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- The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports the destruction of the Birds Point Levee in southeast Missouri deluged 130,000 acres of farmland and caused up to \$300 million in damage. (See items [26](#), [55](#))
- According to The Register, researchers have discovered the first ever crimeware kit designed to steal sensitive data from computers running Mac OS X. (See item [44](#))

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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 4, United Press International* – (Alaska) **BP faces huge fine for 2006 oil spill.** According to a regulator, a \$25 million fine was levied on BP for 2006 oil spills in the North Slope of Alaska as a warning to pipeline operators in the United States, United Press International reported May 4. BP Exploration Alaska Inc. must pay \$25 million in penalties, and must implement a system-wide pipeline management program in response to the 2006 pipelines spills. A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enforcement officer said the Clean Water Act gives authorities the right to

impose higher fines on pipeline operators who do not follow the rules. “Today’s settlement with BP Alaska imposes a tough penalty and requires the company to take action to prevent future pipeline oil spills on the Alaska North Slope,” she said in a statement. BP in 2006 was responsible for two spills on the North Slope of just more than 5,000 barrels of crude oil. EPA investigators and the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) found BP did not inspect the pipelines for corrosion. BP was referred to justice officials when it failed to fully comply with PHMSA recommendations. Under the settlement, BP agreed to develop a program to better monitor its 1,600 miles of pipelines on the North Slope.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2011/05/04/BP-faces-huge-fine-for-2006-oil-spill/UPI-26851304509091/

2. *May 3, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **PG&E begins testing gas lines for defects.** Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) crews were in a Mountain View, California neighborhood May 3, venting natural gas out of a massive pipeline as they prepare to test it for any defects that could trigger a deadly explosion similar to the one that occurred in San Bruno last September. Pavement in the area shows where PG&E has clearly marked where the pipeline lies with the label 132-A. Pipeline 132 was the pipeline that ruptured in San Bruno, killing 8 people and destroying 38 homes. Line 132-A in Mountain View is a cross feeder line to 132. It runs for about 1.5 miles from under the Shoreline Golf Links, down Rengstorf Avenue, and into the Rex Manor and Stierlin Estates neighborhood. It is similar in age to line 132. And like the San Bruno line, it is located in a densely populated “high consequence” area. PG&E said this is the beginning of planned high pressure testing of 150 miles of pipeline in the utility’s service area.

Source: <http://www.foxreno.com/news/27757752/detail.html>

3. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Alabama; Tennessee) **TVA says about 118,000 without power Tuesday.** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) executives in a report on storm damage said about 118,000 homes and businesses do not have electricity, mostly in north Alabama and southeastern Tennessee, Associated Press reported May 3. The outage count is down from a high of 850,000 customers. TVA’s chief operating officer described the outages May 3 as “very localized.” A TVA statement said equipment still out of service included a large part of major lines that serve north Alabama and Mississippi. TVA’s Browns Ferry nuclear power plant in north Alabama remains in “safe shutdown” but is not affecting customers. TVA provides power to about 9 million consumers in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Source:

http://www.thedailytimes.com/Business_News/story/TVA_says_about_118,000_without_power_Tuesday_id_010911

4. *May 2, Daily Shrewsbury* – (Massachusetts) **DEP investigating oil tank found leaking on town property.** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has been called in to investigate an oil tank found leaking on town

property behind 1000 Main Street next to Ward Hill in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. The estimated 1,000 to 1,500 gallon tank was found April 29 by a Shrewsbury police officer with the K-9 unit who was out training a dog off of the graveled road that leads back into a wooded area. The Shrewsbury Fire Department responded and noticed the tank seeping an oily substance onto the ground. Crews worked quickly to contain the substance and keep the remaining 100 gallons or so left in the tank inside. Officials are also unsure of what type of oil leaked from the tank, whether it is fuel, waste, or a heavy industrial oil. A spokesman also said no one is sure how the tank got there and that will be part of what the investigation will be looking to discover. “The tank seems to have been there for some time,” the spokesman said. He said it would be several days before MDEP’s report on the spill would be complete and some of these questions will be answered.

Source: <http://www.thedailyshrewsbury.com/Articles-c-2011-05-02-76946.113122-DEP-investigating-oil-tank-found-leaking-on-town-property.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 4, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Acid leak starts fire at East Weymouth business.** A leaking bottle of nitric acid sent hazardous materials teams to an East Weymouth, Massachusetts business and later sparked a fire. Workers at the former Washington School and now the home of America Science Team Boston, called firefighters at about 6 p.m. May 3 because of a haze in the air inside the three-story building, the Deputy Weymouth Fire chief said. The source of the haze was traced to a case containing six 2.5-liter bottles of nitric acid, a highly corrosive acid. Acid was leaking from a crack at the base of one of the bottles. A state hazardous materials team wearing protective gear removed the damaged bottle and a private company was called in to clean up the spill. Firefighters cleared the scene at 10 p.m., but they were called back 45 minutes later when smoke began to fill the building. The deputy fire chief said a fire was discovered in the floor where the acid had spilled. Four people who were working in the building at the time of the spill were checked by an ambulance crew but none of them appeared to be injured.

Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/news/x1760690158/Acid-leak-starts-fire-at-East-Weymouth-business>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *May 3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Illinois) **Fire at Duane Arnold nuclear plant puts NRC Emergency Response Center on alert.** The U.S. Nuclear

Regulatory Commission (NRC) activated its Emergency Response Center at the Region 3 office in Lisle, Illinois, to monitor an alert declared at the Duane Arnold nuclear power plant near Palo, Iowa, at 2 p.m. May 3. The plant is located about 8 miles northwest from Cedar Rapids. The plant operator, NextEra Energy Duane Arnold, declared an alert due to a truck catching fire as it was making a delivery. The fire is in the vicinity of safety-related equipment in the utility's pump house but is outside the plant protected area. No plant safety related equipment has been affected by the fire and the plant continues to operate at 100 percent power. There is no impact to public health. The fire is being fueled by hydrogen from the tank of the delivery truck. Hydrogen is used in plant operations to cool the main turbine generator. The utility reported the truck driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. The off-site fire brigade has responded. An alert is the second lowest of four emergency levels for a nuclear power plant and represents degradation in plant safety. The NRC has two resident inspectors on-site. The agency's primary concern is to make sure the public is protected and that the plant operator is taking appropriate actions to address the issue.

Source:

http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/6867492498/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2011/may/fire-at_duane_arnold.html

7. *May 2, Associated Press* – (National) **NRC chief says nuke agency to look at flood risk.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said flood protection plans for U.S. nuclear plants may need to be upgraded in the wake of the Japanese nuclear crisis. The NRC chairman said May 2 that severe flooding from the March 11 tsunami was a “dominant cause” of the disaster in Japan. The NRC cited a nuclear plant in Nebraska in 2010 for having an inadequate flood safety plan. The flooding problem at the Fort Calhoun plant, on the banks of the Missouri River, has since been addressed, although the plant is one of three U.S. nuclear plants deemed in need of increased oversight from federal regulators because of safety problems or unplanned shutdowns.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9MVI1T81.htm>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *May 4, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Chemicals feared at Rehoboth fire.** A three-alarm fire struck G & W Foundry Co. May 4 off Bay State Road in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, with flames reported coming from the roof that were believed to involve chemicals. The blaze was reported about 8 a.m. at the foundry business, located at 128 Bay State Road, which runs between routes 118 and 44. The foundry business specializes in casting and forging. Norton and Seekonk firefighters assisted at the scene, and a hazardous materials team was also summoned.

Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/05/04/news_update/9259472.txt

9. *May 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Mississippi) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Parker Hannifin facility in Mississippi with 33 safety and health violations.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) May 3 issued 33 citations to the Parker Hannifin Corp. plant in Batesville, Mississippi, alleging numerous safety and health violations as the result of an inspection that began November 2010. Proposed penalties total \$487,700. Cleveland, Ohio-based Parker has 170 facilities in the United States, and manufactures machinery for hydraulics, air conditioning, refrigeration, and aerospace systems. OSHA issued 16 repeat citations with \$407,000 in fines. Fifteen are safety-related and 1 is health-related. OSHA issued 17 serious citations with \$80,700 in fines. Fifteen are safety-related and two are health related.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19734

10. *May 3, Managing Automation* – (International) **Manufacturers not investing in supply chain risk management.** In the wake of earthquakes and tsunamis in Japan, tornadoes across the American South, and various and sundry disruptive forces, manufacturers’ investment in supply chain risk management is “pathetically low,” says a new report from SCM consultancy ChainLink Research, *Managing Automation* reported May 3. In a survey conducted in late March and early April, a chief research officer found that more than 45 percent of companies devote less than \$50,000 each year to “assessing and auditing supplier and supply chain risk.” The total spend was defined as money spent on labor, IT, services, travel, and other costs related to a supply chain risk program. ChainLink did not specify the number or size of companies surveyed. About 24 percent of respondents said they spend \$50,000 to \$250,000, while the same percentage devote \$250,000 to \$1 million to such efforts. Just 5 percent spend more than \$1 million, and none of the companies surveyed spend more than \$3 million per year. In part, that may be because responsibility for supply chain risk assessment falls disproportionately on lower-level managers, who may not have the budgeting power to prioritize supply chain risk mitigation.

Source:

http://www.managingautomation.com/maonline/exclusive/read/Manufacturers_Not_Investing_in_Supply_Chain_Risk_Management_27756882

11. *May 2, MMD Newswire* – (National) **US Department of Labor issues final rule to protect shipyard workers.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) May 2 announced a final rule to protect the safety and health of shipyard workers. The rule updates existing requirements to reflect advances in industry practices and technology, and provides new protections from hazards that previously were not addressed, including the control of hazardous energy. It is expected to prevent about 350 serious injuries each year. Fourteen workplace safety and health categories are being addressed in this final rule, which updates and clarifies provisions in the shipyard employment standards that had largely gone unchanged since OSHA adopted them in 1972. Such updates include establishing minimum lighting for certain work sites, accounting for employees at the end of job tasks or work shifts when

working alone, and adding uniform criteria to ensure shipyards have an adequate number of trained first-aid providers. The rule also updates sanitation requirements. In addition, OSHA added new provisions for the control of hazardous energy and motor vehicle safety.

Source: <http://www.mmdnewswire.com/us-department-of-labor-39098.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 3, Aviation Week* – (Florida) **Endeavour launch slips to no earlier than May 10.** The space shuttle Endeavour's second launch attempt will come no earlier than May 10, shuttle and International Space Station program managers decided May 2. Their decision followed a detailed look at plans to replace Loads Control Assembly-2, an electronics box blamed for the mission cancellation the week of April 25. A retest of the new hardware will also be conducted. A May 10 launch would be targeted for 11:21 a.m. EDT. The two management teams intend to reconvene May 6 to assess the repair and retest the new 40-pound box and its internal power switches. They are responsible for power feeds to nine critical shuttle systems, including environmental control, life support, and propulsion.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/05/03/awx_05_03_2011_p0-318082.xml&headline=Endeavour Launch Slips To No Earlier Than May 10 &channel=space](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/05/03/awx_05_03_2011_p0-318082.xml&headline=Endeavour+Launch+Slips+To+No+Earlier+Than+May+10+&channel=space)

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *May 4, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey man pleads guilty to robbing four banks.** A West New York, New Jersey man admitted May 4 to robbing four banks between September 9 and December 14, 2010, a U.S. attorney announced. The 63-year-old man pleaded guilty to an information charging him with four counts of bank robbery, admitting he robbed banks in Bergen and Hudson Counties. The man disguised himself by wearing a hat and makeup, such as a fake moustache and beard, during the robberies. During each robbery, he would enter the bank and demand money from tellers, either verbally or using a note, and gesture toward a small pipe hidden in the sleeve of his jacket that appeared to be a weapon. On December 14, 2010, the man was arrested in North Bergen while driving a vehicle witnesses identified as being used following the attempted robbery of the TD Bank in Union City earlier the same day. Inside the vehicle, officers found the makeup and baseball hat the man had used in the robberies, as well as the money he had stolen from the GSL Savings bank earlier that day. The charges each carry a maximum potential penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/381150/new_jersey_man_pleads_guilty_to_robbing_four_banks_.html

14. *May 4, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Oregon) **Two executives indicted in Oregon for securities fraud.** The 46-year-old former chief executive officer of Willamette Development Services, LLC (WDS), and a 43-year-old former investment relations manager for WDS, were arraigned in federal court May 2 on an indictment returned by a federal grand jury April 20. The pair and WDS were charged with committing securities fraud, bank fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud. In addition, the indictment seeks forfeiture of all proceeds traceable to the fraud. The indictment alleges that from April 2006 through December 2007, through misrepresentations by the pair, WDS obtained approximately \$5,272,300 from investors for the ostensible purpose of developing at least 10 profitable real estate projects, and that WDS incurred \$14,115,825 of additional indebtedness from lenders. By January 2008, none of the projects were completed and WDS was insolvent. The investors lost their entire principal of \$5,272,300. Secured lenders recovered portions of their loans through foreclosure actions. The indictment also alleges the former CEO lied about his academic background and that he failed to tell investors he had previously been fired from a financial institution for engaging in fraud, and that he had previously filed bankruptcy. On February 8, the former chief financial officer of WDS pled guilty to conspiring with the pair to commit securities fraud.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/381147/two_executives_indicted_in_oregon_for_securities_fraud.html

15. *May 3, Marketwatch* – (International) **Bin Laden death may limit terror financing.** The death of the head of al-Qa'ida may limit terrorism financing, a top U.S. President's administration official said May 3. "The death of [the al-Qa'ida leader] is a tremendously important step, and it takes away a person who, at minimum, as a symbol, was helpful in raising terrorism money," the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for terrorist financing, told lawmakers on the Senate Banking Committee. He argued that even with bin Laden's death, there has been an expansion of the franchising of al-Qa'ida networks in the Middle East and in North Africa. However, he also argued that Treasury's efforts to limit terrorism financing have notched some successes, in part because of the department's engagement and sharing of information with foreign governments, foreign central banks, and foreign intelligence units. "The success we've had with al-Qa'ida has been something that has developed over a number of years by both taking targeted actions against facilitators moving money as well as dedicated engagement with counterparts in the gulf to identify the networks where the money is raised and moved into Pakistan and it has really put a fair amount of financial pressure on al-Qa'ida," he said.

Source: http://www.marketwatch.com/story/bin-laden-death-may-limit-terror-financing-2011-05-03?link=MW_latest_news

16. *May 3, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (National) **Phishing scheme uses FDIC.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) has received numerous reports from business owners about fraudulent e-mails that purport to be from the FDIC. The e-mail appears to be sent from alert@fdic.gov and includes the subject line: FDIC: Your business account. According to the FDIC, the e-mail, addressed to “Business Owners,” reads: “We have important information about your bank. Please click here to see information ...This includes information on the acquiring bank [if applicable], how your accounts and loans are affected and how vendors can file claims against the receivership.” The FDIC noted it does not issue unsolicited e-mails to consumers or business account holders. But the scheme is yet another example of how phishers are perfecting their techniques, by taking advantage of trusted sources such as the FDIC, and preying on the fears of business owners during a time of continual bank failures, and ACH/wire fraud incidents.
Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3602

17. *May 3, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Police arrest one, seek another in ATM card-skimming scheme.** Police arrested one man and are looking for another who allegedly installed a card-skimming device on an automatic teller machine at a Cambridge, Massachusetts bank April 30 in an effort to illegally capture personal information from debit and credit cards. Cambridge police and a U.S. Secret Service agent found the card-skimming device after a witness reported a suspicious person going in and out of the ATM at Eastern Bank on Alewife Brook Parkway about 2 p.m., police said. After prying the device off of the ATM, police detectives and the Secret Service determined it was used to capture personal information and pin numbers from debit cards and credit cards. The device used a pinhole camera to record customers typing in their pin numbers, police said. After speaking to witnesses and identifying a suspect, police spotted a 30-year-old Romanian man nearby at another store at the Fresh Pond Mall and placed him under arrest. He was charged with possession of a burglarous instrument, conspiracy, larceny of credit card, and attempting to commit a crime. A second suspect, also from Romania, fled the scene prior to police arrival and a warrant has been issued for his arrest, police said. A Cambridge police spokesman said police believe the witness who reported the suspicious activity had caught the two men in the act of installing the card-skimming device. Police arrived at the scene within minutes to arrest the men, but the spokesman said authorities are unsure at this time if the men captured any personal information from the device.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/cambridge/2011/05/police_arrest_one_seek_another.html

18. *May 3, Brandon Patch* – (Florida) **Alleged scammer spotted at two Brandon area ATM machines.** Detectives in Hillsborough County, Florida, are seeking help in identifying a man they say tampered with at least two ATM machines in the Greater Brandon area. The suspect removed two security mirrors and attached a credit/debit skimming device to a Chase ATM machine at 1101 West Brandon Boulevard April 16 at 7:18 p.m. He returned the next day and removed the skimming device, according to a May 3 release from the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. The same suspect was

seen at a Valrico branch ATM, 2615 State Road 60, April 17 at 8:24 p.m. Later the same day, a customer also reported a suspicious looking man at a Causeway Boulevard banking center between 9:50 p.m. and 10:02 p.m. When she approached the ATM she noticed tape over the transaction camera. The white male suspect is 5-foot-10 to 6-foot tall with a medium build and weighs 220 to 230 pounds. He was driving a black Ford pickup truck, deputies said.

Source: <http://brandon.patch.com/articles/scammer-spotted-at-two-brandon-area-atm-machines>

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Transportation Sector

19. *May 4, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Plane makes emergency landing at GSP.** An airplane made an emergency landing at the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) May 4 in Greer, South Carolina. An airport spokeswoman said Air Tran flight 311 was headed from Charlotte, North Carolina to Atlanta, Georgia when the No. 1 engine went out about 7:30 a.m. She said the plane was diverted to GSP and landed safely about 10 minutes later. The airport said the airplane was parked at gate A3, and that an airplane is being flown in from Atlanta to move the passengers to their original destination.
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/travelgetaways/27770728/detail.html>
20. *May 4, Dyersburg State Gazette* – (Tennessee) **City of Dyersburg issues evacuation warnings.** The National Weather Service has forecast a crest of 28 feet for the river at Dyersburg, Tennessee May 4, at 9 p.m. Beginning May 4, South Main Street was closed from downtown to Davis Road. Other streets in Southtown will be closed as they flood. The mayor issued the warning and set forth a plan to deal with the rising waters due to flooding.
Source: <http://www.stategazette.com/story/1724257.html>
21. *May 3, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Two passengers detained during checkpoint weapons incidents at Miami International Airport.** Two passengers found carrying weapons at a concourse checkpoint were detained in separate incidents May 3 at Miami International Airport (MIA) in Miami, Florida. It is unclear what weapons were found on the passengers who were detained by Miami-Dade police at around 11 a.m., MIA officials said. The incidents at Concourse D occurred within minutes of each other and involved passengers who did not appear to be traveling together. It is unknown where the passengers were headed. Concourse D is mainly used by American Airlines.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/travel/mh-mia-passengers-with-weapons-20110503,0,1164835.story>
22. *May 3, Enid News & Eagle* – (Oklahoma) **Chemical spill closes U.S. 412.** Both lanes of U.S. 412 were closed for more than 4 hours May 3 due to a small chemical spill

from a vehicle hauling hazardous materials. The highway was closed 16 miles west of Orienta for 4 hours and 27 minutes, according to a report from Oklahoma Highway Patrol. Both lanes were closed at 8:33 a.m. and reopened at 1 p.m. after a crew from Tulsa arrived to clean the spill. The spill occurred inside a truck hauling hazardous materials after a barrel tipped, spilling a corrosive material. Some of the spill from inside the truck then spilled onto the roadway.

Source: <http://enidnews.com/opinion/x833657487/Chemical-spill-closes-U-S-412>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *May 3, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **2 suspicious letters delivered to Boston buildings.** Crews responded to two different office buildings in Boston, Massachusetts, after reports of suspicious letters — one where the attorney general’s office is and the other where a U.S. Senator’s office is located. On May 3 around 11:20 a.m., police and hazmat crews responded to the John W. McCormack Building One Ashburton Place. Authorities said a letter containing a white powdery substance arrived at the attorney general’s office. About an hour later just a few streets away, there was the same story. This time, the letter with the white powder was delivered to the Senator’s office on the 24th floor on the John F. Kennedy Federal Building. “Looks like the same type of handwriting, so it’s probably the same scribble inside with whatever threat,” said the district chief of the Boston Fire Department. In both cases the powder tested to be harmless. At both locations, no one was evacuated or needed medical treatment. The powder has been sent to the state lab for further testing.

Source:

<http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/boston/12004213709260/suspicious-letter-delivered-to-boston-building/>

24. *May 3, WGGB 40 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **Suspicious letter at court house in Greenfield.** The court house in Greenfield, Massachusetts, was evacuated after a letter containing an unknown substance was opened May 3. Local and state police, along with hazmat teams and the FBI, were called in to investigate. A yellow hazmat tent was set up in the back parking lot at the court house where the letter and suspicious substance were analyzed. “All tests on scene have determined no harmful substance within that letter.” the fire chief said. He said the letter was sent to the district court clerk. The court house will be open for business as usual May 4.

Source: <http://www.wggb.com/Global/story.asp?S=14566929>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

25. *May 4, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **3.3 tons of poached rockfish found in Bay.** About 3.3 tons of dead and decaying striped bass were recovered May 3 by Natural Resources Police (NRP) from an illegal net submerged in the waters off Tilghman Island in Maryland. It was the second largest seizure of poached fish in 2011. The net, the 10th seized since February 1, was found May 1 by a recreational fisherman whose lines became fouled in the tangle of mesh and fish. Police believe it had been in the water since the beginning of 2011. It took an 80-foot work boat with a crane several hours to gather up the nearly mile-long net and the ensnared fish, which averaged 15 pounds. So far, NRP has seized almost 16 tons of illegally caught striped bass, Maryland's state fish also known as rockfish. The commercial gill net season has been closed since the end of February and is not scheduled to reopen until December 1. The total tonnage of poached striped bass will be deducted from the commercial allotment. In January, authorities found nets filled with 6,000 pounds of poached rockfish near the Bloody Point Lighthouse between Queen Anne's and Talbot counties.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/33-tons-of-poached-rockfish-found-in-bay/2011/05/04/AFuTGcmF_blog.html
26. *May 4, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Levee explosion may cost farmers in southeast Missouri \$300 million.** When the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers blew up the Birds Point levee in southeast Missouri late May 2, water gushed onto 130,000 acres of farmland, drowning crops. The Corps-engineered deluge also swamped millions of dollars in farm infrastructure, from culverts to irrigation pivots. Tens of thousands of gallons of diesel and liquid fertilizer sit in flooded tanks. "In that spillway, all the structures are going to be gone," the head of the Missouri Farm Bureau said. "Roads, bridges, center point irrigation pivots are all going down the river." The Corps dynamited the levee to relieve mounting pressure on the flood control systems guarding more populated areas upriver, particularly Cairo, Illinois. But the decision exacted a heavy price: Some early estimates put the damage at \$300 million. The farm bureau predicted the crop damage alone would be around \$100 million. The U.S. Agriculture Secretary said May 3 that crop insurance would cover the farmers, despite the fact that the flooding was, in effect, "man-made."
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article_3c83e34b-e7a5-5d8a-a41b-ccc7429cb8fe.html
27. *May 3, Food Poison Journal* – (New Jersey; International) **Porky Products announces recall of salted smoked split herring.** Porky Products Inc. of Carteret, New Jersey, announced a recall of Salted Smoked Split Herring (bloaters) because it may be contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium that can produce a harmful toxin, which causes botulism. The uneviscerated fish product was imported from Canada and distributed to retail locations in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania from April 14-28, 2011. The product was shipped in 18-pound boxes bearing the lot number 27410. Although no illnesses have been reported, the company is urging customers to refrain from eating the product, even if it does not look or smell spoiled.
Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/food-recall/porky-products-announces-recall-of-salted-smoked-split->

[herring/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FoodPoisonBlog+\(Food+Poison+Blog\)](http://www.wave3.com/story/14561595/indiana-city-shuts-down-wastewater-treatment-plant-due-to-floods)

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Water Sector

28. *May 3, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Palmyra shuts down wastewater treatment plant due to floods; declares emergency status.** Due to the rising flood waters in Palmyra, Indiana, the wastewater treatment plant was shut down May 3 and officials declared the town in emergency status. A sewer ban was issued, so Palmyra Sewer System users will not be able to disperse any water down their drains. “The water has no place to go our storm drains can’t handle it any more,” the Palmyra town manager said. This means no flushing toilets, taking showers, washing laundry or dishes, and no running water of any kind going down sinks. Porta-potties are being set up for residents across from the town hall and at the Blue River Farm and Supply. The Y.M.C.A. of Harrison County located in Corydon will allow Palmyra citizens to shower at its facility. A shelter is being set up at Unity Chapel Church in Ramsey. The lift station located on Huff Street and Keeling Avenue has also been shut down.
Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/14561595/indiana-city-shuts-down-wastewater-treatment-plant-due-to-floods>

29. *May 3, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Plant head fired, 2 others disciplined over water issue in Lorain.** Failure to promptly notify the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the public of a water quality problem has had a ripple effect in Lorain, Ohio. The water plant assistant superintendent has been fired. The utilities director has been suspended for 30 days, and the lead operator for purification is on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation. The discipline is in response to failure to properly treat water at the plant April 9 and 10, and failure to notify the OEPA about the mistake within 24 hours. The failure to properly treat the water caused cloudiness known as turbidity. Because of the notification delay, the OEPA did not issue a boil advisory. After initially saying immediate public notification was not necessary, the OEPA reversed course resulting in the city sending out letters to residents 10 days after the incident. The OEPA said the city had 30 days to notify the public. City officials said no one received unhealthy water. Incompetence and a lack of oversight caused the problem the service director said May 2. Sludge basins were not cleaned on a monthly basis dating back to October 2010 and the chloride chemical feeder was not checked, which led to an underfeed and erroneous dosage rates on the pump controls.
Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2011/05/03/plant-head-fired-2-others-disciplined-over-water-issue-in-lorain/>

30. *May 3, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Suspect accused of illegally dumping hazardous waste.** In Houston, Texas, a slimy, dangerous mess was dumped in a retention pond, and investigators said hundreds of thousands of gallons of this stuff has been poured in areas across the city. Police said the suspect they have arrested was hauling tankers of

hazardous waste and pouring it down storm drains. These are eight dump sites investigators have found in northwest Harris and Waller counties. This is not the first time the suspect has faced illegal dumping charges. He was convicted of illegally dumping solid waste in 1997. But this time, his arrest is triggering an investigation into the company he works for, New Energy Fuels — a company that advertises that it is “saving the world” with its bio-diesel fuel. It was a complaint from tenants in the west by Northwest Industrial Park in northwest Harris County that triggered the investigation. Someone had dumped hazardous materials into a retention pond there. It killed all the fish and burned skin on contact. A Houston Police Department officer said, “We have some results of the lab tests of tylenol and some other chemicals that are carcinogenic.” Investigators think the oily substance was either a by-product of the manufacturing process, or a bad batch of the bio-diesel, and the illegal dumping may have been a way to cut corners. “To do away with 6,500 gallons of hazardous material would have cost about \$15,000 to have it disposed of correctly,” the officer explained. “The driver was paid \$2,000.” Officials indicated the cleanup of the eight dump sites will cost about \$500,000. The suspect was convicted of murder in 1979 and sentenced to 20 years. His criminal history includes many other convictions, including assault, criminal trespassing, and illegal dumping.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8109152>

31. *May 3, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Sewage overflow to stop.** With more than 100 sanitary sewer overflows since August 2004, a \$45,402 fine could have been much higher had Augusta Utilities of Augusta, Georgia, not agreed to address the overflows’ cause, according to the utilities director. The latest, an April 28 overflow, sent 1,920 gallons of rainwater containing raw sewage into a Goshen Plantation pond. The director said about 80 percent of the overflows are caused by roots, grease buildup, or a combination of the two. As part of a consent order negotiated with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, the department will adopt a 5-year program of preventive maintenance of underground sanitary sewer lines, instead of simply treating backups when they occur, he said. Augusta Utilities is consolidating divisions and shedding some management positions as part of the government restructuring. By strengthening root control and developing a formal program to regulate grease discharges, the department was able to lower the fine but faces a \$2,000 monthly penalty if it does not adhere to the plan.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/government/2011-05-03/sewage-overflow-stop?v=1304471130>

32. *May 3, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Oceanside sewage spill much larger than initially reported.** A December 2010 sewage spill into Buena Vista Creek in Oceanside, California, was much larger than originally reported — and the size of the spill could cost the city — Oceanside officials disclosed May 3. Originally, city officials said 180,000 gallons of sewage spilled from the ruptured Haymar sewer line that runs along the creek bed. Now, officials said more than 5.4 million gallons spewed into the rain-swollen creek, making it one of the largest spills in the county in more than a decade. Officials with the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board are investigating the spill to determine if the city was at fault. The city could be fined as

much as \$2 per gallon for the spill, the maximum penalty under state law. The investigation is in its early stages, and it could be months before the board renders a decision.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/may/03/oceanside-sewage-spill-much-larger-initially-repor/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *May 4, Cypress Times* – (Texas; National) **DME company owner and marketers convicted of defrauding medicare of millions.** A federal jury convicted a durable medical equipment (DME) company owner and two marketers of defrauding both federal health care programs — Medicare and Medicaid — a U.S. attorney said May 2. The owner of The Mobility Store — a Houston, Texas-area DME company — and two other individuals, all of Houston, were found guilty April 29 by a jury following a 2-week trial. The indictment, returned in October 2010, charged them with the commission of various federal crimes including conspiracy to commit health care fraud, health care fraud, paying or receiving kickbacks, money laundering, and tax evasion. The May 2 verdicts found the owner of The Mobility Store guilty of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and paying kickbacks for the referral of Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid recipients, health care fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. In 2008, Medicare revoked The Mobility Store’s provider number because of its failure to provide accurate information about its operation procedures. As a result of the fraudulent scheme, The Mobility Store billed Medicare and Medicaid more than \$10 million and was paid more than \$5 million. Immediately following the return of the verdicts, the U.S. district judge who presided over the trial revoked each defendants’ bond and ordered that each be remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Source:

http://www.thecyprsstimes.com/article/News/Local_News/DME_COMPANY_OWNER_AND_MARKETERS_CONVICTED_OF_DEFRAUDING_MEDICARE_OF_MILLIONS/44588

34. *May 4, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **Rise in drug shortages raising alarm.** Recent drug shortages are more than troublesome, said a director at the pharmacies at Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the cancer hospital. Drug shortages are becoming a fact of life, the number of them in 2010 “unprecedented,” said a manager of the University of Utah drug information service. And the pace in 2011 has so far been more brisk, with nearly a new shortage a day. What worries hospitals, pharmacists, regulators, doctors, and patients most is a dearth of substitutions for many of the drugs that are in short supply, including cancer, heart, and arthritis treatments, among others. The Washington Post reported the week of May 2 that some medical centers are “rationing drugs, postponing surgeries and searching

for substitutes, including some that may be less effective, have some side effects and boost the risk for overdoses and sometimes fatal errors.” And they have been reported across drug types, including antibiotics, pain killers, chemotherapy, and more. Some shortages have included well-known, commonly used medications such as morphine and norepinephrine, and even electrolytes. The list of drugs that on May 3 were in short supply numbered more than 190, according to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The Food and Drug Administration has several steps available that could help, from encouraging other manufacturers to ramp up the supply to allowing overseas import of some drugs that are desperately needed. Recent drug shortages are more than troublesome, said a director at the pharmacies at Huntsman Cancer Institute and the cancer hospital. Drug shortages are becoming a fact of life, the number of them in 2010 “unprecedented,” said a manager of the University of Utah drug information service. And the pace in 2011 has so far been more brisk, with nearly a new shortage a day. What worries hospitals, pharmacists, regulators, doctors, and patients most is a dearth of substitutions for many of the drugs that are in short supply, including cancer, heart, and arthritis treatments, among others. The Washington Post reported the week of May 2 that some medical centers are “rationing drugs, postponing surgeries and searching for substitutes, including some that may be less effective, have some side effects and boost the risk for overdoses and sometimes fatal errors.” And they have been reported across drug types, including antibiotics, pain killers, chemotherapy, and more. Some shortages have included well-known, commonly used medications such as morphine and norepinephrine, and even electrolytes. The list of drugs that on May 3 were in short supply numbered more than 190, according to the society. The Food and Drug Administration has several steps available that could help, from encouraging other manufacturers to ramp up the supply to allowing overseas import of some drugs that are desperately needed.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700132450/Rise-in-drug-shortages-raising-alarm.html>

35. *May 3, Agence France-Presse* – (National) **US takes aim at purported sex disease ‘cures’**. The U.S. government said May 3 it is taking steps to remove from the market a host of online products that promise to cure HIV, herpes, chlamydia, and other sexually transmitted diseases. The products, mainly sold on the Internet but also available in some retail outlets, include names like Medavir, Herpaflor, Viruxo, C-Cure, and Never An Outbreak. They are distributed by 11 U.S. companies targeted in the joint action by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FDA and FTC “issued multiple letters to companies warning that their products violate federal law,” an FDA statement said. The letters notify the 11 companies involved that they have 15 days to correct any violations, or face “legal action, including seizure and injunction, or criminal prosecution.” Officials noted that they have no specific reports of injury as a result of people taking the products, and that they could not estimate how widely the products are being used by the American public.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110503/hl_afp/healthsexdiseasedrugs_20110503185818

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *May 3, WUSF 89.7 FM Tampa* – (International) **Security heightened at MacDill AFB, all military installations.** The death of the leader of al-Qa'ida has some worried about retaliation. Security has increased at all U.S. military installations. Tampa, Florida's MacDill Air Force Base is home to Central Command, the joint operation leading the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the Special Operations, SOCOM, another joint command. About 13,000 people drive through MacDill's gates daily. Their security and that of the base is the responsibility of a colonel, wing commander of the 6th Air Mobility Force and MacDill's commander. "Over the weekend we were directed by Headquarters Northern Command to increase our protective posture of the base," he said. Military bases use a ranking system called Force Protection conditions. "We have several levels," he explained at a press briefing May 2 outside the main gate. "There's normal state Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. We're in Bravo right now just slightly elevated, just a few more protective measures to ensure that folks on the base are safe." That means increased scrutiny of identification papers and other measures he declined to specify. He said there is no specific threat to MacDill, and that all military installations are on the same heightened security level as a precaution.

Source:

http://www.wusf.usf.edu/news/2011/05/03/security_heightened_at_macdill_afb_all_military_installations

37. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Man faces terrorism charge for phoning in Conn. courthouse bomb threat.** Connecticut State Police have charged a 45-year-old man with terrorism in connection with a bomb threat that shut down Hartford Superior Court in Hartford, Connecticut for a few hours. Troopers said the man used a nearby pay phone to call in the threat May 3. The building was evacuated. Authorities searched the courthouse with the help of bomb-sniffing dogs but found no explosives. The man was charged with a felony act of terrorism, felony inciting injury to persons or property, and a few misdemeanors. He was held on \$50,000 bail and was scheduled to be arraigned May 3. Court records show he has a lengthy criminal history and is scheduled to appear in Hartford Community Court the week of May 9 on several minor charges.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5d7b0cf64d8b46ab80d04fda633607a9/CT--Courthouse-Bomb-Threat/>

38. *May 3, York Dispatch* – (Pennsylvania) **Spring Grove High evacuated, again.** Spring Grove Area High School in Spring Grove, Pennsylvania received its second bomb threat in less than 2 weeks, leading to an evacuation of the school May 3, according to a district spokeswoman. Students and staff were removed from the school around 1 p.m. and taken to the old middle school. Students who had vehicles and parental permission were allowed to go home for the day. All evening activities involving Spring Grove, both home and away, were canceled, the spokeswoman said. Northern York Regional Police are conducting an investigation. The last bomb threat was April 21; police did

not find a bomb during their search.

Source: http://www.yorkdispatch.com/ci_17981753?source=most_viewed

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *May 4, Sky Valley Chronicle* – (Washington) **State university receives grant to create database of disaster scenarios.** As part of an ongoing effort to minimize the loss of life and property from earthquakes, two Western Washington University scientists are the recipients of a federal grant that will be used to put together an earthquake survival “tool” that will be the first of its kind in the country. A Western Washington University assistant professor of Environmental Studies and Research Associate of Western’s Resilience Institute have received a \$45,000 grant from the Washington Emergency Management Division to create and populate a digital database of 20 earthquake disaster scenarios and their potential impacts. The database will be used by statewide emergency planners and responders to develop pre-event training exercises, to understand the individual vulnerabilities of each of the 20 areas to be analyzed, and to plan for post-event operations in the wake of an event.

Source: <http://www.skyvalleychronicle.com/FEATURE-NEWS/EARTHQUAKE-br-State-university-receives-grant-to-create-database-of-disaster-scenarios-655430>

40. *May 4, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Fumes from South Brunswick mobile home fire send 8 firefighters to hospital.** Authorities said eight firefighters who responded to a mobile home fire in South Brunswick, New Jersey, were sent to the hospital May 3 after being sickened by fumes. The Kendall Park fire chief said they were taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick as a precaution after complaining of dizziness and nausea. The fire was reported at about 4 p.m. It was confined to a bathroom in the mobile home and was extinguished within 5 minutes. The cause is under investigation. The Middlesex County hazardous materials team searched the property. The fire chief told the Star-Ledger of Newark they found bug spray and other chemicals that could have caused the fumes.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/dc80af991ccc4c7992e8ee65b2b38beb/NJ--Firefighters-Sickened/>

41. *May 3, The Register* – (National) **Hacker pwns police cruiser and lives to tell tale.** A penetration tester hired to pierce the digital fortresses of Fortune 1000 casinos, banks, and energy companies, was able to hack into a U.S.-based municipal government during a recent assignment testing its security. After scanning several IP addresses used by the city’s police department, he soon discovered they connected directly into a Linux device carried in police cruisers. Using little more than FTP and telnet commands, he then tapped into a digital video recorder used to record and stream audio and video captured from gear mounted on the vehicle’s dashboard. He was shocked by

the resulting live feed that eventually appeared on his computer screen. The account (PDF), which he published May 3, underscores the overlooked risks that come with technology designed to give authorities minute-by-minute “situational awareness” about the emergencies to which they respond. While real-time audio and video from cars often provides police brass with crucial information about what is happening during traffic stops, the devices often make that intelligence available to anyone with an Internet connection. The ability for civilians to secretly spy on officers responding to calls could have serious consequences for their safety. What is more, allowing unauthorized people to view and alter video stored on cruisers could torpedo court cases that rely on the digital video recorders for evidence.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/03/cop_car_hacking/

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Information Technology Sector

42. *May 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake FBI emails distribute backdoor.** A new malware distribution campaign is producing rogue e-mails purporting to come from the FBI and attempting to scare users into opening malicious attachments. Cyber criminals behind this attack are hoping to scare people into believing they are being investigated by federal authorities because they accessed illegal online content. The subject of the rogue e-mails reads “you visit illegal websites” and their header is forged to appear as if they originate from an FBI address. The attachment is called document(dot)zip and according to security researchers from e-mail and Web security vendor AppRiver, it contains a version of Bredolab. Bredolab is a trojan downloader commonly used as a malware distribution platform. In this case, it installs a backdoor on the PC through which attackers can deploy even more threats. In order to trick users into believing they are dealing with a document, the executable found inside the .zip archive bears a PDF icon. “It’s intent is to slip past your human defenses and create a permanent backdoor on your PC in order to further download malicious payloads such as keyloggers and spyware,” an AppRiver security researcher noted.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-FBI-Emails-Distribute-Backdoor-198286.shtml>

43. *May 4, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft issues first Windows Phone security update.** Microsoft released the first security update for Windows Phone 7 May 3, replicating for smartphone users a patch the company gave Windows desktop users 6 weeks ago. When the update will actually reach users is unclear. “At the time of release, the update is not available for all Windows Phone 7 customers,” Microsoft said in a security advisory. “Instead, customers will receive an on-device notification once the update is available for their phone.” The update is designed to blacklist nine digital certificates acquired by a hacker in March from Comodo, one of many companies that issues secure socket layer certificates. “This update moves the affected certificates to the ‘Untrusted Publishers’ certificate store on Windows Phone, which helps ensure that these fraudulent certificates are not inadvertently used,” Microsoft said in an explanation on its Windows Phone update history Web page.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216391/Microsoft_issues_first_Windows_Phone_security_update

44. *May 3, The Register* – (International) **DIY crimekit brings advanced malware to Mac OS X.** A crimeware kit discovered the weekend of April 30 and May 1 promises to bring a flood of advanced malware that steals passwords and other sensitive data from computers running Mac OS X. The kit is being advertised as the Weyland-Yutani Bot in underground crime Web sites, where it is being sold for \$1,000. The first ever crimeware kit for the Mac comes with the ability to grab data entered into Firefox, with the Chrome and Safari browsers soon to follow, according to Danish IT firm CSIS Security Group. The makers of the new DIY malware kit claim they are close to releasing versions that will work on iPads and Linux machines as well. Weyland-Yutani uses Web injection templates identical to those offered by the Zeus and Spyeeye crimeware kits available for targeting Windows computers. The forms seamlessly inject fraudulent fields into legitimate Web sites intended to trick users into entering Social Security numbers or other sensitive information. When the user types the data into the field, it is transmitted back to the malware author.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/03/mac_osx_crimeware_kit/

45. *May 3, Computerworld* – (International) **Hackers step up game, spread malware using Bin Laden bait.** Hackers are increasingly exploiting the death of al-Qa'ida leader by pushing malware into PCs when users fall for fake claims of photographs and video, security researchers said May 3. The shift to direct attacks follows campaigns May 2 to push fake security software, dubbed “rogueware,” to both Windows and Mac users. F-Secure warned users May 3 to steer clear of spam that included the “Fotos_[first name]_bin_[last name](dot)zip” archive attachment. The messages claim the file contains photos of the terrorist leader after he was shot and killed. Running the resulting Windows executable file does not display photographs, but instead launches a new banking trojan horse belonging to the 3-year-old “Banload” line, an F-Secure researcher said. The malware sniffs out online banking sessions and then tries to redirect payments to other accounts. Other security companies have also snared malware packaged with spam related to the terrorist leader. Symantec said May 3 it had found e-mail messages touting photos and video of the U.S. attack’s aftermath. The messages, which so far have been written in French, Portuguese, and Spanish, lead users to a fake CNN Web site where they are told to download video. As in the F-Secure instance, the download is, in fact, a “dropper” that in turn downloads malicious code to the Windows PC. Scams leveraging the death of al-Qa'ida leader are also spreading quickly on Facebook, researchers said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216382/Hackers_step_up_game_spread_malware_using_Bin_Laden_bait

46. *May 3, Softpedia* – (International) **TDL4 rootkit updated to bypass Microsoft patch.** TDL4, one of the most sophisticated rootkits capable of infecting 64-bit Windows systems, was updated by its developers to bypass a recent Microsoft patch

that interfered with its operation. During Patch Tuesday April 12, Microsoft issued an update that made some changes particularly designed to disable TDL4's hiding mechanism. TDL4 is part of the TDSS family of rootkits and was the first one capable of infecting 64-bit Windows systems. By default, 64-bit versions of Windows 7 and Vista only accept digitally signed drivers, therefore the vast majority of rootkits that use custom drivers to interact with the disk and hide their presence, cannot function on such systems. TDL4 is different because it patches the Windows Boot Configuration Data (BCD) in real time in a way that allows it to bypass the OS driver signature check. One of the modifications made by Microsoft's KB2506014 update involved changing the size of kdcom.dll's PE export directory to interfere with the TDL4 infection routine that checks this value to determine if the file must be replaced with a rogue version or not. According to researchers from security vendor Prevx, TDL4 developers reacted to this change by releasing a new version of the rootkit that no longer performs this check. Instead it patches Windows' digital signature check routines for kdcom.dll directly to return an error the system does not recognize forcing it to proceed with the booting routine normally. In addition, the rootkit's developers also changed the way the rootkit hooks the system miniport disk driver, a method that allowed anti-malware programs to detect its presence.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/TDL4-Rootkit-Updated-to-Counter-Microsoft-Patch-198216.shtml>

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

47. *May 2, Computerworld* – (National) **Internet creaks under tidal wave of bin Laden death news.** The U.S. President's announcement May 1 of the death of the al-Qa'ida leader by U.S. Navy SEALs triggered a massive amount of real-time comments, searches, social networking and video streaming. The traffic explosion bogged down news pages and for a while even crashed CNN's mobile news site. Keynote Systems reported CNN's site went down for a time after the news broke late May 1, according to a VentureBeat's employee, who was posting news as it happened. Keynote's mobile and cloud traffic monitoring system found streaming video sites going black under the heavy demand, which varied from region to region in the United States, with most of the East Coast already asleep when the President made his announcement after 11 p.m. But it was still early enough for users in the western half of the country to turn to their cellphones for the latest news, search for more information, and share it via Twitter and Facebook, both of which exploded with activity. "This caused a much bigger spike than the royal wedding," according to the, senior product manager at Keynote, quoted by

VentureBeat. Keynote said that late May 1, Web news sites were about 60 percent available, “meaning 40 percent are down at any given moment,” according to VentureBeat.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216328/Internet_creaks_under_tidal_wave_of_bin_Laden_death_news?taxonomyId=16&pageNumber=1

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *May 4, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Three-alarm fire on Boston wharf causes \$1.5 million in damage.** A building that housed law offices on Commercial Wharf overlooking Boston Harbor in Boston, Massachusetts was heavily damaged by a three-alarm fire May 4, despite efforts by firefighters who used a fire boat and divers to combat the stubborn flames, officials said. A Boston Fire Department spokesman said the first alarm was struck around 5:15 a.m. and the arriving companies immediately struck a second alarm; a third alarm quickly followed, he said. Around 9 a.m., firefighters were still uncovering hot spots inside the two-story building. The spokesman estimated damage at \$1.5 million. Some 75 firefighters, including about a dozen rescue divers, attacked the blaze, he said. Three firefighters were injured; two had smoke inhalation and one had a rib injury. The firefighters were being treated at Massachusetts General Hospital. The cause is under investigation, the spokesman said. The main occupant of the building was the Sarrouf Corso law firm, according to the spokesman.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2011/05/three_alarm_fir_2.html

49. *May 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **Judge upholds verdicts in NYC temple plot.** A federal judge has upheld the verdicts of four men convicted of plotting to blow up New York City, New York synagogues and shoot down military planes. But the judge also scolded the government for presenting a case that relied on an FBI informant whose methods she suggested bordered on entrapment. The defense had sought to convince the judge to throw out the convictions, saying “the government created the criminal and then they manufactured the crime.” The judge acknowledged there was some truth to that argument. But she said the government’s behavior didn’t rise to the level of “outrageous misconduct.” The four men were arrested in 2009. They were found guilty of conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction and other charges.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2011/05/04/1673411/judge-upholds-verdicts-in-nyc.html>

50. *May 3, San Francisco Appeal* – (California) **SF Jewish Community Center reopened after bomb sniffing dogs find no threats.** Several hundred people were evacuated from the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco (JCCSF) in Laurel Heights,

California, May 3 following a bomb threat that appears to have been without merit, officials said. The center runs a fitness center, a preschool, and youth and adult classes, and a number of activities were under way when the threat came in by phone, a JCCSF spokeswoman said. Staff reported the threat to police at about 8:25 a.m. and evacuated the building. Officers and K-9 units searched the building, located at 3200 California Street, until about 10:45 a.m. but didn't find anything suspicious, a police spokesman said. Police blocked off the area near California Street and Presidio Avenue during the search. It was unclear where the call came from or why it was made. The caller phoned a general number and did not say anything to suggest the reason for the threat, the JCCSF spokeswoman said. The center has received bomb threats in the past, but none recently.

Source: <http://sfappeal.com/news/2011/05/bomb-sniffing-sf-police-teams.php>

51. *May 3, WHP 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb threat closes downtown Lancaster.** Downtown Lancaster City, Pennsylvania, was shut down for several hours May 2 as local, state, and federal authorities responded to a reported bomb threat in a parking garage. The Lancaster Police Department issued a statement that said several sweeps of the Prince Street Garage by Pennsylvania State Police collected evidence for additional forensic processing. “As part of this evidence collection a vehicle was removed from the garage,” the statement said. “This vehicle was in close proximity to the area where the police K9s gave a positive indication” Several streets that had been shut down reopened around noon, and people who were evacuated at 4 a.m. were allowed to head home. Police said the trouble began when an anonymous call reporting a possible explosive device came in around 3 a.m. Police said information received during the call is connected to an on-going federal investigation that has been going on in the city for several days. The Lancaster City police chief called the investigation “complex” but gave no further details. After the call came in, a K-9 from the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office searched and sniffed the garage. Police said the dog hit on something. At 4 a.m. the surrounding area was evacuated, but by 11:45 a.m. a secondary search of the garage by state police K-9’s came up negative and streets were reopened.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-11-Bomb-threat-closes-downtown-Lancaster/wMQrQiyzSEy7BLYTWEhfbQ.csp>

52. *May 2, Washington Business Journal* – (International) **Landlords watch for individual threats after Osama bin Laden’s death.** Following the death of the head of al-Qa’ida, DHS told landlords and property management companies to be on the lookout for threats from retaliating lone wolves, rather than well-organized groups, in an advisory released May 1. The Building Owners and Managers Association International started an international emergency preparedness committee after September 11, 2001, that communicates directly with the DHS, acting as a sounding board for the agency and as an information distribution network for landlords. The executive vice president of The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington Inc. said the group received an intelligence and warning document from DHS May 1 after the White House announced the al-Qa’ida leader had been killed. “In plain speak, it said they are encouraging increased awareness and

vigilance, but are not aware of any current threat streams,” she said. She said the building owners and management groups have been in contact with real estate companies across the country gauging their responses to the news. As a rule, most companies are not changing their security measures yet, she said. Rather, they are reviewing existing plans, talking with tenants, and focusing on increased vigilance. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/blog/2011/05/landlords-watch-for-individual-threats.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *May 3, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Flooding causes damage in Mark Twain National Forest.** Visitors at the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri were being warned May 3 to expect to find damage from recent flooding. Visitors could expect to find washed-out, damaged and debris covered roads, and low-water bridges, according to forest officials. Flooding conditions could continue for several days in some areas of the forest. Low-water crossing can continue to carry higher-than-normal water levels, making them dangerous to cross, according to a news release. Some low-water crossing may have been displaced by flood waters, a forest engineer said. Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20110503/NEWS01/110503026/Flooding-causes-damage-Mark-Twain-National-Forest?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|SpecialReports|p>

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Dams Sector

54. *May 4, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Slick operation grabs runaway barge off dam.** The week of April 25, officials said it could take weeks before Ohio River conditions would improve enough to allow the safe removal of a runaway barge that since last April 27 had been pinned against two concrete piers at the back channel dam of the Emsworth Locks and Dams in Pennsylvania. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard officials wanted to remove it as soon as the river permitted, fearing it could come loose and, under a worst-case scenario, break up, sink, and jam dam gates. On May 3 it took only a few minutes for a river salvage company to move the coal-laden barge away from the dam and safely upriver. What allowed for such a smooth operation was relatively smooth water precipitated by events downriver, a Corps spokesman said. In an effort to help Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky along the swollen lower Ohio, where flooding is under way or imminent, the Corps’ Pittsburgh District over the weekend of April 30 and May 1 decreased the total flows from its network of reservoirs. That slowed the flow in the upper Ohio to a manageable current for the towboat Lisa Jo to hook onto the barge, back it away from the dam, and turn it upriver. The 300-ton barge, filled with 1,500 to 1,700 tons of coal, was one of four that broke loose from the towboat Carl L. Johnson as it was preparing to steer the tow into

an Emsworth lock at 4:45 a.m. April 27.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11124/1143916-455-0.stm>

55. *May 4, CNN* – (National) **Record flooding still in forecast after levee breach.** The intentional breach of a levee on the Mississippi River is helping to ease unprecedented flood pressure on other areas, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. The Ohio River level had dropped about 1.7 feet at Cairo, Illinois, since May 2, before the blast, but that is expected to level off May 4. The breach, created when engineers detonated explosives the night of May 2 at Birds Point, Missouri, is sending 396,000 cubic feet of water per second onto 200 square miles of fertile Missouri farmland. A second levee blast was conducted the afternoon of May 3 at New Madrid, Missouri, and a third is planned May 4 near Hickman, Kentucky. The second and third blasts, downstream of Birds Point, will allow floodwater to return to the Mississippi River. While the plan appeared to be working — the level of the Ohio River fell where it joins the Mississippi — record crests and relentless pressure from millions of gallons of water still threatened communities throughout the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys. Vicksburg, Mississippi, could see water levels rise 4 feet by May 8. Authorities told residents of Caruthersville, Missouri, that sandbags may not be enough to control the water. The town of Cairo remained under a mandatory evacuation despite the intentional breach, while six other communities were under voluntary evacuation notices, said a spokeswoman for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Even with the levee breach, the National Weather Service continues to predict record or near-record flooding in parts of southern Illinois, southwest Indiana, western Kentucky, and Tennessee, southeastern Missouri, northeastern Arkansas, and parts of Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/04/missouri.levee.breach/index.html?hpt=T2>

56. *May 3, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Corps: Clearwater Dam operating as it should.** According to information received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers May 3, Clearwater Dam is operating as it should, said a lieutenant with the Poplar Bluff, Missouri Police Department. The Corps said that 97 percent of flood storage capacity is being used. On May 3, the lake was at elevation 565.9, with 97 percent of its flood storage capacity. On May 2, releases were adjusted to 4,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) through the conduit, and this release has held steady since. If water begins flowing over the spillway, releases from the conduit will be reduced to continue a total release of 4,000 cfs. Officials said people at Piedmont and Poplar Bluff will not see a resulting rise in the Black River from these releases.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/14566826/police-clearwater-dam-operating-as-it-should>

57. *May 3, WTOG 2 Terre Haute* – (Illinois) **Levee breaks in Lawrence County.** In Lawrence County, Illinois, flooding caused a Lawrenceville levee to break just before 8 a.m. May 3. Lawrence County has declared the flood plain area a natural disaster. Emergency management officials said the levee has breached in three different locations. All are within a half mile of another. The one they are most concerned about is in Allison Township. All of the residents there have been asked to evacuate. There is

also a curfew in place for non-residents of the flood plain between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. Officials said the flooding will affect the same areas affected in 2008. The Lawrence County Levee Commission does not anticipate any other problems, and they will be monitoring similar situations.

Source: http://mywabashvalley.com/fulltext?nxd_id=185227

58. *May 3, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps of Engineers prepares for spillway opening.** As the Mississippi River continues to trickle through the Bonnet Carre Spillway control structure in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees are oiling their machinery for a likely spillway opening, as record high levels of water sweep down from the rain-soaked Midwest toward New Orleans. Officials have said the spillway could be opened as soon as May 9 to relieve the strain on levees along the Mississippi River’s banks at levels not seen since the catastrophic flood of 1927. The last spillway opening was in 2008. Corps officials and the governor were slated May 4 to take an aerial tour of the levee system between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, where the river is expected to crest at 47.5 feet, 13 feet above flood stage on May 22. On May 3, at 7:20 p.m., St. Charles Parish closed the Bonnet Carre Spillway Road because of safety concerns and the threat of hydroplaning overnight, a parish spokeswoman said. The parish will re-evaluate the situation in the morning and reopen the road if conditions warrant, she said. To head off possible flooding in Baton Rouge, state officials borrowed 11,500 sandbags from St. Charles Parish to avoid a “critical situation” there, the parish president said.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/05/corps_prepares_for_spillway_op.html

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