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- According to the Hackensack Record, authorities arrested two men who tried to sell more than \$1 trillion in counterfeit U.S. Treasury notes to undercover sheriff's officers in New Jersey. (See item [12](#))
- Bloomberg reports the United States and Australia boosted security at their embassies around the world and Interpol told its 188 member countries to be on "full alert" for attacks to avenge the killing of an al-Qaeda leader. (See item [31](#))

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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. *May 1, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **54,000 Alabama Power customers remain without power.** About 54,000 Alabama Power customers remained without power May 1. Most of those outages were in the central and west regions of Alabama. The total amount of Alabama Power customers that were without power as tornadoes and powerful thunderstorms hit was over 412,000. On April 29, Alabama Power's CEO made a promise to customers that crews would have power restored to 95 percent of

homes that could receive power by May 4. Crews from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan, and Wisconsin added to the efforts. In total the workforce to restore power totals 6,500 personnel. The number of remaining outages of Alabama Power customers is nowhere near the number of outages in north Alabama. As of May 1, the Tennessee Valley Authority reported more than 450,000 customers still without power 4 days after the deadly storms.

Source: <http://www.myfoxd.com/story/14549751/54000-alabama-power-customers-remain-without-power>

2. *April 29, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Massey moves to seal W.Va. coal mine where 29 died.** Massey Energy Co. is moving to seal a West Virginia coal mine where 29 miners died in an explosion a year ago. A federal Mine Safety and Health Administration spokeswoman said April 29 that the company has submitted a plan for sealing the Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal. The spokeswoman said agency representatives expected to meet with Massey officials May 5 to discuss the closure plan. But, she said Massey is “requesting sealing of the entire mine.” The southern West Virginia mine was the scene of the nation’s deadliest coal mine explosion since 1970. The April 5, 2010, blast remains the subject of civil and criminal investigations. It has 19 openings and roughly 7-foot ceilings. Inside, it is crisscrossed with railroad tracks used for hauling people and equipment. It is located in a mine-laced swath of Raleigh and Boone counties that is the heart of West Virginia’s coal country.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/14543508/massey-moves-to-seal-wva-coal-mine-where-29-died>
3. *April 29, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Fire extinguished at power plant in St. Clair Co.** Officials said early April 29 that a fire at a power plant in St. Clair County, Michigan, was extinguished in about an hour and was not expected to affect customers. The Times Herald of Port Huron said the fire was reported about 9:20 p.m. April 28 at DTE Energy Co.’s Belle River Power Plant in China Township. No injuries were reported. A DTE spokesman said the fire was caused by a leak in an oil line at one of the coal-powered plant’s two generating units. The unit has been shut down. The other generating unit at the plant located about 40 miles northeast of Detroit remained in operation.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-ap-mi-powerplant-fire,0,7308191.story>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

4. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Equipment problem at Neb. nuke plant proves costly.** A problem with emergency equipment at Nebraska’s Cooper Nuclear Station is adding to the cost of the plant’s refueling shutdown — a cost that could hit power customers’ pocketbooks. The cost of the shutdown, originally budgeted at \$31 million, has increased by \$5 million as a result of the problem, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications reported. The plant at Brownville — which is operated by Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) — was taken offline March 13 for a routine refueling operation. A problem with an emergency backup generator was discovered during an equipment test, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokeswoman said. “These generators are in place to operate in emergency conditions,” an NPPD spokeswoman said. “They aren’t needed for the regular operations, but they’re certainly part of our design and our emergency system that’s in place.” Federal authorities have scheduled a meeting May 5 with NPPD at the Brownville Concert Hall to discuss the problem and other operations.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/Equipment-problem-at-Neb-uke-plant-proves-costly-1360972.php>

5. *April 29, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Nuke plant deficient in security.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has put PPL’s Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Salem Township, Pennsylvania under additional scrutiny after a February 11 inspection revealed deficiencies in security. The NRC April 29 announced it finalized a “Greater than Green” inspection finding for the nuclear plant. Details of the finding — including the level of significance — will not be made public because of concerns it could potentially aid individuals or groups interested in attacking or sabotaging a nuclear power plant, the NRC public affairs officer for Region I said. Additional scrutiny will continue until the NRC is satisfied PPL understands the root causes of the issue and has taken appropriate steps to address it, the spokesman said. “The finding was identified during a security inspection at the plant in February, and we issued it on a preliminary basis on March 28. At that time, we offered PPL an opportunity to attend a meeting with us to elaborate on the issue or to respond to it in writing. The company notified the NRC on March 31 that it was declining those opportunities,” he said. PPL was issued a notice of violation because a condition at the power plant violated NRC regulations. The NRC spokesman noted the security deficiencies were promptly corrected or compensated for, and the plant was in compliance with applicable physical protection and security requirements before the NRC team that conducted the inspection left the site.

Source: <http://www.timesleader.com/news/Nuke-plant-deficient-in-security.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *May 2, Reuters* – (National) **GM SUVs probed for bad fuel gauges.** Federal regulators are investigating 865,000 General Motors Co. sport utility vehicles for

potential faulty fuel gauges that could mistakenly tell drivers their vehicles have more gas than they do, Reuters reported May 2. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said on its Web site it opened a preliminary investigation covering Chevrolet Trailblazers, GMC Envoys, Buick Rainiers, and Saab 9-7s from model years 2005-2007 after receiving 668 complaints alleging inaccurate fuel gauge readings. Of the complaints over the weekend of April 30, 58 incidents were alleged to result in a vehicle stall and 43 of those occurred because the fuel level reading indicated more fuel than what was actually in the tank, NHTSA said. NHTSA said the complaints show an apparent increasing trend, with most complaints received within the past year. It added it has opened preliminary probes for Ford Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. Ltd. vehicles. NHTSA received 18 complaints concerning the liftgate glass on the rear doors or hatches on 200,000 Ford SUVs. The reports said the liftgate glass on Ford Escapes and Mercury Mariners for model years 2010 and 2011 could spontaneously shatter when the liftgate was opened or closed. Many of the incidents occurred during cooler temperatures. The safety agency also said it opened an investigation covering 288,000 Honda CR-V SUVs from model years 2002 to 2004 for complaints the headlights stopped working. NHTSA said it has received 12 complaints alleging both low-beam headlights stopped working simultaneously.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42857117/ns/business-autos>

7. *May 1, PhillyBurbs.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire creates hazmat scare.** A small fire May 1 at the PSG Controls manufacturing plant in the East Rockhill, Pennsylvania-area turned into a hazmat incident after firefighters were exposed to an unknown amount of mercury in the building. The initial call occurred at 4:15 a.m., with a report of smoke and a chemical smell near Seventh and Buttonwood streets. It took firefighters about 30 minutes to determine the source was about a mile away, the Perkasio Fire Co.'s public information officer said. PSG was empty when the blaze broke out. Officials believe it started at some workbenches, where finished products caught fire. The fire then traveled into the wall, ceiling, and storage area. It was under control at 6:30 a.m. and by 8:50 a.m. it was labeled a hazmat incident. Bucks County's hazmat team responded and set up decontamination showers for firefighters and their equipment. Medical personnel also responded. Both procedures were precautionary, the public information officer said. Eight fire departments and 100 to 125 firefighters responded. Forty-five firefighters, who were the closest to the mercury, were taken to Grand View and St. Luke's Quakertown hospitals to have blood drawn and to be evaluated. A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency field unit was expected to respond to monitor the situation. Hazmat crews hosed off firefighters and their gear. Firefighters then had their vitals checked and documented by paramedics.

Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the_intelligencer_news/fire-creates-hazmat-scare/article_525296e6-064d-5472-9157-0b861839f523.html

8. *April 30, American Metal Market* – (National) **Bulk alloys stranded on Ohio River.** Severe flooding has stopped barge traffic and stranded significant amounts of bulk ferroalloys on the lower Ohio River, causing delays of up to a week, market participants told American Metal Market, which reported the story April 30. Deliveries by barge to Ghent, Kentucky-based North American Stainless Inc. stopped after the

company's dock on the Ohio River, operated by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, shut midweek the week of April 25. "We informed them of a force majeure due to the high water level and then they relayed it to their suppliers," a company source said. The terminal handles stainless steel slab and coil, stainless scrap, ferroalloys, silicon metal and gypsum, according to Kinder Morgan's Web site.

Source: <http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2816443/AMM-Bulk-alloys-stranded-on-Ohio-River.html>

9. *April 30, American Metal Market* – (Alabama) **Birmingham Bronze site completely destroyed.** Metal distributor Birmingham Bronze & Metals Co.'s 22,000-square-foot warehouse and office complex in Alabama were among the casualties of tornadoes which hit the region April 27, a company executive told American Metal Market. "In a nutshell, we had a 20,000-square-foot warehouse and a 2,000-square-foot office, and both are completely destroyed.

Source: <http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2816437/Channel/197818/AMM-Birmingham-Bronze-site-completely-destroyed.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *May 2, eWeek* – (Florida) **Space shuttle Endeavour to launch no earlier than May 8: NASA.** Technicians and engineers at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida have identified the likely source of what caused heaters on a fuel line for space shuttle Endeavour's auxiliary power unit-1 to fail April 29, scrubbing the first launch attempt for the STS-134 mission. The failure appears to be a power problem within the aft load control assembly-2, a box of switches controlling power feeds, the space agency reported. "That basically means the power is not getting out to the heaters that weren't working on launch day," the space shuttle program launch integration manager said. "We can tell you, pretty much, that [Endeavour's launch is] not going to be any earlier than May 8," he said. "We're really not even setting the schedules today." The plan is to remove and replace the box, but that work and related testing will take several days to complete, the manager said. Once the new box is installed, the team must verify it is working properly — at least a 2-day process — and perform forensics on the failed box.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Government-IT/Space-Shuttle-Endeavour-to-Launch-No-Earlier-than-May-8-NASA-306973/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *April 29, Associated Press* – (Michigan; National) **Detroit-area man accused of \$200M Ponzi scheme pleads guilty, says he defrauded investors.** A Detroit, Michigan-area man accused of a \$200 million investment scam pleaded guilty April 29, admitting he lied to people for a decade when he promised he was putting their cash

into telecommunication deals with hotels across the country. The 74-year-old man appeared in federal court in Detroit a few weeks before trial and pleaded guilty to all 59 counts of fraud in the indictment. He said most money was recycled to earlier investors, a classic Ponzi scheme, but a “substantial amount” was spent on gambling. Starting in 1997, he created false documents to show he had contracts with hotels in California, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and elsewhere. He said he promised people that in just 20 months, they would earn enough interest to cover their initial investment. Investors’ losses topped \$35 million by 2007 when the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a civil lawsuit. Under sentencing guidelines, the man likely faces 15 years to 20 years in prison. The man told the judge he did not act alone. No one else has been charged, although the SEC has a lawsuit pending against another man, alleging he solicited 30 percent of the money given to the man in charge of the scheme and received \$3.8 million in compensation. That man has denied wrongdoing.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/acd0a110e808409a8b8cce7ceff6aaac/MI--Mich-Ponzi-Scheme/>

12. *April 29, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey; National) **Authorities seize \$1.2 billion in counterfeit documents, arrest 2.** Two men who tried to sell more than \$1 trillion in counterfeit U.S. Treasury notes to undercover sheriff’s officers were arrested, authorities said April 29. The arrests were the culmination of a sting operation at a Bergen County, New Jersey hotel April 28 that authorities said involved numerous officers, including one who posed as a bartender to gain the suspects’ trust. Around \$1.2 billion in fake U.S. Treasury notes was found in the suspects’ possession at the time of their arrest, the Bergen County sheriff said, though the two claimed they could produce hundreds of billions of dollars more in similar counterfeit notes. Both men were charged with money laundering and financial facilitation in the first degree, theft by deception, conspiracy, and forgery. After investigators initiated contact, the suspects told them they were willing to sell more than a trillion dollars in U.S. Treasury notes at a fraction of their value, the sheriff said. After some negotiation, both sides agreed to meet April 28 to complete the deal. By the time the suspects arrived, more than a dozen undercover officers were posing as security guards, limo drivers, and prospective buyers.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/042911_Authorities_seize_12_billion_in_counterfeit_documents_arrest_2.html

13. *April 29, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **2 investment handlers plead guilty to wire fraud.** Two St. Louis, Missouri-area financial investment handlers face sentencing July 22 after pleading guilty to federal wire fraud charges April 29. Federal prosecutors said the two men pleaded guilty April 29, admitting they embezzled about \$1.5 million from a retired couple. One of the men was an independent representative of Woodbury Financial Services. The other man operated Coral Mortgage Bankers Corp. offices in University City and Chesterfield, Missouri. The representative of Woodbury Financial Services also pleaded guilty to mail fraud for stealing an additional \$3.5 million from about two dozen brokerage clients and beneficiaries of a trust fund, many of them

elderly people. He said in his plea he used the money for, among other things, jewelry, and trips to adult entertainment clubs in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/04/29/business-us-missouri-investment-handlers-fraud_8442396.html

14. *April 29, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Ripon bank robbed, bomb threat reported.** A man who allegedly robbed a bank in Ripon, California, and claimed to have a bomb managed to get away with an undisclosed amount of cash April 29. The incident prompted law enforcement officials to evacuate the area and shut down a section of the downtown business district. A Ripon Police spokesman said around 10 a.m., a man walked into the Bank of the West carrying a black bag in which he claimed to have a bomb. He demanded money from a teller after showing a note referring to the “bomb.” The teller said the man was holding a remote control device during the robbery. Once the man had the cash, he fled on foot, leaving the bag on a counter inside. The spokesman said police arrived within minutes but were unable to find the man. The bank, nearby businesses, and homes were evacuated as a San Joaquin Bomb Squad worked to secure whatever was inside the black bag. The bag contained a cement block, not an explosive device. The man was described as a 40-year-old White or Hispanic adult, between 5 feet, 5 inches and 5 feet, 9 inches tall, with a mustache. He was wearing a tan jacket, blue jeans, white shoes, and a white baseball cap with a dark stocking cap underneath.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/135699/29/Ripon-bank-robbed-bomb-threat-reported>

15. *April 28, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Arizona; National) **New York man garners 20-Year sentence for ‘cashless ATM’ Ponzi scheme.** A U.S. district court judge in Phoenix, Arizona, sentenced a New York City, New York man April 28 to 20 years in prison for his role in an \$8 million Ponzi scheme that sold fictitious “cashless ATM machines” to victims throughout the United States. The 50-year-old pleaded guilty March 2, 2010, to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, one count of wire fraud, and one count of mail fraud. The judge also ordered the man to pay \$6,187,735 in restitution. From about March 2003, until about January 2005, the man and other co-defendants deceived about 300 investors into believing they were investing their money in a business opportunity pertaining to “cashless ATM machines.” The perpetrators established two Arizona corporations, Mac Investments, Inc. and MAC Investment Sales, Inc. of the same mailing address in Tempe to accomplish their goals.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/new-york-man-garners-20-year-sentence-for-%E2%80%98cashless-atm%E2%80%99-ponzi-scheme>

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Transportation Sector

16. *May 2, Associated Press* – (National) **Police presence beefed up at NY airports, WTC site.** Some local law enforcement agencies in the United States are adding security measures following the death of al-Qaeda’s leader at the hands of U.S. forces, out of what one called “an abundance of caution.” In Los Angeles, California, police said they are stepping up intelligence monitoring, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said it will add more police May 1 at airports, bridges, and the World Trade Center site in Manhattan, New York that was destroyed in the September 11 terrorist attacks ordered and organized by the al Qaeda leader.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/05/02/general-us-bin-laden-transit-security_8444768.html

17. *May 2, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **US Airways flight diverted to Vegas.** Authorities said a Phoenix, Arizona-bound U.S. Airways flight made an emergency landing in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 1 after an engine malfunction. A McCarran International Airport spokesman told the Las Vegas Sun that a 737 from Reno landed safely at the Las Vegas airport at about 10:30 a.m. He said one of the plane’s engines had gone down. The cause of the malfunction is under investigation. The flight had about 90 people on board, and the spokesman said no one was injured. U.S. Airways officials said the passengers were to be placed on other flights to Phoenix.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42858286/ns/travel-news/>

18. *May 1, Occupational Health and Safety Magazine* – (Massachusetts) **Texting caused 2009 subway crash: NTSB.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released a report April 28 detailing its investigation of a May 8, 2009, Boston, Massachusetts subway crash that caused 68 injuries and roughly \$9.6 million in damages. The board concluded it was caused by a train conductor texting his girlfriend from his cellphone while operating one of the trains. The incident involved two Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Green Line trains — locally referred to as trolleys. It forced the closure of the Government Center station and sent scores of people to hospitals after the train with the texting operator struck the train in front of it, which was stopped, waiting to enter the Park Street Station. According to NTSB investigators, the texting operator failed to observe both the yellow and red signals alerting him of the situation on the tracks “because he was engaged in the prohibited use of a wireless device, specifically text messaging, that distracted him from his duties. Contributing to the accident was the lack of a positive train control system that would have intervened to stop the train and prevent the collision.”
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/05/01/ntsb-report-examines-train-crash-caused-by-texting-conductor.aspx?admgarea=news>

19. *April 28, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Explosive device found in SE Sedgwick county.** The Wichita bomb squad blew up an explosive device found on a rural road in Wichita, Kansas, April 28. A township worker grading a road found what he believed to be a pipe bomb in the area of 39th St. South and Greenwich in southeast Sedgwick County. Upon arrival, Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Deputies closed part of 39th St. South and called for the bomb squad. Sheriff’s investigators do not know who placed the explosive on the road or how long it had been there.

Source:

http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Deputies_Respond_To_Suspicious_Device_Call_In_SE_Sedgwick_County_120871289.html

20. *April 28, Land Line Magazine* – (National) **Cellphone restriction advancing for hazmat haulers.** Commercial drivers are already operating under a federal ban on texting while driving, and the truck and bus industries are paying close attention to additional proposals targeting driver distraction. One of those proposals, which targets hand-held use of cellphones for intrastate drivers hauling hazmat, is advancing, Land Line Magazine reported April 28. The U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has jurisdiction over intrastate hazmat haulers and intends to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking in the Federal Register April 29, relating to hand-held use of cellphones while driving. The proposal takes into account the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) final rule on texting while driving, and also the FMCSA’s proposed rule to restrict the use of hand-held phones while engaged in interstate commerce. Since 2009, federal regulators have targeted five regulatory actions involving driver distraction. The actions are based on the U.S. Department of Transportation’s aggressive efforts to curb driver distraction in the commercial sector where the agency has jurisdiction. Thirty-one states have banned texting while driving for all motorists.

Source: http://www.landlinemag.com/todays_news/Daily/2011/Apr11/042511/042811-03.shtml

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *May 2, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **FBI: Mystery substance that cleared Ogden fed building is ‘not toxic’.** Hazardous materials experts April 29 ruled out either radiological or biological risks from a suspicious package that forced evacuation of Ogden’s downtown federal building in Utah. In the afternoon of April 28, the James V. Hansen Federal Building was evacuated after the package was discovered on the sixth floor. An FBI spokeswoman said April 29 tests had shown the substance was “not toxic,” but added, “We do not know what the substance is yet.”

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/51720731-78/building-substance-fbi-tests.html.csp>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *May 2, Wallet Pop* – (National) **One of Walmart’s Great Value Soups recalled nationwide.** Bay Valley Foods LLC of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, recalled 188,181 pounds of Walmart’s Great Value Reduced Sodium Chicken Noodle Condensed Soup

from 36 states and Puerto Rico because the cans may contain a different soup that has milk in it, said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Cow's milk is one of the top eight allergens that account for 90 percent of all food allergies, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The issue with the recalled soup is Walmart's Cream of Chicken Soup may be in the cans, and its ingredient blend includes milk. The switched soup was discovered when a consumer complained the product was incorrectly labeled. So far, neither Bay Valley nor FSIS has received reports of anyone sickened from eating the soup. Walmart said the soup went to its stores in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Source: <http://www.walletpop.com/2011/05/02/one-of-walmarts-great-value-soups-recalled-nationwide/>

23. *May 1, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Fire damages Oxnard fertilizer warehouse.** A fire at an Oxnard, California fertilizer warehouse May 1 caused about \$15,000 damage. The Oxnard Fire Department responded to the fire shortly after 11 a.m., finding a fire on the exterior of the Crop Production Services building, the battalion chief said. Firefighters extinguished the blaze within about 20 minutes, but they had to force their way into the warehouse when they realized the fire had extended inside. When they found the fertilizer inside, firefighters had to treat it as a hazardous materials response due to the concern the chemicals could be toxic and that runoff from water hoses should not get into storm drains, he said. After controlling the runoff, it was determined the fertilizer was a fairly weak lawn fertilizer, so firefighters were able to turn the rest of the cleanup over to the business, he said. Four engines and 24 firefighters responded to the fire, and firefighters were at the scene for about 3 hours. The chief said investigators suspect the fire may have been started by a warming fire left unattended in a homeless encampment near the warehouse.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/may/01/fire-damages-oxnard-fertilizer-warehouse/>

24. *April 29, United States Department of Agriculture* – (Puerto Rico) **Salesman indicted for distributing spoiled meat.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), in conjunction with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Puerto Rico, announced the indictment of a Puerto Rican businessman for violations of the Federal Meat and Poultry Inspection Acts. A grand jury handed down an indictment April 6 against a 52-year-old Puerto Rican man on four counts of adulteration, transport, distribution, and sale of adulterated meat and poultry products, and issued a warrant for his arrest. FSIS investigators and members of the Puerto Rico Fugitive Task Force of the U.S. Marshals Service served the warrant and conducted the arrest April 12 at the suspect's place of business in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. FSIS investigators developed the case while conducting normal surveillance and review operations at cold storage facilities in Puerto Rico. Federal charges state that on or

about June 25, 2009, the suspect purchased and transported about 45,582 pounds of spoiled and misbranded meat and poultry food products. The suspect would later transport the meat and poultry products to an open air vacant lot in Bayamon, the indictment said. Without the benefit of training, experience in food safety or a sanitary permit, and without subjecting the salvaged products to federal inspection, he then sorted and repacked the products to enhance their appearance. The suspect then transported the products to a food warehouse in San Juan, where he held them for sale to restaurants, retail stores, processors and local street vendors. Meat seized from the man's operation underwent lab analysis and was found to be unfit for human consumption and then destroyed.

Source: <http://www.foodmanufacturing.com/scripts/ShowPR~RID~20439.asp>

25. *April 28, Reuters* – (Alaska) **Three Alaskans accused of trafficking in walrus tusks.** Three Alaskans were indicted on charges of trafficking in hundreds of pounds of walrus tusks taken from a remote Eskimo village in exchange for such items as cash, guns, and marijuana, prosecutors said April 28. The case against the three individuals, which also includes accusations of illegal sales of walrus bones and polar bear hides, marks Alaska's biggest case of illegal trafficking in wildlife contraband in years, an assistant U.S. attorney said. Two suspects from Glennallen, Alaska, and a suspect from Anchorage pleaded not guilty April 28. They were arrested earlier that week. The indictment, unsealed April 27, said they began trading last summer for the animal parts from Savoonga, an impoverished Yupik Eskimo village on a remote Bering Strait island. In addition to offering cash, firearms, ammunition, and drugs in exchange for the ivory and hides, the defendants also traded away snowmobiles, prosecutors said. The three also are accused of conspiring to sell the ivory and animal parts over the Internet.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/04/29/us-alaska-wildlife-idUSTRE73SOH720110429>

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Water Sector

26. *May 2, American Recycler* – (Indiana) **Employees sentenced for Clean Water Act felonies.** Three officials of Ecological Systems, Inc. (ESI), an oil reclamation company that operated a centralized waste treatment facility in Indianapolis, Indiana, were sentenced in U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana for felony violations of the Clean Water Act. The prosecution stemmed from ESI's intentional discharges of untreated wastewater and stormwater from its facility directly into the Indianapolis sewer system. Besides fines and probation, all three defendants are prohibited from applying for any environmental license or employment in the environmental field without disclosing their felony convictions to any such licensing board or prospective employer. The investigation began after the Indiana Department of Environmental Management received complaints from several Indianapolis homeowners that thick,

oily wastewater was flowing into their yards from sewer manholes after a heavy rainfall February 11, 2009. ESI was required to have sufficient storage capacity to handle wastewater from this type of wet weather event, but it did not. In order to deal with the excess wastewater, the former operations manager and the former labs manager decided to directly discharge untreated oily wastewater into the Indianapolis sewer system by pumping wastewater through hoses that bypassed ESI's treatment processes. As a result, the wastewater received no treatment, and was discharged into the sewer system leading to the City of Indianapolis' wastewater treatment plant. The discharge continued for about 8 hours and resulted in a discharge of about 300,000 gallons of untreated wastewater. In the hours after this discharge, the oily sludge-like waste emerged from several sewer manholes downstream of the ESI facility, contaminating residential properties.

Source: <http://www.americanrecycler.com/0511/929employees.shtml>

27. *May 1, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (New Hampshire) **1.2m gallons lost in Dover water main break.** A water main break under the Spaulding Turnpike was expected to affect water pressure in parts of Dover, New Hampshire, throughout May 1, city officials said. Residents on the north end and Morningside Drive areas will be primarily affected by the break, officials said. The break caused the loss of about 1.2 million gallons of water. City officials said the break happened at about 1 a.m. May 1. Repair crews were able to isolate the break under the Spaulding Turnpike, on the west side of Knox Marsh Road, at about 4:30 a.m. Repair workers anticipated having the break repaired by that afternoon. They said that water pressure would remain low in some areas until May 2 as the Garrison Hill water tower is replenished. Residents were asked to conserve water.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/r/27736184/detail.html>

28. *April 30, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **Ohio EPA orders Austintown oil-spill cleanup.** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has ordered an oil-recycling company to clean up about 200 gallons of oil that leaked into Austintown, Ohio streams and sewers. The Austintown fire chief said that at about 8 p.m. April 28, fire crews were called to the corner of North Four Mile Run Road and Oakwood Avenue after members of the Youngstown Fire Department found an unidentified substance leaking from the ground. He said the substance, which turned out to be a type of lubricating oil, was traced to Everclear of Ohio in Austintown. He said 200 to 300 gallons of oil had spilled inside the facility the previous day, though fire crews were told by Everclear representatives the spill was cleaned. He chief said fire and hazardous-materials crews were on site until about midnight setting up equipment to begin collecting the oil off the top of the water, but it is now up to Everclear to finish the cleanup. An OEPA spokeswoman said Everclear workers were on the site the night of April 28 until the next morning cleaning up the water, starting with the affected area in Mill Creek MetroParks. She said OEPA found no signs of fish or wildlife distress as a result of the spill, which spanned about 1 mile downstream. She said OEPA issued the company a citation for failing to properly contain the spill. She said any fines or penalties will be determined after a final investigation report is completed in about 2 weeks.

Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2011/apr/30/austintown-ohio-epa-orders-oil-spill-cle/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *May 1, MedPage Today* – (National) **Measles takes toll on AZ hospitals.** Some hospitals may be ill-prepared to handle a measles outbreak, researchers said. During a 2008 measles outbreak in Arizona, almost none of the patients seen at two Tucson hospitals with confirmed disease were appropriately quarantined, and about a quarter of hospital staff had no evidence of measles immunity, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researcher and her colleagues reported online in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*. “The outbreak was both costly and disruptive to hospitals and to the state and local health departments,” they wrote. The findings came from an epidemiological analysis of an outbreak involving 14 patients that began February 12, 2008 by an infected Swiss traveler who was seen at one of the hospitals. It was the largest reported healthcare-associated measles outbreak in the United States since 1989, they wrote. A total of four patients were hospitalized and two needed intensive care treatment. None of them were vaccinated or they had unknown vaccination status. The researchers said exactly half of the cases acquired the disease in healthcare settings. They also found that of the 11 patients who sought healthcare services while infected, only 1 was masked and isolated promptly after rash onset. The other 10 patients did not receive a prompt measles diagnosis after rash onset, they found. When looking at data on healthcare providers themselves, 25 percent of workers lacked evidence of measles immunity. The hospitals spent about \$800,000 responding to and containing the seven cases in these facilities. The cost had to do with the lack of readily available immunity status for healthcare providers, as it led to unnecessary serologic testing and vaccination of those who were already immune to measles.

Source: <http://www.medpagetoday.com/InfectiousDisease/InfectionControl/26214>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *May 2, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S. condemns embassy attacks in Libyan capital.** The United States May 1 condemned attacks on embassies in Libya’s capital, a day after officials said a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missile strike had killed one of the sons of a Libyan leader. “We have seen reports indicating that British, Italian, and U.S. diplomatic facilities in Tripoli have been attacked,” a U.S. State Department spokesman said. “If true, we condemn these attacks in the strongest possible terms.” After news of the air strike April 30 spread in Tripoli, angry mobs trashed the embassies of Britain and Italy, a U.S. consular department and a United Nations office, said the Libyan deputy foreign minister. The U.S. evacuated its diplomatic staff at the start of the Libyan crisis, leaving Turkey to represent American interests in the country. The U.N. reacted to the attacks May 1 by pulling its

international staff out of Tripoli. Britain responded by announcing it was expelling the Libyan ambassador to London. Italy had withdrawn its diplomats weeks ago. The Libyan leader's son was reportedly killed April 30 by a NATO strike on the leader's compound in Tripoli. Libyan officials denounced the strike as an assassination attempt and a violation of international law.

Source:

<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2011/05/02/news/doc4dbe31a2ce9c4821519358.txt>

31. *May 2, Bloomberg* – (International) **U.S. raises embassy security as world on alert for bin Laden retaliation.** The United States and Australia boosted security at their embassies around the world and Interpol told its 188 member countries to be on “full alert” for attacks to avenge the killing of an al-Qaeda leader. Patrol cars, paramilitary forces, and commandos wearing bulletproof vests searched motorists and pedestrians outside the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. “The death of [the al-Qaeda leader] does not represent the demise of al-Qaeda affiliates and those inspired by al-Qaeda, who have and will continue to engage in terrorist attacks around the world,” the secretary general of Lyon, France-based Interpol said in an e-mailed statement. The U.S. President May 1 said the man died in a firefight with U.S. forces in Abbottabad, Pakistan. His death removes the leader of a group that targeted citizens of the United States and its allies in hotels, offices, and embassies around the world. The al-Qaeda leader was wanted by U.S. authorities before the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon outside Washington D.C. that killed almost 3,000 people. He was accused in connection with bombings of American embassies in Tanzania and Kenya on August 7, 1998, which killed 224 people, and linked to the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen, which killed 17 U.S. sailors. “The Department of State has requested all U.S. embassies to go to a heightened level of alert in the wake of the news,” a spokesman with the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki said. The State Department has also issued a worldwide travel alert to U.S. citizens.
- Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-02/u-s-boosts-embassy-security-watches-for-bin-laden-retaliation.html>

32. *May 2, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Capitol police out in force to show security.** Capitol police cars flashed their lights in Washington D.C., and officers with automatic weapons patrolled in force May 2 as a visual warning to anyone seeking to retaliate for the death of an al-Qaeda leader. A U.S. Senate sergeant at arms said Congress' police force was on the lookout for any threat on the Capitol campus as lawmakers returned from a 2-week Easter recess. Ten police vehicles, lights flashing and trunks opened, gathered at the base of Capitol Hill early May 2 where Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues meet. Officers with automatic rifles examined every vehicle that approached.
- Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j62IRt6IPj5kCIUw-nDSL9_4_SUA?docId=d85435e46c14443897664c06fdd8d847

33. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Worker killed in explosion, fire at Aberdeen lab.** Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) officials said a contractor died in an explosion

and fire at a laboratory in the Edgewood area of the Maryland installation. The proving ground's fire department responded to a fire alarm and 911 call from the Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense laboratory facility around 3 p.m. April 30. An APG spokesman said the fire was quickly extinguished, but firefighters found the man dead. Other workers were in the building at the time of the fire, but the spokesman said no one else was injured. He said there is no threat to the rest of the post or the surrounding community. The incident is under investigation. APG is a U.S. Army research, development, test, and engineering facility for weapons and equipment. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/worker-killed-in-explosion-fire-at-aberdeen-lab/2011/05/01/AFbWCdTF_blog.html

34. *April 30, Orange County Register* – (California) **Fire nearby forces ballplayers to flee field.** A pile of surplus electronics belonging to Tustin Unified School District in Tustin, California caught fire in a facility yard April 30, interrupting baseball games at nearby fields. Firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority responded to a call at 12:28 p.m. About 100 computers, printers, VCRs, and other surplus equipment piled up outside several district-owned facility buildings had caught fire near A.G. Currie Middle School. Officials estimated that 25 firefighters responded to the one-alarm fire, fire officials said. The fire caused large amounts of black smoke because of the types of material burning. The fire also spread to a steel storage container housing miscellaneous maintenance materials and damaged the exterior of a portable building. The fire was contained by 1:03 p.m. Fire officials said a hazardous-materials team was dispatched to contain run-off from the firefighting efforts. Source: http://articles.ocregister.com/2011-04-30/news/29494261_1_fire-officials-baseball-fields-gas-line
35. *April 30, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Gas leak forces Olympic College evacuation.** A gas leak April 29 at Olympic College in Bremerton, Washington, prompted officials to evacuate the campus. In a message on its Web site, Olympic College said fire and police were at the scene of a reported leak on the west side of the campus. “We do not know the extent of the leak at this time. As a precaution, we are asking all OC staff and students to leave the college campus immediately,” the Web site said. Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/27724433/detail.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Alexandria 911 center evacuated over fumes.** Alexandria, Virginia's 911 call center has been temporarily relocated after fumes in the city's public safety building prompted an evacuation. Firefighters were called to the building on Mill Road the morning of May 1 to investigate an odor and found a contractor applying a chemical sealant to a locker room floor. Alexandria fire officials said the fumes from the sealant were causing headaches for workers in the 911 call center, so they were moved to the city's back-up dispatch center. Seven city

employees were evaluated, but none required medical assistance. Officials said 911 and non-emergency services have not been disrupted, and noted the back-up call center would remain in operation until at least 6 a.m. May 2.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/05/alexandria-911-center-evacuated-over-fumes--59885.html>

37. *April 30, Norwalk Reflector* – (Ohio) **9-1-1 system failed during windstorm.** The 9-1-1 service through the Huron County, Ohio's Sheriff's Office was down for almost 3.5 hours April 28 due to two faulty batteries. During that time, high winds ripped through Huron County, downing trees and power lines and causing outages. Once the problem was discovered, the county maintenance department was called and had the service back up and running by about 8:20 a.m. Shortly after things were up and running at the Norwalk police station, the county 9-1-1 system failed. During that time, Norwalk police dispatchers fielded calls for the sheriff's office. Those dispatchers then called sheriff's dispatchers' cell phones, and they then contacted the appropriate agencies.
Source: <http://www.norwalkreflector.com/content/hcso-has-problems-9-1-1-system>
38. *April 30, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **Phone service restored to Haverstraw police station after 5 days.** After 5 days without telephone service, dispatchers at the Haverstraw, New York police headquarters again fielded calls from the community April 29. Service to the department had been down since April 24 after heavy rains caused multiple leaks in a service cable. The Haverstraw police chief and the town supervisor pleaded with Verizon to correct the problem but they could not get the company to make immediate repairs. Service was restored about 3 p.m. April 29, after the police chief turned to a state assemblyman to put pressure on the company. As the lack of service stretched from hours into days, the supervisor contacted state officials, calling for an investigation into Verizon's response to the incident. While service to the police station was down, non-emergency calls were routed through the Rockland Office of Fire and Emergency Services in Ramapo. Some calls, including 911 requests, were able to reach the station. The police chief said Verizon made no apologies for its reaction, but noted his focus was on the public's safety.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110430/NEWS03/104300355/Phone-service-restored-Haverstraw-police-station-after-5-days?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>
39. *April 28, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **900 fire departments impacted by change.** A new reporting system for Iowa's 900 fire departments is expected to provide far more information about fires across the state. The Web-based reporting system, called Fire Bridge, will allow fire departments to report their fires without any extra software or equipment. Officials said Iowa fire departments are required by state law to report all fire call responses to provide data to the U.S. Fire Administration. Officials said that currently, only 38 percent of the 900 departments report fire calls to the state fire marshal. Other states that have switched to a Web-based reporting system have seen reporting increase from 30 percent to 97 percent. Officials said collecting accurate fire data is necessary for the state fire marshal and the Fire Service of Iowa to identify fire causes and risks, and to develop fire prevention strategies.
Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/27707118/detail.html>

40. *April 28, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Mesa police: Officer used crime database to harass women.** A Mesa, Arizona police officer has been indicted on charges of misusing a law-enforcement database to date and harass women he met on duty. One of the women was a theft victim, and others were suspects he had pulled over for traffic violations. Mesa police chief said he was “outraged”, and that he placed the officer on paid leave pending internal investigations. The officer, a 5-year veteran, was indicted on four felony counts of having unauthorized access to a state criminal history database, and one misdemeanor count of harassment. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/2011/04/28/20110428mesa-police-officer-indicted-charges-harrassing-women0428.html>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *May 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Osama bin Laden’s death is key topic on Internet.** The announcement May 1 of the death of al-Qaeda’s leader has set the Internet abuzz, as users searched for information and shared their thoughts on the killing of one of the world’s most wanted men. The events will provide an opportunity for malicious Web sites to infect computers by tricking users into visiting their sites for more information, warned security experts. Cybercrooks can trick the search-ranking algorithms of popular search engines by feeding them fake pages to make their sites seem legitimate, increasing the chances Internet users searching for news land on a site dispensing malware, warned head of technology at IT security firm Sophos. An expert at IT security company Kaspersky Lab already had examples of malware-laced pages cropping up in response to a Google image search for “[al-Qaeda’s leader] body.” Users clicking on some of the images in the results are redirected to one of two malicious domains offering a copy of the rogueware known as “Best Antivirus 2011”, he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216315/Osama_bin_Laden_s_death_is_key_topic_on_Internet

42. *May 2, Next Web* – (International) **Bogus MacDefender malware campaign targets Mac users using Google Images.** Apple computer owners are being subjected to a number of specialized malware attacks that insists Mac users download a malware version of the popular MacDefender antivirus application, infecting their computers as a result. News of the malware campaign surfaced as scores of Mac computer owners flooded the Apple Discussion Forums, asking members for advice on how to delete the MacDefender application from their systems. Early reports show users have been targeted as they search Google Images, one user stating the bogus MacDefender application was automatically downloaded as he browsed images of Piranhas. Further searching through the Apple Discussion boards suggests the malware campaign is

targeting users of Apple's Safari browser, displaying warnings the user's computer has been infected with viruses that only the unofficial MacDefender application can remove. Safari users can set their browser to automatically open software they trust, it is thought that many have been infected without their knowledge by this route of attack. Upon downloading, the application asks users to pay for protection, possibly giving attackers credit card details as a result. To reassure users of the official MacDefender software, its creator has taken to the official Web site to warn users of the malware campaign. It is not thought the malware application is able to infect Mac computers with a virus, instead it is posing as scareware, which preys on disrupting the confidence of Mac users but also getting them to hand over their credit card details.

Source: <http://thenextweb.com/apple/2011/05/02/bogus-macdefender-malware-campaign-targets-mac-users-using-google-images/>

43. *May 1, The Register* – (International) **Sony: 'PSN attacker exploited known vulnerability'**. Sony is getting ready to return to service some PlayStation Network offerings, amid ongoing analysis to try and identify the source of the April attack on its San Diego data center hosted in an AT&T network facility, The Register reported May 1. While maintaining it has not yet seen any evidence credit card data was compromised in the attack, Sony has said that where customers are charged a fee for reissuing credit cards, it will take responsibility for those charges. The company claimed in the press conference that credit card data was encrypted. Sony's executive deputy president said while 78 million accounts were compromised, the number of affected individuals is lower than that, since some people operate multiple PlayStation Network accounts. Of these, he said, Sony only held credit card information for around 10 million customers. Sony's CIO said the attack was based on a "known vulnerability" in the non-specified Web application server platform used in the PSN. However, he declined to stipulate what platform(s) were used or what vulnerability was exploited, on the basis that disclosure might expose other users to attack. He conceded Sony management had not been aware of the vulnerability that was exploited, and said it is in response to this the company has established a new executive-level security position, that of chief information security officer, "to improve and enhance such aspects." Sony also said it has asked the FBI to investigate the attack.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/01/psn_service_restoration/

44. *April 29, Computerworld* – (International) **Yahoo says 1M users affected by email outage**. A day after Yahoo's e-mail service suffered a partial outage, the company reported that about 1 million users were affected. The problem began at 7:30 a.m. Pacific time April 28, and was at its worst at 11 a.m., according to the senior product manager for Yahoo Mail. At the problem's peak, about 1 million users were without e-mail service, she added. It is unclear when Yahoo got e-mail back up for all of its users. Yahoo also did not specify what caused the problem.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216297/Yahoo_says_1M_users_affected_by_email_outage

45. *April 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft admits to more Windows Phone update problems.** Another problem has cropped up preventing some Windows Phone 7 users from getting two software updates, adding another issue on a list of continuing problems that started in February. Microsoft acknowledged that some Samsung Focus owners in the United States have not yet received notification that the updates are available for them. On a Microsoft forum, some Focus users who have not received the updates noticed they have a more recent build version of the phone. While people with version REV 1.3 have gotten the updates, some of those with REV 1.4 have not. In addition, a Microsoft employee said Microsoft has stopped sending updates to the Omnia 7, a phone available in Europe. “The team discovered a technical issue with the update package for this model. The work of fixing and testing the package is nearly done, and the team hopes to resume update deliveries soon,” he wrote. These are the latest issues to plague Microsoft as it tries to send out new software to Windows Phone 7 handsets. Microsoft started in February by pushing out software designed to make the update process smoother. It pulled that update shortly after because it made some Samsung phones unusable.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216299/Microsoft_admits_to_more_Windows_Phone_update_problems

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>

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Communications Sector

46. *May 2, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Man killed trying to climb TV tower.** Police said they have discovered a man’s remains at WLWT’s transmitter in Clifton Heights, Ohio, WLWT reported May 2. Officers said witnesses discovered a severed hand near the corner of Rohs and Warner streets May 1. The hand was the first of several disturbing discoveries. “The more we looked into it, we discovered a torso up by the radio tower,” said a sergeant with the Cincinnati Police Homicide Unit. Police said they linked the severed hand to a break-in at WLWT’s transmitter. They said it appeared the man was attempting to climb the tower when he died. Investigators said they did not know whether the man was electrocuted or fell.
Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/27735789/detail.html>
47. *April 29, Computerworld* – (International) **Amazon cloud outage was triggered by configuration error.** Amazon has released a detailed analysis and apology about the partial outage of its cloud services platform the week of April 25 and identified the culprit: A configuration error made during a network upgrade. During this

configuration change, a traffic shift “was executed incorrectly,” Amazon said, noting traffic that should have gone to a primary network was routed to a lower capacity one instead. The error occurred at 12:47 p.m. April 21 and led to a partial outage that lingered through the week of April 25. The outage sent a number of prominent Web sites offline, including Quora, Foursquare, and Reddit, and renewed an industry-wide debate over the maturity of cloud services. Amazon posted updates throughout the outage, but what it offered in its postmortem is entirely different. The nearly 5,700-word document includes a detailed look at what happened, an apology, a credit to affected customers, as well as a commitment to improve its customer communications. Amazon did not say explicitly whether it was human error that touched off the event, but hints at that possibility when it wrote that “we will audit our change process and increase the automation to prevent this mistake from happening in the future.” The initial mistake, followed by the subsequent increase in network load, exposed a cascading series of issues, including a “re-mirroring storm” with systems continuously searching for a storage space.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216303/Amazon_cloud_outage_was_triggered_by_configuration_error

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Carbon monoxide leak prompts Md. motel evacuation.** Howard County officials said a Laurel, Maryland motel was temporarily evacuated and 11 people were taken to area hospitals after high levels of carbon monoxide were found April 30. Emergency workers were called to the Sleep Inn on Second Street to check a report of a possible chemical leak. They found high levels of carbon monoxide and five children complaining of headaches and nausea. Eleven people were taken to hospitals, but all were released after evaluation. The battalion chief said a malfunctioning pool heater that was generating the gas was shut down and after the building was ventilated, people were allowed to return to their rooms.
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/Global/story.asp?S=14550625>

49. *May 1, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Army team blows up military canister found in Hanauma Bay.** A free-diver April 30 found a military canister bobbing in the waters off Hanauma Bay near Honolulu, Hawaii, forcing hundreds of people to abandon the marine preserve. A U.S. Army explosive ordnance team was unable to detonate the device on the first try and had to be escorted by police back to Schofield Barracks to regroup for another attempt. The team from the 706th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Battalion transported the phosphorus sea marker to a disposal area at Schofield Barracks around 5 p.m. and blew it up, the Army said in a statement. A 30-year-old man was free-diving with a friend in the area known as Witches’ Brew around 9:30 a.m. when he saw the 3-foot-long, 6-inch-diameter cylinder and swam it into

shore. The 30-year-old instructor with Freediving Instructors International saw a warning label on the canister and worried that a child might play with it.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/Hanauma_Bay_closed_after_military-looking_ordnance_found.html

50. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **2 injured in shooting outside central Ill. mall.** Police said two people were injured May 1 in a shooting outside of a mall in Champaign, Illinois. The News-Gazette in Champaign reported police went to the mall after receiving a report of multiple shots fired. The police chief said that when officers arrived, they found one person shooting at another in the parking lot. A police spokeswoman said two officers shot the shooter. Both of the people who were injured were hospitalized. The police chief said one is a suspect and one is a victim. Three or four people were taken into custody. Police said there is nothing to indicate any shots were fired inside the mall. Police do not have a motive for the shooting.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-mallshooting-illi,0,5232778.story>
51. *April 30, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Heavy rain evacuates 100 residents.** The roof of an apartment complex in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, caved in, leaving more than 100 people without a home. The rain from an April 29 storm accumulated on the roof until it could no longer support the weight. The entire building at the Whispering Palms Complex was evacuated because water got into the walls and likely came in contact with electrical wiring. Because of the water damage, authorities deemed the apartment complex unsafe. “There are 53 total that are being displaced,” said the Lauderdale Lakes vice mayor. Those who were evacuated have been placed in hotels in the meantime. The vice mayor said the city is working with management at the complex to have the building inspected quickly so people could return to their homes as soon as possible.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004186424240/>
52. *April 29, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Firefighter injured in strip mall fire.** A firefighter was recovering April 29 after he was hurt while fighting a large fire at a strip center on the west side at Highway 6 and Clay in Cy-Fair, Texas. Arson investigators said the fire was an accident and that it started at the base of the outside support column. Firefighters said discarded smoking materials at the base of the column started the blaze. “Our investigation indicates the fire started at the base of an exterior awning,” a lieutenant with the Harris County Fire Marshal’s Office said. “The fire was accidental in nature and was caused by discarded smoking materials.” Witnesses said when the fire hit the roof of the shopping center, little could be done to stop it. A sign shop is one of at least five businesses damaged or destroyed in the blaze. The Cy-Fair Fire Department and the Houston Fire Department worked together to bring the blaze under control. One Cy-Fair firefighter suffered a broken leg when the building’s roof collapsed on him. He was conscious and talking as he was taken to an area hospital.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8102401>

53. *April 29, NBC Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Carbon monoxide kills 2 in Upper Darby.** Carbon monoxide killed two men inside separate Upper Darby, Pennsylvania apartments April 29, and police blamed the deaths on a generator inside the grocery store below them. The store’s power was shut off because of delinquent bills, according to police. On April 28, a generator was installed to restore power, but was not properly ventilated according to the Upper Darby Police superintendent. He is investigating the deaths as possible homicides. The owner of the building is not the same person who manages the store. Investigators do not know yet who is responsible for paying electric bills or who installed the generator.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Gas-Leak-Kills-Two-in-Upper-Darby-120960274.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *May 2, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **False alarm on Alcatraz - tourists evacuated.** Alcatraz Island in California was shut down May 1 after park rangers could not turn off a blaring fire alarm. When the alarm went off just after 1:30 p.m., 1,100 people were evacuated from the island, said a spokeswoman for the National Park Service, which runs the former prison. Park rangers, San Francisco firefighters, and U.S. Coast Guard employees responded and found no sign that there was a fire, she said. “But then nobody was able to reset the alarm,” the spokeswoman said. “And we can’t have people on the island if we don’t have a fire alarm.” The alarm company had to be called to reset the alarm, which they were scheduled to do the evening of May 1. She estimated that roughly 2,000 people were unable to visit the island after the tours were canceled. The island was set to reopen at 9 a.m. May 2.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/05/01/BASK1JAJNH.DTL>
55. *May 1, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Snow helps wildfire fight in Custer County.** Authorities lifted an evacuation order for about 40 homes in Custer County, Colorado, as 3 inches of snow helped firefighters battle the Sand Gulch Fire May 1. A fire information officer said the snow was helping the fight against the wildfire that has burned about 550 acres of steep, timbered terrain in the San Isabel National Forest. Many of the firefighters were sent home May 1, but about 40 firefighters remained at the scene to mop up hot spots. The fire was 20 percent contained, authorities said, and weather was predicted to remain cold with a chance of more snow. Fire officials said lightning ignited the fire April 26 along a 7,000-foot ridge near Wetmore, about 120 miles south of Denver. The Custer County Sherriff’s Office lifted the evacuation order for the Greenwood subdivision April 30.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/27738532/detail.html>

56. *May 1, Alpine Avalanche* – (Texas) **Rock House Fire now 82 percent contained.** The Rock House Fire was 82 percent contained as of May 1 according to information released by the Texas Forest Service. The fire had burned 313,323 acres. The 82 percent containment figure is an improvement over the update April 30, which listed the fire as 74 percent contained. “Fireline is now complete around the entire fire, but still needs to be reinforced and widened,” according to information released by the forest service. A grass fire that began April 30 along Highway 118 between Fort Davis and Alpine, the result of a single-vehicle automobile accident, was extinguished before becoming another major fire.
Source: http://www.alpineavalanche.com/news/article_7ce4dbe2-7420-11e0-8524-001cc4c03286.html
57. *May 1, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona; International) **Border fire now 23,000 acres.** A human-caused wildfire burning along the Mexican border near Nogales, Arizona, has grown to 23,000 acres, the Coronado National Forest reported April 30. The Bull Fire was burning on both sides of the border, about 5 miles west of Nogales, a national forest news release said. The fire has burned 11,000 acres on the Arizona side of the border. Firefighters conducted a burnout on the northeast side of the fire to get rid of excess vegetation that could help the fire spread. Firefighters were working to prevent the west side of the fire from crossing the border into Arizona, a national forest spokeswoman said. About 100 firefighters were battling the blaze, along with five engines, two heavy air tankers, three air-attack planes, and a lead plane. Crews were also using two helicopters.
Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/article_6fd3b512-d0c3-5c7c-bf77-0574098c7428.html
58. *April 29, Kansas City Star* – (Kansas) **Large grass fire burning near Kansas state park.** Firefighters battled winds gusting above 50 mph April 29 as they fought a large grass fire near a central Kansas state park northeast of Hutchinson. People living near Sand Hills State Park in Reno County were encouraged to leave their homes after the fire flared up early April 29. Crews from several nearby communities fought the fire, which consumed about 200 acres within a couple of hours. A city fire inspector said a controlled burn in the area April 28 rekindled the fire.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/04/29/2836689/large-grass-fire-burning-near.html>

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59. *May 2, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Prairie Co. areas evacuated for floods.** Neighborhoods in Prairie County, Arkansas, were being evacuated because of fears about rising flood waters from the White River. A spokesman with the county’s emergency operations said May 2 that between 200 and 300 households in flood-prone areas east of the White River at Des Arc and Biscoe were being notified of the evacuation order. County officials said roads in the area would soon be impassable due

to flooding. The spokesman said officials were concerned about the rising waters from flash floods and whether levees along the river would be able to hold. Volunteers were going door to door to notify residents of the evacuation order. Shelters were available in Des Arc churches, the Hazen Armory, and the DeValls Bluff Gym.

Source: <http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/weather/prairie-co-areas-evacuated-for-floods-apx-20110502>

60. *May 2, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Illinois) **More rain in Mo. as corps considers blasting levee.** More rain fell May 2 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pumped liquid explosives into a southeastern Missouri levee and weighed whether to blast it open to ease inland flooding and spare an Illinois town where most residents already have been forced to flee from a rising river. The prepping of the Birds Point levee pressed on as the already swollen Mississippi and Ohio rivers absorbed as much as 5 inches of rain that pummeled parts of the region the night of May 1 through the next morning, straining levees including the 64-foot flood wall protecting Cairo, Illinois, from the swelling Ohio. The tiny town sits across the Mississippi River from Missouri, near where the two rivers meet. Even more rain was expected May 2 — as much as nearly 2 inches at Cairo — before letting up the afternoon of May 3. The Corps said May 2 on its Facebook page it had made no decision on whether to intentionally breach the levee in Missouri’s Mississippi County, noting it expected to discuss the matter publicly later that morning. Illinois National Guard troops went door to door with local law officers to enforce the mayor’s “mandatory” evacuation order, residents who were allowed to stay — a courtesy extended only to adults — did so at their own peril, signing waivers acknowledging they understood the risk. The Ohio, as of May 2, had risen to 61.05 feet at Cairo — eclipsing the 1937 record there of 59.5 feet. The river was expected to crest May 4 at 61.5 feet and stay there for at least into May 6, raising the Corps’ concerns about the strain the water was putting on the floodwall in Cairo and other cities. Cairo’s floodwall can handle water up to 64 feet.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hUrYEF67tGa_g1eIt0MJYdd8C3Q?docId=cb6fd2df59e94bab99abdf0cfade50c6

61. *May 1, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Eagle Lake residents evacuate as flood waters rise.** Flood waters continued to rise in parts of Warren County, Mississippi, May 1, and already some streets were blocked off. Subdivisions west of Business Highway 61 and immediately north of Vicksburg were already starting to flood. The emergency management agency was strongly urging residents to evacuate as soon as possible. The recent storms forced the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to open up the Muddy Bayou Flood Gates the morning of April 30. Army officials said they must do this to relieve pressure off of nearby levees. The water will flow into the Eagle Lake community causing levels to rise to 90-feet. Plans called for closing Highway 465, and keeping it closed for the next several weeks. Officials said many homes in Eagle Lake should not be damaged because they sit above the 90-foot mark. But the sheriff said since the road will be blocked off, isolation will be a big concern. And he warned that boats, piers, and docks might be destroyed. The Red Cross is setting up a distribution site in Eagle Lake for residents choosing to stay.

Source: <http://www2.wjtv.com/news/2011/may/01/eagle-lake-residents-evacuate-flood-waters-rise-ar-1789171/>

62. *April 28, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Idaho) **Army Corps to protect Hayden Lake dam.** High water levels have Kootenai County, Idaho, officials asking for help in protecting the dam on the southwest portion of Hayden Lake. Concerned about water lapping at the earthen dam, county officials have contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is planning to take some protective measures that might involve reinforcing the structure to ensure its integrity. Officials have closed the top of the dam to public access, and commissioners will pass a resolution that creates a temporary no-wake zone in the area of Honeysuckle Bay near the dam. Officials are also watching the Coeur d'Alene River at Cataldo, which is projected to crest between 38.5 and 39 feet the first week of May. That would still be more than 4 feet below flood stage. The county reported April 28 no structures were currently threatened, but local officials were trying to be proactive to prevent potential damage.

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