



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 10 May 2011

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- The Anchorage Daily News reports authorities evacuated about 50 homes May 6 in the Trapper Creek, Alaska area after the discovery of 550 pounds of unstable ammonium nitrate and nitoglycerine in the trunk of an abandoned station wagon. (See item [5](#))
- According to WNYW, two breaches occurred where suspects with fireworks, and a man who made a bomb threat, got into train tunnels in New York and New Jersey. (See item [20](#))

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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 9, KTXS 12 Sweetwater* – (Texas) **Fire threatening gas plant; Evacuees still not allowed home.** As of 10 p.m. May 8, a fire in the southwest corner of Fisher County, Texas, was threatening the Claytonville Gas Plant. The Texas Forest Service (TFS) worked to keep a possible explosion from occurring. The fire also prompted evacuations May 8. Fisher County released an alert telling people within 10 miles of the Claytonville Gas Plant they need to be prepared. They identified a 12-inch gas line that ruptured. The TFS said 20- to 40-foot flames were posing an immediate threat to the gas plant and 12 homes. It was estimated that at least 4,000 to 5,000 acres had been

charred by the fire by the evening of May 8. Crews were fighting it from the air and ground. Air tankers and helicopters were dropping gallons of water and retardant to keep the fire from hitting the Claytonville Fuel Plant. Wind gusts throughout the day in the 30 to 40 mile per hour range made it extremely difficult to get under control. Officials said lightning caused the fire to spark.

Source: [http://www.ktxs.com/big\\_country\\_news/27819325/detail.html](http://www.ktxs.com/big_country_news/27819325/detail.html)

2. *May 8, ProPublica* – (Texas) **Authorities give conflicting accounts of latest toxic releases from Texas City refineries.** BP’s troubled Texas City, Texas, refinery as well as another refinery operated by Valero Energy Corporation have reportedly released more than 150,000 pounds of pollutants into the air after power troubles forced emergency shutdowns at several refineries in the area. That figure is expected to grow as the companies restart their equipment and file more emissions reports with regulators. What is not clear is how the sizable release has affected air quality. Conflicting accounts from local officials and environmental regulators about air monitoring results have raised more questions than answers. Texas City officials — relying on air monitoring data from a BP contractor and the fire department — have said emissions had not reached harmful levels. But that is not what officials at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have said. According to the environmental agency, the levels of chemical emissions were at one point so high they maxed out the monitoring equipment. The week of May 1, residents were instructed to stay indoors, though that advisory has since been lifted. Some residents have reported health effects, and at least 25 people went to the hospital.  
Source: <http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/authorities-give-conflicting-accounts-latest-toxic-releases-texas-city-refineries>

3. *May 6, Delaware News Journal* – (National) **Delaware River liquid natural gas terminal delayed by risk calculations.** A company hoping to salvage plans for a liquefied natural gas terminal along the Delaware River opposite Claymont, Delaware has asked federal regulators for a third permit deadline extension, citing delays caused by the discrediting of a key risk analysis model for LNG terminals nationwide. The company’s timetable has been disrupted by a little-known ruling that a widely used model for calculating spill and fire risks at LNG terminals could result in “truly gross underestimates of the hazard.” Crown Landing LLC’s owner, Hess LNG, said in a letter made public May 5 it needs another year to develop a location and layout for the terminal and delivery tankers, but faces a June 30 deadline for delivery of the plan to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). No alternative model has been approved for risk calculations required by the federal Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, FERC, and Department of Transportation (DOT). The DOT barred use of the challenged model last July and has since ordered all pending and approved terminals to submit revised estimates of vapor and fire hazards. “Without an approved vapor dispersion model, Crown Landing cannot determine how much land and what land-use restrictions and facility configurations are required to site any land-based LNG facility,” Crown’s president said in a letter to the FERC. Researchers have concluded a catastrophic spill from the largest types of LNG tankers could trigger a flash fire that would emit massive amounts of heat, with blistering conditions reaching

for more than a mile. Storage and pipeline terminals also were viewed as serious hazards, but received considerable credit for safety under studies that used a calculation model called SOURCE5, recently found to overstate the benefit of protective dikes.

Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20110506/NEWS02/105060360/Liquid-natural-gas-terminal-delayed-by-risk-calculations?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

4. *May 6, SourceMedia Group News* – (Iowa) **EPA to test ash ponds at Alliant’s Burlington plant.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has required additional testing of Alliant Energy coal ash ponds that cover about 68 acres near its generating station in Burlington, Iowa to see if they can withstand an earthquake. The EPA inspected coal ash storage facilities operated by the Interstate Power & Light and Wisconsin Power & Light subsidiaries of Alliant in fall 2010, an Alliant spokesman said. Five facilities were inspected. The Burlington facility, with five storage ponds holding coal ash, was singled out for additional testing, the spokesman said. The primary concerns about the Burlington facility were its ability to withstand a potential seismic event, such as an earthquake, and its ability to handle projected future volumes of coal ash, according to an EPA statement. The ash ponds at the site range in size from 22.9 acres to a 4.54 acre pond that has been retired.

Source: <http://easterniowabusiness.com/2011/05/06/epa-to-test-coal-ash-ponds-at-alliants-burlington-plant/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 8, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Explosives detonation rattles dozens of Trapper Creek homes.** Authorities evacuated about 50 homes May 6 in the Trapper Creek, Alaska area after the discovery of roughly 550 pounds of aging, unstable explosives in the trunk of an abandoned station wagon, state troopers said. An explosives team from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson destroyed the cache, which included 15- to 20-year-old ammonium nitrate and nitroglycerine, and the car, at 2 a.m. May 7. No one was injured, though some neighbors reported shattered windows. The explosives had been in the car since the mid-1990s, when a man who owns the property moved them there from a nearby railroad boxcar or boxcars, said a wildlife trooper. The man has been living in one of the railroad cars, a trooper spokeswoman said. She declined to identify him because he had not been charged with a crime. The incident, which displaced neighboring families for hours, began when the man left a message for the wildlife trooper to visit his property for what at the time were unknown reasons, troopers said.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/05/07/1851016/explosives-detonation-wakes-up.html>

6. *May 7, White Plains Journal News* – (New York) **6 hurt in I-95 crashes involving 5 vehicles.** Six people were injured in a five-vehicle accident on Interstate 95 near the

Larchmont train station in New York May 7. The chain-reaction accident began around 11 a.m. when a southbound truck carrying polyurethane collided with another vehicle, according to state police. The collision flung debris and cans of the chemical into the northbound lanes, which caused three cars to crash. The road was closed northbound more than an hour. The injured were taken to two local hospitals but none of them had serious injuries.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110508/NEWS02/105080354/6-hurt-95-crashes-involving-5-vehicles?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>

7. *May 6, Madison Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **Chemical spill cleaned up on Beltline ramp; no injuries reported.** A liquid fertilizer spill on the Beltline exit ramp to Park Street, Wisconsin, brought out the hazardous materials team May 6, but the spill was contained and the site cleared within 90 minutes. No one was injured. The Madison Fire Department spokesman said an estimated 30 gallons of liquid lawn fertilizer spilled from the tank on the lawn care truck. The spill was reported at about 8:45 a.m. May 6, with most of the liquid spilling onto the ramp and flowing down toward a sewer drain. “Units used buckets to capture the liquid fertilizer until the leak was stopped,” the spokesman said. “Absorbent material was also used to soak up the fertilizer from the exit ramp.” Officers initially reported the spill stretched from South Towne Drive to the Park Street exit ramp, but most of the fertilizer that leaked from the 400-gallon capacity tank on the truck came out on the ramp. Dane County Emergency Management, the department of natural resources, and the department of agriculture were also notified of the spill. “All fire department units were cleared from the scene by 10:15 a.m.,” the spokesman said.

Source: [http://host.madison.com/news/local/article\\_2be0a508-77ec-11e0-8c04-001cc4c03286.html](http://host.madison.com/news/local/article_2be0a508-77ec-11e0-8c04-001cc4c03286.html)

8. *May 5, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York) **OSHA cites Dupont, contractor in fatal plant explosion.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited the E.I. Dupont De Nemours Company Yerkes Plant and a Buffalo contractor in a fatal plant blast in New York in November 2010, WGRZ reported May 5. That explosion killed a 57-year-old man from South Wales. The man, working for contractor Mollenberg-Betz, was welding on top of a 100,000 gallon tank when sparks ignited flammable vapors inside the tank, causing the accident. “This death and injury graphically underscore how vitally important it is that employers anticipate the hazards associated with welding in potentially explosive atmospheres, and institute all protective measures before allowing such work to begin,” said OSHA’s area director in Buffalo. Dupont’s Yerkes Plant was cited for nine violations totaling \$61,500 in fines, while Mollenberg-Betz was cited for eight violations with \$55,440 in fines.

Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/120504/1/OSHA-Cites-Dupont-Contractor-in-Fatal-Plant-Explosion>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *May 6, Reuters* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **U.S. nuclear units monitor rising Mississippi River.** Nuclear power-plant operators were monitoring forecasts for the rising waters of the Mississippi River and preparing to shut plants later in May if flooding threatens access to sites or operation of plant safety systems, a regulator said May 6. Entergy Corp officials prepared for high water at three reactor sites along the Mississippi River from near Vicksburg, Mississippi, to New Orleans, a company spokesman said. Entergy's 1,268-megawatt Grand Gulf nuclear station in Claiborne County, Mississippi, may be the most vulnerable, officials said, based on government forecasts for the river to reach a high of 57.5 feet May 20, some 14 feet above flood stage. "We do not expect the plant to shut down if the flooding is not above current projections," said a spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regional office near Dallas. High water could cut off access on the main road to the plant, forcing emergency vehicles to take a longer route, he said. If river conditions are forecast to worsen, reactors will be shut ahead of time. Operators are making plans to shut the plants, if necessary, and preparing back-up diesel generators and batteries used to keep emergency cooling systems running in the event of a loss of off-site power. The Mississippi River is forecast to crest near Entergy's 978-MW River Bend nuclear plant in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana, May 23, the National Weather Service said. Entergy's 1,176-MW Waterford nuclear plant in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, is expected to complete a month-long refueling outage before Mississippi River floodwaters peak May 24. Waterford is located behind a 29-foot seawall. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to open May 9 the Bonnet Carre Spillway not far from the Waterford site to allow Mississippi River water to flow to Lake Pontchartrain. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/06/us-nuclear-flood-mississippi-idUSN0629012320110506>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *May 9, American Metal Market* – (National) **Barged alumina delays leave smelters on alert.** Severe flooding along two major Midwest waterways has ground shipments of barged alumina to a halt, forcing five of the country's largest smelters to consider shipping alternatives and jeopardizing nearly 1.3 million tons of annual domestic aluminum capacity, American Metal Market reported May 9. According to market sources, five major primary smelters — Alcoa Inc.'s Warrick Operations in Warrick, Indiana; Ormet Corp.'s facility in Hannibal, Ohio; Century Aluminum Corp.'s plant in Hawesville, Kentucky; Noranda Aluminum Holding Co.'s New Madrid, Missouri, smelter; and Rio Tinto Alcan's Sebree, Kentucky, facility — are facing receiving delays as high water levels along the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers obstruct traffic and leave bulk shipments stranded. The flooding has been an issue for weeks, but the problem worsened for many riverside industries May 6 when the U.S. Coast Guard announced plans to close a 5-mile stretch of the Mississippi River to barge traffic.

Source: <http://www.metalbulletin.com/Article/2820846/AMM-Barged-alumina-delays-leave-smelters-on-alert.html>

11. *May 4, Trailer/Body Builders* – (Virginia) **Utility’s Virginia plant could be back up in four months.** Utility Trailer’s plant in Glade Spring, Virginia, is working to recover from a devastating tornado that hit the area April 28. The facility could start producing trailers again in 4 months, according to the plant manager. The tornado damaged the facility and 250 trailers, turning them into stacks of mangled metal and tires. Some reefers in the overflow yard also were damaged. The reefer plant up the road sustained no damage. The Glade Spring plant is one of the company’s five trailer manufacturing facilities across the United States. The 4000D and 4000D-X Composite dry vans are manufactured in Glade Spring.

Source: <http://trailer-bodybuilders.com/trailer-oem/utility-virginia-plant-0504/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *May 6, Military Times* – (Virginia) **Sub weld inspector says he lied during probe.** A former inspector for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding pleaded guilty in U.S. district court May 6 to two counts of lying about welds he should have inspected on U.S. Navy ships and submarines under construction at the Newport News, Virginia, shipyard. A defective pipe joint weld on a submarine that he certified as properly done could have caused the loss of the submarine, as it was a certified SUBSAFE weld — critical to the ship’s safety. As a result of the inspector’s false weld certifications, Northrop Grumman was forced to expend 18,906 man-hours to complete reinspections, at a cost of \$654,000, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney’s office. The issue came to light in May 2009 after co-workers suspected the man, a non-destructive testing weld inspector, was not being truthful about his inspection reports. Questioned May 14, 2009, by his supervisors, the inspector admitted he falsely certified inspecting three lift pad welds on a submarine although, according to a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, the inspections were not performed. The inspector lied again May 22, 2009, when he was questioned by agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. According to the statement of facts, while the inspector admitted falsifying the lift pad weld certifications, he lied to the agents about the number of other ship and submarine hulls he failed to inspect.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/05/navy-submarine-weld-inspector-plea-050611w/>

13. *May 6, Defense News* – (Virginia) **Contracts canceled with ship repair firm.** Earl Industries, previously one of the U.S. Navy’s more reliable ship repair facilities in Norfolk, Virginia, has been kicked off the LPD 17 San Antonio-class program because of improper work and poor documentation on the USS San Antonio, the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) announced May 6. The decision to terminate the multiship, multioption (MSMO) maintenance contract with Earl was “based on Navy findings of improper work performed and concern regarding Earl Industries’ quality



assurance program and the company's ability to control the quality and documentation of work it performs," NAVSEA said in a statement. "These concerns were triggered by the number and severity of corrective action reports," during the ship's repairs, which began in January 2010. MSMO contracts are issued to cover work on a batch of ships of the same class, rather than bidding out each contract individually. Earl's LPD 17-class MSMO contract would have covered work on the Norfolk-based USS San Antonio, as well as other ships of the class based there, including the Mesa Verde and New York.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6433667&c=AME&s=TOP>

14. *May 6, Defense News* – (National) **After grounding Raptors, USAF eyes other jets' oxygen systems.** The U.S. Air Force, which grounded its F-22 Raptors May 3, has now identified which other aircraft might be affected by defective oxygen generators. Since at least last November, the service has been investigating the On-Board Oxygen Generation Systems (OBOGS) aboard the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter and other tactical aircraft and trainers. The service grounded the F-22s after a spike in incidents potentially related to hypoxia. "No other airframes have been stood down due to this investigation; however, a parallel investigation is taking place on the on-board oxygen generation systems on the A-10, F-15E, F-16, F-35, and T-6 aircraft," said an Air Force spokeswoman for Air Combat Command. Equipment such as the OBOGS is fairly standardized across multiple aircraft types, according to a subject matter expert. Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6435911&c=AME&s=AIR>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *May 6, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Brighton man steps off plane, is arrested in \$50M Ponzi scheme.** A man whom federal authorities have accused of fleecing 440 investors in a \$50 million Ponzi scheme, was arrested May 5 in New York City after getting off an inbound flight from Italy, the U.S. attorney's office said May 6. The arrest means the 42-year-old man of Brighton, Michigan, is facing criminal charges for what authorities have described as one of Michigan's largest investment schemes. A criminal complaint unsealed May 5 makes no mention of a Ponzi scheme. It alleges the man misled investors about how their money would be used, how secure their money would be, and the returns they could expect. He also told investors he would not be paid unless BBC was profitable, which was untrue, the FBI said in a criminal complaint. The suspected fraudster is the founder and chairman of BBC Equities, LLC., which authorities have dubbed the Billionaire Boys Club. The Securities and Exchange Commission accused the man and a co-conspirator in a civil complaint in July 2009 of defrauding investors in a real estate investment scheme. It said the pair promised investors 8-12 percent annual returns. The criminal complaint said of the more than \$50 million collected from investors, only \$20.7 million was invested in real estate. It said a significant portion was used to pay the man's personal expenses. Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110506/NEWS06/110506029/Brighton-man-steps-off-plane-arrested-50M-Ponzi-scheme>

16. *May 6, WABC 7 New York* – (New Jersey) **‘Dapper Bandit’ burglary spree in New Jersey.** A bank burglar, dubbed the “Dapper Bandit”, wears a suit coat, shined shoes, and creased pants, and he is wanted in connection with crimes at banks in Essex, Union, and Bergen counties in New Jersey since April. The suspect was caught on surveillance video near a safe at a Livingston bank in New Jersey. He used a crowbar to open cash drawers at banks once they have closed for the day. He has left without money from a few of his break-ins, but he has made off with an unknown amount of cash from others. No one has been injured in any of the incidents.

Source:

[http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new\\_jersey&id=8117183](http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=8117183)

17. *May 6, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Texas; Louisiana) **Waskom bank robbery: FBI investigating connection to Shreveport robberies.** The FBI is looking into the possibility of a connection between an armed robbery of a Waskom, Texas bank May 6 and a series of hold-ups in the Shreveport, Louisiana area. Around 1:20 p.m. May 6, witnesses said a man armed with a gun ran in to the Citizens National Bank in Waskom and demanded money from a teller. Police said the man took off on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect was described as being about 5’11” to 6’ tall with a slender build. He was wearing a ski mask, a red long-sleeve shirt, baggy pants, and white tennis shoes. Waskom schools were placed on lockdown immediately following the armed robbery. It was lifted at 2:20 p.m., and students were sent home shortly afterward. Eight Shreveport area banks have been held up since December 2010, including the Chase bank on E. 70th Street December 16. It was robbed again December 30.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/14590159/waskom-bank-robbery-fbi-investigating-connection-to-shreveport-robberies>

18. *May 5, Chico Enterprise-Record* – (California) **Two guilty pleas in Chico mortgage fraud scheme.** Two of the principal players in a multimillion dollar mortgage fraud scheme in Chico, California, pleaded guilty May 5 in federal district court in Sacramento. A 29-year-old man pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud and one count of money laundering, and a 31-year-old woman pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud. In the May 5 hearing, the 29-year-old admitted he and others originated approximately \$21 million in fraudulent loans, causing losses to lenders of more than \$4 million. A Chico builder, who has already pleaded guilty, was among those involved in the scheme.

Source: [http://www.chicoer.com/breakingnews/ci\\_18003714](http://www.chicoer.com/breakingnews/ci_18003714)

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## **Transportation Sector**

19. *May 9, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Flooding keeps Interstate 40 at White River closed; Officials say closure through Wed possible.** The Arkansas highway



department said the Interstate 40 bridge over the White River will likely remain closed for days in De Valls Bluff. The agency said motorists may have to detour around the east Arkansas crossing through May 10 or May 11. The highway and transportation department spokesman said the bridge should not sustain damage from the flooding, but the approaches to the span have been under water in both directions since May 5. Those sections of roadway will need to be inspected before traffic could resume. Some stretches of roads in northeast Arkansas have reopened as northern reaches of the Black and White rivers have begun to recede.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2c8694156f4f40ff9cf87ad38403be7c/AR--Arkansas-Flooding-I-40/>

20. *May 9, WNYW 5 New York* – (New York; New Jersey) **2 rail security breaches cause scares.** Two rail security breaches reportedly occurred within hours of each other in New York, New York, May 8 as authorities remained on alert for an al-Qaida attack. In one breach near the World Trade Center, a man slipped into a train tunnel and walked from Manhattan to New Jersey before saying that he left a bomb in the tunnel. That scare — and an unrelated escapade involving four “urban explorers” infiltrating an under-construction subway tunnel — came just days after the FBI warned that al-Qaida could be targeting U.S. trains. There was no bomb on the tracks, police said. Officials said that a 20-year-old man, of Bayonne, New Jersey, hopped down onto the tracks in a Manhattan tunnel from a station being patrolled by two Port Authority officers. The suspect then walked the 2 miles to Jersey City, New Jersey. A Port Authority contractor spotted him exiting at around 3 a.m. May 8 and called police. “I just put a bomb down on the tracks,” he allegedly told officers. The tunnel was shut down while the Joint Terrorism Task Force and bomb-sniffing dogs searched for a device. He was charged with criminal trespass, evaluated at a hospital, and released. Separately, at around 4:30 a.m., police arrested four men who allegedly sneaked into the Second Avenue subway tunnel carrying Roman candles and cameras. The men told cops they were part of an “urban explorers” group and that they planned to use the fireworks for light for photos. The four were charged with criminal trespass after a Harlem resident alerted cops that the group descended into the tunnel around 112th Street.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/2-rail-security-breaches-cause-scares-new-york-city-ncx-20110509>

21. *May 9, National Public Radio and Associated Press* – (California, Missouri; New Mexico) **Man subdued after disturbance on S.F.-bound flight.** A retired police officer and a retired U.S. Secret Service agent helped wrestle a man to the cabin floor after he began pounding on the cockpit as an American Airlines (AA) flight approached San Francisco, California, the third security incident in a day on U.S. planes, authorities said May 9. The man, who had a Yemeni passport, was yelling unintelligibly as he brushed past a flight attendant minutes before AA Flight 1561 was due at San Francisco International Airport May 8, a San Francisco police sergeant said. The Boeing 737, which reportedly came from Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport, was carrying 162 people and landed safely at 9:10 p.m. The 28-year-old carried a California identification card and the Yemeni passport, but it wasn’t clear if his nationality was

also Yemeni, the police sergeant said. The man was charged with interfering with a flight crew, a federal offense. The incident was the third disturbance of the day in U.S. airspace. A Continental Airlines flight from Houston, Texas to Chicago diverted in St. Louis, Missouri after a 34-year-old man from Illinois tried to open a plane door during the flight, officials said. A Continental spokeswoman said Flight No. 546 landed around 1:30 p.m. and was grounded about an hour before resuming its journey. FBI and airport police questioned the passenger. No charges have been filed. Shortly before that, a Delta Air Lines flight from Detroit, Michigan to San Diego, California landed instead in Albuquerque, New Mexico, because of a security scare but authorities found “no suspicious devices” on the plane, an FBI spokesman said. He did not describe the “potential security threat” that caused Flight 1706 to land in New Mexico. He said agents searched the plane and interviewed the crew and 107 passengers before clearing the aircraft to fly again. No one was arrested. The flight was diverted at 10 a.m. and was cleared to fly again around 12:30 p.m., an official said.

Source: <http://www.wbez.org/story/2011-05-09/man-subdued-after-disturbance-sf-bound-flight-86250>

22. *May 8, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Train entering NJ station crashes; minor injuries.** A commuter train from New York City pulling into a station in Hoboken, New Jersey for its final stop crashed into the bumpers at the end of the tracks May 8, injuring 34 people, shutting down service for hours in Hoboken. None of the injuries in the PATH train’s 8:30 a.m. crash was considered life-threatening, though several victims were taken away on stretchers or put in neck braces as a precaution, Hoboken’s mayor said. The injured, who mostly sustained cuts and bruises, were taken to three area hospitals for treatment, and most, if not all, were expected to be released later in the day. The cause of the crash remained under investigation, but city police said it appeared that a mechanical failure was to blame. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey were investigating.

Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/05/08/train-entering-nj-station\\_n\\_859100.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/05/08/train-entering-nj-station_n_859100.html)

23. *May 6, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: IED found near Chester train tracks.** Police from Chester, Pennsylvania, are urging vigilance after they found an improvised explosive device May 6 near Amtrak and Septa railroad tracks and the Commodore Barry Bridge. “Police said the device consisted of two bottles with a yellow liquid inside. They said one had a timer and wires attached by duct tape. “Police were not sure if the device was really explosive but evacuated the area as a precaution. The Delaware County bomb squad determined that it was and disarmed it.” The device was found about 2 p.m., near third and Reaney Streets, which is underneath the bridge and close to the tracks Septa’s Wilmington-Newark line uses. “An investigation is underway.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2011/05/06/police-ied-found-near-chester-train-tracks/>

24. *May 6, Associated Press* – (International) **Hundreds evacuated from German train over terror scare.** German police said 250 passengers were evacuated from a high

speed train as authorities feared a possible terror attack. The Stuttgart Federal Police spokesman said May 6 there was “sufficient threatening evidence” to fear an attack on the train from Berlin, bound for Interlaken, Switzerland. He said police and sniffer dogs searched the entire Inter City Express train near the southwestern city of Freiburg around midday, but did not find explosives or any other dangerous material. He declined to elaborate on the reasons for the search, citing the ongoing investigation. The DAPD news agency cited a police source as saying that a CD-ROM found on the train pointed to an Islamic terrorist link.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/05/06/hundreds-evacuated-german-train-terror-scare/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

25. *May 9, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Police search for person who made, then threw 2 homemade bottle bombs in Mendon.** Police in Mendon, Massachusetts, were looking for the person who threw two homemade explosive devices from a vehicle late May 6. Police said one of the devices was thrown onto the driveway of a home where it exploded, while the other was thrown at a restaurant. Police said the bottle bomb thrown at the restaurant was actually picked up by an employee who then threw it into the trash where it then went off. Police said the bombs were chemicals mixed in a plastic bottle. Authorities are looking for a brown car they think was involved, and are warning residents to be on the lookout for more suspicious devices.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/8a3943d00eb74f45819994fc45b54629/MA--Homemade-Bombs/>

26. *May 9, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Explosive fire rips through Huntington Park food processing plant.** Firefighters battled a major structure fire May 9 at a food processing plant in the Huntington Park area of Los Angeles County, California. The 3-alarm fire was reported at the Windsor Foods plant around 5:30 a.m. Flames quickly spread throughout the building, and a huge plume of thick, black smoke could be seen for several miles. Several employees reported hearing a loud “boom” from the boiler room when arriving to work. They attempted to put out the flames themselves, but the fire was too powerful. One worker reportedly suffered minor burns and was being treated at a local hospital. Firefighters quickly moved into defensive mode, battling the

flames from outside the building.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-windsor-foods-fire,0,649916.story>

27. *May 8, Caledonia Patch* – (Wisconsin) **Caledonia firefighters contain chemical spill.** Caledonia and South Shore firefighters in Wisconsin responded May 8 to hazardous material call after 800 gallons of anhydrous ammonia leaked into the air at 12:03 p.m. While applying fertilizer in a field in the 4300 block of County Hwy H, a farmer was pulling a tank behind a tractor when a coupling released and struck a supply line on the tank. The chemical billowed into the air causing a white toxic vapor cloud, according to a report by the Caledonia Fire Department. Firefighters were able to “knock down” the toxic vapor cloud by spraying it with water. While the leak was being contained, train traffic was halted and Highway H was closed. Crews remained until 1:38 p.m. until the tank was allowed to vent.

Source: <http://caledonia.patch.com/articles/caledonia-firefighters-contain-chemical-spill>

28. *May 6, Lancaster New Era/Intelligencer Journal* – (Pennsylvania) **Police accuse co-owners of torching diner.** Financial difficulties allegedly led two co-owners of an East Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania restaurant to set the business on fire May 4, police said. A 32-year-old suspect of Lancaster County, told police the and one of his two partners decided to set West Lancaster Diner on fire to collect insurance money, a criminal complaint states. East Hempfield Township Police accused a 37-year-old Manchester Township man with two counts of arson. The diner is on the eastern side of Lancaster County. Police found the 37-year-old suspect on the ground outside the burning business May 4. His hands were handcuffed behind his back with “flex cuffs,” and he had some type of head injury, the complaint said. The suspect told police at the scene two men entered the restaurant to rob him. He said they poured gasoline throughout the building. An East Hempfield Township police sergeant said in a news release May 6 the 37-year-old suspect said he spread gasoline inside the building, and he and the 32-year-old suspect planned to make it look like a robbery. Fire crews were called to the diner at 9:52 p.m. for a working building fire. Firefighters from 10 area companies battled the fire.

Source:

[http://www.ydr.com/ci\\_18007311?source%3Dmost\\_viewed.20F88DA3D7D369F5BB70F372987EAE1F.html](http://www.ydr.com/ci_18007311?source%3Dmost_viewed.20F88DA3D7D369F5BB70F372987EAE1F.html)

29. *May 6, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **Fire causes evacuation, closure at Don Pablo’s in Flint Township.** A small fire May 6 at a Don Pablo’s restaurant in Flint Township, Michigan closed the Tex-Mex eatery for at least the night. The restaurant was full of customers when the fire started around 7:40 p.m., a trainer at the restaurant said. The fire started outside the building where a cigarette butt lit some brush on fire and damaged a wall near the restaurant entrance, the manager said. A Flint Township fire sergeant said smoke moved up through the burning wall and filled the attic. He said firefighters immediately knew where the source of the smoke was because a previous fire at the restaurant started the same way in the same spot. Health officials will inspect the property before the restaurant can be reopened.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2011/05/fire\\_causes\\_evacuation\\_closure.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2011/05/fire_causes_evacuation_closure.html)

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## **Water Sector**

30. *May 6, Clarksville Business and Heritage* – (Tennessee) **Needmore Road water outage reported.** The Clarksville, Tennessee Gas & Water Department released a water service outage notice May 6 for Needmore Road residents. A gas and water construction crew turned off water service on Needmore Road from East Boy Scout Road to Needless Lane to repair a 6-inch water main leak. A section of Needmore is closed to one lane of traffic near Spring Creek where the work is being performed. The repair work is expected to be complete and water service restored at approximately 3 p.m.

Source: <http://businessclarksville.com/2011/05/06/needmore-road-water-outage-reported/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *May 6, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Allina hospitals fire 32 over privacy violation.** Two Allina hospitals in Anoka County, Minnesota, have fired 32 employees for improperly accessing the medical records of patients who were hospitalized in March in the wake of a massive drug overdose at a party in Blaine. On May 5, Allina fired 28 employees at Unity Hospital in Fridley, and four employees at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, according to a spokesman. He said an investigation found the workers had accessed the electronic hospital records of certain patients without a legitimate medical reason to do so. “We have a very strict zero-tolerance policy for this kind of thing,” he said. Eleven teenagers and young adults were hospitalized, and one died, after overdosing on a synthetic drug at the party March 17. The spokesman said Allina has the ability to track whenever an employee accesses a patient’s electronic medical records. Because the drug overdoses were a “high-profile case,” he said, hospital officials conducted a review and found 32 employees had viewed patient records without permission. He would not identify what types of employees were involved, except to say they worked in patient care, or speculate on their motives for examining the records. “These people have a legitimate role in accessing electronic medical records in general — just not for these patients,” he said.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/wellness/121402894.html>

32. *May 6, Lakeland Ledger* – (Florida) **Sensitive patient records found in Winter Haven city recycling dump.** Records containing more than 60 Social Security numbers and sensitive medical histories were found May 3 by a woman diving for coupons in a large recycling bin. The paper records found at the city recycling area near the Orange Dome in Winter Haven, Florida, came from the office of a Winter Haven periodontist. The data was in a recycling bin and contained more than 60 prescription reports, with the names of the patient and drugs prescribed. Among the paperwork were medical history forms, including the drugs patients were taking, and whether patients were seeing a psychiatrist. New patients are required to fill out “welcome” forms, complete with Social Security numbers, driver license numbers, addresses, and phone numbers. The doctor said the forms are scanned into the office computer system, and the paperwork gets put in a box, usually with the word “SHRED” on its side. Workers then call Crown Shredding to come and destroy the contents. This time, someone at the office put magazines and newspapers on top of the records in the box slated for shredding. On May 2, the box was taken to the recycling center by another worker and dumped into the recycling container. The doctor said the blunder was inadvertent, but he acknowledged it was in violation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Source:

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20110506/NEWS/110509526?Title=Sensitive-Patient-Records-Found-in-Winter-Haven-City-Recycling-Dump&tc=ar>

33. *May 6, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Louisiana) **Vidalia, La Hospital evacuates patients in anticipation of flood.** Patients were evacuated from Promise Hospital in Vidalia, Louisiana in anticipation of flooding. The senior vice president said they were sent May 5 either back to their families, or to other Promise facilities across the country. He said employees will not be affected. Some will be sent to other facilities with their patients while others will remain at the facility in Vidalia. He does not intend to fully close the building, and three generators have been brought in to supply power. Contractors were building levees around the building. They planned to finish by May 9 at the latest.

Source: <http://www2.wjtv.com/news/2011/may/06/vidalia-la-hospital-evacuates-patients-in-anticipa-ar-1811103/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *May 9, WKRC 12 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Two new arrests in Miami University attacks.** Miami University Police in Oxford, Ohio have made two more arrests in a series of attacks on campus. Several students were robbed and assaulted. Three suspects are behind bars in connection with a robbery and assault at Miami’s Stanton Hall. A junior at Miami was the first to be arrested. He was charged with aggravated burglary, robbery, and three counts of assault. Police have since arrested two other 20-year-old suspects. Both were charged with aggravated burglary and robbery. Investigators said the three somehow got into the dorm and broke into a first-floor



room. Once inside, they allegedly assaulted three males and a female and robbed one of them. Police said as they were leaving the dorm, they assaulted two more people outside.

Source: <http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Two-New-Arrests-in-Miami-University-Attacks/2NXMQKMjVUCMOYiJwIe7OO.csp>

35. *May 9, KDAT 7 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **School Website hacked, shows anti-American propaganda.** Parents at Bellehaven Elementary School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, said they found anti-American propaganda and a huge photo of a deceased al-Qaida leader early May 7 when they went to the schools' Web site. Families visiting the site to sign up for a field trip came face to face with a Web site praising the slain terrorist. The school's Web manager said someone hacked into the school's Web site at some point over the weekend of May 7. Each Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) district school manages its own site, and so far they have not been able to figure out what happened at Bellehaven. APS officers were at the school May 7, and the FBI confirmed to Action 7 News they were contacted about the incident. The FBI said it had been asked to explore what occurred. The Web site is being fixed, school officials said May 9, and it should be back up and running soon.  
Source: <http://www.koat.com/r/27819283/detail.html>
36. *May 9, International Business Times* – (Texas) **Former DPS employee and co-conspirators convicted of selling Texas driver's licenses.** A former employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) pleaded guilty along with her four co-conspirators to unlawfully providing Texas driver's licenses for cash, a U.S. attorney said. A 32-year-old McAllen woman, who is a former employee with the driver's licensing bureau of DPS, a 40-year old, a 58-year-old, and a 39-year-old suspect, all of Edinburg, Texas, and a 36-year-old man of McAllen, Texas, May 6 admitted to working with each other to provide a Texas driver's license to an individual under an assumed name in exchange for financial compensation in violation of federal law. Each appeared before a U.S. district judge and entered pleas of guilty to one count relating to one of the unauthorized issuances of a driver's license for cash as alleged in the indictment. The investigation leading to the charges was conducted by the FBI and the Texas Rangers.  
Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/142912/20110509/former-dps-employee-and-co-conspirators-convicted-of-selling-texas-driver-s-licenses.htm>
37. *May 6, WNCN 17 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Teens charged with setting Goldsboro school on fire.** Wayne County Sheriff's Officials in North Carolina arrested two teens in connection with a fire at Belfast Academy in Goldsboro. During the early morning hours of April 12, fire crews were called to a working fire at the school which was being used by Wayne County Public Schools as a storage unit. The investigation into the fire revealed two 16-year-old boys were persons of interest in the case. The two boys entered the gym and set property inside on fire, causing over \$500,000 in damage. The suspects were charged with burning of a school building and felony breaking and entering. Bonds were set for both teens at \$30,000 secured.

Source: <http://www2.nbc17.com/news/2011/may/06/teens-charged-setting-goldsboro-school-fire-ar-1010900/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *May 9, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Angola continues preps for rising waters.** Inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola are now focused on saving the country's largest maximum security prison from flooding. Preparations are already underway. Nearly 200 medically vulnerable inmates will be evacuated May 9. They began the evacuations around 7:15 a.m. A total of 189 prisoners will be taken to Hunt Correctional, where there is a medical facility. On May 10, 82 death row inmates will move to the old death row compound. A tent city was set up at the prison's highest point in case the floodwaters top the levees. It contains 125 tents, which are capable of housing 2,000 prisoners. Prisoners also spent the past week filling thousands of sandbags. The water level is up to 65.5 feet. It is the highest it has ever been at Angola, beating the old record by nearly 4 feet. The possible savior is an inner levee built after the big 1997 flood. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told prison officials to build the new levee or stand the chance of wiping Angola off the map within 20 years.  
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/14596790/angola-continues-preps-for-rising-waters?redirected=true>
  
39. *May 6, WGGB 40 Holyoke* – (Massachusetts) **Springfield Police Station all clear from suspicious package.** A suspicious package was found at police headquarters on Pearl Street in Springfield, Massachusetts May 6. The regional haz-mat team was called in to investigate. The sergeant said a couple from Somalia walked into the police station's lobby with a package containing different bags of white powder. They told police it was sent to them 4 days ago from Erie, Pennsylvania. "It was marked on there in Somalia, the people that got the package were also from Somalia, and it said dangerous substance on it. They didn't know what to do with it they brought it here," said the sergeant. Police and fire officials said no one was in any danger . The haz-mat team continued to investigate as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.wggb.com/Global/story.asp?S=14590890>
  
40. *May 5, Emergency Management* – (Tennessee) **Memphis, Tenn., converts transit bus for mass medical evacuations.** As flood waters threaten parts of Memphis, Tennessee, the city and the region have a new tool at their disposal for mass transport of residents with special needs. Using a federal grant, the Memphis Fire Department converted a bus donated by the local transit authority to transport special needs patients to evacuation shelters. The bus was converted using an AmbuBus kit from First Line Technology. The kit outfits a standard transit bus or a 40-foot school bus with up to 18 stretchers that are installed against the sides of the bus. The kit is composed of a frame of structural steel with a weight capacity of 40,000 pounds with predrilled positioning holes. An AmbuBus takes about 2 hours to install in a temporary or permanent configuration. Memphis' bus is configured to accommodate 16 stretcher-bound patients

and about a dozen seated patients. The consequence management coordinator with the Memphis Fire Department said the converted bus could be a resource for transporting patients if the waters continue to rise. The fire department has about 33 advanced life support ambulances, and about a dozen private ambulance services operate in the city that will be needed for daily operations. The converted bus could be useful if the city's special needs population has to be evacuated.

Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Memphis-Transit-Bus-Medical-Evacuations.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

41. *May 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Sony deals with third breach.** Sony has dealt with a new breach over the weekend of May 7 and 8 that exposed the names and partial addresses of 2,500 people who participated in a sweepstakes contest 10 years ago. Sony learned about the intrusion after hackers stole the information and posted it on a public Web site. The company took measures to remove the data from the Internet and apologized for the new incident. The information was taken from a Web site that was used for a product sweepstakes contest back in 2001. “The Web site was out of date and inactive when discovered as part of the continued attacks on Sony,” the company told Reuters. No credit card details, Social Security numbers, or user passwords were compromised in this new incident. The breach comes after recent reports that a group of hackers was planning a new attack against Sony that was to involve the disclosure of sensitive information stolen from its systems. There is no evidence to definitely link the rumored plan to the new breach. Sony also announced that restoring the PlayStation Network and Qriocity services has been further delayed.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Sony-Deals-with-Third-Breach-199092.shtml>

42. *May 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Fix for critical Skype vulnerability available.** Skype announced a patch for a vulnerability in its Mac client that could be used to remotely execute code has been available since April 14, despite users not being automatically notified. A senior security consultant at security vendor Pure Hacking, publicly reported the existence of the critical flaw May 6. He found the vulnerability by chance when he pasted a payload to a colleague on Skype as part of an unrelated discussion. The colleague's Skype client crashed, prompting the researcher to further investigate the strange behavior. After additional testing, he concluded that only the Mac client was vulnerable. The researcher classified the vulnerability extremely wormable and dangerous and explains that an attacker can exploit it by simply sending a message to the victim. The researcher decided to publicize the issue one month after notifying Skype because he did not see a fix being released. A Skype spokesman claimed a hotfix (Skype for Mac version 5.1.0.922) has been available since April 14, but that users have not been automatically prompted to update.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fix-for-Critical-Skype-Vulnerability-Available-198996.shtml>

43. *May 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook scammers go back to using Javascript.** As users become accustomed to ignoring one particular scam approach — and as Facebook is becoming more adept at spotting and blocking the rogue applications — the copy/paste script one is making a comeback. The most popular lure used by these scammers is the undying “See who viewed your profile” offer. The landing page could be a Facebook one or one hosted on another domain, and it asks the user to copy some Javascript into the browser address bar and press “Enter.” Once the directions are executed, the user is asked to fill out a survey in order to finally get the results. In the meantime, the Java script does its job. “Depending on the configurations of the attacker, the script will post a new bait message to the user’s wall, send chat messages to friends, tag you in post messages or images, or even create an event and send an invitation to all your friends,” Symantec explains. “Of course as always the attack is easy configurable through a toolkit. Since the script runs in the context of Facebook and uses your open session it can do a lot with your profile, it can do nearly everything you could do yourself.”

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10987>

44. *May 6, H Security* – (International) **Google Images search results may lead to malicious sites.** Postings by SANS Internet Storm Center and a security specialist describe how, in recent weeks, both have been receiving many reports that vulnerabilities in Google Images search are being exploited to load malicious software onto users’ systems. Both sources state users were being led to fake anti-virus Web sites and presented with false security alerts. The Internet Storm Center gives a detailed description of the exploit: legitimate sites are compromised and scripts are planted on them; these scripts monitor Google Trends for suitable search terms and create fake Web pages containing text and images culled from various Web sites; these Web pages and the images they contain are then indexed by the Google bots; when a user clicks on a relevant thumbnail in the results of a Google Images search, the exploit will be triggered and the user directed to a fake anti-virus Web site.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Google-Images-search-results-may-lead-to-malicious-sites-1238858.html>

45. *May 6, Computerworld* – (International) **Unpatched DLL bugs let hackers exploit Windows 7 and IE9, says researcher.** Although Microsoft patched multiple DLL load hijacking vulnerabilities since last summer, Windows and Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) can still be exploited, a security company warned May 6. Microsoft confirmed it is investigating the claims by Acros Security. Researchers from Acros will demonstrate the new attacks at the Hack in the Box security conference later in May. “We’ll reveal how IE8 and IE9 can be used on Windows 7, Vista and XP for attacking users without any security warnings, even in ‘Protected mode,’ and how to remotely make many seemingly-safe applications, for example, Word 2010 and PowerPoint 2010, vulnerable,” Acros’s CEO said May 6. The attack class called “DLL load hijacking” by some, but dubbed “binary planting” by Acros, jumped into public view last August

when the creator of the Metasploit penetration hacking toolkit and chief security officer at Rapid7, found dozens of vulnerable Windows applications. His report was followed by others, including several from Kolsek and Acros. Many Windows applications do not call DLLs using a full path name, but instead use only the filename, giving hackers a way to trick an application into loading a malicious file with the same title as a required DLL. If attackers can dupe users into visiting malicious Web sites or remote shared folders, or get them to plug in a USB drive — and in some cases con them into opening a file — they can hijack a PC and plant malware on it. Since the original report, Microsoft has issued 13 DLL load hijacking-related updates stretching from November 2009 to April 2011, when it patched a pair in Office and Visual Studio as part of a massive 64-fix update.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216483/Unpatched\\_DLL\\_bugs\\_let\\_hackers\\_exploit\\_Windows\\_7\\_and\\_IE9\\_says\\_researcher?taxonomyId=17&pageNumber=1](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216483/Unpatched_DLL_bugs_let_hackers_exploit_Windows_7_and_IE9_says_researcher?taxonomyId=17&pageNumber=1)

46. *May 6, Computerworld* – (International) **LastPass says users no longer have to reset passwords.** LastPass May 6 rescinded its day-old order that all users of its online password management system reset their master passwords due to a database breach. In a LastPass blog post May 6, the company said it will not allow users to change master passwords “until our databases are completely caught up and we have resolved outstanding issues.” In an e-mail to Computerworld, LastPass’s CEO said the company changed its plan in response to demands from users asking they not be required to reset their passwords. “They’re asking because they know how strong their master password is — that it’s not vulnerable and therefore they know they’re safe even if it was exposed,” he said. However, comments posted on a LastPass blog suggest the company’s decision may also be related to trouble some users appear to be having with the password reset process. The LastPass blog post acknowledged it had “identified an issue” with roughly 5 percent of users that reset their master passwords. The company said it would be contacting those users about a fix to the problem.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216471/LastPass\\_says\\_users\\_no\\_longer\\_have\\_to\\_reset\\_passwords](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216471/LastPass_says_users_no_longer_have_to_reset_passwords)

### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

47. *May 9, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **3 injured when NJ amusement park ride derails.** State investigators May 9 will check a ride that derailed at a southern New Jersey amusement park, injuring three people. Police said the front cart of the Big Truck Ride left the track at Storybook Land on May 8. Police said the cart landed on its right side, and three people fell about two and a half feet. Police told the Press of Atlantic City a 56-year-old woman, a 26-year-old woman, and a 1-year-old boy from Pine Hill, New Jersey were taken to Shore Memorial Hospital. The extent of their injuries was not immediately available.  
Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/entertainment/2011/05/3-injured-when-nj-amusement-park-ride-derails>
48. *May 8, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **ATF is trying to determine whether two explosive devices found in Trenton are linked.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) said it is trying to determine if two explosive devices found in Trenton, Michigan, were designed and left by the same person. A \$2,500 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. The first explosive device was found April 29 in the teachers' parking lot at Trenton High School. The bomb squad was called in and it was removed. The ATF later determined it was in fact a dangerous explosive. A second device was found May 4 in front of Aco Hardware in the Trafford Square shopping center, just a few miles from Trenton High School. Employees at the hardware store said police were called in the afternoon when they saw smoke coming out of a United Parcel Service box. A cell phone was on top of the box. A spokesman for the ATF said it was difficult to say how dangerous the devices were, but they are certain that if either had detonated close to someone, there could have been serious injuries.  
Source: [http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/region/wayne\\_county/atf-is-trying-to-determine-whether-two-explosive-devices-found-in-trenton-are-linked](http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/region/wayne_county/atf-is-trying-to-determine-whether-two-explosive-devices-found-in-trenton-are-linked)
49. *May 7, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Odor prompts hotel evacuation downtown.** Things were back to normal May 7 at the Hilton Americas hotel in Houston, Texas after two floors were evacuated due to a chemical spill. According to the Houston Fire Department, a strong odor was reported around 2 p.m. May 7 at Hilton Americas on Lamar. Firefighters said a worker was picking up empty chlorine drums this afternoon in the basement of the hotel. The worker then tried to pour some remaining chlorine into another drum and spilled it. Two employees had to go to the hospital with minor eye and lung irritation, officials said. Haz-mat crews cleaned up the spill. The first and second floors were evacuated so they could be ventilated. The all-clear was given at the hotel around 3:30 p.m.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8118067>
50. *May 6, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Michaels craft store warns patrons after fraud reported.** Michaels craft store alerted Chicago, Illinois-area residents after some



fraudulent debit card transactions were reported to authorities the weekend of April 30 and May 1. The fraudulent transactions may have been the result of PIN pad tampering in Chicago-area stores, according to a release from the Irving, Texas-based chain. Michaels Stores Inc. was contacted the week of May 2 by banking and law enforcement authorities, and the fraudulent transactions may be linked to legitimate transactions, the release said. Consumers who purchased items using a debit or credit card at a Michaels store should change their PIN numbers and other account security settings, monitor their statements and report any suspicious activity in the wake of the incidents, the release said. Michaels owns and operates more than 1,045 stores in 49 states and Canada.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/business/5202470-420/michaels-craft-store-warns-patrons-after-fraud-reported.html>

51. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Man pleads not guilty to charges of planting homemade bomb at mall near Columbine High School.** The man suspected of planting a homemade bomb at a Denver, Colorado-area shopping mall pleaded not guilty to charges of using a destructive device and arson. A federal judge May 6 ordered the bombing suspect held without bail. The suspect was indicted on federal charges, including a destructive device count, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison. He is accused of starting a fire April 20 at a mall 2 miles from Columbine High School. That date was the 12th anniversary of the shootings at that school, where 13 people died. Authorities feared the mall incident was connected to the anniversary, but they now say it was unrelated. A motive has not been released.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/man-pleads-not-guilty-to-charges-of-planting-homemade-bomb-at-mall-near-columbine-high-school/2011/05/06/AFGyKxAG\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/man-pleads-not-guilty-to-charges-of-planting-homemade-bomb-at-mall-near-columbine-high-school/2011/05/06/AFGyKxAG_story.html)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

52. *May 9, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Fire crews managing containment and perimeter control at 125-acre wildfire near Kenosha Pass.** Forest officials said crews are fighting a wildfire burning about 100 miles southwest of Denver, Colorado. The fire was burning on about 125 acres in the Pike National Forest near Kenosha Pass May 9. It forced hikers and campers out of the area May 8. Residents of a nearby subdivision have been warned to be ready to evacuate because of the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown and under investigation. It is 10 percent contained.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1c291fd7db8f43db912454d23edfcb7d/CO-Colorado-Wildfire/>

53. *May 9, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Wildfire prompts smoke advisory in 8 NC counties.** A spreading wildfire prompted a smoke advisory for eight counties near

the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge in Dare County, North Carolina. Residents of Beaufort, Hyde, Craven, Dare, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, and Carteret counties were expected to experience limited visibility May 9. Those with respiratory problems living near the fire were encouraged to stay inside or leave the area. The fire began May 5, possibly with a lightning strike, and has burned 21,000 acres in and around the wildlife refuge. Fire officials said light rain May 8 slowed the spread of the fire. Parts of U.S. Highway 264 between Stumpy Point and Hyde County were closed. Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/05/08/1184357/wildfire-spreads-at-nc-national.html>

54. *May 8, Fort Myers New-Press* – (Florida) **Big Cypress brush fire 60 percent contained.** The brush fire in Big Cypress Preserve in Florida covered 28,800 acres by 9:30 p.m. May 8, a National Park Service spokesman said. Although that was an expansion of several thousand acres over the weekend of May 7 and 8, the fire is 60 percent contained. Firefighters had quit for the evening May 8, but they are set to resume efforts early May 9, lighting small containment fires at the south end of the park to slow the fire’s progression. Crews from all over the United States, including North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Texas, as well as Florida, were on hand to fight the fire. Drivers may encounter some visibility problems May 9 due to smoke on U.S. 41 and I-75, the spokesman said. Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20110508/NEWS0119/110508027/0/MARCOENTERTAINMENT/Big-Cypress-brush-fire-60-percent-contained?odyssey=nav|head>
55. *May 7, Silver City Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Miller Fire closes highway.** Forest officials in New Mexico closed Highway 15 at the intersection of Highway 35 and up to the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, effectively closing the Cliff Dwellings, because of the Miller Fire, which has been burning in the Gila Wilderness since April 28. The fire grew to more than 20,000 acres and has not been contained, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) officials said May 7. “We will do everything in our power to get the highway reopened as soon as it is safe to do so,” a spokeswoman with the Gila National Forest Wilderness Ranger District said. In addition to Highway 15, USFS has also closed the following campgrounds: The Forks, Upper and Lower Scorpion, and Grapevine, as well as Woody’s and TJ’s Corral, and numerous following trails. Firefighters are using the Forks Campground area for the defense of the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitors Center and surrounding infrastructure including assessments and structure protection. The fire has been reported as human caused but the USFS has been unable to get firefighters to the ignition site to determine exactly what caused the fire. Source: [http://www.scsun-news.com/ci\\_18019159](http://www.scsun-news.com/ci_18019159)
56. *May 7, Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia) **Swamp fire expands close to eastern fire line; tourist attractions being wrapped.** The Honey Prairie Fire in the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia grew to more than 44,000 acres and was pushing toward fire lines on the swamp’s eastern boundary, a fire information officer at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge said. Georgia Forestry Commission firefighters and others who were previously on the west side of the swamp have been redeployed to the eastern side, he

said May 7. “We’ve got a lot of resources on that side,” clearing vegetation to widen the Swamp Edge Break, a fire break that encircles the 400,000-acre wildlife refuge, he said. Incident commanders were working under the assumption that the fire would threaten to escape the swamp into private timber land along the east side, but that is by no means certain, he said. Since it was discovered April 29, the fire burned within 0.75 miles of the refuge’s western boundary, but the wind shift to the southwest pushed the fire to within 1 mile of the western boundary. The fire burned at least 10,000 acres overnight May 6, growing from 30,000 at sunset to 39,000 by the time officials flew a morning aerial surveillance. The National Weather Service issued an advisory for thick smoke drifting from the fire into central Camden County and southern Camden County in Georgia and northern Nassau. Visibilities could be as low as 1 to 2 miles or lower along U.S. 121 and 301, Georgia 40 and Interstate 95.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2011-05-07/story/swamp-fire-expands-close-eastern-fire-line-tourist-attractions-being>

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## **Dams Sector**

57. *May 9, FoxNews.com* – (Louisiana) **Army Corps of Engineers open gates at Bonnet Carre Spillway to save New Orleans.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began opening some floodgates at the Bonnet Carre spillway upriver from New Orleans, Louisiana May 9. With the river continuing to rise, the Corps expects the spillway to take pressure off levees in populated areas to the south. Fresh water from the river will be diverted into Lake Pontchartrain, and from there out into the Gulf of Mexico. While the diversion will help stabilize river levels, the fresh water also poses a danger to oyster grounds that are beginning to recover from last year’s BP oil spill. The Corps May 9 planned to open 28 of 350 bays that make up the Bonnet Carre spillway. It will be the 10th time the spillway has opened since the structure, about 30 miles northwest of New Orleans, was completed in 1931. The colonel commander of the Corps’ New Orleans district said officials will monitor the rate of flow before deciding whether to open more bays. The Corps also has asked the Mississippi River Commission for permission to open the Morganza spillway north of Baton Rouge for the first time since 1973. The Morganza structure would send river water into the swampy Atchafalaya Basin and from there into the Gulf. Later May 9, state officials planned to begin moving some prisoners from the Angola state penitentiary in West Feliciana Parish, north of Baton Rouge. Rising backwaters are expected to flood some portions of the sprawling maximum security prison. Officials said prisoners will be dispersed to other correctional facilities around the state.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/05/09/army-corps-engineers-opens-gates-bonnet-carre-spillway-save-new-orleans/>

58. *May 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Mississippi River inches toward its peak in Memphis, sparing the music city’s landmarks.** The Mississippi River rose toward the

highest level ever in Memphis, Tennessee, flooding pockets of low-lying neighborhoods and forcing more than 1,000 people from their homes, though the water was not threatening the city's most recognizable landmarks, from Graceland to Beale Street. As residents waited for the river to reach its peak as early as the night of May 9t — several inches short of the record mark set in 1937 — those downstream in Mississippi and Louisiana evacuated prisoners and diverted water from the river in an attempt to stave off catastrophic flooding that has a long history of hitting the area. Forecasters pushed up their prediction of when the Mississippi River could crest at Memphis. The river could reach 48 feet as early as the night of May 9. In Memphis, emergency officials were confident the levees would hold, but warned the river was still dangerous and unpredictable. Forecasters said it looks like the river was starting to level out and could crest at or near 48 feet, just shy of the 48.7-foot mark set in 1937. Forecasters had previously predicted the crest would come as late as May 11.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/memphis-residents-abandoning-low-lying-homes-as-swollen-mississippi-river-keeps-rising/2011/05/09/AF0WlpVG\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/memphis-residents-abandoning-low-lying-homes-as-swollen-mississippi-river-keeps-rising/2011/05/09/AF0WlpVG_story.html)

59. *May 8, Associated Press* – (New York) **Sudden drop of water at NY dam to be investigated.** A sudden drop of water level at a dam at Great Sacandaga in the Adirondacks in Hadley, New York is raising fears of an unseen breach in the barrier. An engineer with the Hudson River-Black River Regulating District told the Albany Times Union the Conkingville Dam's water level was being monitored hourly after the water dropped 2 feet suddenly May 7. A chief engineer said no communities downstream were in danger of flooding. An emergency plan has been activated. He said a team of engineers would investigate the cause of the drop in water levels May 9. Great Sacandaga Lake is a reservoir that was created in the 1920s to control flooding from the Hudson River.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP8a1ae1e9d4f24a0f8e6203e9db40200a.html>
60. *May 6, Associated Press* – (New York; Vermont) **500 homes swamped by floods — in Vermont.** Gorged on snowmelt and incessant rain, Lake Champlain is overflowing, creeping into homes, businesses, and neighborhoods in upstate New York and Vermont. In Vermont, the floodwaters threaten to swamp the two access roads leading to the island communities of Grand Isle County, home to about 7,500 people. Vermont's governor said May 6 that more than 500 homes around Lake Champlain have been destroyed or severely damaged by the flooding. He said soldiers have filled about 67,000 sandbags and provided high water vehicles to help with recovery efforts. Lake Champlain was expected to crest May 6 at more than 103 feet above sea level, 3 feet above flood stage. While there have been no deaths and no mandatory evacuations, record-high lake levels have caused flooding in Burlington — the state's biggest city — and numerous towns. Vermont officials estimated the public infrastructure damages at more than \$3.5 million early the week of May 2. No estimate has been given for private property damage, but it's expected to far exceed that. Vermont Agency of Transportation crews have been frantically dumping boulders along causeways where water and waves have undermined road surfaces, and using fill to try to keep the water from covering the travel lanes. Vermont's emergency management spokesman said

water could overtake Route 78 — one of two east-west access roads to Grand Isle County — at any time. The flooding could continue for weeks. The Richelieu River in Canada, which Champlain flows into, was at record levels, too, prompting severe flooding there.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42932762/ns/weather/t/homes-swamped-floods-vermont/>

61. *May 6, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Quicker fix expected for Bear River canal break.** Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) said it expects to have a permanent fix for a collapsed section of the Bear River Canal in Auburn, California, by the end of June. A spokesman for the utility company said a temporary bypass would bring some water through the broken section by sometime in early June. “Essentially, what we’ll do is span the gap with a pipe,” a PG&E spokesman said. “Doing it that way allows us to complete the permanent repair around that structure.” The section of canal near Colfax collapsed after a landslide April 19. The PG&E-owned canal supplies water to the Placer County Water Agency’s 32,000 customers in the western part of the county. PG&E had first said a permanent fix might take until August. Even with water expected to flow much sooner, some residents who have been without irrigation water for over 2 weeks are anxious about disappearing grass and thirsty animals. In the meantime, the district is asking all customers to conserve water whenever possible.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/136593/29/PHOTOS-Quicker-fix-expected-for-Bear-River-canal-break>

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