighters advanced and shot foam at nearby chemical tanks to cool them, he said. Linde makes fine chemicals, high-purity gases, and gas-handling equipment for industrial use.

Source:

[http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/phillipsburg/index.ssf/2011/04/alpha\\_explosion\\_happened\\_in\\_an.html](http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/phillipsburg/index.ssf/2011/04/alpha_explosion_happened_in_an.html)

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

10. *April 27, Reuters* – (Alabama) **Storms knock out TVA nuclear units, power lines.** Severe storms and tornadoes moving through the Southeast dealt a severe blow to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) April 27, causing three nuclear reactors in Alabama to be shut down and 11 high-voltage power lines to be knocked out, the utility and regulators said. All three units at TVA’s 3,274-megawatt Browns Ferry nuclear plant near Decatur and Athens, Alabama tripped about 5:30 p.m. after losing outside power to the plant, a spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said. A TVA spokeswoman said the plant’s output had reduced power earlier due to transmission line damage from a line of severe storms that spawned a number of tornadoes as it moved through Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The NRC spokesman said early information indicated the units shut normally and the plant’s diesel generators started up to supply power for the plant’s safety system. The government-owned corporation said crews were working to restore service, but more severe weather was forecast, TVA said in a release.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/27/us-utilities-tva-storms-idUSTRE73Q98920110427>

11. *April 27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Tennessee) **Loss of emergency sirens due to loss of electric power.** At approximately 10:30 p.m. April 27 Sequoyah Nuclear Plant near Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee received notification from the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) operations duty specialist that greater than 30 percent of off-site sirens were not functional resulting in a “major loss” of off-site automatic public notification capabilities. The loss of off-site sirens was due to loss of electrical power caused by severe thunderstorms and high winds in the area. Thirty-five sirens were not functioning (32 sirens are considered 30 percent). At 10:44 p.m., power was restored to 2 off-site sirens leaving 33 off-site sirens not functional. At 10:50 p.m. TVA’s operations duty specialist made a notification to Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and Hamilton County Emergency Response. The licensee has notified the NRC resident inspector.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en46790>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *April 27, Bloomberg* – (Washington) **Hole in Southwest’s 737 jet is from manufacturing, Boeing’s Albaugh says.** The nearly 5-foot-long hole that opened in a Boeing Co. 737-300 as Southwest Airlines Co. flew it over Arizona at 34,000 feet April 1 was likely due to manufacturing, Boeing airplanes chief said, Bloomberg reported April 27. The National Transportation Safety Board’s (NTSB) analysis “looks consistent with our view, and it does look like there was a manufacturing issue on that airplane,” he told reporters. The NTSB said April 25 the plane, delivered to Southwest in 1996, had misaligned rivet holes where two parts of the fuselage were assembled. Cracks stretched from 42 of the 58 rivet holes along the 9-inch-wide hole, the NTSB found. Until the NTSB makes a final report, Boeing does not want to discuss what it needs to change, Boeing’s chief said. There were 123 people on the plane, which made an emergency landing in Yuma, Arizona. One passenger and one flight attendant for Dallas-based Southwest were injured. The aircraft had 39,781 takeoffs and landings prior to the incident. Boeing said April 5 that cracks on the so-called 737 Classic were not forecast to occur until after 60,000 takeoffs and landings. Boeing’s chief executive officer said on an earnings call April 27 that the investigation so far shows the cracking is “not a design issue across the fleet of airplanes.”

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-27/southwest-737-hole-due-to-manufacturing-boeing-official-says.html>

13. *April 27, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Three weeks into factory halt, Saab financing still unclear.** Three weeks after Saab shut down its factory, the Swedish carmaker told production staff April 27 they were not yet needed back at work as it struggles to find the money to relaunch the assembly lines. The Swedish prime minister and enterprise minister both reiterated April 27 that the Swedish state did not plan to take steps to save Saab if it is unable to secure the financing it needs to stay afloat. Saab was rescued at the last minute in January 2010 by Spyker, which bought it for \$400 million from GM and vowed to preserve the iconic carmaker. But sales did not reach expectations, losses ballooned, and the company announced April 6 it was stopping production “until further notice” as suppliers have halted deliveries due to unpaid bills.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h6DsXQ\\_SnXJR0eZa6E61RZqY6P5Q?docId=CNG.12de9f96cf13502fee731c04b6f2170a.4e1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h6DsXQ_SnXJR0eZa6E61RZqY6P5Q?docId=CNG.12de9f96cf13502fee731c04b6f2170a.4e1)

14. *April 26, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **FAA inspects Boeing factories after shavings found in 767 fuel tank.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) April 25 sent a team of safety inspectors into Boeing’s assembly plants in Renton and Everett, Washington, to conduct a special review of manufacturing procedures. The move follows the discovery of metal shavings inside the fuel tank of a new Japan Airlines

(JAL) 767 passenger jet during ground maintenance earlier in April. The plane was delivered to JAL in February and had flown 325 hours. The shavings are thought to be debris from drilling rivets. The FAA review, expected to last at least several days, will focus on Boeing's procedures for preventing what the industry calls foreign object debris (FOD), meaning any material or object that is not supposed to be on the plane when it leaves the factory. A Boeing spokesman said April 26 the review will not disrupt plane deliveries or the ongoing certification activities on the 787 and 747-8 programs. He said a ground maintenance crew troubleshooting an imbalance in the fuel tanks of the 767-300 traced the issue to "small metal particles in the fuel tank." Boeing voluntarily disclosed the lapse April 21. It immediately reviewed its manufacturing process and reiterated FOD-prevention procedures. It also inspected fuel tanks under assembly and found no FOD or metal shavings. A person familiar with the details of the JAL airplane incident said the airline noticed abnormal fuel transfers between the fuel tanks in the wings and the central fuselage. Maintenance technicians found a metal shaving in the left main wing fuel tank trapped in an outlet valve, preventing it from closing all the way. Further inspections turned up more particles. While none were found in the filter that strains fuel going into engines, there were some in a low spot of the wing tank used to drain fuel samples and more in the center tank inside the fuselage.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/businesstechnology/2014883185\\_boeingfaa27.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/businesstechnology/2014883185_boeingfaa27.html)

15. *April 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Toyota recalling about 51,000 Tundra trucks.** Toyota is recalling about 51,000 of its Tundra trucks to inspect rear drive shafts that may include a component that could break. Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. said April 26 an estimated 0.5 percent of the vehicles may have a faulty slip yoke because of improper casting during the foundry process. The company is aware of one slip yoke failure. There are no reports of accidents or injuries related to the condition. The recall involves only Tundras from the 2011 model year. Recall notification letters will be sent out starting in May and will be available on Toyota's Web site.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MRG2Q01.htm>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

16. *April 28, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Man robs bank with what he told tellers was bomb.** Pennsylvania State Police said April 27 they are looking for a 43-year-old Temple man who robbed a Lehigh County bank by putting something he claimed was a

bomb into the drive-through tube. State troopers from Fogelsville got an arrest warrant for the man on charges he robbed the TD Bank on Hamilton Boulevard in Lower Macungie Township April 25. The suspect was charged with robbery and related offenses. He was last seen driving a green, 1996 Ford F-150 pickup truck, troopers said. According to investigators, the suspect drove up to a drive-through window and displayed a device he said was a bomb. He put it into a tube and sent it into the bank. He demanded money and told the tellers the bomb would explode if they did not give him money. The tellers placed an undisclosed amount of money into the tube with the device and sent it back to the suspect. He took the money and fled. It was unclear if the device was actually a bomb and if he took it with him when he fled.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=304207>

17. *April 27, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NY man pleads guilty in ATM ‘skimming’ scheme.** A Brooklyn, New York man has pleaded guilty in a scheme that stole account information from New Jersey bank customers by installing secret recording devices on ATM machines. The 28-year-old man admitted April 27 in U.S. District Court in Newark that he conspired with others to install the so-called skimming devices on ATMs at Valley National Bank branches in Nutley and Belleville. Prosecutors said the man and his accomplices took more than \$278,000 from customers’ accounts. The bank absorbed the losses when it repaid the defrauded customers. He has been held without bail since his arrest in June 2010. He faces a maximum possible penalty of more than 30 years in prison, although the actual sentence is likely to be less under federal sentencing guidelines.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APca7cfbaf0fd445ae9a914312aceaf1dd.html>
18. *April 27, Ellensburg Daily Record* – (Washington) **‘Bad Hair Babe’ is suspect in Tuesday’s Wheatland Bank robbery.** Police suspect the woman who robbed the Wheatland Bank in Ellensburg, Washington April 26 is the “Bad Hair Babe” bank robber who is suspected of robbing or attempting to rob 14 banks in the state, said a captain with the Ellensburg Police Department. At about 3:25 p.m. April 26, a woman entered the bank at 205 S. Main Street and demanded cash from the teller. She fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of money, police said. The suspect is described as a white female, 5 feet to 5 feet 3 inches tall, heavyset, wearing light colored tennis shoes, blue jeans, and a light-colored zipped hoodie, according to a department news release. The suspect appeared to be wearing a black, shoulder-length wig and glasses. She made reference to having some type of a weapon but none was displayed, the release said. She handed the teller a note demanding money, police said, which also occurred in the other robberies. In their initial response, detectives were able to make several contacts with agencies on the West Side of the state with similar suspect information, including the FBI and Tacoma Police, according to a department news release.  
Source: [http://dailyrecordnews.com/news/bad-hair-babe-is-suspect-in-tuesday-s-wheatland-bank/article\\_09f20c12-7075-11e0-86d7-001cc4c03286.html](http://dailyrecordnews.com/news/bad-hair-babe-is-suspect-in-tuesday-s-wheatland-bank/article_09f20c12-7075-11e0-86d7-001cc4c03286.html)
19. *April 27, PC Magazine* – (International) **Feds need more time to topple Coreflood botnet, exploring remote removal.** Government efforts to take down the Coreflood botnet have had some success, but the Department of Justice (DOJ) asked a court April



23 for more time to defuse the situation. The agency said it will also provide remote removal of Coreflood from users' computers. Earlier in April, FBI and DOJ collaborated to block the spread of Coreflood, a botnet that had infected hundreds of thousands of PCs. Both agencies issued warrants for and seized five "command and control" servers used to control the botnet, made up of PCs that had been infected and remotely controlled. Twenty-nine domains were also seized. The government has since set up two substitute servers to respond to requests from infected computers. Officials in Estonia also seized several additional servers believed to be Coreflood predecessors. In the April 23 filing with a Connecticut district court, the U.S. attorney's office said the number of "beacons," or requests, from Coreflood in the United States dropped from 800,000 April 13 to just under 100,000 April 22. Beacons are not the same as number of computers infected because some computers re-start themselves during the day, thereby adding an extra beacon to the count. The actual number of infected computers is unknown, DOJ said. Nonetheless, the seizure has "temporarily stopped Coreflood from running on infected computers in the U.S., preventing further loss of privacy and damages to the financial security of owners and users of the infected computers," the DOJ said in its filing. It has also stopped Coreflood from updating itself, so antivirus vendors can release fixes. They "are no longer faced with a moving target and have been able to release virus signatures capable of detecting the latest versions of Coreflood," DOJ said. Despite this work, more time is needed to allow additional antivirus vendors to release signatures, as well as to notify victims. The government has asked for a 30-day extension, until May 25.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2384447,00.asp>

20. *April 27, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **8 indicted in large-scale mortgage scheme.** Eight people were indicted April 27 in a Franklin County, Ohio court in connection with a large-scale mortgage scheme. The indictments include many fraud-related crimes, including engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, theft, money laundering, receiving stolen property, and forgery. Investigators determined the fraud operation was orchestrated by by two men, doing business as Platinum Mortgage, Edison Mortgage, Prime Real Estate, and others. Officials said that between 2003 and 2006, more than 22 fraudulent mortgage loans were obtained, resulting in the issuance of more than \$12 million of fraudulent loan proceeds. More than \$2.5 million was received and laundered through many individual and business bank accounts owned or associated with the two men and other defendants. Most of the properties ultimately wound up in foreclosure, resulting in extensive losses to the lenders. Nineteen Central Ohio properties were involved. Six other people were indicted with the two men, including a realtor, and the owner of a local title agency. Also used in the scheme were 15 straw buyers, whose credit was used to acquire the loans. Others involved included mortgage brokers, appraisers, and notaries.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/apr/27/8-indicted-large-scale-mortgage-scheme-ar-468199/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

21. *April 28, KFGO 790 AM Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Big changes ahead for ‘Empire Builder’**. Railroad officials said its not a matter of “if” but when the rising waters of Devils Lake will force suspension of Amtrak’s service to Grand Forks, Devils Lake, and Rugby in North Dakota. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) owns the line used by Amtrak’s Empire Builder. A BNSF Spokeswoman said a 20-mile stretch of the tracks near Churchs ferry will face closure soon. “Our bridge inspectors are inspecting that bridge to ensure it is safe to operate, but we are also preparing and planning for when that is no longer able to be inspected that we work with Amtrak on an alternate route on an interim basis,” the spokeswoman said. A detour route further south will run from Fargo to Minot with temporary bus service set up to cover the cities where service is suspended, an Amtrak employee said. “We will operate chartered motor coaches for about a month or so to represent the train to those three cities that will be losing service but in the end, we are not going to be able to sustain chartered motor coaches for a very long time. Again — along about a month — and we will operate without any scheduled stops then between Fargo and Minot,” an Amtrak spokesman said. There is no specific date yet when service on the Empire Builder route will be suspended.  
Source: [http://www.kfgo.com/fm-headline-news.php?pageNum\\_rsTSnews2=1&totalRows\\_rsTSnews2=3767&ID=0000003937](http://www.kfgo.com/fm-headline-news.php?pageNum_rsTSnews2=1&totalRows_rsTSnews2=3767&ID=0000003937)
22. *April 28, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Barges break free of tow, hit railroad span on Ohio**. High water in the Ohio River might have helped cause four barges to break loose April 27, striking a railroad bridge and causing a brief scare for people close to Neville Island in Pennsylvania. The U.S. Coast Guard is investigating the breakaway, which started sometime before 6 a.m. and ended more than 8 hours later when crews recovered a barge hauling light crude oil with 65 percent benzene. “High water, high flow is likely a factor in this,” a USCG commander said. “It makes the river much harder to navigate. Water has been high in the river for a month, and that makes the currents different.” Two of the barges, including the one containing oil and benzene, were stuck against a CSX railroad bridge on the river’s back channel between Neville Island and Stowe for much of the day. A barge carrying steel coils sank, and one loaded with coal remains pinned against the Emsworth back channel dam. It could be weeks before they are recovered, USCG. Officials evacuated two Stowe schools as a precaution, but no oil or benzene appears to have leaked.  
Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s\\_734203.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_734203.html)
23. *April 28, Melville Newsday* – (New York) **Five buses destroyed, road closed in N.Y. fire**. A fast-moving fire in a diesel engine repair lot engulfed five buses and closed Veterans Highway in Ronkonkoma, New York for nearly 3 hours April 26. More than 60 fire personnel in five engines and four other apparatus responded to the 6 p.m. call of a bus on fire on Veterans Highway occupied by Atlantic Detroit Diesel-Allison, which builds diesel engines. “It was a fuel-fed fire, so it was tough,” the assistant chief of the Lakeland Fire Department said. No one was in the two school buses and three transit buses that burned. The fire occurred after business hours so the company was closed. In addition to Lakeland, firefighters from the Central Islip, and Bohemia fire departments, and a hazardous-materials team from the Town of Islip responded. The

fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/strategy-and-tactics/five-buses-destroyed-road-closed-ny-fire>

24. *April 27, Bloomberg* – (National) **Severe weather disrupts flights as tornadoes threaten east.** High winds and thunderstorms delayed flights to New York and Atlanta as severe weather raked the Southeast and the eastern United States. Planes bound for New York's LaGuardia Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, the world's busiest airport, were being held until storms cleared, according to the Federal Aviation Administration Web site. More than 500 flights were canceled April 27, according to the FlightAware tracking service. Thunderstorms, hail, high winds, and tornadoes led to air traffic delays of more than 90 minutes at airports in the Midwest and East April 26. A Southwest Airlines Co. jet slid off the runway at Chicago's Midway Airport in heavy rain without injury to anyone aboard. Storms in the so-called golden triangle, an area bounded by New York City, Chicago, and Atlanta, are most likely to cause air traffic delays and cancellations. At least 678 flights throughout the U.S. were canceled April 26, according to FlightAware tracking data.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-04-27/severe-u-s-weather-may-delay-air-traffic-raise-flood-threat-in-midwest.html>

25. *April 27, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **Tornado warning forces airport evacuation.** The terminal at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Hebron, Kentucky, was evacuated April 27 due to severe weather. A tornado warning put the airport into emergency mode, and passengers and employees emptied the main floors of the terminals and headed for shelter. More than 1,000 people had to leave the lowest levels of the airport. The emergency temporarily stopped departures until the storm cleared.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/r/27693169/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

26. *April 27, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **Authorities respond to Georgetown home after resident receives suspicious package.** Deputies with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and units from Georgetown County Fire/EMS in South Carolina responded April 27 to a home in reference to a suspicious package, a spokesman with the sheriff's office said. A resident received a package with no return address, containing a child's toy about 1 week ago, he said. The resident said they did not order any items and have no idea who may have sent the package. The residents became suspicious when they read of a similar package that was believed to have made someone ill in another state. The package was taken to Columbia for testing.

Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/04/27/2125592/authorities-respond-to-georgetown.html>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *April 28, WFRV 5 Greenbay* – (Wisconsin) **Overnight stabbing at Green Bay meat packaging plant.** A man was recovering April 28 after an overnight stabbing at a meat packaging plant in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The incident happened around 2 a.m. Police were called to JBS Packerland Packing on Lime Kiln Road. Authorities said a man was stabbed in the arm. He was taken to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. Police took a person of interest into custody. Investigators were trying to figure out if both people involved were employees and what sparked the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wfrv.com/news/local/Overnight-stabbing-at-Green-Bay-meat-packaging-plant-120850774.html>
28. *April 27, Daily Herd Network* – (International) **Foot and mouth disease the ultimate agroterrorism threat.** "We know that terrorist groups are interested" in using unconventional agents against the food and agricultural sector, an intelligence analyst with the FBI told an audience April 26 at the FBI International Symposium on Agriculture. No one has unleashed a biological agent, such as foot and mouth disease, against the livestock sector, but there have been instances of attacks on the food system. For instance, in 1984, the Rajneeshee religious cult in Oregon spiked the salad bars at several restaurants with Salmonella typhimurium. It sickened 751 people. Targeting the food supply creates fear; it diminishes confidence in the sector that has been attacked, the FBI analyst said. And, the economic impact of a biological attack on the livestock sector would be huge. If there was one disease that scares livestock producers and security experts alike, it is foot and mouth disease. An animal scientist at the University of California-Chico and other experts advise dairy producers to learn the signs of foot and mouth disease and report anything suspicious to a veterinarian as quickly as possible. Veterinarians then need to get laboratory confirmation, since the symptoms of food and mouth disease can appear similar to other diseases, such as vesicular stomatitis virus, and swine vesicular disease. The blisters that accompany these diseases look similar to one another.  
Source: <http://www.dairyherd.com/dairy-news/latest/Foot-and-mouth-disease-the-ultimate-agroterrorism-threat--120748459.html>

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## Water Sector

29. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Okla. town trying to alleviate drinking water shortage brought on by heavy rains into reservoir.** Henryetta, Oklahoma, officials are working to alleviate a shortage of drinking water brought on by recent heavy rains into its municipal reservoir. The city manager said a pair of water tankers have been set up at the local Walmart so residents can get water for drinking, cooking,

and other purposes. The city has been getting its water from storage towers for the past several days after the water plant was unable to handle the high level of sediment in Lake Henryetta left by recent heavy rains. The lake is the town's water source. The manager told the Tulsa World chemists have been working to obtain new chemicals to combat turbidity in the water. In the meantime, residents are under a voluntary boil order. Schools and businesses were closed April 27.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/e1629a7d377b4ffab70d28bf279cc773/O-K--Henryetta-Water/>

30. *April 27, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Connecticut) **Town of Greenwich, Conn. to pay penalty and fix wastewater infrastructure.** Under a settlement between the United States, state of Connecticut, and the town of Greenwich, the town will pay a \$200,000 penalty and rehabilitate a critical wastewater collection system that serves three of the town's major wastewater pump stations. The agreement settles allegations of Clean Water Act violations by the town stemming from two major ruptures of the sewage system. On October 14, 2005, the town's Old Greenwich Common Force Main ruptured and released 14.5 million gallons of raw sewage into the Cos Cob Harbor, a tributary to the Long Island Sound. The same force main ruptured again December 16, 2008, releasing 28 million gallons of raw sewage into Cos Cob Harbor. Under the settlement lodged in federal district court in Hartford April 27, in addition to paying a \$200,000 penalty to be split equally between the federal and state governments, the town will replace the section of the force main which previously failed. The town will also evaluate the need to replace other sections of the force main that have not been replaced in the past. In the event another rupture to the force main occurs, the agreement requires the town to pay additional penalties and replace some or all of the older sections of the force main — depending on the circumstances of the rupture.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/E280FDF18F7C6388525787F00718D90>

31. *April 27, Lovely County Citizen* – (Arkansas) **Storm empties water tower at HI.** At Holiday Island, Arkansas, two-thirds of Hawk Drive washed out sometime after midnight April 24, taking sections of waterline with it. The loss caused the 180,000-gallon water tower at fire station #1 to run dry, leaving some residents without water April 25. "We isolated the line by shutting down the valves," the public works director said. "We've had wells four and five on manual, so the tower is filling back up, but it's slow." Parts of the island were without power April 25. Other areas in Holiday Island were also inundated, including low-water bridges spanning Haddock Creek.

Source: <http://www.lovelycitizen.com/story/1722345.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *April 27, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **High water forces evacuation of Psychiatric Center, Utica homes; 10 counties have emergencies.** High water across southern

Indiana has led to the evacuation of a children's hospital and residents along the Ohio river in Evansville, Indiana. The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration said the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center moved 15 patients to nearby Evansville State Hospital April 27 after high water flooded nearby streets. State officials said at least 10 counties have issued emergency declarations: Dubois, Floyd, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, and Warrick.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a3253a940fa3446c86c2a81a9594a505/IN--Indiana-Storms-Evacuations/>

33. *April 27, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Two more measles cases for Minnesota; both linked to outbreak.** The Minnesota Department of Health reported April 27 two new cases of measles in the state, adding that both of the cases can be linked to an ongoing outbreak in Hennepin County. The health department also reported that a case previously identified as isolated is now considered part of the outbreak. A total of 21 measles cases this year can be linked to the case of a person infected in Kenya this winter, the health department said. There have been two other isolated cases in the state, bringing the 2011 tally for measles cases to 23. Between 2001 and 2010, there were a total of just 10 measles cases in the state. There have been 14 measles hospitalizations so far this year and no deaths, according to the health department.  
Source: [http://www.twincities.com/ci\\_17939992?nlick\\_check=1](http://www.twincities.com/ci_17939992?nlick_check=1)
34. *April 26, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Police seek man who claimed he had bomb in attempted pharmacy robbery.** Madison, Wisconsin, police were looking for a man who tried to rob an East Side pharmacy of OxyContin April 25 by claiming he would detonate a bomb if he did not get drugs. The incident happened about 11:07 a.m. at Walgreens, 3710 E. Washington Avenue. Police said the man pulled into the drive-up pharmacy and displayed a note to the clerk that indicated he would detonate a bomb if he did not get the OxyContin. The clerk backed away from the window and the man drove away less than a minute later. No bomb was found, police said.  
Source: [http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime\\_and\\_courts/article\\_12114712-7022-11e0-8a15-001cc4c03286.html?mode=more](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_12114712-7022-11e0-8a15-001cc4c03286.html?mode=more)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *April 28, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **State police issue arrest warrant for suspect in KSU dorm fire arson.** Kentucky State Police (KSP) said April 28 they obtained an arrest warrant for a 19-year-old West Erie, Pennsylvania woman wanted in connection with an arson fire at a Kentucky State University (KYSU) dormitory in Frankfort, Kentucky, April 24. The fire broke out at about 5:20 a.m. inside the Chandler Hall Dormitory. Police said one student was injured in the fire and was treated and released from a local hospital. KSP is working with law enforcement in the Erie, Pennsylvania area to apprehend the suspect. Once located, she will be extradited

back to Kentucky to face criminal charges. The suspect is charged with first-degree arson, a class A felony punishable by 20 years to life in prison. Police said the suspect might be facing other criminal charges. KSP Post 12 and the KYSU Campus Police Department are continuing the investigation.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/state-police-issue-arrest-warrant-for-suspect-in-ksu-dorm-fire-arson>

36. *April 27, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **University of Alabama cancels classes after fierce storm strikes Tuscaloosa.** The University of Alabama canceled classes April 28 and suspended normal operations on campus after a deadly tornado swept through Tuscaloosa, Alabama April 27. The mayor of Tuscaloosa said there were 15 confirmed deaths from the storm. University officials said power outages at the school were widespread, but they had no reports of structural damage to buildings on campus. University officials said parts of Tuscaloosa where many off-campus students live were damaged, however. The university has made the student recreation center available to students whose off-campus residences are damaged. A school spokeswoman said the tornado came very close to the campus.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/ddc2d1ba9be342998961bb3b29c78bf0/AL--Alabama-Weather-University/>

37. *April 27, USA Today* – (National) **Violent threats to Congress surged last year.** Threats of violence against members of Congress surged in 2010 mostly because of the contentious debate on sweeping legislation to extend health care insurance to all Americans, according to a report in The Hill. The FBI investigated at least 26 instances of violent threats in 2010 against members of Congress, the newspaper that covers Congress reported. The Hill, which based its reports on interviews and documents obtained from the FBI using the Freedom of Information Act, said the number of threats against lawmakers last year was the most on record.

Source: <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/onpolitics/post/2011/04/congress-threats-violence-health-care-/1>

38. *April 27, WREG 3 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **Flood waters cause evacuation of nearly 400 Millington Naval Base.** About 120 families of the U.S. Naval Support Activity were ordered to leave their homes overnight April 26 on the Millington Naval Base in Millington, Tennessee. The rainfall over the past few days caused the rushing waters of Big Creek behind the base to rise extremely quickly, and officials feared flooding. Officials said the mandatory evacuation, though in the middle of the night, was precautionary. A flash flood in May 2010 caught many off guard, and water flooded homes and ruined cars before residents could evacuate. This time naval officials warned personnel they might be forced to leave with all of the predicted rain. As of April 27, none of the housing units of concern were touched by flood water. Officials said crews were monitoring the creek as it rises.

Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/wreg-flood-waters,0,6725858.story>

39. *April 27, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Feds charge Kan. inmate with mailing threats.** The U.S. attorney’s office in Kansas said a state prison inmate was indicted on charges of sending threatening letters to two Sedgwick County judges and other law enforcement officials. Prosecutors said April 27 the 5-count indictment alleges a 48-year-old man threatened to kill 2 Sedgwick County judges. The suspect was also accused of threatening a district attorney, a Sedgwick County sheriff’s officer, and FBI agents. The crimes allegedly occurred in 2009, 2010, and 2011, including time when the suspect was in the Sedgwick County jail. He is in the state prison at Lansing. Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/default/article/Feds-charge-Kan-inmate-with-mailing-threats-1355663.php>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

40. *April 28, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Costly Pa. radio system for law enforcement agencies isn’t working as planned.** Pennsylvania taxpayers have sunk as much as \$500 million into a statewide radio system that state law enforcement agencies said is unreliable. Agents in the field said they can be in dangerous situations with radios that they can not trust to work, or that perhaps worked in a location one time but not the next. Some lawmakers are saying it might be time to pull the plug on this project, which has cost far more and taken far longer to complete than anticipated. The system seems to malfunction more often than it works, the deputy chief of the state attorney general’s bureau of narcotics investigations said. Other incidents involving malfunctioning radios have played out on the streets of Pittsburgh, Erie, Scranton, and Allentown for agents in the attorney general’s office, he told a panel of senators April 27. State police, too, said the system is unreliable. A captain said troopers experience 161 service outages on average each month. Source: [http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/04/pa\\_radio\\_system\\_is\\_full\\_of\\_dea.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/04/pa_radio_system_is_full_of_dea.html)
41. *April 27, Chicago Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Arlington Heights 911 center teams with national center for missing and exploited.** Arlington Heights, Illinois-based Northwest Central Dispatch System is teaming with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to enhance its commitment to saving children who are missing or sexually exploited. The partnership makes Northwest Central the first emergency dispatch center in Illinois to team with the National Center, according to the center. When it receives a call about a missing child, the center dispatches a police officer from the proper jurisdiction. If police later determine it necessary, the center would then help issue an Amber Alert, an urgent bulletin in what are considered the most serious child abduction cases. Northwest Central answers emergency calls and provides dispatch services for police and/or fire departments in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mount Prospect, Palatine,



Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, and Streamwood. The center receives about 274,000 emergency calls per year.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110427/news/704279883/>

42. *April 27, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona; National) **US weighs option of extending Guard’s deployment to border.** The U.S. President’s administration is having second thoughts about withdrawing all National Guard troops from the border by the end of June. The National Guard Bureau in Virginia is asking Arizona officials for input on “different courses of action” for what to do about the 560 soldiers now assigned to border-security duty in Arizona, part of 1,200 troops placed along the entire Mexican border. An Arizona National Guard lieutenant said April 26 that one option is to extend the mission. And the DHS Secretary in an interview with Reuters said the Administration is weighing whether to keep troops there to tamp down border violence. Federal funding runs out in June. But the Arizona National Guard lieutenant said it is necessary to start the “ramp-down” process by the middle of next month to ensure everything is wrapped up by that date. Sensing a possible opportunity, Arizona’s governor sent a letter to the President outlining accomplishments of Arizona Guard troops. DHS officials said the agency has completed 649 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, including 299 miles of vehicle barriers, and 350 miles of pedestrian fence. And the governor repeated a call she made 2 years ago to put another 250 soldiers along the border as part of a separate, ongoing Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force. There are currently 150 soldiers in that program.

Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/article\\_d5d5721d-1547-5aa3-b346-32b4bbce80aa.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/article_d5d5721d-1547-5aa3-b346-32b4bbce80aa.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

43. *April 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Researchers crack Nikon image authentication system.** ElcomSoft researched Nikon’s Image Authentication System, a secure suite validating if an image has been altered since capture, and discovered a major vulnerability in the manner the secure image signing key is handled. This allowed the company to extract the original signing key from a Nikon camera. The vulnerability, when exploited, makes it possible to produce manipulated images with a fully valid authentication signature. ElcomSoft was able to successfully extract the original image signing key and produce a set of forged images that successfully pass validation with Nikon Image Authentication Software.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10960>

44. *April 28, The Register* – (International) **PlayStation Network credit cards protected by encryption.** All credit card information stored on Sony’s PlayStation Network was encrypted, the company said 1 day after warning users their user names, passwords, birth dates, and home addresses were stolen in a security breach. “The entire credit card

table was encrypted and we have no evidence that credit card data was taken,” Sony representatives wrote in the update, which was posted late April 27. “The personal data table, which is a separate data set, was not encrypted, but was, of course, behind a very sophisticated security system that was breached in a malicious attack.” The update clarifies statements Sony made April 26 that the stolen information may have included payment-card data, purchase history, billing addresses, and security answers used to change passwords. The company did not provide details about the encryption used to protect card data, but assuming it followed standard industry practices, it was likely enough to prevent the information from being used by the hackers behind the break in. The update April 27 follows multiple news reports that recounted PSN users who reported credit card fraud that seemed to coincide with the breach.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/28/sony\\_playstation\\_network\\_credit\\_cards/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/28/sony_playstation_network_credit_cards/)

45. *April 28, The Register* – (Unknown Geographic Scope) **Targeted phish frags Xbox gamers.** Microsoft has warned users of Xbox Live to be wary of targeted phishing scams that attempt to trick users into handing over gamer tags and passwords. The latest online gaming scam is more carefully targeted and subtler than most. Gamers are induced to hand over log-in credentials while playing the popular first-person shooter Modern Warfare 2 via “title specific messages”, Microsoft warns via a status update on its Xbox Support Web site. The scam appears to rely on a game modification that allows users to post chat messages onscreen that resemble those posted ingame by developers. These messages link to a phishing Web site that invite users to hand over log-in credentials.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/28/xbox\\_targetted\\_phishing/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/04/28/xbox_targetted_phishing/)

46. *April 27, Computerworld* – (International) **Sony to restart Blu-ray Disc production in late May.** Sony plans to resume production of Blu-ray and other optical discs at a tsunami-hit factory in northern Japan in late May, it said April 28. The company’s Sendai Technology Center in the city of Tagajo is the only Sony plant still offline after a powerful earthquake and tsunami hit eastern Japan March 11. Now, Sony is anticipating the restart of some operations. The factory is Sony’s principle production base for professional video tapes, blank Blu-ray Discs, and other media products, and the halt in production caused a pinch on supply of some professional media products such as HDCAM video tapes for portable TV cameras. While the optical disc production will start in late May, production of magnetic tapes, such as those for TV cameras, is not likely to resume until late July.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216241/Sony\\_to\\_restart\\_Blu\\_ray\\_Disc\\_production\\_in\\_late\\_May](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216241/Sony_to_restart_Blu_ray_Disc_production_in_late_May)

47. *April 27, Government Computer News* – (International) **Apple claims it only maintains database of Wi-Fi hotspots, cell towers.** Addressing claims that its iPhones are gathering location data, Apple said in a statement April 27 that the extent of Global Positioning System information being gathered is the result of a recently uncovered bug. After the fix, the company said it will not need to store more than 7 days’ worth of

information to maintain a database of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers around a user's current location. This information helps the iPhone calculate locations quickly. "The location data that researchers are seeing on the iPhone is not the past or present location of the iPhone, but rather the locations of Wi-Fi hotspots and cell towers surrounding the iPhone's location, which can be more than 100 miles away from the iPhone," the statement said. "This cache is protected but not encrypted, and is backed up in iTunes whenever you back up your phone," Apple said in the statement, adding the iPhone cache will be encrypted in the next major iOS software release.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2011/04/27/apple-statement-iphone-location-tracking.aspx>

48. *April 27, Computerworld* – (International) **Google patches 27 Chrome bugs, pays out record bounties.** Google April 27 patched 27 vulnerabilities in Chrome as it boosted the "stable" build of the browser to version 11 on Windows, Mac, and Linux. The update fixed 18 vulnerabilities rated "high," the second-most-severe ranking in Google's scoring; 6 labeled "medium"; and 3 pegged as "low." None of the vulnerabilities was ranked "critical," the category reserved for bugs that may let an attacker escape Chrome's anti-exploit "sandbox." Google has patched three critical bugs so far in 2011. Five of the vulnerabilities were identified as "stale pointer" bugs, a term that describes flaws in an application's — in this case, Chrome's — memory allocation code. Google has patched numerous stale pointer bugs in the last 4 months. Other flaws fixed could be used by attackers to spoof the contents of the address bar — a bug that typically gets the attention of phishers and identity thieves — or to compromise the browser with malicious SVG files.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216220/Google\\_patches\\_27\\_Chrome\\_bugs\\_pays\\_out\\_record\\_bounties](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216220/Google_patches_27_Chrome_bugs_pays_out_record_bounties)

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

49. *April 27, IDG News Service* – (National) **Verizon finds cause of LTE outage.** Verizon Wireless determined the cause of an outage that crippled its long-term evolution (LTE) mobile data network starting late April 26. It is working to solve the problem, but the carrier has not estimated when the system will be restored. Users of LTE smartphones can still make phone calls and use slower data connections on Verizon's Code-Division

Multiple Access (CDMA) network, according to a Verizon statement released April 27 at 4:15 p.m. However, subscribers cannot use the LTE network, Verizon's fastest, nor activate any LTE devices, the company said. "We expect to see the network restore on a market-by-market basis. Timing and additional details will be provided as they become available," the statement said. Verizon first acknowledged the problem April 27 after published reports that the network had gone down nationwide. The outage was the first major blemish on the LTE network, which was launched commercially late in 2010. Verizon's is the first national network using LTE and has delivered average speeds of 6.5M bps downstream and 5M bps upstream in tests by PC World. Rival AT&T plans to launch an LTE network later in 2011.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216242/Verizon\\_finds\\_cause\\_of\\_LTE\\_outage](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216242/Verizon_finds_cause_of_LTE_outage)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

50. *April 28, Atlanta Journal Constitution; Associated Press* – (National) **Georgia storms | At least 13 dead, widespread destruction.** Emergency crews searched for survivors and victims in Georgia April 28 after a tornado ripped through Catoosa County, killing at least seven people and knocking out power to more than 45,000. At least four other people died in Georgia in storm-related incidents. There were reports of people still trapped in buildings in Ringgold, Georgia, April 28. A Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) spokesman said the death toll "was fluid" as rescue and recovery efforts continued. She said GEMA was only confirming 10 deaths, but the number would likely rise. Catoosa County officials said in a statement 30 people had been taken to local hospitals, and "at this time, emergency personnel are still searching the area for survivors." A hotel and row of restaurants just off I-75 in Ringgold took a direct hit from the tornado. A local business owner said about 400 people from the Super 8 and the damaged restaurants took refuge in the lobby and hallways of his hotel immediately after the tornado struck at 8:19 p.m. There was also widespread destruction in Spalding County, south of Atlanta. In the town of Sunny Side, the tornado erased a gas station/convenience store, heavily damaged the post office and a salvage business, and cleared an RV lot of more than \$1 million in inventory. The lot at Sunnyside RV and Truck Sales was filled with 35-foot 20,000-pound coaches but is now half empty.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/storms-kill-11-in-928006.html>

51. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Casinos told to close as Miss. River rises.** As the Mississippi River rises to near-record levels, Tunica, Mississippi's 9 casinos will shut down indefinitely beginning April 28, displacing about 10,000 workers and costing millions in lost dollars for the Delta community. The Mississippi Gaming Commission ordered the closings as a precautionary measure. The closings were to begin April 28, with Resorts Casino Tunica, followed by Bally's Casino Tunica April 29. Fitzgerald's, Hollywood, Sam's Town, and Harrah's will close May 1

followed by Gold Strike, Horseshoe, and Roadhouse May 2. The staggered timing reflects the different times the various casinos will be affected by the high water, said the vice president of communications for Caesars Entertainment, which owns three casinos. She said amenities on the protected side of the mainline levee — including golf courses and some hotels — will remain open. The executive director of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, said April 27 that it was likely the river levels will shut down casinos in Greenville, Vicksburg, and Natchez. He said river levels in those areas would be reviewed the week of May 1. The president and CEO of the Tunica Convention and Visitors Bureau said the shutdown also will close 5,000 hotel rooms. Mississippi River casinos — properties stretching from Tunica to Natchez — generated revenues of \$115 million in March, and the state received about \$25 million in tax dollars from all its gaming properties.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Casinos-told-to-close-as-Miss-River-rises-1356344.php>

52. *April 28, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Chemical spill prompts rec center evacuation.** A problem with muriatic acid prompted an evacuation of the Vandalia Recreation Center April 28 in Vandalia, Ohio. Vandalia Fire Department crews rushed to the recreation center at at 8:15 a.m., which is located at 111 Stonequarry Road. The incident occurred at the rec center’s indoor water park. “Actually we’re not sure at this time if it was a spill or a leak,” the Vandalia communications director said. The recreation center was not open to the public at that time, and workers were evacuated. Vandalia Fire and Dayton Hazmat crews were called, and Butler Township provided mutual aid. The director said two individuals were being treated at the scene for minor injuries, and the building was being ventilated. He said muriatic acid, formerly known as hydrochloric acid, is a chemical used to purify water in swimming pools. He said they hoped to get the area cleaned up and open the recreation center later in the day April 28.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/chemical-spill-prompts-rec-center-evacuation-1147246.html>

53. *April 27, DNAINFO.com* – (New York) **Fire forces evacuation of Upper West Side apartment building.** Dozens of people were evacuated from the De Hostos apartment building in New York City, New York, April 27 after a fire broke out. A fire department spokesman said the blaze broke out at 1 p.m. on the second floor of the 22-story Upper West Side apartment building, located on 201 West 93rd Street at Amsterdam Avenue, forcing residents in neighboring homes onto the street. It took nearly 20 minutes for firefighters to bring it under control. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/20110427/upper-west-side/fire-forces-evacuation-of-upper-west-side-apartment-building>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

54. *April 28, Plumas County News* – (California) **Delayed start to cleanup means state park will be closed all summer.** The campground and historic area at Plumas-Eureka State Park (PESP) in California will be closed for the summer season in 2011 because late and heavy snows delayed the start of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) planned cleanup in the park. It is unclear when the facilities will reopen. Limited areas of the park, including Eureka Lake and the Eureka Peak trails, Madora Lake, Grass Lake and the Grass Lake/Smith Lake trailhead, and the Jamison Creek Canyon area, will continue to be open to the public. The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) announced January 25 that PESP would be partially closed this summer for a hazardous materials cleanup. The EPA was set to lead the cleanup of toxic materials — primarily arsenic, lead, and mercury — left over from the days when the site was a working gold mine. The work was scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011 as soon as weather conditions allowed and to proceed through the fall. Officials had hoped that if the cleanup finished ahead of schedule, they could reopen portions of the park.

Source: <http://plumasnews.com/home/8161-delayed-start-to-cleanup-means-state-park-will-be-closed-all-summer.html>

55. *April 27, United Press International* – (Texas) **One Texas wildfire almost contained.** The Possum Kingdom Lake wildfire was 90 percent contained April 27, the Texas Forest Service (TFS) reported. The fire, formed when four blazes merged about 80 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, spread across almost 127,000 acres in two counties and burned 167 houses and two churches. Hundreds of firefighters have been on the scene for several weeks. There were 17 large fires burning in the state April 27, covering more than 500,000 acres, the TFS said. Seven new fires were reported April 26. Texas has had some of the most dangerous fire conditions in its history this spring. A long drought has left grass and scrub with little resistance to fire, and the weather has been hot, dry, and windy most of the time. Fires have burned about 1.5 million acres in 2011.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/04/27/One-Texas-wildfire-almost-contained/UPI-81701303954721/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/04/27/One-Texas-wildfire-almost-contained/UPI-81701303954721/)

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## **Dams Sector**

56. *April 28, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Volunteers work overnight sandbagging at Lake Wappapello.** About 200 volunteers spent the night of April 27 and the next morning sandbagging at the Lake Wappapello spillway in Missouri. Dump trucks were building a rock dike that will slow the water from inching its way to the emergency spillway. The Army Corps of Engineers expects the water to reach 396.6 feet at the spillway April 30. This is above what the emergency spillway can hold at 394.75 feet. With the rock dike and sandbags at the edge of the spillway, the Corps does not expect the water to go over the spillway. There is also a possibility the Lake Wappapello water level may overflow the emergency spillway, according to the Poplar Bluff Police Department. If it were to run over, Hwy. T would be covered with water.

Hwy. T was closed down April 27. The utilities down water from the spillway are not expected to be affected.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/14531541/volunteers-work-overnight-sandbagging-at-lake-wappapello>

57. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Montana; Idaho) **Army Corps warns of major flooding possible on Kootenai River this year.** The cold, wet spring is creating the possibility of major flooding on the Kootenai River and its tributaries in Montana and Idaho. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is creating additional storage space by dramatically lowering the reservoir behind Libby Dam, to some 100 feet below its capacity. Snowpack in the Kootenai River Basin ranges from 128 percent to 153 percent of normal this year, and major flooding is possible. The Corps said the reservoir could rise up to 8 feet per day next month. They are warning residents of the region to be prepared if waters rise quickly.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c664f587a9914d2186664ff67d0b668b/MT--Kootenai-River/>

58. *April 28, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Phase 1 of Birds Point spillway plan activated.** Mississippi County, Missouri sheriff's deputy said phase one of the Birds Point spillway was activated at 1 p.m. April 27. Phase one includes local deputies and members of the National Guard going door to door to homes in the spillway and telling them "to be prepared to evacuate." He said residents were told to have their plans together to get out of their homes quickly but there has not been a mandatory evacuation ordered. Phase two of the plan will include local authorities and guard going door to door getting people out of their homes. He said if this happens, people will be removed from their homes and not allowed to stay; but once again, this has not happened yet. According to the sheriff's department, no matter what happens to the levee, the majority of the homes in the spillway will be dealing with high water. The sheriff's department said approximately 300 people living in the spillway and 100 homes will be affected. The spillway covers 331,000 acres.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/14530053/phase-1-of-birds-point-spillway-plan-activated>

59. *April 27, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **U.S. Army Corps: Lake Tenkiller Dam not in danger of failing.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is releasing 13,700 cubic feet of water per second through the main spillway gates at Lake Tenkiller's dam in Oklahoma. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stressed the dam is not in any danger of failing. According to a news release sent April 27 by a spokesman from the Tulsa District Public Affairs Office, "Tenkiller Lake is functioning just as it was designed to do." He said the lake is holding a great deal of water in its flood pool. He said the rate of water being released does not exceed channel capacity and that there is still storage space left in the flood pool. The amount of water rushing downstream is almost 100,000 gallons per second. Engineers expect the lake will reach 33 feet above normal which will fill 93 percent of its flood pool, according to the spokesman. He said if additional water releases are needed which would exceed downstream channel

capacity, emergency management officials would be notified and any evacuation notices would come from them.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/14526026/13000-cubic-feet-per-second-of-water-spilling-out-of-lake-tenkiller>

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