



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 4 May 2011

### Top Stories

- IDG News Service reports Sony took the Sony Online Entertainment network offline May 2 after it was revealed the breach of its computer networks the week of April 24 was worse than previously thought. The hack is believed to have affected 24.6 million accounts in addition to the 77 million already compromised. (See item [40](#))
- CNN reports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began blowing up a Mississippi River levee in Missouri overnight May 2, flooding about 200 square miles of farmland in an effort to bring down historic river levels and spare the city of Cairo, Illinois, and other communities. (See item [53](#))

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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 3, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Hawaiian Electric Company restores power to 60,000 customers.** Hawaiian Electric Company crews restored power to roughly 60,000 customers affected by an outage caused by severe weather. The blackout appears to be from two major transmission lines serving the Koolau and Pukele

substations going out of service as a result of possible lightning strikes. Honolulu firefighters responded to several weather-related emergencies, including a report of lightning striking an antenna at a Waianae home. Crews also responded to a dozen calls for water evacuations, rescued people trapped in nine elevators, and received three calls for arcing electrical wires between 5 and 8 p.m. May 2.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/14559579/hawaiian-electric-company-restores-power-to-600000-customers>

2. *May 2, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Many in western ND, eastern MT still without power.** About 20,000 people in northwest North Dakota and eastern Montana were without power May 2 following a weekend blizzard that knocked down hundreds of utility poles and briefly halted production in North Dakota’s booming oil patch, officials said. The May 2 spring storm brought winds of more than 60 mph and heavy, wet snow, causing whiteout conditions and road closures throughout western North Dakota. An estimated 30,000 people lost electricity, and the safety director for the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, said it could be at least a week before power is restored to all areas. Permanent repairs could take months. “The structural damage is significant,” the safety director said. The president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council said companies have been scrambling since the storm to get oil wells back on line. At least one day’s worth of production — or more than 350,000 barrels — was lost to the blizzard, he said. Williams County had at least 300 poles down and Mountrail County had some 200 down, he said. Much of the snow was gone May 2, but muddy conditions hampered repair crews, he said. The damage and cost of repairs was still being tallied May 2.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MVFNS00.htm>

3. *May 2, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Two wind turbines suffer damage.** Two wind turbines in central North Dakota sustained damage the week of April 25 and will remain idle until repair crews can reach them. A turbine located about one mile south on 93rd Street, Wilton, owned by Nextera Energy of Florida was bent and needs to be replaced, a company spokesman said. The damage occurred late April 28 or early April 29, a spokesman said. “We’re investigating its cause,” he said of the damage.” The damaged tower feeds Basin Electric customers, but Nextera owns, operates, and is liable for them. A separate tower’s blade about 15 miles south of Minot, owned by Basin Electric, also malfunctioned and bent over itself, a Basin Electric spokesman said. He said it happened April 30 during the blizzard and windstorm. The cause was still being determined. He said the blades were designed to adjust to their angles according to wind speeds. Towers will stop rotating if wind speeds exceed 55 mph. He noted one blade measures 121 feet long and weighs 7 tons. He said the cost to replace one of the blades is \$150,000 plus labor and equipment expenses for replacing and installing the equipment.

Source: [http://www.bismarcktribune.com/news/local/article\\_2e01a366-7506-11e0-a617-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.bismarcktribune.com/news/local/article_2e01a366-7506-11e0-a617-001cc4c03286.html)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 2, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Firefighters respond to acid spill in west Charlotte.** Three people were treated following an acid spill in west Charlotte, North Carolina, the afternoon of May 2. The incident occurred on Rozzelles Ferry Road near Hovis Road around 3:30 p.m. According to the Charlotte Fire Department, the HazMat team was called to the scene to neutralize an acid spill. There was no need for evacuations, and the situation posed no danger to the community, a fire official said. Three patients with non-life-threatening injuries were taken by MEDIC to Presbyterian Hospital. Police said they would reopen Rozzelles Ferry Road as soon as firefighters cleared the scene.  
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/14556320/firefighters-respond-to-acid-spill-in-west-charlotte>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *May 3, CNN* – (International) **5 arrested under terror law near British nuclear plant.** British police said May 3 they arrested five men on suspicion of terrorism near a nuclear power plant in northeastern England. The men, all in their 20s and from London, were arrested May 2 close to the Sellafield nuclear facility after police officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary conducted a “stop check” on their vehicle, Cumbria Constabulary said. Cumbria Constabulary officers arrested the men. There was no indication the incident was linked to the killing of an al Qaeda leader in Pakistan, police said. The suspects were taken to police custody in Carlisle overnight and were to be transported to Manchester May 3, police said. The suspects will be questioned by an anti-terrorism unit there, police said. They were being held under a 2000 anti-terror law that allows police to arrest suspects without a warrant and hold them for up to 48 hours without charge. Roads were closed in the area briefly at the time of the arrests May 2, authorities said.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/05/03/uk.terror.arrests/?hpt=T2>
6. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Browns Ferry, Ala. nuclear plant’s offsite power restored; NRC ends monitoring mode status.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said it has discontinued the monitoring mode status at the Browns Ferry nuclear plant in Alabama. The plant is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. All three nuclear units at Browns Ferry automatically tripped April 27 when severe storms damaged transmission lines, causing the plant to lose offsite power. Browns Ferry exited its unusual event status May 2 with the restoration of two independent sources of offsite power. During the unusual event, the lowest of four NRC emergency classifications, the reactors received power for cooling from the plant’s emergency diesel generators. NRC inspectors continue to review the events at Browns Ferry. The agency says it is evaluating whether any follow-up procedures will be needed.  
Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/d2a69a28e36a43f88bd7794ccf69e51f/AL--Browns-Ferry-Plants/>

7. *May 2, Salem Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **'Grassing' causes shutdown of Salem 1 nuclear reactor for third time in two weeks.** The Salem 1 nuclear reactor in New Jersey was down for the third time in 2 weeks because of grassing, when the vegetation in the Delaware River clogged the plant's cooling water intakes. The reactor was taken off line at 7:27 p.m. April 30, according to a spokesman for the plant's operator, PSEG Nuclear. The reactor remained in hot shutdown mode May 2. Although the reactor is at 9 percent power, no electricity was being sent out over the regional power grid. Prior to the April 30 shutdown, the plant was taken offline April 21 and again April 24 due to grassing. Salem 1 and 2 draw in, from the Delaware River, 3 billion gallons of water per day when operating at full power. The water is circulated throughout the plants for cooling and returned to the river. The problem with vegetation has not impacted Salem 2 because that reactor has been offline since April 9 for a scheduled refueling outage. A spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said the latest shutdown will count as a hit against Salem 1's performance indicator for unplanned power changes. The plant spokesman said the utility has no idea when the reactor will return to service. That depends on grassing conditions in the river.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/05/grassing\\_causes\\_shutdown\\_of\\_sa.html](http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/05/grassing_causes_shutdown_of_sa.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *May 3, American Metal Market* – (Mississippi) **Severstal wrestles to restore full Columbus power.** Severstal North America Inc. continues to wrestle with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to restore power at its facilities in Columbus, Mississippi, almost a week after power outages forced the steelmaker to shut down the plant, American Metal Market reported May 3. The mill's galvanizing line came up April 30, and the temper mill also ran over the same weekend, a spokeswoman for the company said May 2. Batch anneal operations at Columbus are "running well," and the pickle line and tandem cold mill were expected to be "up and running" May 3, the spokeswoman said. But Severstal continues to work with the TVA "to resolve all outstanding power issues and restore power supply to all of our facilities" following tornadoes the week of April 24, according to the spokeswoman.

Source: <http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2816811/AMM-Severstal-wrestles-to-restore-full-Columbus-power.html>

9. *May 2, Automotive News* – (International) **Ford to idle Windsor engine plant due to tire shortage.** Ford Motor Co.'s Windsor engine plant in Ontario, Canada, will close May 6 and the week of June 6 because of tire shortages at U.S. assembly plants, a union official said. "It's just a blip in the system, according to [Ford]," the vice president of Canadian Auto Workers Local 200 said. "It's that their suppliers can't get enough inventory." The week of April 24, Ford closed its assembly plant in Dearborn,

Michigan, which builds F-series trucks, and its assembly plant in Avon Lake, Ohio, which produces E-series vans. Vehicles built at those factories get 5.4-liter and 6.8-liter engines from the Windsor engine plant. Both U.S. plants are running the week of May 1. A Ford spokesman confirmed the downtime, but did not say whether tire shortages were the cause. He said the downtime was unrelated to the March 11 Japan earthquake. Source:

<http://www.autonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110502/OEM01/110509991/1424#ixzz1LEvxlPTW>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *May 2, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **No injuries reported in fire at Blue Grass Army Depot.** A fire was reported May 1 at 1:21 a.m. in a section of the high hazard industrial building called the washout facility on Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky. The washout facility, which opened operation in the early 1970s, uses Ammunition Peculiar Equipment 1300 to wash out M15 anti-tank mines. The fire was contained in a 15-by-15 foot room and was completely extinguished by 3:38 a.m. May 1. All personnel were accounted for, and there were no injuries to the workforce. Based on the explosive arc, the surrounding community was not in any danger by the chance of a possible explosion during the fire. The chemical weapons were also not affected. Workers noticed sparks in the room, vacated the building, and called 911. A depot fire crew arrived on scene and saw heavy smoke and 6- to 8-foot flames extending out of a roof ventilation pipe. An aggressive fire attack was initially attempted, but after identifying the highly explosive contents in the fire area, the senior fire officer immediately called for a full evacuation of all fire crews from the area. The area was evacuated to a 1-mile radius of the facility. During the course of the rapid evacuation, two fire vehicles were damaged, with no firefighter injuries. Estimated damage from the fire has not yet been determined, but the facility and processing equipment damaged in the fire is likely repairable or replaceable. The washout facility is closed for work until the investigation into the fire is complete. While the washout is being repaired, no open detonation will be used to demilitarize M15 anti-tank mines. The exact cause of the fire is unknown. The Blue Grass Army Depot commander has started an investigation into the incident.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/no-injuries-reported-in-fire-at-blue-grass-army-depot>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *May 3, Reuters* – (International) **Deutsche Bank faces U.S. mortgage fraud lawsuit.** The United States sued Deutsche Bank AG May 3, accusing the German bank and its MortgageIT Inc unit of repeatedly lying to be included in a federal program to select mortgages to be insured by the government. In a civil complaint filed in U.S.

District Court in Manhattan, New York, the government said that defendants recklessly chose mortgages that violated program rules “in blatant disregard” of whether borrowers could make mortgage payments. The lawsuit seeks triple damages and other penalties for violations of the federal False Claims Act. According to the complaint, MortgageIT from 1999 to 2009 endorsed in excess of 39,000 mortgages with principal totaling more than \$5 billion for Federal Housing Administration insurance, meaning they were backed by the federal government. The government said the defendants profited from the resale of the mortgages, even as thousands of U.S. homeowners faced default and eviction. It said it has paid out more than \$386 million of FHA insurance claims and related costs, and expects to pay out hundreds of millions of dollars more. “Deutsche Bank and MortgageIT had powerful financial incentives to invest resources into generating as many FHA-insured mortgages as quickly as possible for resale to investors,” the complaint said. “By contrast, Deutsche Bank and MortgageIT had few financial incentives to invest resources into ensuring the quality of its FHA-insured mortgages.”

Source: <http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/Legal/News/2011/05 - May/Deutsche Bank faces U S mortgage fraud lawsuit/>

12. *May 2, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (International) **POS skimming scam stopped.** Waterloo, Canada, Regional Police have arrested two Toronto men for the role they played in a card-skimming scam that bypasses the Europay, MasterCard, Visa chip-based security standard. The scheme involves swapping legitimate PIN pads or card readers at merchant locations with bogus readers that have been manipulated to collect card numbers. When debit or credit cards are inserted or swiped, their card numbers are collected and stored on the reader. In some cases, numbers are actually transmitted wirelessly, to criminals who are waiting nearby. The scheme is effective at compromising magnetic-stripe and EMV-compliant chip cards, said a financial-security consultant. “They get around EMV by disabling the part of the POS device that reads the chip,” he says. “So, then the customer is forced to swipe the mag-stripe to make the transaction.” It’s not until after the customer swipes the card that the clerk realizes the reader is inoperable. But by then, however, it is too late; the fraudsters have the card details. In this case, Waterloo Regional Police stopped the attack before many cards were compromised. A customer at an unnamed retail location contacted police April 19 after seeing two men in the store handling the checkout counter’s card reader. The two men face charges of theft, mischief, attempting to defraud the public, possession of instruments used to forge credit cards, and conspiracy to commit fraud.  
Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=3592](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3592)

13. *May 2, Fort Myers New-Press* – (Florida) **Three plead guilty in Orion Bank fraud case.** Three men pleaded guilty May 2 in federal court to their involvement in the fraud case against the Naples, Florida-based president of now defunct Orion Bank. All three had previously signed plea agreements but had to appear before judges to make sure they really intended to plead guilty to the charges. A 41-year-old Tamarac businessman admitted that in 2009 he pretended to buy stock and helped the failing bank hide bad loans — both to make Orion seem to federal and state regulators that it was in good shape. A 42-year-old bank vice president who worked in Orion’s Palm Beach Gardens

office acknowledged that he helped get two bank loans approved for a total of \$80 million even though he knew the information provided to back them was false. The third man, another bank vice president, who worked in Naples, admitted to committing similar crimes as a bank officer: helping the bank to raise purchases of its stock and inserting false documents into loan files to fool regulators into thinking all was well. All three pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy. The 41-year-old businessman faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine while the other two could get as much as five years and \$250,000. They were charged separately from the bank president, who was indicted March 31 for 13 counts of conspiracy, misapplication of bank funds, making false entries, making false statements, mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20110502/CRIME/110502027/Three-plead-guilty-Orion-Bank-fraud-case?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>

14. *April 29, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Temple man arrested in bomb-threat bank heist.** A Temple, Pennsylvania man was arrested April 28 on charges he robbed a Lehigh County bank 3 days earlier by sending what he reportedly said was a bomb to a teller through the pneumatic delivery tube at the drive-through window. State police at Fogelsville picked up the 43-year-old man about 6:25 p.m. Troopers got an arrest warrant for the suspect April 27 and released his name and picture to the media. According to police, the man drove a 1996 pickup truck up to the drive-through window at the TD Bank branch on Hamilton Boulevard in Lower Macungie Township shortly after 7 p.m. April 25. After showing a teller what he said was a bomb, he placed the object in the delivery tube and sent it into the bank. He demanded money from the tellers and told them the device would explode if they did not comply. The tellers used the delivery tube to send the purported bomb back to the suspect along with an undisclosed amount of money. He took the money and fled.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=304504>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *May 3, New York Post* – (New York) **N.Y. man allegedly told air France ticket agent he had bomb in bag.** A 61-year-old New York man allegedly told an Air France ticket agent he had bomb in his bag at Kennedy Airport in New York on April 29, but it took security screeners 40 minutes to call police, law enforcement sources said May 3. By then, the luggage belonging to the suspect was aboard the Paris-bound jet that he had planned to get on, the sources said. The incident began around 10:20 p.m. when he showed up at the Air France ticket counter to get his boarding pass, sources said.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/05/03/ny-man-allegedly-told-air-france-ticket-agent-bomb-bag/>

16. *May 3, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Mississippi) **Flooding closes DeSoto roads; supervisors declare emergency.** The DeSoto, Mississippi Board of Supervisors on May 2 approved county emergency declarations sought by the county’s Emergency Management and road chiefs. Officials said at least 60 businesses and homes throughout the county reported damage as flooding also forced the closure of eight roads. Damage on Holly Springs Road east of Hernando was the worst, where water was over the road in places and sections gone. A 30-day emergency period was granted at the urgent request of the DeSoto Emergency Management director. The declaration “helps us speed things up,” he said, “by allowing crews to go on private property for aid and assessments.  
Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/may/03/waterlogged-county-waits/>
17. *May 2, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia; Maryland; Virginia) **Transit agencies increase security after bin Laden killing.** Amtrak, Metro, Virginia Railway Express, and the Maryland Transit Administration planned to increase security on their transportation networks as a precaution following the killing of an al-Qaeda leader by U.S. forces. “This is not in relation to any specific threat, but out of an abundance of caution,” a Metro spokeswoman said. “Customers will see an increase in uniformed officers in the system,” she said, adding that other security measures less visible to the public are also in place.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/post/metro-increases-security-after-bin-laden-killing/2011/05/02/AF3wnwYF\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/post/metro-increases-security-after-bin-laden-killing/2011/05/02/AF3wnwYF_blog.html)
18. *May 2, Stamford Advocate* – (Connecticut) **Stamford teens arrested with explosives, bomb-making materials.** Three teenagers were arrested April 29 when Stamford, Connecticut patrol officers pulled over a car and found what police said were improvised explosive devices among a cache of weapons and bomb-making materials. In addition to also discovering pellet and paintball guns in the vehicle, police found gasoline, glass bottles, and lighter fluid — materials that could be used to create Molotov cocktails, a Stamford police captain said. The teens were arrested in the Springdale neighborhood, where police stepped up patrols and surveillance the week of April 25 after a Molotov cocktail was thrown against a wall on Gaymoor Drive and extinguished by firefighters, police said.  
Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Stamford-teens-arrested-with-explosives-1361688.php>
19. *May 2, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Update: No explosives found on Metrolink train.** Passengers reboarded a Metrolink commuter train in Riverside, California, and the train left the station after a 55-minute delay to examine a backpack. The train, originally scheduled to leave at 8:15 a.m., was stopped when the backpack was found in a restroom. The Los Angeles County sheriff’s department, which is responsible for security aboard Metrolink trains, brought in a bomb sniffing dog to check out the bag. The dog did not find anything explosive, the Los Angeles County sheriff’s department said. Authorities said 75 people were on the train.  
Source: <http://blogs.pe.com/news/digest/2011/05/update-no-explosives-found-on.html>



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## Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *May 3, Aurora Beacon-News* – (Illinois) **Mysterious powder closes Elgin courthouse.** The FBI will test a white powder that resulted in 28 people being held inside a building for several hours May 2 in downtown Elgin, Illinois. The people were then decontaminated and sent to local hospitals to be examined. No one was known to have been injured or sickened by the powder, authorities said. The incident began about 11:20 a.m. when a clerk inside the 2nd District Appellate Court building opened an incoming envelope that turned out to be filled with a white powder. Court officials summoned the Elgin fire and police departments, who cordoned off the area, called in more hazardous-materials equipment and personnel from as far away as Aurora, and summoned a fleet of ambulances from fire departments all over the area. A city public safety spokeswoman confirmed the envelope had been delivered by the U.S. Postal Service and contained a letter stating what the fire chief described as a “credible threat.” Initial testing by Elgin’s hazmat team judged that the powder did not include anthrax germs, Ricin poison, or botulism poison. However, the FBI lab requires 72 hours to test such material completely, so as a precautionary measure, the courthouse will be closed for the three days.

Source: <http://beaconnews.suntimes.com/news/5145760-418/mysterious-powder-closes-elgin-courthouse.html>

21. *May 3, Fort Mill Times* – (South Carolina) **Shots fired into postal vehicle on Fort Mill route.** A Fort Mill, South Carolina mail carrier told police someone in a passing truck shot at his vehicle and shattered its window, according to a Fort Mill Police report. The incident happened around 4 p.m. April 28. The postal worker was delivering mail along the route when a young man in the bed of a passing truck raised a rifle and fired shots toward his vehicle, the report states. One shot hit the vehicle, shattering a window. The 41-year-old mail carrier told police it sounded like a BB gun. He described the truck as a green Dodge Ram with a silver stripe, the report states. Two young men were seated in the cab and two in the bed, he told police. Police have not identified any suspects.

Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2011/05/02/3033980/shots-fired-into-postal-vehicle.html>

22. *May 3, Atlanta Business Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Package draws Secret Service attention.** Due to recent world events, including the death of a terrorist, the Secret Service is not taking any potential threat lightly. A “suspicious” package addressed to the U.S. President and left this week at a UPS drop box in Richmond County, Georgia, is no exception, the Augusta Chronicle reported. A UPS employee found the package May 2 at about 7 p.m. in a drop box in the 1000 block of Green Street, according to a Richmond County sheriff’s captain. The package was determined safe, but the incident was being investigated by area officials and the Secret Service. Contents of the box

were not released. A return address was visible but not released by authorities.

Source: [http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/morning\\_call/2011/05/package-draws-secret-service-attention.html](http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/morning_call/2011/05/package-draws-secret-service-attention.html)

23. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Postal officials say someone robbed post office in small Arkansas town.** The U.S. Postal Inspector’s Office said someone robbed the post office May 2 in Coy, Arkansas. Postal officials told KTHV-TV that the Coy Post Office was robbed around 8:30 a.m. There were no reports of injuries. Officials said the suspect was described as a thin, white male who is about 5-foot 4-inches to 5-foot 5-inches tall. He was wearing a lime green ski mask. Post officials and the Lonoke County Sheriff’s Department are asking that anyone with information about the robbery call authorities.

Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/sns-ap-ar--postofficerobbed,0,1493660.story>

24. *May 3, Hudson Reporter* – (New Jersey) **Beeping Blackberry alarm leads to late night bomb scare in Hoboken mailbox.** Hoboken, New Jersey police and fire officials responded along with the Jersey City Bomb Squad the night of May 2 after there was a report of “some sort of noise at a mailbox” near the corner of Newark and Washington streets. It turned out to be nothing more than a Blackberry alarm inside the mailbox, which served as a reminder for someone to take their medicine. Washington Street was blocked off between Observer Highway and Second Street around 10:30 p.m. after the Jersey City Bomb Squad was called “out of an abundance of caution,” according to a city spokesperson. Pedestrians and cars were re-routed from Washington Street as the bomb squad continued sorting through the contents of the mail with x-ray equipment past midnight into early May 3. Authorities eventually found the beeping Blackberry.

Source: [http://www.hudsonreporter.com/view/full\\_stories\\_home/13079999/article---Beeping-Blackberry-alarm-leads-to-late-night-bomb-scare-in-Hoboken-mailbox--?instance=up\\_to\\_the\\_minute\\_lead\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://www.hudsonreporter.com/view/full_stories_home/13079999/article---Beeping-Blackberry-alarm-leads-to-late-night-bomb-scare-in-Hoboken-mailbox--?instance=up_to_the_minute_lead_story_left_column)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

25. *May 3, CNN* – (California; National) **Salmonella scare prompts grape tomato recall.** Taylor Farms Pacific, Inc., a California-based food supplier for six retail chain stores, announced May 2 the recall of grape tomatoes produced by a grower who said the vegetables might be contaminated with salmonella. The recall applies to 29 brand-packaged salads sold at Albertson’s, Raley’s, Sam’s Club, Savemart, Signature Cafe, and Wal-Mart. The affected products have expiration dates ranging from April 27 to May 9, according to the news release. The recall applies to 13 states including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, according to a spreadsheet attached to the news release.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/03/tomato.recall/index.html?hpt=T2>

26. *May 3, Food Safety News* – (Washington; National) **Processing problem prompts canned seafood recall.** Quinault Tribal Enterprise of Taholah, Washington, issued a canned seafood recall, Food Safety News reported May 3. The company recalled canned salmon, smoked and non-smoked; tuna, smoked and non-smoked; smoked sturgeon; minced razor clams; smoked razor clams; and smoked steelhead, because the seafood was not adequately processed and may pose a risk for Botulism. Canned seafood that is not processed following the FDA’s low-acid canned food regulations may be contaminated with harmful micro-organisms that can cause serious and possibly life-threatening illness. This issue was found during FDA inspection at Quinault Tribal Enterprises, which is cooperating with FDA in conducting the recall. No illnesses have been reported. The recalled products were packaged in metal cans in various sizes (5 oz., 6 oz., 6.5 oz., and 7 oz.) and labeled under the Quinault Pride or Quinault Tribal Enterprises brand. They were distributed nationwide through distributors and retail stores. All manufacturing codes are subject to the recall. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/05/processing-problem-prompts-canned-seafood-recall/>

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## **Water Sector**

27. *May 3, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Toilet-stuffing inmates are culprits in Raeford sewer spill.** A sewer overflow in Raeford, North Carolina, the week of April 24 was caused by jail inmates flushing a bed sheet and other debris down toilets, city officials said May 2. The city manager said about 3,700 gallons of sewage escaped April 28 through a manhole cover near Edinborough Avenue, behind the Raeford Cemetery. The sewage entered Peddlers Branch, a small stream that runs into Rockfish Creek, he said. The operations manager for the city’s sewer system said the sewage was likely diluted by heavy rains the week of April 25 and should not cause major problems to the water quality of the creek. City officials notified the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources immediately after the spill was discovered. No fish kills have been reported in Rockfish Creek. While investigating the spill, sewer workers found debris in the line that included food wrappers, milk cartons, juice boxes, orange peels, paper towels, and a bed sheet — all of which appeared to have come from the county’s old jail. Debris in the line from the jail has been a recurring problem but never to this magnitude, the manager said. He said inmates may have been flushing the debris “in an attempt to cause problems.” County officials agreed April 29 to install a strainer in the line coming from the jail. Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2011/05/02/1090985?sac=Home>
28. *May 3, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Hazardous materials leak at water treatment plant quickly contained.** A small hazardous materials leak at the Boulder, Colorado water treatment plant was quickly contained early May 2. A city of Boulder spokesperson said water treatment plant workers were trying to balance pH levels, something they do on a normal basis. Workers were trying to open a valve for a container of sodium hydroxide. While trying to open the valve, workers either found or

caused a crack in a two- to four-inch pipe. That caused a slow leak, allowing about one liter per minute of the liquid to spill out. The Boulder Fire Department quickly stopped the leak. It was confined to the one building and did not affect the water treatment area. No one was injured, and the cause of the leak is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article/196557/346/Hazardous-materials-leak-at-water-treatment-plant-quickly-contained?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|t>

29. *May 2, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **EPA seeks public comment on proposed changes to list of Impaired Waters for Missouri.** The EPA has released its proposed decision on Missouri’s 2010 list of impaired waters. The EPA is approving Missouri’s listing of 241 waters as impaired, and the removal from the list of 35 water bodies. The agency is requesting public comment on its proposed decision to add, remove, or restore a total of 35 water bodies and corresponding pollutants to Missouri’s 2010 impaired waters list.  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/A44C28CB7DE631AA8525788400629325>
30. *May 2, Daily Millbury* – (Massachusetts) **Wheelabrator to pay \$7.5 million for hazardous material release at facilities, including Millbury.** The operator of three Wheelabrator facilities in Massachusetts, including the municipal waste incinerator in Millbury, has agreed to pay \$7.5 million for releasing hazardous materials. The payment is intended to resolve allegations that Wheelabrator emitted ash through holes in the roofs of two of its buildings, failed to properly treat and dispose of its ash, repeatedly dumped wastewater into a surrounding wetland, and failed to report a sudden release of hazardous material to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Wheelabrator Millbury and Wheelabrator Saugus allegedly committed violations of the Clean Water Act and the Wetlands Protection Act by releasing ash contaminated water and ash sludge into waterways or wetlands. Wheelabrator Saugus and Wheelabrator North Andover allegedly committed multiple violations of the Hazardous Waste Management Act by failing to properly treat and dispose of ash, and the Clean Water Act by failing to contain fugitive ash.  
Source: <http://www.thedailymillbury.com/Articles-c-2011-05-02-76948.113122-Wheelabrator-to-pay-75-million-for-hazardous-material-release-at-facilities-including-Millbury.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *May 3, Medical News Today* – (National) **Study finds infection control violations at 15 percent of U.S. nursing homes.** Fifteen percent of U.S. nursing homes receive deficiency citations for infection control each year, according to a study published in the May issue of the American Journal of Infection Control. Conducted by a team of researchers at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health, the study analyzed deficiency citation data collected for the purpose of Medicare/Medicaid

certification between 2000 and 2007, representing approximately 16,000 nursing homes per year and a panel of roughly 100,000 observations. The records analyzed represent 96 percent of all U.S. nursing home facilities. The team discovered a strong correlation between low staffing levels and the receipt of an infection control deficiency citation. Infections are the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in nursing homes, responsible for nearly 400,000 deaths each year.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/224044.php>

32. *May 3, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (New Hampshire) **Stolen laptop compromises patient information.** Spere Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, New Hampshire, is warning patients that a laptop computer with patient information was stolen in April. Officials said the computer was in an employee's locked car April 3. It contained patient names, addresses, hospital account numbers, medical record numbers, and other patient and health information. The hospital said it immediately notified patients and was working to improve security.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/r/27758716/detail.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

33. *May 2, Associated Press* – (National) **Army scam suspect pleads not guilty to charges.** A Chinese national accused of pretending to be a U.S. Army recruiter to bilk fellow immigrants out of thousands of dollars in fees has pleaded not guilty to more than a dozen charges. The man pleaded not guilty May 2 to 13 counts of obtaining money, labor or property under false pretenses, and of manufacturing and selling phony identification documents. He is accused of setting up an elaborate scheme in which he recruited about 100 other Chinese immigrants from Southern California, San Jose, and Atlanta, Georgia to join his Army reserve unit, telling them that by doing so they could improve their chances of obtaining U.S. citizenship. Los Angeles County prosecutors said the recruits were charged \$300 to \$450 to enlist and as much as \$120 a year to renew their membership.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_17978016?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17978016?nclick_check=1)

34. *May 2, LaGrange Patch* – (Illinois) **LT evacuated after smoke bomb prank.** A 19-year-old Hodgkins, Illinois man was arrested May 2 at Lyons Township High School's North Campus after lighting off a smoke bomb in the study hall room of the building. The suspect was charged with reckless conduct and criminal damage to property. "He admitted he thought it would be cool," said a spokesman for the La Grange Police Department. Police said the man lit off the smoke bomb at about 9:39 a.m., which caused the school to evacuate the building for about 45 minutes May 2. Classes were disrupted during the incident, and a new class schedule was put into place for the remainder of the day. Police said no one was injured at the school and that no one else was believed to have been involved in the incident. The 19-year-old was released to his parents.

Source: <http://lagrange.patch.com/articles/lt-evacuated-after-smoke-bomb-prank>

35. *April 29, WACH 57 Columbia* – (South Carolina; Texas) **Former Columbia man sentenced for threats against SC senator.** A former Midlands, South Carolina man was sentenced in federal court for threatening the life of a South Carolina state senator. The 45-year-old will spend 18 months behind bars for making a threatening phone call to the senator. The man pleaded guilty in 2010 to leaving several messages at the Bible Way Church targeting the senator. The suspect left his name and number on several of the messages made from Galveston, Texas. In the messages, he said he was going to use C-4 plastic explosives to kill the senator.  
Source: <http://www.midlandsconnect.com/news/story.aspx?id=611900>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

36. *May 3, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Thousands of New Orleans calls not answered.** Internal documents obtained by the WDSU I-Team show that thousands of 911 calls go unanswered each month in New Orleans, Louisiana. On average, the Orleans Parish Communications District answers more than 34,000 calls for service each month. But the internal report, written just over a month ago showed thousands of calls go unanswered each month. The report showed that in October of 2010, more than 38,000 people dialed 911 in New Orleans, but more than 5,000 of those calls were not answered. In December of 2010, the report indicated more than 38,000 people called 911 for help. Almost 7,000 of those calls were not answered. That means almost 20 percent of all people who called 911 did not get an answer. And one month later — in January 2011— more than 35,000 911 calls came in, and almost 5,500 went unanswered. The reason for the disconnect is staffing. Despite the fact that some calls are sent to the New Orleans Fire Department and EMS, all original 911 calls that come into the call center building are answered by the New Orleans Police Department.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/technology-and-communications/thousands-911-calls-go-unanswered-new-orleans>
37. *May 2, Emergency Management* – (National) **Network-based tracking gives law enforcement alternative to GPS.** Assisted Global Position Satellite system tracking (A-GPS) has been around for more than a decade and has been used effectively by police and government entities to keep tabs on potential suspects. But network-based tracking, which uses signals from cell towers, is steadily improving and quickly moving to the forefront in surveillance operations. Unlike A-GPS, which some cell phone users can recognize and stop by tampering with the GPS chip in their device, network-based tracking using cell towers cannot be detected by cellular users. GPS tracking is still useful however, according to a telecommunications industry analyst. He said both network-based and GPS systems perform well, although their usage should depend on the situation. While surveillance operations typically require warrants before tracking suspects, the ability to track without detection is a useful tool during investigations, giving law enforcement a head start on observing and apprehending a

potential criminal.

Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Network-Based-Tracking-042911.html>

38. *May 2, Associated Press* – (Michigan; International) **Homeland Security gives Michigan \$M in border aid.** The U.S. Homeland Security secretary said Michigan will get a \$4 million grant to improve security along the Canadian border with better communications systems. The grant to the Detroit-based project is part of a \$25.5 million package of border security funding measures announced May 2. The secretary said the programs are designed to improve emergency response capabilities along the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico borders. Wayne County is leading the Michigan project, which covers points of entry from Detroit and Port Huron in the south to Sault Ste. Marie in the north. Participants include Wayne, Monroe, Macomb, and Chippewa counties, Detroit, and several Canadian units of government.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-mi-michiganborder-us,0,1899624.story>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

39. *May 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Facebook scammers use Osama bin Laden's death as lure.** Facebook scammers are trying to capitalize on the news of the death of al-Qaeda's leader by using the event as lure to trick users into spreading spam and participating in rogue surveys. Cyber criminals wasted no time in trying to exploit it for their own benefit. On Facebook, there were several ongoing malicious campaigns using the leader's death as lure. One of them spreads through internal chat messages and advertises a video of the killing. It leads users to a Facebook-hosted page that asks them to copy and paste some JavaScript code into their browser's address bar. The rogue code misuses the user's active session to grab their friends list and send them spam messages via Facebook chat. A second, more sophisticated, death scam is using clickjacking and rogue wall messages to spread. Users are directed to a page asking them to solve a captcha-like test consisting of a simple math operation. Trying to input the answer will result in the click being hijacked and used to post a spam message on people's walls without their authorization.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-Scammers-Use-Osama-Bin-Laden-s-Death-as-Lure-197980.shtml>
40. *May 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Sony cuts off Sony Online Entertainment service after hack.** The widely publicized hack of Sony's computer networks is worse than previously thought, also affecting 24.6 million Sony Online Entertainment network accounts. Sony — which has kept its Sony PlayStation Network offline for nearly 2 weeks as it investigates a computer intrusion — took a second gaming network offline May 2, saying it too appears to have been hacked. It said banking and credit card information belonging to more than 23,000 customers outside the United States may have been compromised. The Sony Online Entertainment network, used for

massively multiplayer online games, has been suspended temporarily, Sony said May 1. Add this to the 77 million accounts that may have been compromised the week of April 24, and Sony is responsible for one of the largest recorded data breaches. The entertainment network is separate from the PlayStation Network, but both hacks have similar traits, a spokeswoman for Sony Computer Entertainment said. In both cases, the stolen data includes customer names, e-mail addresses, and hashed versions of their account passwords. That data could be used to spam customers or trick them with phishing e-mails.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216343/Sony\\_cuts\\_off\\_Sony\\_Online\\_Entertainment\\_service\\_after\\_hack](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216343/Sony_cuts_off_Sony_Online_Entertainment_service_after_hack)

41. *May 2, threatpost* – (International) **Report: Vishing attack targets Skype users.** Skype users are being targeted in an ongoing voice-phishing, or “vishing,” attack, according to a report by ZDNet’s Zero Day blog. Skype users reported receiving a pre-recorded call informing them that their computer had been infected with malware. In order to remove this malware users are advised to visit a site which pushes rogue AV and malware cleanup services, according to the report. So-called “vishing” attacks are akin to phishing attacks and use voice messages — rather than e-mail messages or Web links — to lure unsuspecting users to malicious Web sites. Skype users report receiving calls from unknown numbers. Pre-recorded messages tell those who answer the call that they are infected with a “fatal virus” and direct them to a Web address to get disinfected.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/report-vishing-attack-targets-skype-users-050211](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/report-vishing-attack-targets-skype-users-050211)
42. *May 2, Network World* – (International) **VMware causes second outage while recovering from first.** VMware’s attempt to recover from an outage in its new cloud computing service inadvertently caused a second outage the next day, the company said. VMware’s new Cloud Foundry service — which is still in beta — suffered downtime over the course of 2 days the week of April 24. Cloud Foundry, a platform-as-a-service offering for developers to build and host Web applications, was announced April 12 and suffered “service interruptions” April 25 and 26. The first downtime incident was caused by a power outage in the supply for a storage cabinet. Applications remained online, but developers were unable to perform basic tasks, like logging in or creating new applications. The outage lasted nearly 10 hours and was fixed by the afternoon. But the next day, VMware officials accidentally caused a second outage while developing an early detection plan to prevent the kind of problem that hit the service the previous day.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216340/VMware\\_causes\\_second\\_outage\\_while\\_recovering\\_from\\_first](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216340/VMware_causes_second_outage_while_recovering_from_first)
43. *May 2, Darkreading* – (International) **ERP apps often left exposed.** Among Oracle’s latest round of patches in April were eight flaws in its JD Edwards enterprise resource planning (ERP) applications — underscoring how ERP apps are often forgotten when it



comes to security, overshadowed by database flaws and other worries. The JD Edwards application flaws might represent only a small fraction of the 78 total bugs fixed in the update, but they demonstrate a growing concern among security experts of an emerging prime attack vector. Most enterprises do not consider their ERP apps as a big target for attackers, and assume segregation of duties is enough security for them. ERP systems, which are tied in with a database platform and often contain multiple interfaces to other apps, run sensitive business processes, such as financial, sales, production, expenditures, billing, and payroll, so any such targeted attacks would be damaging financially and production-wise, experts say.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/167901072/security/application-security/229402609/erp-apps-often-left-exposed.html>

### 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

44. *May 2, Akron Beacon-Journal* – (Ohio) **WEAO (Channel 49) resumes over-the-air signal.** WEAO (Channel 49) resumed broadcasts after more than two weeks off the air in Ohio. The public-broadcasting station, part of Western Reserve PBS, went off the air April 14 because of problems with an 800-foot line running from its Copley transmitter to its antenna tower. Rain and heavy winds delayed repairs. Viewers who received the station via Time Warner Cable, AT&T Uverse, Massillon Cable, and DirecTV have been able to get broadcasts after those services picked up the signal from its companion station, WNEO (Channel 45). But people getting the WEAO signal over the air or from other service providers have been out of luck — unless they got Channel 45 over the air. A station representative said viewers getting the over-the-air signal might have to rescan their receivers to pick up WEAO again.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/121077544.html>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *May 3, Hotelier Middle East* – (International) **Hotels warned of Bin Laden revenge attacks.** The U.S. warned citizens overseas to be on high alert against “anti-American violence” following the death of an al Qaeda leader, while an analyst has said hotels could be on the target list. “Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) will present a

greater threat to Yemen and the Gulf in the coming weeks,” the analyst said. “AQAP out of Yemen and out of Saudi in particular will be looking to take revenge. “Prime interests will be American interests, whether it’s American businesses or American citizens. We suspect that they may also even look at soft targets... such as hotels and public places. Americans will need to be vigilant.” An analyst with the Dubai-based Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis said al Qaeda would likely have established plans in place for retaliation. The United States and its citizens will need to be on high alert against possible attacks, particularly on memorable anniversaries or dates, he said. “Dates to watch for are 40 days from now at the end of the grieving period and September 11,” he said.

Source: <http://www.hoteliermiddleeast.com/11196-hotels-warned-of-bin-laden-revenge-attacks/>

46. *May 3, Atlanta Journal Constitution* – (Georgia) **Roswell hostage standoff ends; no one hurt.** A hostage standoff in Roswell, Georgia, ended May 3 when police set off concussion grenades and entered the apartment, where they apprehended a suspect. No one was injured in the operation. Police SWAT teams from Roswell, Alpharetta, and Forsyth County participated in the standoff at the Aspen Pointe complex. A police spokesman said that several shots had been fired inside a unit at the apartments late May 2. It was initially believed that two suspects were holding three people hostage in the apartment, but only one suspect was found when police went in. One of the hostages was able to escape before police entered the apartment, the spokesman said. He said police were nearby when the call came in May 2 and were able to respond quickly. “We were so close that we trapped them in the apartment and that’s when it started. While the officers were moving into position two shots came from the apartment and they backed off and called in the SWAT team. We found out they had started going through the walls to go to other apartments. They ended up in the far end apartment in the same building. They were trying to get outside the building to the forest out there and we were there waiting for them, so they were stuck there. We cut off their route of escape,” the spokesman said. He said the suspects took the hostages with them as they burrowed through the walls. He said negotiators had been talking with one suspect by cell phone and cut the power to the apartment. “At one time [the suspect] wanted to talk about being a martyr and that type of thing,” the spokesman said. He described the suspect as “irrational.”

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/north-fulton/roswell-hostage-standoff-ends-932853.html>

47. *May 2, Sand Mountain Reporter* – (Alabama) **Explosion rocks Boaz antique store.** An explosion April 30 raised the roof and blew out the storefront of an Sana’s Antiques in downtown Boaz, Alabama. Authorities responded to the explosion at 12:48 p.m. Emergency officials transported the owner to Marshall Medical Center South, where she was treated and released. “The conclusion we drew was there was an explosion inside the building that left it structurally unstable,” the Boaz Fire chief said. The fire chief said representatives from the Alabama Fire Marshal’s Office, Boaz Gas Board, and Marshall-DeKalb Electric Cooperative assisted the investigation. “We felt like it was probably natural gas, but we don’t have the authority to make that ruling,”

he said. “That’s what it appeared to be.” The chief said none of the adjacent buildings sustained significant structural damage.

Source: [http://www.sandmountainreporter.com/news/local/article\\_e63ea0dc-74ed-11e0-8efc-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.sandmountainreporter.com/news/local/article_e63ea0dc-74ed-11e0-8efc-001cc4c03286.html)

48. *May 2, Atlanta Journal Constitution* – (Georgia) **Storm damage cost estimate: \$75 million.** The deadly storms and tornadoes that ripped through Georgia the week of April 25 caused at least \$75 million in insured losses, the Georgia Insurance Commissioner said May 2. State officials predict that figure will rise in coming weeks as the scope of the damage becomes clear and homeowners and businesses file claims. The commissioner said his office arrived at the figure after surveying the top 10 insurance companies in Georgia, which represent about 75 percent of the state insurance market. But residents and claims adjusters are only now starting to assess the damage in the more devastated areas of northwest Georgia, where authorities spent the first few days searching for victims and clearing debris. Ringgold, a town of about 3,000 located 17 miles south of Chattanooga, Tennessee was hit hardest: eight people died, at least 75 homes were destroyed and scores of businesses and other structures were blown away. Overall, the storms killed more than 300 people across six states in the South.

Source: [http://www.ajc.com/news/storm-damage-cost-estimate-932411.html?cxntlid=brkng\\_nws\\_bnr](http://www.ajc.com/news/storm-damage-cost-estimate-932411.html?cxntlid=brkng_nws_bnr)

49. *May 2, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Fires prompt Marina Pacifica evacuation.** The Marina Pacifica mall in Long Beach, California was evacuated for more than an hour May 1 as the Long Beach fire and police departments extinguished spot fires that had spread from Los Cerritos Wetlands, officials said. The initial fire began in the northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Second Street, just north of In-N-Out Burger, about 9:45 a.m. near an oil storage facility in the wetlands. A power line was apparently struck a dry palm tree, and then it ignited the first spot fire, which spread to other areas, said a Long Beach Fire Department spokesman. A short time later, embers from those fires were blown across Pacific Coast Highway and started spot fires at the mall. LBPD officers, who were diverting traffic from Pacific Coast Highway and Second Street, grabbed fire extinguishers in their vehicles and battled a fire in a storage area adjacent to Hof’s Hut and Albertsons, said a Long Beach Police Department spokeswoman. Additional crews from the fire department came to the mall to extinguish those fires, the fire spokesman said. About 11 a.m., police officers told patrons to return to their vehicles and leave the mall, she said. A fire also damaged the roof at Pier One Imports, the fire spokesman said. By 12:15 p.m., shoppers were allowed to return to the mall, and about 30 minutes later, Pacific Coast Highway and Second Street were reopened, the police spokeswoman said.

Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_17972330?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_17972330?nclick_check=1)

50. *April 29, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Police search Dallas Zoo for robbery suspect, come up empty.** The Dallas Zoo in Texas was in a partial lockdown for several hours April 29 as police searched for a robbery suspect. The man was not found in the zoo and is still at large. About 3,000 schoolchildren were visiting at the time.

New visitors were temporarily turned away, but the facility was never closed or fully evacuated. A large portion of the property near the front entrance remained open. The incident began about 9:30 a.m. as Dallas police prepared to execute an aggravated robbery arrest warrant at an apartment a few blocks from the zoo. Police said a 23-year-old man and a second suspect fled, jumping a fence at the zoo. Officers found the other man lying down in a wooded area, but the 23-year-old got away. The other man has since been released. During the search, thousands of visitors were evacuated from the area near the Giants of the Savanna exhibit.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/dallas/headlines/20110429-police-search-dallas-zoo-for-robbery-suspect-come-up-empty.ece>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

51. *May 2, Cañon City Daily Record* – (Colorado) **Fire 50 percent contained.** Crews continued to fight the Sand Gulch Fire in Colorado May 2. The fire was sparked by lightning almost a week ago in the San Isabel National Forest. A fire prevention technician said May 2 the fire is about 50 percent contained and has burned about 550 acres. Three Type 1 Hotshot Crews, several engines, two Type 1 helitankers, a Type 3 Management Team, and local volunteer fire departments worked on the fire the weekend of April 30. Additional resources from New Mexico, Durango, and Castle Rock also assisted with suppression activities.

Source: <http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/Top-story.asp?ID=16481>

52. *May 1, Reuters* – (Texas) **Shifting weather aids battle against Texas wildfires.** Firefighters worked under a thick haze of ash on May 1 to starve a still-burning West Texas fire that has destroyed more than 40 homes. Visibility plummeted in the West Texas mountains as wind flung more than 310,000 acres of ash into the air around the small town of Fort Davis. But the cold front carrying the dusty haze brought lower temperatures and increased humidity, helping 520 firefighters in the rugged terrain cut breaks around the fire that has burned for weeks. The thick clouds of ash and dust raised fears in the small town of a strengthened fire, but firefighters actually had made good progress, said a spokesman for the federal incident management team working on fighting the fire. The changing weekend weather has given crews across the western half of the state a break from the wildfires that ravaged almost 2.2 million acres and destroyed more than 1,100 buildings this year. Winds remained high and the state critically dry, but the cold front gave crews a foothold, said a West Texas fire information officer. The Texas forest service reported no new fires beyond the control of local fire departments.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/01/us-wildfires-texas-idUSTRE7403DR20110501>

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## Dams Sector

53. *May 3, CNN* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Army Corps starts to blow up levee to flood 130,000 acres in Missouri.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began blowing up a Mississippi River levee overnight May 2, flooding about 200 square miles of rich farmland in an effort to bring down historic river levels and spare the city of Cairo, Illinois, and other communities. The decision to breach the Birds Point-New Madrid levee appeared to be working, the commander of the Corps' Memphis district said. The Ohio River at Cairo peaked at 61.72 feet just before the blast May 1 — the highest level on record, according to the National Weather Service. By 6 a.m. May 3, it had fallen to 60.62 feet, according to river gauge readings provided by the Corps. Even that still exceeds the previous record of 59.5 feet set in 1937, according to Weather Service records. The breach could cause river levels to fall by three to four feet over the next few days, according to the major general who is the commander of the Corps' Mississippi River Valley Division. Without an intentional breach, authorities had warned of massive flooding that could wipe out the city of Cairo, which sits at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Cairo's mayor had already ordered the city's 2,800 residents to evacuate. Missouri officials took the Corps to court over the plan, questioning the agency's authority to intentionally breach the levee. The state argued the flood waters would deposit silt on the some 130,000 acres of farmland. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to intervene in the case May 30, clearing the way for the commander's decision to blow the levee. Even as the river was falling, the Corps commander did not rule out similar moves elsewhere along the Mississippi and its tributaries, saying the levee system is already under unprecedented pressure and warning water levels could rise again. "This doesn't end this historic flood," he said. Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/03/missouri.levee.breach/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

54. *May 3, Terre Haute Tribune-Star* – (Indiana) **Sandbaggers try to save levee.** If the Honey Creek levee near Prairieton, Indiana breaks, more than a dozen southern Vigo County homes will be surrounded by floodwater. A breach in the levee was discovered late the week of April 25. Since then, dozens of workers — mostly volunteers — have put in hundreds of hours of hard work attempting to repair the leak and reinforce the earthen levee. If the levee fails, Kennett Drive, a main road on the south side of Prairieton, would become covered with deep water and residents living on the west end of the road would need boats or canoes to leave their homes, local residents at the scene said. Floodwater often seeps through levees, but it becomes a problem when that water is muddy, said a Prairieton resident who has been working at the scene for several days. If the water is muddy, that means earth from the levee is eroding away, which means the levee itself is in danger of collapsing, he said. By late May 2, it appeared the water seeping through the levee was no longer muddy, volunteers said. The breach in the levee is near Dosch Place, a road that ends not far from where the Wabash River and Honey Creek converge. By late afternoon May 2, well over 3,000 sandbags had been used to repair the damage.

Source: <http://tribstar.com/news/x1386015516/Sandbaggers-try-to-save-levee>

55. *May 3, Lebanon Daily News* – (Pennsylvania) **Dam fails at Middle Creek.** A portion of the dam at Sunfish Pond at the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area gave way the week of April 24, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) May 2 announced plans to breach the remaining part of the dam breast to prevent a “complete failure of the structure.” While there are no public health or safety issues, PGC said in a news release, dam failure would jeopardize a well traveled local road. “On April 28, a portion of the supporting stone wall of the dam at Sunfish Pond gave way,” said the PGC Southeast Region director. “The only thing that is keeping half the dam breast in place is an earthen bank, and the portion of the remaining stone wall on the other half has a bulge in it.” Sunfish Pond, a popular fishing spot at Middle Creek, has been there for more than 60 years. The 2-acre, shallow-water impoundment, with its masonry stone dam and spillway, is off of Museum Road in Clay Township. Prior to the breach, crews will attempt a fish salvage, but it may be difficult due to muck and sediment. Any fish recovered will be transferred to the large lake at Middle Creek.  
Source: [http://www.ldnews.com/ci\\_17975559](http://www.ldnews.com/ci_17975559)
56. *May 3, WTHI 10 Terre Haute* – (Illinois) **Levee broken in Lawrence County.** Around 8:30 a.m May 3. the Cross Levee broke in Lawrence County, Illinois. The levee is located near the Embarrass and Wabash Rivers. Lawrence County EMA said that final evacuation notices are now being made to folks in that flood zone. Old 50, Illinois 33 and Airport Road are now closed. Only emergency personnel are allowed in the area.  
Source: <http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/illinois/Levee-broken-in-Lawrence-County>
57. *May 3, KAIT 10 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **Jacksonport under mandatory evacuation.** The town of Jacksonport, Arkansas, was under a mandatory evacuation May 3. Jackson County officials fear the levee might not be high enough. “Right now the levees are in good shape. We had crews that worked for two days straight strengthening the levee. But we have to possibility of a 36 foot crest in a 35 foot levee,” said the Jackson County Office of Emergency Management director. After evaluating the situation May 1, Jackson County and city officials decided to call a mandatory evacuation for residents in Jacksonport to North Elgin, and West to Highway 17. Deputies with the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department went door-to-door May 2 to notify residents in the affected areas. He said it is a situation that will affect a number of people. “It’s in the neighborhood of 500-600 people, but those numbers could grow from 2,500 to 3,000 people,” he said. Inmates also shoveled and filled sandbags that will be available for anyone who needs them.  
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/14558504/jacksonport-under-mandatory-evacuation>
58. *May 2, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Residents east of White River in Prairie Co. evacuated.** Prairie County, Arkansas, authorities have issued an evacuation notice for residents in the flood prone areas east of the White River in the Des Arc and Biscoe areas. People in Prairie County are experiencing dangerous flooding, along the White River. The rising water is forcing a lot of people there to flee their homes for higher ground. With the rain beating down, people worked fast to create barriers. At the start of May 2, the White River was nearly 34 feet in the Des Arc area — that is 10 feet

above flood stage. Highway 38 East, just east of town, is closed because of flooding. This is the way in and out of rural parts of Prairie County. That is where county officials say they have evacuated more than 200 homes. Officials said the levee with its known weak spots is holding up. However, with continuous rain, it is being watched around the clock.

Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/155753/2/Residents-east-of-White-River-in-Prairie-Co-evacuated>

59. *May 2, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Water levels spark Lake Monroe flooding fears.** Lake Monroe in Indianapolis, Indiana, may be overflowing its dam as early as the evening of May 3. “As part of the project’s water control plan, we are currently releasing water through the gate at a rate of 250 cubic feet per second. We expect the lake to reach spillway crest of 556 feet sometime today at which time releases will begin through the emergency spillway,” said the Public Affairs Specialist for the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “The dam is structurally sound and operating as designed,” he said.

Source: [http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south\\_central/water-levels-spark-lake-monroe-flooding-fears](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south_central/water-levels-spark-lake-monroe-flooding-fears)

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