Homeland Security

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- According to CNN, undercover government investigators were able to get into major U.S. seaports — at one point driving a vehicle containing a simulated explosive — by flashing counterfeit or fraudulently obtained port "credentials" to security officials, Congress disclosed May 10. (See item **22**)
- CNN reports the swollen Mississippi River rolled south May 11 as communities along its delta braced for flooding, and vast farms remained under threat as it left a trail of submerged homes. (See items **64**, **20**, **30**, **65**)

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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 11, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Man accused of setting ex on fire at BP.** A man set his ex-girlfriend on fire early May 11 while she was in a car at a BP gas station in Kennesaw, Georgia, according to Cobb County police. The incident happened at the station on Cobb Place Boulevard and Barrett Parkway. A Cobb County police

investigator said a man and woman arrived at the gas station around 2 a.m. Witnesses said they saw a man pour gasoline on top of the woman. Police said the man set his ex's car on fire, while she was inside, and fled the scene. "He could've blew up the whole gas station. A lot of people could've died," a BP customer said. The woman was taken to an area hospital for treatment of third-degree burns. Warrants have been issued for the man, who is charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery, and first-degree arson.
Source: http://www.wsbtv.com/news/27849659/detail.html?cxntlid=cmg_cntnt_rss

2. *May 10, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Gas main ruptures in St. Anthony and Minneapolis.** Many homes in St. Anthony and Minneapolis, Minnesota, were evacuated May 10 after a high-pressure gas main was ruptured and gas leaked into the neighborhood. The leak was expected to be fixed late May 10. The high-pressure gas main on NE Stinson Boulevard between NE 29th Avenue and NE 30th Avenue was ruptured about 2:30 p.m. by a Northern Natural Pipeline crew working for CenterPoint, a company spokeswoman said. She said crews could not shut off the gas to the 12-inch diameter main because it served so many customers, including a hospital. Instead, crews rerouted the gas line so as not to disrupt service to those customers once workers shut off the gas in the immediate area of the leak. Homes on Stinson between NE 29th and NE 34th avenues were evacuated, and several more to the east and west, including homes on McKinley Street NE, according to the spokeswoman. That stretch of Stinson Boulevard divides Minneapolis and St. Anthony. The gas spewed high into the air, hissing loudly but emitting little smell near the scene because of its trajectory. The workers were doing routine maintenance at the time, the spokeswoman said.
Source: http://www.startribune.com/local/east/121595049.html

3. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Southeast Texas refinery restarting after outage.** Efforts to clean residue off of transmission equipment that caused a series of power outages at several Southeast Texas refineries in April might have led to another power outage at a different facility May 10. ConocoPhillips' refinery in Sweeny lost power at 11:15 a.m., a company spokesman said. Power was restored by 1 p.m. "We're in the process of restarting the affected units. No injuries or off-site impact was reported. The cause of power outage still under investigation," he said. In late April, several refineries in Texas City, experienced a series of power outages. The electricity provider, Texas New Mexico Power Co., said those outages were caused by salt and other residue that had built up on transmission equipment at substations and other locations, leading to short circuits. A Texas New Mexico Power spokeswoman said that since April's outages, the provider has been cleaning the residue off of all its transmission equipment in Southeast Texas. Workers had finished cleaning some of this equipment at the refinery in Sweeny May 10, and were in the process of powering it back on when it lost power, the spokeswoman said. The temporary shutdown of the refinery in Sweeny prompted the facility's flare system to burn off any chemical releases that might have been sent into the air.
Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Southeast-Texas-refinery-restarting-after-outage-1374068.php

4. *May 10, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia; Maryland; National) **Stray voltage surges through cities across the country.** The Power Survey Company (PSC) has tested 57 cities across Washington, D.C. and found more than 60,000 problems with manhole covers, fences, light poles, and sidewalks, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C. reported May 10. A PSC spokesman said worn and frayed wires from an aging infrastructure surge with powerful electricity that can be fatal. The PSC head said these problems have been witnessed across the country. While PSC was in Washington, D.C., the crew found close to 90 locations where voltage was present outside the structure. Both the utility and the city's department of transportation are reviewing the list of locations to determine whether repairs need to be made. In Maryland in particular, there is a movement for public service commission to adopt a rule that would require mobile crews to routinely check for stray voltage in the state.
Source: http://wusa9.com/news/article/150171/37/Stray-Voltage-Surges-Through-Cities-Across-The-Country

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 11, PhillyBurbs.com* – (New Jersey) **Accident causes injury, highway spill.** One person had to be extricated from the wreckage of a vehicle and about 75 gallons of leaked weed killer had to be contained and cleaned May 10 following a motor-vehicle crash on Route 70 in Burlington, New Jersey. The accident was reported at 5:52 p.m. May 10 on the highway near the Acme supermarket, a Burlington County Central Communications supervisor said. The supervisor said one motorist was flown to an area hospital with unspecified injuries. Their condition was not available. A Burlington County hazardous materials team also responded to clean up the weed killer that leaked from a 200-gallon tank that was damaged in the accident. Route 70 was expected to remain closed for several hours while the spill was cleaned.
Source:
http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/accident-causes-injury-highway-spill/article_5be833d9-a6ac-572e-96ce-224f97cb5342.html

6. *May 10, KUAM 8 Agana* – (Guam) **SOPs formed on transport of explosives.** During a May 10 public safety meeting in Guam, there was discussion about formulating the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines when dealing with the transportation of explosives to Guam and surrounding islands. Officials are working with local and federal agencies to develop these guidelines. A public safety adviser said, "Several factors prompted this discussion, not the least of which is the military buildup we anticipate there will be the importation and exportation of large quantity of munitions. We are definitely concerned about it especially when these explosive ammunitions are transported from Point A to Point B." The public safety adviser added the SOPs will ensure the transportation of explosives are safe, adding they are also working with the Guam National Guard on the matter.
Source: http://www.kuam.com/story/14621855/2011/05/10/sops-formed-on-transport-of-explosives

7. *May 10, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Miinnesota) **3 injured in Fridley industrial explosion.** Three people were injured and dozens of employees evacuated after a reported nitric acid explosion at Incertec Plating in Fridley, Minnesota, KARE 11 Minneapolis reported May 10. First responders received a 911 call shortly after 11 a.m. about an explosion and fire at the metal plating plant located at 160 83rd Ave. NE. The fire was put out, but three employees were injured with chemical burns. One of the three also suffered an injury from an exploding container. The director of operations for Incertec Plating said the evacuation was ordered mostly as a precaution. He said an undisclosed material under pressure blew at Incertec's Fridley facility. Authorities said two chemicals were improperly mixed causing the explosion. They do know the identity of those chemicals. The entire office building was evacuated, including about 70 Incertec's employees. Firefighters had to be hosed down, which is standard procedure when there is any kind of chemical explosion.
Source: http://www.kare11.com/news/article/922646/396/3-injured-in-Fridley-industrial-explosion

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *May 11, Power Generation Worldwide* – (National) **NRC asks nuclear power operators for information on extreme situations.** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has asked U.S. nuclear power plant operators for information on how the plants are complying with requirements to deal with the loss of large areas of the plant after extreme events. The events at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, have highlighted the potential for U.S. plants to implement mitigative strategies, sometimes called "B5b" strategies. The NRC is collecting information on the plants' approach to ensuring their strategies remain effective over time. The NRC said these strategies can effectively cool down reactor cores and spent fuel pools even if a plant's normal safety systems are damaged or unavailable. "We'll review the plants' responses to see if they need to take any additional actions to meet our existing requirements, along with seeing what the NRC might need to do to enhance those requirements and continue to protect public health and safety," the NRC chairman said. Plants have until June 10 to respond with information confirming mitigative-strategy equipment is in place and available, as well as that the strategies can be carried out with current plant staffing. Plants have until July 11 to respond with further data including: how essential resources are maintained, tested, and controlled to ensure availability; how strategies are re-evaluated if plant conditions or configurations change; how arrangements are reached and maintained with local emergency response organizations.
Source:
http://www.powergenworldwide.com/index/display/articledisplay/0200744620/articles/powergenworldwide/nuclear/o-and-m/2011/05/NRC-wants-info-on-extreme-situations.html

9. *May 10, Associated Press* – (National) **NRC chief says 10-mile zone 'a planning standard'.** The chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said the 10-mile evacuation zone around nuclear plants is a "planning standard" that could change during an accident. The chairman was asked May 10 why the NRC urged Americans to move 50 miles away from failing plants in Japan if it has a 10-mile standard in the United States. He said the situation in Japan was specific to what happened there. He added that in the event of an accident at a U.S. plant, the NRC would recommend an evacuation beyond 10 miles if it was needed. He spoke outside the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, New York, after touring the plant with two members of Congress who oppose Indian Point's application for new 20-year licenses.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5guuu1cPtrWskXgc2srTe5GqMBKdQ?docId=dc8ce5c537c541a5accc14071e1d5bf7

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *May 10, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (New York; New Jersey) **Telstar recalls energy-saving light bulbs due to fire hazard.** Telstar Products, doing business as Sprint International Inc., of Brooklyn, New York, has issued a recall May 10 for about 317,000 light bulbs. The light bulbs can overheat, posing a fire hazard to consumers. Telstar Products has received two reports of fires. In one incident, the fire was contained to the light fixture. The other reported incident resulted in a residential fire. The recall involves energy-saving light bulbs sold under the Telstar and Electra brand names. The light bulbs were sold at discount stores throughout New York and New Jersey from August 2010 through March 2011.
Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11219.html

11. *May 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Milwaukee foundry for exposing workers to lead.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Centrifugal Acquisition Corp. Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 10 with 13 health violations, including 6 repeat violations for failing to monitor workers' exposure to lead. The foundry faces penalties of $108,570 following a November 2010 inspection. The repeat violations include failing to establish and implement a respiratory protection program; failing to establish a written compliance program to control lead exposure; failing to provide protective clothing; failing to control employees' exposure to lead; allowing four employees to exceed the permissible exposure limit to lead; and failing to provide shower facilities so workers could remove lead prior to leaving the work site. Prior to this inspection, the company had been cited with 44 violations as a result of two separate inspections in February and November of 2008. The five serious violations include failing to provide adequate eye protection; failing to monitor recirculated air for lead; failing to provide a separate storage facility for workers' clothing to prevent lead contamination; allowing an employee's exposure to lead to exceed the maximum use concentration of the employee's respirator; and having a metal lamp that was not

electrically grounded.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19785

12. *May 10, Decatur Daily* – (Alabama) **Half of Nucor still waiting for power.** Half of the Nucor-Decatur Steel plant in Trinity, Alabama is fully operating, but the general manager is unsure when the remainder of the plant will receive power, the Decatur Daily reported May 10. The manager said the cold lines are fully operational, and that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has not given him an estimate on when Nucor might get the power necessary to operate its hot lines. He also said the plant moved up maintenance that is usually done in a shutdown later in the year. This allows Nucor employees to work without interruption and possibly limit the plant's financial losses due to the power outage. The TVA's power lines suffered major damage during the April 27 tornado outbreak. Most of north-central Alabama lost power for about 5 days. TVA has been slower in supplying industries with power because of the amount of electricity they use. TVA directly serves the Nucor-Decatur plant.
Source: http://www.decaturdaily.com/stories/Half-of-Nucor-still-waiting-for-power,79388

13. *May 10, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Eckart Aluminum reopens after explosion; injured workers released from hospital.** Less than 24 hours after two explosions injured two people, the Eckart Aluminum plant in Louisville, Kentucky, is back open. The explosions occurred May 9 around 7 p.m. The two injured workers have since been released from hospital with only minor injuries. Officials said the cause of the explosions may not be determined for months. An investigation is underway, one by Eckart itself, local fire officials, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Test sirens sounded May 10 near Eckart America in Rubbertown, as fire investigators, Eckart officials and representatives from OSHA walked through the northeast side of the plant where tje explosions occurred. The explosions could be felt for miles. They happened in an area called the "bag house" where the aluminum powder is held. Eckart released a statement saying: "We are pleased to report that the safety features designed into the system appeared to work properly, minimizing the damage to plant and equipment." Lake Dreamland fire officials said the plant has blast panels, which release pressure once an explosion occurs so other parts of the plant are not affected. The fire that followed was also quickly contained.
Source: http://www.whas11.com/news/local/Eckart-Aluminum-releases-statement-regarding-explosion-121580054.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

14. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Rocket testing resumes at facility west of Butte 5 months after explosion.** Five months after an explosion destroyed a rocket

testing facility west of Butte, Montana, testing has resumed on smaller rockets, Associated Press reported May 10. The Montana Standard reports Space Propulsion Group and the Montana Aerospace Development Association (MADA) recently conducted three successful experiments on an 11-inch diameter hybrid fuel rocket. The MADA director said the recent tests included new materials used in real-world space launches. The smaller prototype had been tested successfully several times. It was the first test of the 24-inch version that caused the explosion. No one was injured, but the blast destroyed the $168,000 steel-sized facility. The recent tests were completed in a new test cell, near the site of the old facility. The tests used a debris containment system and other recommendations made after the U.S. Air Force investigated January's explosion.
Source:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d5711ec1abe44a5da44e8619a6bd1422/MT--Rocket-Testing/

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *May 11, KXTV 10 Sacremento* – (California) **Bomb scares assist area bank robber getaways.** When a Lodi, California bank was robbed May 9, the tactic used by the robber was similar to several other robberies that have happened in three counties since late last year. Area police believe it is the same man who enters the bank each time, carrying a bag over his left shoulder. "He walks up to the teller, places the bag on the counter and in his right hand, he's holding what appears to be a remote control or detonation device," said a Ripon Police detective. Banks in Lockeford, Linden, Ripon, Turlock, and Amador County have been robbed as well. The detective said the robber is able to slow police response by simulating a bomb situation. "Not only do we have a bank robber we're looking for, we also have to contend with the explosive device. It slows things down, most certainly," he said. Police described the bank robber as about 40-years-old, about 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds.The detective said the man is either a light-skinned Hispanic, or dark-skinned Caucasian. The devices left behind in banks are never actually explosive devices, and no one has been hurt.
Source: http://www.news10.net/news/local/article/137203/2/Bomb-scares-assist-area-bank-robber-getaways

16. *May 11, Associated Press* – (National) **Hedge fund founder convicted in inside-trade case.** A former Wall Street titan was convicted May 11 of making a fortune by coaxing a crew of corporate tipsters to give him an illegal edge on blockbuster trades in technology and other stocks — what prosecutors called the largest insider trading case ever involving hedge funds. He was convicted of five conspiracy counts and nine securities fraud charges at the closely watched trial in federal court in Manhattan, New York. Prosecutors had alleged the 53-year-old man made profits and avoided losses totaling more than $60 million from illegal tips. His Galleon Group funds, they said, became a multibillion-dollar success at the expense of ordinary stock investors who did not have advance notice of the earnings of public companies, and of mergers and

acquisitions. The verdict came after 7 weeks of testimony showcasing wiretaps of the man wheeling and dealing behind the scenes with corrupt executives and consultants. Some of the people on the other end of the line pleaded guilty and agreed to take the witness stand against the Sri Lanka-born defendant. Authorities said the 45 tapes used in the case represented the most extensive use to date of wiretaps — common in organized crimes and drug cases — in a white-collar case. The Galleon probe has resulted in more than two dozen arrests, and 21 guilty pleas. It also has led to a second investigation aimed at consultants in the securities industry who pass off inside information as the product of legitimate research.
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=13578962&singlePage=true

17. *May 11, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **After two fruitful robberies, man's 3rd try at Allston bank fails.** Officials said they are searching for a man whose third attempt at robbing the same Allston, Massachusetts, bank was unsuccessful May 10 after two previous successful tries last month. A yet-to-be identified man displayed a note demanding money from a teller at around 2:30 p.m. May 10 inside the Bank of America at 1237 Commonwealth Avenue, according to the FBI. The robbery attempt was unsuccessful and the man fled on foot. Officials said the same man successfully robbed that bank April 13 and April 25. He is listed on the state's most wanted Web site. He is described as being white or Hispanic, 25 to 30 years old, between 5'10" and 6'2", 180 to 190 pounds, wearing a black Nike Air Jordan baseball hat, a black North Face jacket worn over a tan/cream pullover, and dark pants.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/allston_brighton/2011/05/mans_3rd_robbery_try_at_same_a.html

18. *May 10, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (National) **'Party mom' Leslie Janous waives extradition.** West Knoxville, Tennesee's fugitive embezzler and notorious "party mom" waived an extradition hearing May 9 after appearing before a federal magistrate in Arizona. She made her first court appearance before a U.S. magistrate judge after being arrested the week of May 2 after fleeing Tennessee. The 36-year-old had been on the lam since mid-April, but was arrested by FBI agents May 5 in Apache Junction, Arizona. A 2010 audit of precious-metals brokerage firm Scancarbon revealed the woman stole $4 million from the company where she had been a bookkeeper. Shortly after the audit, she was arrested. In February, she pleaded guilty to wire fraud and money laundering in U.S. district court and was freed by agreement with the U.S. attorney's office pending a July sentencing hearing. Court documents show she faces a $500,000 fine and up to 20 years in prison for the wire fraud charge, and a $250,000 fine and up to 10 years in prison for the money laundering charge. A warrant was issued after an alarm on an ankle bracelet monitoring device the convict was ordered to wear upon her February guilty plea showed she failed to return home April 18. The FBI began a nationwide hunt — including involving "America's Most Wanted" and billboards in seven states — for the woman that came to an end May 5.
Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/may/10/embezzler-waives-extradition/

19. *May 10, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois; Texas; Alabama) **Two suburban men allegedly obtained $16 Million from 300 investors in fraudulent real estate investment scheme.** Two businessmen who operated a defunct real estate investment company in Chicago, Illinois, were charged May 10 with engaging in an alleged investment fraud scheme that obtained more than $16 million from more than 300 investors. The defendants were each charged with one count of mail fraud and one count of wire fraud in a criminal complaint, announced a U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Chicago office. The defendants, who operated Michael Franks LLC, and several related business entities in Palatine, allegedly misused money they raised from investors for their own benefit and to make Ponzi-type payments to earlier investors. The charges allege the defendants offered investors passive ownership in multi-family residential properties, including apartment building complexes in Illinois, Texas, and Alabama. The charges allege certain real estate projects undertaken by Michael Franks LLC performed poorly and failed to generate enough revenue to meet operating expenses. The defendants began transferring funds from various investments to support poorly performing projects and to pay earlier investors with funds raised from new investors, without disclosing this information, the charges add. At the same time, they allegedly misused investor funds to pay employees, to make commission payments to individuals who raised new funds, and to pay themselves. Each count of mail fraud and wire fraud carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine, and restitution is mandatory. The court may also impose a fine totaling twice the loss to any victim or twice the gain to the defendant, whichever is greater.
Source: http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2011/two-suburban-men-allegedly-obtained-16-million-from-300-investors-in-fraudulent-real-estate-investment-scheme

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Transportation Sector

20. *May 11, WVUE-DT 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Rising river causes marine traffic restrictions.** Skilled eyes are fixated on monitors displaying river traffic in real time, and the current river crisis has caused the U.S. Coast Guard to put some restrictions in place for vessels traveling the river between Baton Rouge, Louisiana and New Orleans. The river is reaching unheard of levels because of recent rains and the melting snowfall upriver. "It is significantly high," said the lieutenant commander, director of the Coast Guard's Vessel Traffic Service in New Orleans. High water conditions are causing vessels traveling the river to move faster. "It's not necessarily the speed that your vessel is traveling over ground, but more so how much water is flowing over your rudder to give you steerage way, so if you don't have much control over your vessel because you do not have that water going over your rudder it becomes a significant safety issue," she said. All vessels including cruise ships are having to take it slower. Areas around Donaldsonville and Algiers Point are inherently hazardous. "To make sure that their wake is minimized, so it does not affect the levee systems, the piers and

facilities and barge fleets," she said. She said a 2-mile safety zone is in effect for the area around the recently opened Bonnet Carre' Spillway just upriver from New Orleans.
Source: http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/Rising-river-causes-marine-traffic-restrictions/4vpP8edUPEG6q5sWsx2KAw.cspx

21. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Delta plane passenger tries to open emergency door on Orlando to Boston flight.** Air travel authorities said a Delta passenger tried to open an emergency door on a flight from Orlando, Florida to Boston, Massachusetts, but was subdued by another passenger. A Boston Logan International Airport spokesman said it is unclear why the passenger tried to open the door May 10 on the Airbus 320 out of Orlando International Airport. An Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. spokeswoman said an off-duty police officer subdued the passenger and detained him while the plane continued on its journey to Boston. Delta crew members called authorities in Boston to report the disorderly passenger aboard Flight 1102. State police said after the plane landed, officers arrested the passenger on charges of interfering with a flight crew.
Source:
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/delta_plane_passenger_tries_to.html

22. *May 10, CNN* – (National) **GAO: Investigators drove 'explosive' into secure port.** Undercover government investigators were able to get into major U.S. seaports — at one point driving a vehicle containing a simulated explosive — by flashing counterfeit or fraudulently obtained port "credentials" to security officials, Congress disclosed May 10. This has raised serious questions about a program that has issued the cards to more than 1.6 million people. At issue are Transportation Worker Identification Credentials, or TWIC cards, now needed by truckers, stevedores, longshoreman, and others for unescorted access to the nation's ports. DHS has long touted the cards as one of the most important layers in its multilayered system to protect ports from terrorists. But, in a highly critical report, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) said May 10 the program does not provide reasonable assurance that only qualified people get the credentials. In tests, GAO investigators got into ports using counterfeit TWICs or authentic TWICs acquired through fraudulent means, and by stating false reasons for needing access. An unclassified version of the report did not state how many tests were conducted, nor how many efforts were successful. But it said the tests were conducted at some of the nation's busiest seaports. The findings are significant because a TWIC card suggests its holder is not a security threat, and potentially eases access to thousands of facilities, including airports and military installations, the GAO said.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/10/port.security/index.html?hpt=T2

23. *May 10, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Fire destroys trucking company's garage in Avon.** A fire destroyed a two-story garage on Lakeville Road in Avon, New York closing traffic for hours May 9. The structure, the former West Crushing plant, was being leased to Strassner Trucking. One person, an employee and family member, was in the building when the fire started and she was able to exit

before the fire spread, the Livingston County sheriff said. That person called 911 after she saw smoke coming out of the rear of the building, said the chief of the East Avon Fire Department. The fire call came in about 3:05 p.m., and the fire was under control within 30 to 45 minutes. The intensity of the blaze ravaged the structure, leaving only charred cinder-block walls standing amid the smoldering ruins at 4 p.m. The building was a complete loss, as was the property contained within, the sheriff said. Two vehicles parked outside and personal property stored behind the building also were burned. The Livingston County Fire coordinator/investigator said the cause was probably electrical, but it remains under investigation. No cars were inside, and no hazardous materials were stored inside the facility, he said. Fire companies from East Avon, Avon, Lakeville, Livonia, Geneseo, and Rush were dispatched to the scene along with emergency medical services from Livonia and Avon.
Source:
http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110510/NEWS01/105100324/Fire-destroys-trucking-company-s-garage-Avon?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News

24. *May 6, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Chemical attack detection system, more cameras planned for L.A. rail lines.** Transportation officials are planning security upgrades along Los Angeles, California, county's network of rail lines over the next year, including a chemical attack detection system and scores of new video surveillance cameras. The improvements were planned before U.S. officials announced they had found evidence that al-Qa'ida's leader was planning some type of attack on U.S. rail systems. But officials said the roughly $10 million worth of safety upgrades comes at an opportune moment. "Our timing's perfect, it is fortuitous," said a Los Angeles County supervisor who is also chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) board. In response to the al-Qai'da leader's killing and discovery of rail attack plans, she said May 6 that Metro was responding by elevating security and asking the public to be vigilant. While some media organizations said the plans found in his compound specifically mentioned Los Angeles, she said officials were not aware of any specific threats to the city's rail network.
Source: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/05/chemical-attack-detection-system-more-cameras-planned-for-la-rail-lines.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *May 10, KSNW 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Hazmat crews investigate substance in letter to State Parole Board.** Wichita, Kansas police evacuated the state parole board the afternoon of May 10 to investigate a suspicious substance found on a letter. Workers in the building on S. Market found the letter with a gray substance on it around 12:30 p.m. They called police, who then evacuated the building and provided decontamination services to those who may have touched it. Hazmat crews later determined the substance did not provide a threat. "On cases like this, we're going to take every

precaution to ensure the safety of the public and the community until we can find out exactly what the situation is," said a sergeant with the Wichita Police Department. Workers were let back into the building by early afternoon.
Source: http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Hazmat-crews-investigate-substance-in-letter-to/Squ5M2tU006ZQBzbm1-DQg.cspx

26. *May 10, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Suspicious white substance forces evacuation.** A suspicious letter was found May 10 inside the building of the Texas Health and Human Services Division in San Antonio. A San Antonio Fire Department spokesperson said some workers were opening letters and putting away files when they started to complain saying they were itching and were having problems breathing. About 200 people were evacuated as a precaution, while haz-mat crews conducted a thorough sweep of the building. The spokesperson said six people were treated for similar symptoms on the scene, which could have been caused from the stress of the ordeal. Haz-mat crews did not find anything, and after a couple of hours workers were able to go home.
Source: http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Suspicious-white-substance-forces-evacuation/FJbfzNqPJket6ZJY8o67mA.cspx

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *May 11, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Cops: Students admit to throwing bottle bombs.** Police in Mendon, Massachusetts said four Uxbridge High School students admitted May 10 to making and throwing homemade explosive devices at two different locations after the teens were captured on tape buying bomb supplies. "They were just looking for some entertainment," the Mendon police chief said, but the bombs were extremely dangerous. Detectives viewed surveillance tapes after receiving a tip about suspicious purchases at the Northbridge Walmart. In the video, one teen is seen purchasing a roll of aluminum foil. Another teen bought a bottle of powerful detergent. The Uxbridge Police Department helped identify the students. Four 17-year-olds were charged with throwing explosives. Detectives said a trooper from the Minneapolis-St. Paul Fire and Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the state fire marshal's office helped identify and locate the students. A bottle bomb made of Drano, aluminum foil, and water was thrown at local restaurant Alicante May 6, and an employee picked it up and tossed it in the trash, where it exploded. The employee was not injured. Another explosive was tossed onto the driveway of a home on Park Street May 7, police said. The suspects, all high school juniors, must appear in court and will be charged with disturbing the peace and throwing an explosive device, which is a felony.
Source: http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/27846417/detail.html

28. *May 11, Saugus Advertiser* – (Massachusetts) **Woman robs Saugus Dunkin' Donuts armed with needle.** A woman May 8 threatened to stab a Dunkin' Donuts employee with an HIV-infected needle before making off with a bag of cash in Saugus, Massachusetts. Officers responded to the Dunkin' Donuts at 6:36 p.m. after a caller

reported an armed robbery. Upon arrival officers spoke to an employee, who said a woman wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans displayed a syringe she claimed had blood tainted with HIV and ordered him to hand over the money in the cash register. A Saugus Police assistant chief said the women received an undisclosed amount of cash, and then left on foot headed north on Route 1. Moments later, police received a call from a Dunkin' Donuts at 508 Lincoln Avenue for another attempted robbery involving a hypodermic needle. Witnesses reported a woman came into the store armed with a needle, approached the counter and demanded money be put in a bag, the assistant chief said. When the employee picked up a phone to call for help, the woman fled out the back door. Both incidents involved a white female. While the details are similar, police stopped short of saying the same person is responsible for each crime.
Source: http://www.wickedlocal.com/saugus/features/x600906887/Woman-robs-Saugus-Dunkin-Donuts-armed-with-needle#axzz1M3p3fllF

29. *May 11, Allentown Examiner* – (New Jersey) **Two Monmouth County horse farms cleared from threat of neurologic equine herpes.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has lifted quarantines at two horse farms in Colts Neck, New Jersey. Horse movement into and out of Overbrook Farm and Tourelay Farm had been restricted since April 14 due to an equine herpes outbreak, according to an USDA press release. An investigation found six horses at one of the farms had contracted the neurologic form of equine herpes virus, type 1 (EHV-1). One of the horses was euthanized after it failed to respond to treatment. The other five horses recovered, the USDA said. During the course of the 21-day quarantine, all horses at both farms were under veterinary supervision and USDA veterinarians made frequent visits. The quarantine was lifted after veterinarians found no signs of the disease. The acting state veterinarian issued a recommendation to all New Jersey horse owners. "People should be alert to the signs of neurologic equine herpes, and if they see these signs they should contact their veterinarian immediately," he said in the press release. "The virus spreads quickly from horse to horse and can cause death."
Source: http://examiner.gmnews.com/news/2011-05-12/Front_Page/Two_Monmouth_County_horse_farms_cleared_from_threa.html

30. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Stubborn Ark. flood pressures farmers, jams traffic.** More than 1 million acres of Arkansas farmland have flooded, and much of the water will not start flowing out in earnest until after the Mississippi River crests at Arkansas City, which is not expected for days, officials said May 10. The Arkansas Farm Bureau said the state's rice crop will take a hit of about $300 million, the bulk of a $500 million economic impact farmers will feel this year due to lost crops and higher costs brought by the flooding. At least 17 deaths in the state have been attributed to storms or flooding since a bout of tornadoes struck April 23.
Source: http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Stubborn-Ark-flood-pressures-farmers-jams-traffic-1374245.php

31. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Man indicted in $3M Milwaukee arson.** A federal grand jury indicted a Milwaukee, Wisconsin man in an arson case in 2010 that

destroyed a building housing a well-known pizza restaurant. The U.S. attorney's office said the 27-year-old suspect was charged with arson by explosion, arson to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, and making false statements. The fire destroyed Rahman's restaurant, The Black and White Cafe, The Pizza Man restaurant, a cocktail lounge, and 10 apartments near the UW-Milwaukee campus. The loss was estimated at more than $3 million. More than 150 firefighters fought the blaze in January 2010. Several firefighters were injured. The man's attorney said his client plans to plead not guilty.
Source: http://www.channel3000.com/news/27847305/detail.html

32. *May 9, Reuters* – (National) **Safeway recalls platters over salmonella scare.** Grocery operator Safeway expanded its recall on foods containing grape tomatoes due to possible salmonella contamination. Safeway said May 9 it was voluntarily recalling "Eating Right Veggie Party Platter." It said the product was packaged by Mann's Packing using grape tomatoes sourced from grower Six L's that were recalled due to possible salmonella contamination. A week ago, Safeway recalled cubes of meat called kabobs, which include grape tomatoes, from its Safeway, Vons, Pavilions, and Pak N Save stores in several states including Arizona and California. On May 2, the company had recalled cafe salads and deli salads made with grape tomatoes. Safeway said May 8 no illness had been reported and the recall was a precautionary measure.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/10/us-safeway-idUSTRE7490GV20110510

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Water Sector

33. *May 11, Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* – (Ohio) **EPA says county water plant is not in compliance.** An Ohio agency is ordering Fairfield County to complete a multi-million dollar project despite the county's pending legal appeal of a similar earlier ruling. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) said Fairfield is in violation of its permit allowing it to discharge phosphorous and total dissolved solids at the wastewater plant. The OEPA wanted the county to have discharge limits in place by 2011 when it issued the permit for the plant in 2006. The OEPA also wants the county to draw up a compliance schedule, and to rebuild the plant to meet those limits. The utilities director said it would cost $10 million to rebuild the plant. The county appealed to the Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission in 2006, calling the OEPA mandates unreasonable. The commission did not hear the case until 2009, and the county still is awaiting the commissioners' decision. The OEPA said the permit is still valid, although the appeals process is ongoing, and said the county must comply. The county must respond to the OEPA by June 1 and explain how it will correct the violations.
Source: http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20110511/NEWS01/105110305

34. *May 10, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Big rig lands in river, leaks diesel fuel.** The driver of a semi veered off of a downtown interstate May 10 after he was

involved in a multiple-vehicle crash and landed in the the San Antonio, Texas, River, spilling 260 gallons of diesel fuel, officials said. According to the San Antonio River Authority, the fuel was contained to a small dammed area in the Mission Reach portion of the river near Interstate 10 and Probandt Street and had minimal environmental impact. Although the driver was initially reported to have been trapped, a San Antonio Fire Department spokeswoman said he was able to get out safely. Officials closed the entrance ramp to I-10 from Probandt Street, and at least one lane of the interstate while police investigated the crash, but the roadways were reopened by 8:30 a.m. The semi trailer had to be towed out of the river. The San Antonio River Authority will continue to monitor the river and the spill's potential impact.
Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Big-rig-lands-in-river-leaks-diesel-fuel-1373374.php

35. *May 10, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Grassy Waters Preserve financially sinking and shutting down.** Grassy Waters Preserve, West Palm Beach, Florida's water catchment area, faces a financial drain and could close all together. The executive board of Loxahatchee Preserve Nature Center voted to dissolve the preserve's non-profit organization. The decision comes after The City of West Palm Beach failed to renew the non-profit's 5-year agreement to promote the preserve and raise funds. The area, considered the northern edge of the Everglades, provides drinking water to West Palm Beach and surrounding communities. The preserve is also a massive wildlife habitat, offering nature walks, canoeing, and more. There has been talk that the federal government could close the preserve to the public because of a possible terrorism threat to the water at the preserve.
Source: http://www.cbs12.com/articles/preserve-4732446-grassy-waters.html

36. *May 10, Baraboo News Republic* – (Wisconsin) **Army has water plan for Badger Plant.** The U.S. Army took another step toward installing a public water system around the polluted property of the abandoned Badger Army Ammunition Plant near Baraboo, Wisconsin. The Army submitted a nearly 300-page report to the state department of natural resources that provides three options for dealing with a contaminated groundwater plume. The public water system to replace local residents' individual wells is the one preferred by the Army, and is the least expensive of the three options presented in the report. The others are continued extraction and cleanup of groundwater, and using naturally occurring organisms to treat water. The Army's plan involves preparing a phased shutdown of its groundwater pumping, treating, and monitoring programs around the plant. Chemicals, including dinitrotoluene (DNT), dumped at the weapons complex from 1942 to 1975 have worried area residents for years.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/health_med_fit/article_bf6199ae-7b48-11e0-91ce-001cc4c002e0.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *May 11, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Five measles cases confirmed in Mass.** Five new cases of measles have been confirmed in Massachusetts in the past week, including a man in his 40s who worked at Boston's South Station train station while contagious, health officials said May 10. One patient is a Boston resident and the other four sought treatment at Boston health care facilities, visited the city, or worked in the city while contagious, according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). The patients range in age from 16-months to 65-years-old and come from other regions across Massachusetts. There have been 10 confirmed cases of measles in Massachusetts in 2011, a state department of public health spokeswoman said. So far, no link has been established between any of the five newest patients. A Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) spokesman declined to comment on whether the South Station worker was a T employee, saying only, "The MBTA acts in accordance with any specific information it receives from public health officials." Source: http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011_0510five_measles_cases_confirmed_in_mass/

38. *May 11, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **Man says he has gun, robs LR pharmacy of drugs.** A Little Rock, Arkansas pharmacy was robbed of drugs May 10 by a man who claimed to have a gun and threatened to kill, police said. It marked the second similar incident in Little Rock in less than a month. Authorities believe the two cases may be related. The latest robbery occurred about 7:15 p.m. May 10 when the robber demanded several types of narcotics from an employee at the Walgreens at 5917 Baseline Road. The man said he had a gun and would kill everyone, according to a statement issued by the Little Rock Police Department. The robber is described as a white man in his 20s who is about 6-feet tall and thin with sandy blond or brown hair. He appeared to have tattoos on his forearm. An anonymous caller reported the man fled in a white vehicle. Detectives believe the Walgreens assailant may be the same person who robbed the pharmacy of the Hillcrest Kroger April 14.
Source: http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2011/may/11/man-says-he-has-gun-robs-lr-pharmacy-drugs/

39. *May 9, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Indiana) **Reid: Patient data not compromised in computer theft.** A computer stolen from the home office of a Reid Hospital employee in Richmond, Indiana, might have contained files with personally identifiable information on about 20,000 Reid patients. The Reid president/CEO said the computer was password protected and was one of numerous items stolen in the break-in, which indicates the information was not the target of the thieves. A Reid Hospital spokesman said in this case, the employee was permitted to work from home. "There are very strict policies in place for (allowing employees to take information home), and with an incident like this we are looking at every single policy we have," he said May 9. The information included reports on some Medicaid and Medicare patients who received services from 1999 to 2008, which included patient names, addresses, and Social Security numbers or Medicare numbers. He said that upon learning of the theft April 4, the hospital immediately mobilized a response team including the Reid risk/privacy officer, legal counsel, hospital administration, police, and the Indiana Attorney

General's office. He said Reid has been working closely with area police about the ongoing investigation and possibility of recovering the device.
Source: http://www.pal-item.com/article/20110510/NEWS01/105100312

40. *May 9, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Dunes Family Health Care of Reedsport informs patients of data theft; gives patient hotline number.** Dunes Family Health Care in Reedsport, Oregon, sent notices to more than 16,000 current and former patients informing them of a data breach involving their patients' personal and medical information, according to a statement the clinic sent out May 9. On March 11, the organization that downloads and stores the clinic's electronic records discovered that the external hard drive containing the clinic's patient information was missing, the clinic reported. While the type and content of the stolen records vary widely, many are known to contain Social Security numbers, as well as name, address, date of birth, and clinical information.
Source:
http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2011/05/dunes_family_health_care_of_re.html

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Government Facilities Sector

41. *May 11, CNN* – (California) **3 dead after shooting at San Jose State University.** Three people are dead after a shooting May 10 in a campus parking garage at San Jose State University in San Jose, California, a campus spokeswoman said May 11. The incident occurred shortly after 8 p.m. The spokeswoman said university police responded to a report of a possible shooting and found two people dead on the fifth floor of the garage. A third person was taken to a hospital but died upon arrival. It was not clear whether the deceased were students. A campus alert was issued about one hour after the original call was received. She said police secured a perimeter, and that the rest of the campus was not in danger. Police do not believe the incident was a drive-by, gang-related, nor robbery-motivated shooting, the spokeswoman said. San Jose State is a public university with about 30,000 students.
Source:
http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/05/11/california.college.shooting/index.html?hpt=T2

42. *May 10, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Loveland elementary school students evacuated, 30 sent to hospital.** About 30 people were taken to the hospital May 10 after a possible gas leak was reported at Winona Elementary School in Loveland, Colorado. Officials said the school was evacuated after several students complained of nausea and dizziness. The Loveland Fire Department said a possible gas leak in the school could have caused those symptoms. At least seven of the students were taken to McKee Medical Center to be checked out. The rest of the students were evacuated from the school.
Source:

http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20110510/UPDATES01/305100007/Loveland-elementary-school-students-evacuated-30-sent-hospital?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News

43. *May 10, MyCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Copper Hill School evacuated again.** Students at Copper Hill Elementary School in Raritan Township, New Jersey, were evacuated May 10 for the second day in a row to the district's middle school due to a septic system failure. All students and staff members were transported by bus to J.P. Case Middle School as inspections continued on a failed wastewater treatment system at Copper Hill. According to a letter to parents from the superintendent of schools, the evacuation was critical to the health and safety of students and staff, and the district followed all board-approved policies and procedures in addressing the emergency. Afternoon kindergarten and preschool programs and after-school activities were canceled May 10. State testing for the third and fourth grades was canceled, and will be made up at a later date. An emergency notification call was made to parents updating them of the situation. The contractor was on the site May 10 inspecting the system and should have been able to inform the district authorities on the details and timeline of necessary repairs, a school spokeswoman said.
Source:
http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110510/NJNEWS10/305100024/Copper-Hill-School-evacuated-again?odyssey=nav|head

44. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Blue Grass Army Depot begins taking X-rays of mustard rounds to check for problems.** Workers at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky have begun taking X-rays of a random sample of mustard rounds to see if the chemical agent has solidified, Associated Press reported May 10. The Blue Grass Chemical Activity commander said the weapons cannot be chemically neutralized if the mustard agent has solidified, according to the Richmond Register. The taking of X-rays of 96 samples began May 9 and is expected to take until the end of June. The results will be used to determine whether, alternatively, the projectiles should be exploded in steel detonation chambers, according to the Lexington Herald-Leader. The facility in Madison County has 100,000 rounds of chemical weapons slated for destruction. About 15,000 contain blister-causing sulfuric-mustard agents and the Blue Grass Chemical Activity commander said they may be the most problematic to destroy. Mustard agents can cause blisters, burns and respiratory problems. Officials believe the mustard agent, which is usually liquid, has solidified into a gel or tarlike consistency and cannot be drained from the 60-year-old shells. Solidified rounds would pose safety risks to workers at the plant that will destroy the weapons, which in turn would affect how quickly the weapons could be destroyed, said the deputy site project manager for the pilot plant under construction. The plant at the depot will be set up for an automated chemical neutralization. "If we find that there is solidification in these rounds, at that point we will have a different path forward to consider," the deputy site project manager said. If the X-ray operation stays on schedule, an assessment could be released in mid- to late July, the commander said.
Source:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d995bb5c42f94cf68dcd092da8ed0e0a/KY--Chemical-Weapons/

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Emergency Services Sector

45. *May 10, FoxNews.com* – (National) **Officials warn Facebook and Twitter increase police vulnerability.** In the midst of what officials call an "appalling" and "alarming spike" in attacks on law enforcement around the country, officials are warning the success of sites such as Facebook and Twitter has made police even more vulnerable. While police have for some time used social networking sites to identify and investigate suspected criminals, now criminals are using such sites to identify and investigate law enforcement officers, including undercover police. In addition, hostage-takers and suspects who barricade themselves in buildings are monitoring social media to track police movements in real time, and gang members are launching their own surveillance operations targeting police. An official from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, police department noted that some "criminal elements" now monitor social media while they are in the middle of holding a hostage or barricading themselves inside a building. Officials also mentioned other ways social media can hurt law enforcement personnel. A gang expert from Albany, New York, said gangs in his area are actively conducting "surveillance" operations on police using their mobile devices, and many officials noted that sites such as Facebook and Twitter can turn private videos into "viral" sensations. In the United States, many police departments are now contemplating what policies they should — and legally can — put into place when it comes to officers' use of social media.
Source: http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/05/10/officials-warn-facebook-twitter-increase-police-vulnerability/?test=latestnews

46. *May 9, CNN* – (International) **13 killed in clash on Mexico-U.S. border lake.** Twelve suspected members of the Zetas drug gang and a member of Mexico's Navy were killed in a shootout on an island in a lake that straddles the U.S.-Mexico border, authorities said May 9. The Mexican Navy said the shootout occurred May 8 on Falcon Lake, located between Texas and the Mexican state of Tamaulipas, after troops patrolling the area spotted a camping area on an island. The suspected drug traffickers used the island for storing marijuana to be transported by boat to the United States, the Navy said in a statement. After the shootout, the Navy said it seized guns, ammunition, and bullet-proof vests from the island.
Source: http://articles.cnn.com/2011-05-09/justice/mexico.violence_1_zetas-drug-gang-water-scooters-drug-traffickers?_s=PM:CRIME

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Information Technology Sector

47. *May 11, The Register* – (International) **Newly emerged banking trojan challenges ZeuS-SpyEye duopoly.** A new banking trojan with infection rates similar to SpyEye and Zeus in some regions has emerged. The Sunspot Trojan has already been linked to instances of fraudulent losses, according to transaction security firm Trusteer. The Windows-based malware is designed to carry out man-in-the-browser attacks, including Web injections, page-grabbing, key-logging, and screen shooting. The malware is also capable of requesting additional online banking details from the user such as payment card information (card number, ATM PIN, CVV, expiration date) and answers to secret questions. It also requests sensitive personal data (driver license number, mother maiden name, date of birth etc.) that might subsequently be used to impersonate marks to obtain fraudulent lines of credit. Anti-virus tool detection of the Sunspot Trojan is patchy at best. According to a Virus Total analysis, only 9 of 42 anti-virus programs tested, or 21 percent, currently detect Sunspot. Trusteer traced the Sunspot Command and Control Server hostname to a domain registered in Russia. Trusteer believes the malware has been in circulation for a while, but the enhanced financial fraud capabilities were only added far more recently.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/11/sunspot_banking_trojan/

48. *May 10, The Register* – (International) **Source code leaked for pricey ZeuS crimeware kit.** Source code for the latest version of the ZeuS crimeware kit has been leaked on the Internet, giving anyone who knows where to look free access to a potent set of malware-generation tools. Complete source code is available in at least three different locations, ensuring it is now permanently available to the masses, a researcher with the firm CSIS Security told The Register. While the release could erode the paid market for the do-it-yourself malware kit, it could also spawn entire new kits that clone the existing code and build new features or services on top of it. “The source code has until now been shared in very closed communities or bought by criminals with significant funds,” the CSIS Security researcher said. “With the release of the entire code it’s obvious we will see new versions/rebrands or improvements in general. If this grows outside of the established underground ecosystem it could have a significant impact.” Selling in the criminal underground for anywhere from $2,000 to $10,000, ZeuS is best known as a tool for developing customized trojans that send victims’ banking credentials to servers under control of the attacker.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/10/zeus_crimeware_kit_leaked/

49. *May 10, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft downplays Server bug threat, say researchers.** Microsoft is downplaying the threat posed by one of the three bugs the company patched May 10, security researchers said. The update in question, MS11-035, patches a single vulnerability in Windows Internet Name Service (WINS), a component in every supported edition of Windows Server, including Server 2003, 2008, and the newest, Server 2008 R2. Attackers could exploit the WINS bug by crafting a malicious data packet, then shooting it at a vulnerable Windows Server box. Researchers claimed that although Microsoft rated the bug as “critical,” the company’s highest threat ranking, it also noted that WINS is not installed by default, citing that as a mitigation factor. That overlooks the fact that many networks, especially larger ones in enterprises and government agencies, have WINS installed. “Most organizations

have to install WINS," said Rapid7's enterprise security community manager. "With governments and big agencies — any large network — WINS is going to be running." That's because WINS — Microsoft's name server for Windows networks — is required for many older third-party or custom-built applications, called "legacy" programs, said the director of security operations at nCircle Security. "There's so much legacy that relies on WINS [that] our gut instinct is that most will have it installed in the data center," he said. The two researchers agreed that Microsoft, intentionally or not, softened the warning by telling customers WINS is not installed by default.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216602/Microsoft_downplays_Server_bug_threat_say_researchers

50. *May 10, threatpost* – (International) **May Patch Tuesday fixes three remote Microsoft bugs.** The May 2011 edition of Microsoft's Patch Tuesday included two bulletins addressing bugs that could allow for remote code execution, but only one of which is rated critical. The first bulletin, MS11-035, addresses a privately reported critical vulnerability within the Windows Internet Name Service (WINS). This could allow for remote code execution on any individual PC receiving a specially crafted WINS replication packet. As WINS is not a default installation on any operating system, this bug only affects individuals who manually installed the application. The second bulletin, MS11-036, which is rated as important, addresses two privately disclosed bugs in PowerPoint that could also lead to remote code execution if a user opens a specially crafted PowerPoint file. Any attacker successfully exploiting these vulnerabilities would gain the same user rights as the logged-in user.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/may-patch-tuesday-fixes-three-remote-microsoft-bugs-051011

51. *May 10, The Register* – (International) **Facebook caught exposing millions of user credentials.** Facebook has leaked access to millions of users' photographs, profiles, and other personal information because of a years-old bug that overrides individual privacy settings, Symantec researchers said. The flaw, which researchers estimate has affected hundreds of thousands of applications, exposed user access tokens to advertisers and others. The tokens serve as a spare set of keys Facebook apps use to perform certain actions on behalf of the user, such as posting messages to a Facebook wall or sending RSVP replies to invitations. For years, many apps that rely on an older form of user authentication turned over these keys to third parties, giving them the ability to access information users specifically designated as off limits. The Symantec researchers said Facebook has fixed the underlying bug, but they warned that tokens already exposed may still be widely accessible. While many access tokens expire shortly after they are issued, Facebook also supplies offline access tokens that remain valid indefinitely. Facebook users can close this potential security hole by changing their passwords, which immediately revokes all previously issued keys.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/10/facebook_user_credentials_leaked/

52. *May 9, The Register* – (International) **OpenID warns of 'psychic paper' authentication attack.** OpenID has warned of bugs in its authentication technology

that create a possible means for hackers to modify data sent between Web sites. Many high-profile sites — including Google, Yahoo!, and Flickr — use the technology so that once users have logged into one site, they are not constantly prompted for passwords. Thousands of smaller sites also use the technology. The security weakness stems from an implementation flaw in authentication exchange, an extension to the OpenID system that gives sites the ability to exchange identity information between endpoints. The bug meant that proper checks on whether authentication information had been correctly signed were not carried out in some cases, thus creating a mechanism for hackers to offer false information that is accepted as genuine. The security bug has been confirmed in OpenID4Java and Kay Framework, but is not necessarily limited to them. Both libraries have been updated. Janrain, Ping Identity, and DotNetOpenAuth are immune from the bug.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/09/openid_security_bug/

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

53. *May 11, Help Net Security* – (National) **Majority not prepared for IPv6 transition.** About 88 percent of business networks were not fully ready for a change to IPv6, with two thirds saying their networks are only 0-20 percent ready, despite the fact the last blocks of IPv4 addresses have been allocated, according to Ipswitch. “While IPv6 provides the ability to greatly expand the number of devices on the Internet, it also poses migration, compatibility and management challenges for today’s IPv4-based networks,” said the vice president of product management and strategy at Ipswitch’s Network Management Division. “Our poll shows the need for companies to develop transition strategies in order to increase IPv6 readiness among enterprise networks and prevent any future disruption to mission-critical systems.” IPv6 is a next-generation IP protocol designed to replace IPv4, the Internet protocol most commonly used in the world and the foundation for most Internet communications. With the number of available IPv4 addresses quickly running out, transitioning to IPv6 will soon become a requirement for enterprise networks. IPv6 enables significant expansion of the IP addresses needed to accommodate the continuously growing number of worldwide Internet users, and provides additional security features for Internet traffic. Ipswitch’s WhatsUp Gold IT management platform has supported IPv6 for 5 years to help enterprises ease the transition to the new protocol.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11007

54. *May 10, Computerworld* – (Illinois) **Some Verizon users still reporting LTE modem problems.** Even though Verizon Wireless claims its fast Long Term Evolution (LTE) network is "up and running" following an April 26 outage, it is still not working for some customers, including 50 Chicago, Illinois-based users of laptops with LTE modems. A Chicago-based IT manager said via e-mail that she had upgraded 50 laptop Verizon 3G modems to Pantech 4G LTE modems before the outage, but they "constantly drop LTE because Verizon still has not fixed their switching issues between 4G and 3G."
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216606/Some_Verizon_users_still_reporting_LTE_modem_problems

55. *May 10, Forbes* – (National) **Hacker group raids Fox.com, targets FBI.** A small group of hackers May 10 released a list of e-mail addresses and passwords for 363 employees of Fox.com and defaced the LinkedIn accounts of 14 of them. The group announced the hack through Twitter handle LulzSec, or The Lulz Canon, featuring a stick figure in a top hat, monocle and twirly mustache. The group also hacked the Twitter account of Fox15 TV before releasing a few bawdy tweets. The same hackers were behind the theft of names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of 73,000 people who had applied for information on auditions for the U.S. edition of the television host's talent show "The X-Factor", to be broadcast on Fox television – this information was taken together with the Fox.com employee details in the same attack. Earlier the week of May 9, the group posted the X-Factor list of names as a text file on Pirate Bay. A spokeswoman for Fox did not wish to comment on the matter. The group was unclear about why they were attacking Fox, saying there were different motivations among its members. They added that LulzSec was not part of Anonymous, a larger hacktivist and trolling collective that claimed responsibility for cyber attacks on HBGary Federal, MasterCard, and PayPal, though its members have participated in some of these previous operations.
Source: http://blogs.forbes.com/parmyolson/2011/05/10/hacker-group-raids-fox-com-targets-fbi/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *May 11, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Apartment fire is a crime scene, Red Cross official says.** An intense, smoky fire at a 24-unit apartment building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that left six people with injuries May 10 may have been intentionally set. A supervisor with the American Red Cross at the scene May 10 said the fire was being investigated as a crime scene because of an earlier fire, May 9, that was set in a hallway. Fire officials May 10 and May 11 did not characterize the blaze as a crime scene. The Milwaukee deputy fire chief said May 11 the fire appears to have started on the second floor. Investigators will be sifting through debris May 11, and it could take several days before a preliminary determination is made about the cause, the fire chief said. Six people in the building were injured amid frantic attempts to escape

the building. Three of those occupants were taken to area hospitals, the fire chief said. Two had broken bones and one suffered from smoke inhalation. The fire, at 5333 N. 91st Street, was reported at 9:17 p.m. The chief said the fire was under control shortly after 11 p.m. He said at the most recent count, 75 people have been displaced by the fire. He placed the damage at $1.2 million. The assistant chief said the building had working smoke detectors.
Source: http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/121610749.html

57. *May 11, Reuters* – (New York) **U.S. warns Broadway theaters on security threats.** U.S. safety regulators have told Broadway theaters to update their emergency plans, a reminder that the aging buildings near New York City's Times Square may need to evacuate as some did during a failed bomb plot a year ago. "Recent events, such as last summer's attempted car bomb in Times Square, have highlighted the need for increased vigilance and ongoing emergency preparedness," the Occupational Safety and Health Administration said in an April 16 letter. It reminded theaters, where some 12 million people see shows every year, that they were required to develop an emergency action plan. Though sent to all New York City theaters, the letter had particular importance for the 40 Broadway theaters in the Times Square area, some of which were evacuated following a bomb scare on May 1 last year. A man linked to the Pakistani Taliban parked a vehicle packed with explosive material in Times Square but failed to properly ignite it. The man pleaded guilty, saying Islamist extremists would continue to attack the United States. Thirty-three of Broadway's 40 theaters were built in the 1920s or earlier. All are subject to random inspections.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/11/uk-theater-security-broadway-idUSLNE74A01Y20110511

58. *May 11, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **10 fires over 6 hours leave 1 woman dead, 1 man critically hurt.** Arson investigators May 10 tried to determine whether a rash of intentional fires was started by the same person as police flooded an Indianapolis, Indiana neighborhood to put nervous residents at ease. At least 7 fires appeared to have been deliberately set between 12 a.m. May 9 and 6:30 a.m. May 10. The causes of three other fires, including one that killed a 63-year-old woman and critically injured her 47-year-old son, are undetermined. Indianapolis Fire Department officials said they often are forced to deal with multiple arson fires in a single night, but the May 10 toll was unusual. The fires stretched from Downtown to the Eastside to the Near Southside. In all, Indianapolis firefighters responded to 10 blazes — 9 of them in abandoned properties. Included in the torched buildings was a historic landmark, the Kemper House, 1028 N. Delaware Street. The cause of that blaze, as well as fires at 1230 S. Meridian Street and 1119 S. State Avenue, are under investigation. The S. State Avenue fire, however, was deadly. Two residents were taken out of the home by Indianapolis firefighters who performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation before rushing them to Wishard Memorial Hospital. One of the residents died a short time later, while her son remains in critical condition. An Indianapolis Metro Police Department homicide detective said the fire at the home was "suspicious," but the cause was undetermined. The fire department quickly ruled out accidental causes for most of the fires May 10 because those structures did not have electricity, an Indianapolis fire

captain said. Fire investigators said vacant homes or buildings often are targets for arsonists.
Source: http://www.indystar.com/article/20110511/LOCAL18/105110326/10-fires-over-6-hours-leave-1-dead-1-critically-hurt?odyssey=nav|head

59. *May 11, Softpedia* – (National) **Widespread PoS compromise reported at Michaels stores.** Arts and crafts retail chain Michaels is dealing with a compromise of Point-of-Sale (PoS) systems in its stores that resulted in credit card fraud across the country. An independent IT security reporter quotes sources familiar with the investigation as saying that at least 70 PoS terminals at different stores around the nation have been confirmed as compromised so far. Earlier this month, the retail chain alerted customers that PIN pads at its stores in the Chicago area were tampered with, and that credit and debit card information might have been compromised as a result. The company learned of the problem after being contacted by banks and law enforcement authorities who noticed that some card fraud victims had purchases at Michaels in common. It now appears the breach is much larger, having affected thousands of individuals and amounting to millions of dollars in losses. The typical fraudulent withdrawals reported by victims are under $500 and originated on the West Coast and Las Vegas, Nevada. It is not clear how the PoS devices were compromised, but one possibility is they were swapped with rogue ones when the store employees were not looking. This was the method used to compromise PoS systems at Aldi stores across 11 states. It is not clear how long the rogue devices stayed in place, but consumers who bought from Michaels are advised to carefully monitor credit card statements for suspicious activity.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Widespread-PoS-Compromise-at-Michaels-Stores-199821.shtml

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60. *May 10, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Dry New Mexico sees 27 wildfires in 4 days.** Authorities May 10 asked residents in three separate areas of New Mexico to leave their homes that are threatened by a series of wildfires that broke out around the state, fanned by wind and dry conditions. The first 3 months of 2011 marked the second-driest start to any year on record in New Mexico. And more than 400 wildfires in that time have scorched more than 490 square miles. Officials plan to close Lincoln National Forest in southeastern New Mexico May 12. At least two other national forests have imposed various stages of fire restrictions, and the New Mexico State Forestry Division has enacted restrictions across all but parts of four northern counties. A handful of the fires so far this year were started by lightning, but most have been human-caused. Crews have battled 27 fires on state and private land in New Mexico since May 7. About 50 residents of Queen, New Mexico, were urged to evacuate after a wildfire started near the village about midnight May 9, destroying one house and damaging three others. An estimated 1,500 acres of pinon, juniper, and grass on

Lincoln National Forest and private land have burned. The fire also forced the closure of state highway 137 at Dark Canyon. All of southeast New Mexico was under a warning May 10 for high winds and low humidity.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42978282/ns/weather/

61. *May 10, Redlands Daily Facts* – (California) **150-acre fire burns north of Forest Falls.** More than 150 firefighters hiked for hours May 10 into remote canyons north of Forest Falls in California to battle the 150-acre Momyer Fire, which continued to burn despite getting snowfall a day earlier. Firefighters were unable to be flown to the site because of the weather. About an inch of snow blanketed parts of the fire May 9, but firefighters said dry, windy weather could rekindle the smoldering blaze. By May 10, 35 mph wind gusts were blowing through the area. "The concern is that it will heat up and the fire can get re-established quickly," a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said. The fire was reported about 10:30 a.m. May 8. The fire, in rugged canyons and deep ravines, has not threatened any homes, authorities said. There was no estimate on when the fire would be fully contained. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Fire investigators said there were no reports of lightning in the area where it started.
Source: http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci_18034414

62. *May 10, Park County Republican and Fairplay Flume* – (Colorado) **Snyder Creek fire grows to 303 acres.** The Snyder Creek fire burning in the Pike National Forest southeast of Kenosha Pass in Colorado, has grown to 303 acres, and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) firefighters have achieved 40 percent containment. That information was released at 9 a.m. May 10 on InciWeb.org, the USFS's incident information Web site. A USFS fire information officer said firefighters arrived on scene at 6 a.m. May 10 and would continue to work in the area. According to information from InciWeb, strong winds in the area continued to cause problems for firefighters. The fire is burning approximately 3 miles southeast of Kenosha Pass, according to USFS information. It started May 8 shortly before 10 a.m. and quickly grew. The origin of the fire has been found, but the cause is still under investigation.
Source:
http://theflume.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=8077

63. *May 10, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Four fires are now burning in the Goethe State Forest west of Ocala.** Four fires were burning May 10 in the Goethe State Forest west of Ocala, Florida. "We still have lots of personnel and equipment dedicated to Goethe to keep the fires within containment lines," said a wildfire mitigation specialist for the division for the Florida Division of Forestry. By May 10, the largest fire, known as the Swamp Fire, had consumed 780 acres. Like the Swamp Fire, the three smaller fires in the state forest were all apparently ignited by lightning, the specialist said. The Bad Land Fire covered 150 acres May 10, while the Tram Road Fire had consumed 32 acres, and the Horse Hole Fire was being held to 8 acres. The cause of a fire continuing to burn south of Welaka in southern Putnam County was under investigation. Known as the Truck Trail Fire, the Putnam County fire demanded significant attention and resources, the specialist said. The fire scene covered 1,078 acres of mostly swampland and was 80 percent contained by the afternoon of May 10.

Source: http://www.ocala.com/article/20110510/ARTICLES/110519990/-1/entertainment02?Title=With-wildfires-on-all-sides-area-can-expect-continued-smoke&tc=ar

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Dams Sector

64. *May 11, CNN* – (National) **Bulging Mississippi River heads south as residents watch, wait.** The swollen Mississippi River rolled south May 11 as communities along its delta braced for flooding, and vast farms remained under threat as it left a trail of submerged homes. The river crested at Memphis, Tennessee, May 10 just a few inches short of a record set in 1937. As it slowly headed south, flooding concerns turned to Louisiana and Mississippi, where it is expected to rise to levels unseen since 1927. Louisiana's governor said as many as 3 million acres could be affected by the flooding. Some 500 National Guard members have been mobilized so far, and 21 parishes have issued emergency declarations, according to the governor. The river's crest is expected to begin arriving in Louisiana the week of May 16. In neighboring Mississippi, some of the waters seeped into casinos as the river inched toward a 48-foot crest late May 10. About 600 people in the Tunica community of Cutoff have been driven from their homes, a county spokesman said. Downstream in Louisiana, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it was closing a major lock that allows for the transfer of barge traffic between the Mississippi and the Red River Basin. The Corps opened 44 more gates to the Bonnet Carre spillway in Norco, Louisiana, May 10, sending millions of gallons of water rushing into Lake Pontchartrain and, eventually, the Gulf of Mexico. In addition to 28 gates opened May 9, the Corps may consider an additional 38 May 11, according to the Jefferson Parish president. Residents and officials are especially concerned about the Morganza Spillway above Baton Rouge, which was last opened in 1973. Opening it could help spare Baton Rouge and New Orleans from some of the flooding's damage, but it would flood populated and rural areas in the swampy Atchafalaya Basin. The basin is home to the Atchafalaya River and myriad tributaries. In Arkansas, the farm bureau estimated damage to agriculture could top $500 million as more than 1 million acres of cropland are under water.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/11/flooding/index.html?hpt=C1

65. *May 11, WAPT 16 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Corps Of Engineers work to fight back floodwaters.** Work crews with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been working at a sun-up to sundown pace to secure a section of a levee north of Vicksburg, Mississippi. The floodwaters were expected to clear the levee within the next week, but on May 10, engineers were testing a new 4-mile section of thick plastic covering designed to keep the levee from giving way. "The Mississippi River is rising more than a foot a day, and we have to get this done and get out of here before the highways get closed and the levee gets saturated," said a representative with Fordice Construction. The levee, which is 3 to 4 miles north of Vicksburg, is keeping the backwaters of the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers from crossing over near Steel Bayou. "You are going to have the water topping over. You are looking at about a foot and a half topping over,"

said a spokesman with the American Environmental Group. “That is a lot of water and force and if we didn’t have this protection, then erosion would be pretty likely, and the more this levee gets eroded back, the weaker it becomes.” The Mississippi River was at 53 feet in Vicksburg May 10, which is the third-highest level on record. It is not expected to stop rising until it reaches 57.5 feet May 19.
Source: http://www.wapt.com/r/27843302/detail.html

66. *May 10, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Corps makes repairs to Table Rock Dam.** Repairs to the dam at Table Rock Lake in Branson, Missouri are expected to continue until May 18, according to a spokesperson. The repairs are needed after topsoil slid down the side of the dam at the end of April. The dam itself is still structurally sound, and the road above was still in good condition, the spokesperson said. The road over the dam, Missouri 165/265, remains closed because of the heavy equipment that is being brought in for repairs.
Source: http://www.news-leader.com/article/20110510/NEWS01/110510018/Corps-makes-repairs-Table-Rock-Dam?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Special Reports|s

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