



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 13 May 2011

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- The Register reports a group collaborating with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team is warning oil refineries, power plants, and other industrial facilities of a bug in a popular piece of software that could allow attackers to take control of their computer systems. (See item [41](#))
- CNN reports two men suspected of planning an attack on a Manhattan synagogue who purchased guns and a hand grenade were arrested by New York City police May 11. (See item [49](#))

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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 12, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania; West Virginia) **Pipeline accident, rain cited in Buffalo Creek spill.** Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported May 12 a pipeline accident and heavy rains led to clay and foam polluting at least 25 miles of Buffalo Creek in Washington County, Pennsylvania, stretching to the Ohio border, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PDEP). The chemicals are not toxic, a PDEP spokesman said, though he declined to name the

chemical foaming agent. There have been no fish kills in Pennsylvania or West Virginia's northern panhandle, meaning the risk to public health likely is minimal, officials in both states had said May 10. MarkWest Energy Partners had an incident called a "frack out" that the company reported to PDEP March 9, the spokesman said May 12. Workers March 2 had used the clay bentonite and the unidentified foaming agent to help bore a hole for a pipeline under the creek near Route 231 in Blaine, Washington County. The two substances seeped up into the streambed and likely were stirred up later during heavy rains, the PDEP spokesman said. Emergency officials in Brooke County, West Virginia., responded to reports of foaming May 9 and traced it to the Pennsylvania state border, where firefighters traced it into Blaine. State officials are waiting for MarkWest to send data safety sheets for the chemicals they were using at the site, the spokesman added.

Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s\\_736535.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_736535.html)

2. *May 11, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Oil rig explodes after lightning strike.** An oil rig exploded after being struck by lightning near Piedmont, Oklahoma, May 11, a police dispatcher said. The explosion happened 1 mile west of County Line on Sorghum Road. The lightning strike came amid a severe thunderstorm moving through the area. Police said they called in Deer Creek and Cashion fire departments to help with the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/27858732/detail.html>
3. *May 11, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **'Fireballs' reported in east Fort Worth.** Several transformers were struck by lightning in Fort Worth, Texas, May 10, an Oncor spokeswoman said. Repair crews worked through overnight into the next day after the lightning strikes "destroyed" some of the transformers, she said. About 550 power outages were being reported in the Metroplex as of noon May 11, with most of them in the Fort Worth area, she said. The number of outages have been reduced from the 4,000 outages reported late May 10. About 210 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes were reported in Tarrant County between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m., a National Weather Service meteorologist said. Fort Worth firefighters responded to several calls involving transformers and electrical problems May 10, a Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman said. There were several calls about a possible lightning strike at a transformer substation at 4800 Randol Mill Road just after 9 p.m. after repeated sightings of flashes and explosions, the spokesman said.  
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/05/10/3066121/fireballs-reported-in-east-fort.html>
4. *May 11, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Training simulates oil spill off SD coast.** Hundreds participated in a training operation May 11 off the coast of San Diego, California, that simulated a major oil spill. Thirty miles away from San Diego's coastline, fluorescent green non-toxic dye spilled out of a U.S. Coast Guard boat. The dye was part of a simulation of a 1.5 million barrel oil spill caused by a collision at sea. A C-130 aircraft from Youngstown Air Reserve Station in Ohio flew in to participate in the training. The aircraft's job is to spray a kind of dispersing agent on top of the spill. The spray from the C-130 disperses the oil and breaks it up into smaller particles. "The

idea is to attack the oil spill away from shore and out in the ocean and let it be broken up,” said an Air Force Master Sergeant from the 910th Airlift Wing in Vienna, Ohio. The oil spill training ended May 12. Then, representatives from more than 40 agencies reviewed how best to improve communication, response time, and public education. Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/27862258/detail.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *May 11, U.S. Chemical Safety Board* – (Tennessee) **U.S. Chemical Safety Board continues investigation of two accidents at the Hoeganaes Corporation facility.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) May 11 released test results confirming preliminary conclusions that two flash fires which occurred at the Hoeganaes Corporation plant in Gallatin, Tennessee, — one fatal — involved the combustion of iron powder which had accumulated throughout the facility and became airborne in combustible concentrations. A flash fire January 31 killed one worker and seriously burned another. A similar fire occurred March 29 and caused one injury. The Hoeganaes plant, which employs about 175 workers, manufactures “atomized” iron powder sold to the automotive and other industries for the production of metal parts using powder metallurgy. The first incident occurred as two maintenance mechanics on the overnight shift inspected a bucket elevator that had been reported to be malfunctioning due to a misaligned belt. The second incident occurred less than 2 months later when a plant engineer, who was replacing igniters on a furnace, was engulfed in combustible dust which ignited. “Tests conducted on samples of metal powder — collected from the plant — determined that this material is combustible,” said the CSB Investigator-in-Charge. “The team observed significant quantities of metal dust on surfaces within close proximity to the incident locations. This was of particular concern as metal dust flash fires present a greater burn injury threat than flammable gas or vapor flash fires.” Source: <http://www.csb.gov/newsroom/detail.aspx?nid=375>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

6. *May 12, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Plymouth’s Pilgrim nuke plant returning to service after scram.** The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts, experienced its first unplanned, automatic shutdown of its reactor in more than a year May 10. The plant was restarted and was operating at 10 percent power the morning of May 12. A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokesman said the reactor was being started up after a scheduled refueling and maintenance outage May 10 when the “scram” occurred. The scheduled shutdowns, which take

place every 18 to 24 months, involve the placement of new fuel in the reactor core as well as maintenance work on various components. At about 1:15 p.m. May 10, the plant's computerized protection system, designed to shut down the reactor if unusual conditions are detected, was triggered, he said. It was a response to a shutdown signal from one of the devices that had been inserted into the reactor core during the start-up to monitor power levels. At that time, the plant was generating about 4 percent of its capacity. The spokesman said all of the plant's control rods were inserted and the reactor was safely shut down. The last unplanned scram at the Entergy-owned plant took place December 19, 2009, he said. If a nuclear power plant has more than three unplanned scrams over a 7,000-hour period, it receives additional oversight from the NRC.

Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/business/x1291971168/Plymouth-s-Pilgrim-nuclear-plant-was-in-an-unplanned-shutdown>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *May 12, WNEM 5 Saginaw* – (Michigan) **Worker dies after getting entangled in machine.** One person is dead after an incident May 11 at a local parts plant in Bangor Township, Michigan. State police said a 58-year-old man from Bay City was working on a metal lathe when he became tangled in the machine. It happened at Schmidt Industries on Patterson Road around 1 p.m. Police said the worker was pulled into the machine after a piece of his clothing became entangled. His co-workers were able to free him prior to the arrival of emergency personnel, police said. The worker was transported to Bay Regional Hospital where he later died. Schmidt manufactures turbine replacement parts. The accident at the facility is under investigation by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration.  
Source: <http://www.wnem.com/news/27864520/detail.html>
  
8. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Conrad Industries shuts shipyard in face of Atchafalaya flood threat.** Conrad Industries Inc. said it has temporarily shuttered its shipyard along the Atchafalaya River in Morgan City, Louisiana, Associated Press reported May 12. The yard is outside protective levees — and the company has moved vessels under construction, personnel, and major equipment to its two shipyards at Amelia along the Intracoastal Waterway. Conrad builds tugboats, offshore supply boats, and other vessels, many employed by the offshore oil industry. Authorities are considering opening the Morganza spillway, which would send floodwaters from the Mississippi River into the Atchafalaya and south to the Gulf of Mexico. Morgan City is in St. Mary Parish, about 70 miles southwest of New Orleans.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a97c1bfbe22d40c29a4cdf23507d2a84/LA--River-Flooding-Shipyard-Shuts/>

9. *May 11, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **All clear given after Milwaukie chemical cloud.** The threat from a chemical cloud produced at a plant in Milwaukie, Oregon, is over, fire officials said, and people who live nearby are free to leave their homes. Clackamas fire officials issued a “shelter in place” order May 11, asking people within a half-mile of Precision Castparts on Johnson Creek Boulevard to stay inside. Firefighters said hydrofluoric nitric acid leaked from a titanium building at Precision at about 6 p.m. May 11, and the cloud drifted northwest. The fumes formed when a power outage stopped the filters that remove the hazardous chemical from the gas, a Precision spokesman says. The acid is used in the plant’s casting process, authorities said. A Clackamas fire spokesman said the chemical could have potentially irritated a person’s respiratory system, but people were not in danger if they stayed inside. The order affected 79 homes and 159 people. During the incident, four people — two workers and two firefighters — were taken to a hospital as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/27861612/detail.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Anti-nuclear protesters convicted of trespassing at Y-12 in Oak Ridge.** Twelve anti-nuclear protesters have been convicted of trespassing during a protest at Oak Ridge’s Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 2010. The protesters entered the property after a protest held adjacent to the facility July 5, 2010. They face a maximum possible punishment of 1 year in prison and a \$100,000 fine, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney’s office for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Sentencing dates have not yet been scheduled. The group was found guilty May 11 after a 3-day trial in Knoxville.  
Source: <http://www.oakridger.com/newsnow/x1538449169/Anti-nuclear-protesters-convicted-of-trespassing-at-Y-12-in-Oak-Ridge>
11. *May 10, ABC News* – (International) **Osama Bin Laden raid: Pakistan hints China wants a peek at secret helicopter.** Pakistani officials said May 10 they are interested in studying the remains of the U.S.’s secret stealth-modified helicopter abandoned during the Navy SEAL raid of the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan in which they killed the leader of al-Qaida, and suggested the Chinese are as well. The United States has asked the Pakistanis for the helicopter wreckage back, but one Pakistani official told ABC News the Chinese were “very interested” in seeing the remains. Another official said, “We might let them [the Chinese] take a look.” A U.S. official said he did not know if the Pakistanis had offered a glimpse to the Chinese, but said he would be “shocked” if the Chinese had not already been given access to the aircraft. The chopper, which aviation experts believe to be a highly classified modified version of a Blackhawk helicopter, clipped a wall during the operation that took down the terrorist leader, the White House said. The U.S. Navy SEALs that rode in on the copter attempted to destroy it after abandoning it on the ground, but a significant portion of

the tail section survived the explosion. In the days after the raid, the tail section and other debris — including a mysterious cloth-like covering — were photographed being hauled away from the crash site. Aviation experts said the unusual configuration of the rear rotor, the curious hub-cap like housing around it, and the general shape of the vehicle, are all clues the helicopter was highly modified to not only be quiet, but to have as small a radar signature as possible.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/osama-bin-laden-raid-pakistan-hints-china-peak/story?id=13570573>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Phoenix realtor pleads guilty to mortgage fraud.** A Phoenix, Arizona real estate agent pleaded guilty May 9 in a mortgage fraud scheme that costs lenders almost \$10 million. Federal prosecutors said the 31-year-old pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Prosecutors said he could face up to a 30-year prison term. Three others charged in the same case also have entered guilty pleas while the remaining defendant is scheduled for trial in July. Prosecutors said that from September 2005 through September 2007, the man facilitated the submission of mortgage loan applications for unqualified straw buyers that contained false information. They said the man and the others concealed cash kickbacks to the straw buyers from lenders. The conspiracy involved 49 homes and all went into foreclosure.  
Source: [http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/05/12/real\\_estate-az-phoenix-mortgage-fraud\\_8463239.html](http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/05/12/real_estate-az-phoenix-mortgage-fraud_8463239.html)
  
13. *May 12, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois; Minnesota) **Two NWI banks sued over income made in man's Ponzi scheme.** When two Lake County, Illinois banks decided to buy portions of loans from a financial group in Minnesota, the moves seemed to pay off with about \$8 million of profit. A May 11 lawsuit claims, however, that Merrillville-based Centier Bank and Munster-based Peoples Bank SB profited off victims involved in an \$80 million Ponzi scheme run by a Lakeville, Minnesota man, and now the two are being sued to pay back the money. According to the lawsuit, filed in the U.S. district court in Hammond, the man gave loans to people through his company First United Funding. He would then sell portions of the loans to other banks, which made money when people paid back the principal and interest. However, in 2002, First United started defrauding the banks by either selling more portions to a loan than existed, or by selling portions of loans that never existed. According to the suit, Centier paid in 2005 and 2006 about \$8 million for portions of two loans, one of which never actually existed. First United paid Centier a little more than \$14 million on those supposed portions, meaning Centier made a profit of about \$6 million, according to the lawsuit. Peoples paid \$10 million for ownership of similar loans, receiving a profit of \$2 million from First United. Other banks that bought into similar loans were not as fortunate, the lawsuit says, and lost about \$80 million.

Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/5317518-537/two-nwi-banks-sued-over-income-made-in-mans-ponzi-scheme.html>

14. *May 11, CNN* – (International) **Connecticut fugitive arrested.** A 65-year-old suspect in a \$7 million Connecticut robbery was arrested May 10, more than 2 decades after the heist, the FBI in San Juan, Puerto Rico, said. The man was arrested in Cayey, Puerto Rico, the FBI said in a statement. The man is accused of participating in the armed robbery of a Connecticut Wells Fargo depot September 12, 1983. According to the FBI in Connecticut, the robbery of the armored car facility in West Hartford was one of the largest cash heists at the time, and dozens of collaborators have been arrested. A federal arrest warrant was issued in August 1985 charging the man with obstruction of commerce by robbery and conspiracy, the FBI said. Another warrant was issued in March 1986 charging the man with bank robbery, aggravated robbery, theft from interstate shipment, foreign and interstate transportation of stolen money, and conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery, the FBI said. If convicted, he could face 275 years of imprisonment. The FBI said the man, a native of Puerto Rico, is believed to be a member of the domestic terrorist organization Los Macheteros — or “the machete wielders” — which has claimed responsibility for several murders, armed robberies, and terrorist bombings.

Source: <http://www.wibw.com/nationalnews/headlines/Connecticut-Fugitive-Arrested-121650804.html>

15. *May 11, Louisville Courier Journal and Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Two convicted in Kentucky oil investment scam.** A Kentucky oilman and a Lexington lawyer were convicted of fraud May 1 for bilking more than \$33 million from 500 people by promising high returns on oil field investments and using the money instead to buy cars, jewelry, and other luxuries. The convictions came after a 3-week trial in U.S. district court in Lexington., Kentucky, and capped an investigation that ramped up after the oilman threw a lavish Sweet 16 party for his daughter that was featured on MTV. The oil man was convicted on multiple wire, mail, and securities fraud counts. The men face up to 20 years in prison at their August 24 sentencing. The government claimed the two men conspired to sell a “pipe dream” that had no chance of paying off because there was not enough oil underground in the entire state to make the investors whole, let alone reward them with a profit. Drilling in Green and Adair counties produced mainly dry holes. In closing arguments, the assistant U.S. attorney said the defendants operated a pyramid scheme, with payments from new investors given to longer-term investors, and some people received no money.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110511/NEWS01/305110113/Two-convicted-Kentucky-oil-investment-scam?odyssey=nav/head>

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Sideswiped bus veers into light pole on southeast Texas highway, killing 1 and injuring 21.** A pickup truck sideswiped a bus

and sent it careering into a light pole on a southeast Texas highway, killing 1 passenger and leaving 21 others injured, authorities said May 12. The Valley Transit Greyhound bus was travelling from Houston to the border city of McAllen late May 11 when it crashed just south of Victoria, a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) trooper told the Houston Chronicle. The truck was pulling onto U.S. 77 from a side street when it ran into the 24-passenger bus, causing it to veer into the utility pole, he said. The pickup truck was towing another pickup when the accident occurred, the DPS spokesman said. The truck driver was issued a ticket for failing to yield the right of way at an intersection. The DPS has launched an investigation into the crash.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/sideswiped-bus-veers-into-texas-highway-utility-pole-killing-1-and-injuring-21/2011/05/12/AFvrL9xG\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/sideswiped-bus-veers-into-texas-highway-utility-pole-killing-1-and-injuring-21/2011/05/12/AFvrL9xG_story.html)

17. *May 12, USA Today* – (National) **DOT to investigate controller errors.** U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) auditors May 11 said they will investigate the sharp increase in the number of errors reported by air-traffic controllers. Errors in which controllers allowed planes to get too close together rose from 1,040 to 1,887 from 2007 to 2010, an 81 percent jump, the Federal Aviation Administration reported earlier this year. The agency said that errors have risen because of several efforts to improve internal reporting, not as a result of safety problems. The DOT Inspector General will examine the increase in errors, and also a program begun many years ago that gives controllers who come forward about their own errors immunity from punishment. The investigation was requested by House and Senate lawmakers. It comes as controllers are facing scrutiny for nine incidents reported earlier this year where controllers fell asleep, watched a video, or made errors involving the plane of the U.S. President's wife.  
Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/post/2011/05/controller-investigation/169889/1>
18. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Southwest flight makes emergency landing in Okla.** Southwest Airlines said a flight from Kansas City, Missouri, to Dallas, Texas, made an emergency landing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, after the aircraft's crew reported a problem with the heating element for a windshield in the cockpit. A Southwest Airlines Company spokesman said the plane landed safely May 10. He said the pilot decided to stop in Oklahoma City and change planes "out of an abundance of caution" after noticing a heating element was malfunctioning. He said the Boeing 737 had 44 passengers and 5 crew members on board at the time of the incident.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9N58QB80.htm>
19. *May 11, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Mountain snow creates travel trouble.** A late spring storm brought rain and snow to the high country, May 11, creating treacherous driving conditions on Interstate 70 in Georgetown, Colorado. Due to the large volume of accidents on the stretch of interstate between Georgetown and the Eisenhower–Johnson Memorial Tunnels, the Colorado Department of Transportation temporarily closed the highway to clear the wrecks. The stretch of highway was closed for about 1 hour.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/27860947/detail.html>



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## Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *May 10, News of Cumberland County* – (New Jersey) **Former Bridgeton postmaster in federal court for allegedly stealing \$17,000 from U.S. Postal Service.** The former Bridgeton, New Jersey postmaster has been charged with stealing more than \$17,000 in fraudulent checks from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) during his tenure in charge of the city post office. He made his first appearance in federal court May 10 in Camden, where he was released on a \$50,000 bond after waiving his preliminary hearing, according to officials. The case is scheduled to pick up again in 60 days. “Basically, the allegation is that [the defendant] input fictitious hours into the U.S. Postal Service payroll system (for an employee who had since resigned),” said a special agent with the USPS Office of Inspector General. “[He] then intercepted those checks that came in, and he transferred the money to his own account.” In all, the suspect allegedly claimed 15 fraudulent checks totaling \$17,792.78 between August 2009 and September 2010. He is charged with misappropriation of postal funds and aiding and abetting.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2011/05/former\\_bridgeton\\_postmaster\\_in.html](http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2011/05/former_bridgeton_postmaster_in.html)

21. *May 10, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Man charged in beating of New Bedford postal supervisor.** A New Bedford, Massachusetts man was charged May 10 with assaulting a supervisor with the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. attorney for Boston said. According to the criminal complaint in the case, the man was speaking with the supervisor at around 5:45 p.m. May 6 when he began to beat the supervisor with his fists, the U.S. attorney said. The attack occurred outside the main post office on Pleasant Street in New Bedford, the attorney said. After a struggle, police arrived and the supervisor was taken to a hospital and found to have suffered a broken pelvis, two cracked ribs, and several facial lacerations, he added. If convicted, the suspect faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine. He is due back in court May 17.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking\\_news/2011/05/man\\_charged\\_in\\_11.html](http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2011/05/man_charged_in_11.html)

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *May 12, ABC News* – (National) **Alarm over rural veterinarian shortage.** More than 1,500 counties in the United States are without a single veterinarian to treat animals, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) said. That amounts to 44 states with at least one shortage area, designated annually by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). “This has been bad and getting worse for a number of years,” the

CEO of the American AVMA said. “There has not been a time when it was worse than it is now.” The shortage is most acute in states with the most food-producing animals, such as cows, chickens, and pigs. In Idaho, 33 of its 44 counties are in need of rural veterinarians; in South Dakota, more than a dozen counties have more than 25,000 food-producing animals, but no food-animal veterinarians. In 2010, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designated 187 veterinary shortage areas nationwide. Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas top the list. The problem extends beyond protecting animals. Almost 70 percent of human diseases have an animal origin, the AVMA CEO said, and are often caused by bacteria such as salmonella and E. coli transmitted to humans from animals.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/alarm-rural-veterinarian-shortage/story?id=13573184>

23. *May 12, Food Safety News* – (Florida) **Oyster outbreak a first for mild strain of cholera.** The raw Florida oysters that sickened at least 11 people during March and April were contaminated with an unusual but mild strain of cholera. “This is the first outbreak of illness from this strain of cholera in Florida, and we have yet to be able to find any other cases in the United States,” a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) spokesman said. The toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* O75 strain detected in the oysters, from one of Apalachicola Bay’s most productive oyster zones, is related to *V. cholerae* O1 and O139 that cause cholera epidemics, but the O75 strain causes less severe illness. “There are stomachaches and diarrhea for a couple of days and then it’s over,” the director of FDAC’s Division of Aquaculture said. “There have been no hospitalizations and everyone recovered.” The oysters that caused the illnesses were harvested between March 21 and April 6 from a 2-mile section of Apalachicola Bay near Eastpoint called Area 1642. State officials were cooperating with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference in investigating the outbreak. The FDACS spokesman said these strains of cholera occur naturally in sea and coastal waters, but could also occur from pollution sources such as sewerage outflows. He said the investigation has led to speculation that a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging operation, conducted between February 21 and March 22, may have stirred up organisms on the floor of the bay that led to the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/05/oyster-outbreak-a-first-for-mild-strain-of-cholera/>

24. *May 11, HawaiiNewsNow.com* – (Hawaii) **Coffee bean pest found in Pahala.** The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) confirmed the detection of a coffee berry borer (CBB) beetle infestation at a farm in Pahala in the Kau District on Hawaii Island. This is the first detection of a CBB infestation on a Kau farm. Kau is a major coffee-growing area, and surveys are currently being conducted to determine the extent of the infestation. CBB (*Hypothenemus hampei*), was first confirmed on farms in the Kona area in September 2010, and is widely established on the west side of the island. Staff from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)’s Agricultural Research Service, University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, and HDOA have been working with Kona coffee farmers to try to control infestations

with the use of an insect-killing fungus, and field sanitation practices. CBB is native to Central Africa, and is also found in many coffee-growing regions of the world, including Central and South America. The beetle bores into the coffee berry to lay its eggs. The larvae feed on the coffee bean, reducing the yield and quality of the bean. Because the larvae are inside the bean, it makes it difficult to control with pesticides. Inspectors from the Hilo USDA - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection & Quarantine are also assisting HDOA in surveying for CBB in Kau. Source: <http://bigisland.hawaii.newsnow.com/news/environment/coffee-bean-pest-found-pahala/55751>

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## **Water Sector**

25. *May 12, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Wayne, Oakland, Macomb released sewage into waterways, report says.** Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties are among a dozen in Michigan that have released a combined 15 billion gallons of sewage into the state's lakes, rivers, and streams since January, according a report released May 11. But the charges caused a flurry of indignation from counties and municipalities that said the statistics are misleading. The Michigan Infrastructure Transportation Association (MITA) quoted state department of environmental quality data that calculated the release of all treated and untreated sewage. MITA dubbed the counties the "Dirty Dozen". Local officials said the report overstates the level of pollution by lumping together untreated raw sewage and partially treated discharges that happen when pipes and basins become overloaded by rain. When that happens, partially treated sewage that has had bacteria, viruses, and solid materials removed is released, but treated discharges are not harmful to humans and meet federal discharge standards. A greater threat is non-source point pollution where the exact source cannot be determined. That can be anything from road oil or lawn fertilizer washed into storm drains, to major pollution such as the PCB pollution in a St. Clair Shores canal. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been working there for years to determine its source.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110512/NEWS06/105120543/Wayne-Oakland-Macomb-released-sewage-into-waterways-report-says?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

26. *May 12, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Illinois) **Upgraded water quality standards needed for portions of Chicago area waterway system.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notified the State of Illinois May 12 that water quality standards for portions of the Chicago and Calumet Rivers must be upgraded to protect the health and safety of people who recreate in these waterways. The changes are necessary because an increasing number of people are coming into direct contact with the water through kayaking, canoeing, boating, jet, and water skiing, and other forms of recreation. To attain the new water quality standards, the Metropolitan Water

Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) will likely be required to disinfect sewage discharged into the waterway system from its North Side and Calumet treatment plants. MWRDGC ceased disinfection at these facilities in the mid-1980s.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/1e5ab1124055f3b28525781f0042ed40/d25839bbae91c1388525788e0036da49!OpenDocument>

27. *May 12, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **12 evacuated after water main breaks on Sepulveda in Torrance.** A dozen people were evacuated from a two-story Torrance, California office building that was red-tagged May 11 after a yawning sinkhole opened up at Hickory Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. Firefighters shut the eastbound lanes of Sepulveda Boulevard between Madrona Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. By late afternoon, workers were filling in the hole and hoped to have the stretch of Sepulveda opened by rush hour the morning of May 12. The hole began to open around 11 a.m. What eventually grew to become a roughly 12-foot-deep, 15-foot-wide, and 20-foot-long sinkhole appeared as city crews replaced a defective fire hydrant on the sidewalk outside the office building. A valve connecting the 6-inch water pipe to a 16-inch pipe below the surface apparently failed, a senior water service supervisor for the City of Torrance said. Crews had shut off the water to the smaller line and notified local businesses the day before that they would be temporarily without water. It was unclear why the valve failed. Thousands of gallons gushed from the broken water main, flooding the eastbound lanes with water and mud several feet thick in places. The westbound lanes were also temporarily closed, but reopened fairly quickly. Building inspectors red-tagged the structure with signs that read “seriously damaged and unsafe to occupy” at about 3 p.m. However, the structure did not appear to have sustained irreparable damage.

Source: [http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_18041486](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_18041486)

28. *May 11, Napa Valley Register* – (California) **Napa lost 1 million gallons during water line rupture.** City crews in Napa, California, worked May 11 to repair the city’s main water transmission line from Jamieson Canyon that broke May 10, causing water pressure to dip for thousands of residential and business customers. An estimated 1 million gallons of water spilled in a field on the 1300 block of Foster Road after a section of the 36-inch concrete pipe broke south of Snow School, according to city officials. The line, installed in 1948, carried water under a lot of pressure. The break occurred when a collar between pipe segments popped, the city’s water general manager said. That led to a 4-foot break 30 minutes later, she said. City crews were able to isolate the break and stop the water torrent by 7 p.m. May 10. They remained at the site until 12:30 a.m. May 11, before resuming the repairs after daybreak, she said. Changes in water content in the soil around the pipe during the winter rains may have caused the soil to swell then shrink, causing the pipe to shift and rupture, she said. Exactly how many customers completely lost water service is not yet known, officials said. A far greater number were hit with reduced pressure. For many, the city’s tap water turned brown from stirred up sediment in the lines. As many as 20,000 customers are in the areas where water pressure was affected. The city’s water general manager estimated that overall, the incident will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000, including

\$4,000 for the 1 million-gallon water loss.

Source: [http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/article\\_a2621948-7c13-11e0-8bee-001cc4c002e0.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/article_a2621948-7c13-11e0-8bee-001cc4c002e0.html)

29. *May 11, Lakeland Ledger* – (Florida) **Burst water pipe loses 4 million gallons in north Winter Haven, boil-water alert.** A burst underground water pipe on Winter Haven, Florida’s north side, May 10, caused 4 million gallons of city water to flow into a field. The big leak created the need for the city to issue a boil-drinking water mandate to people in about 50 buildings in the area, mostly homes. The water leaked from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The city’s utility maintenance division director said an older pipe near a water main and underneath the fire hydrant “blew the fire hydrant off.” Winter Haven’s chief water plant operator believed the leak only drained about two thirds of the water from two city water towers, and one third of the water from a third tower. Workers have pumped the three water towers back to full. On May 11, city workers repaired sidewalks near the fire hydrant that were torn up to repair the leak. The boil water directive to people in the 50 homes and businesses should last another day or two, officials said. People in the boil-water area will be notified by the city through various means when it is okay to stop boiling water.

Source:

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20110511/NEWS/110519880/1001/BUSINESS?Title=Burst-Water-Pipe-Loses-4-Million-Gallons-in-North-Winter-Haven-Boil-Water-Alert&tc=ar>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *May 11, Columbus Dispatch* – (Illinois; Ohio) **Doctor convicted in oxycodone case.** A Chicago, Illinois doctor who conspired with a local pharmacist to illegally prescribe and dispense oxycodone and other painkillers in Ohio has been found guilty by a federal jury. The 64-year-old man was part of a scheme that led to numerous deaths of people who were addicted to the painkillers and then overdosed, federal prosecutors said. They said the doctor prescribed millions of doses of painkillers from three locations in Portsmouth, and one in Chillicothe. The jury found him guilty May 9 of 12 counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. Four of those counts involved deaths. He also was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, four counts of operating or maintaining a drug premises, and one count of possessing a gun while drug trafficking. He faces at least 20 years in prison and will remain in custody until sentencing. The government put 70 witnesses on the stand, including former employees and clients, pharmacists who refused to fill prescriptions for his patients, and family members of victims. As part of the investigation, a Near East Side pharmacist was charged in a 229-count indictment with conspiring with the doctor and filling prescriptions the doctor wrote despite knowing they were not for legitimate medical purposes. The 42-year-old man ran the East Main Street Pharmacy,

1336 E. Main St., and filled more than 5,500 prescriptions for high-dose oxycodone and other drugs between September 2005 and February 2006. He pleaded guilty in January in U.S. district court in Columbus to single counts of unlawfully distributing oxycodone, filing false income-tax returns, and structuring — breaking one cash deposit into several smaller ones to evade U.S. Treasury Department reporting rules. Under a plea agreement, he would be sentenced to 18 months to 2 years in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2011/05/11/doctor-convicted-in-oxycodone-case.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/05/11/doctor-convicted-in-oxycodone-case.html?sid=101)

31. *May 11, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Police shoot man in hospital ER.** Witnesses said a police officer shot a patient in the leg during a struggle in the emergency room at the Maria Parham Medical Center in Henderson, North Carolina, May 11. It happened just before 1 p.m. at the facility off Interstate 85 and Ruin Creek Road. According to investigators, the man was a mental patient taken to the hospital for involuntary commitment. Witnesses said the man became agitated and did not respond to verbal attempts to calm him down. Police said the situation escalated when the man attacked the officer. The officer used pepper spray and a Taser to try and subdue the patient, but was struck in the head and began to lose consciousness. The officer then took out his gun and shot the patient. Both the patient and officer were being treated at the hospital and were listed in good condition, May 11. The state bureau of investigation was on scene reviewing the incident, which is standard in any police involved shooting.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=8125403>

32. *May 11, ABC News* – (National) **Bedbugs can carry drug-resistant bacteria: study.** A new report suggests bedbugs can carry drug-resistant bacteria — better known as “superbugs.” Canadian researchers found methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus faecium* (VRE) on bedbugs collected from three hospitalized patients, according to the report published May 11 in *Emerging Infectious Diseases* — the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s journal. But whether the bugs can actually infect a person remains unclear. “There is no evidence that bedbugs can infect people with disease,” the director of clinical microbiology and immunology at New York University’s Langone Medical Center said. But *Staphylococcus aureus* — a bacterium with a knack for entering the body through broken skin — could theoretically make the leap from pest to person, researchers said. “The claim that bedbugs can spread MRSA is unproven but not a misguided thought,” an infectious disease specialist at Harvard Medical School said. For the claim to be true, scientists would have to prove that a person’s MRSA infection came from the bedbug and not the patient’s skin — a tricky experiment, given that bedbugs escape their hosts undetected. Most healthy people have immune systems that can stave off MRSA and VRE infections, according to the chief of infectious diseases at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Wellness/bedbugs-carry-drug-resistant-bacteria-study/story?id=13571434>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

33. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Tazewell County school evacuated after student brings disarmed grenade to show friends.** Administrators at Abbs-Valley Boissevain Elementary School in Boissevain, Virginia, evacuated classes May 11 after a student brought a hand grenade to show his friends. A Tazewell County sheriff's sergeant told the Bluefield Daily Telegraph that the hand grenade was disarmed and was used for training. The principal said the grenade had a military serial number and a pin. She said the student brought the device to school in a backpack to show his friends. School officials put the grenade in a bucket, took it to the edge of the campus, and called 911 and the school board. The student will be disciplined.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3c1d9117b2a74e50b0d4a3c7998339eb/VA--Grenade-Evacuation/>

34. *May 12, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **2 men arrested on charges in fake document mill in Detroit.** Two men were arrested May 11 on charges they ran a fake document mill in Detroit, Michigan, that made phony passports, Michigan IDs, birth certificates, and Social Security cards. According to documents in U.S. district court, the pair ran the operation out of a Detroit business called Flyerman Graphics. They offered fake documents for a variety of fees — such as \$1,000 for a passport, \$700 for a combo package that included a birth certificate and Social Security card, and \$350 for a Michigan ID card, records allege. The 40-year-old suspect and the 45-year-old suspect were charged according to an affidavit disclosed May 12 in U.S. district court in Detroit. The arrests were the result of an undercover operation by agents with the U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. Agents, with the help of a confidential source, conducted five separate purchases of counterfeit documents, court records show.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110512/NEWS01/105120436/2-men-arrested-charges-fake-document-mill-Detroit>

35. *May 12, Stars and Stripes* – (International) **Rising waters in Korea force evacuation of 200 U.S. soldiers.** More than 200 U.S. soldiers had to be evacuated by helicopter May 11 after rising waters left them stranded at a training area near Chung Ju, South Korea. No one was injured during the evacuation. According to a 2nd Infantry Division release, several days of rain caused the Chung Ju River to rise, washing out an access road leading into Training Area Tom, where 2nd Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, and 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade soldiers had gathered for an exercise. South Korean army units were called to the scene to assist in a possible water rescue. However, it was determined the best way to get the U.S. soldiers to safety was by helicopter.

Source: <http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/korea/rising-waters-in-korea-force-evacuation-of-200-u-s-soldiers-1.143373>

36. *May 11, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Police: ‘Unprecedented’ SJSU shooting investigated as a murder-suicide.** An apparent murder-suicide that left two men and a woman dead in a San Jose State University parking garage in San Jose, California were the first killings on the campus since 1994. The motive for the May 10 killings is still being investigated. A university spokeswoman said the victims were connected to the university. The shooting in the garage was reported at 8:36 p.m. as students were coming and going from evening classes. Several witnesses were in the garage at the time, and they have been interviewed by police. Campus police are leading the investigation, although they are getting help from San Jose Police Department homicide investigators, as well as crime scene veterans. The killing was not gang related, and none of those involved had criminal records. A university public address system was activated within about 30 minutes of the shooting, telling people in classrooms and school offices that there was no threat to the campus community. An e-mail alert followed more than an hour after that with a similar message from university police, saying the “suspect is in custody.”  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci\\_18040590?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_18040590?nclick_check=1)
37. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Tractor-trailer rig carrying explosives from McAlester Army Ammunition Plant crashes in Okla.** A tractor-trailer rig carrying 28,000 pounds of explosives from the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma, crashed and overturned May 11 on Interstate 40 in Oklahoma City. Westbound lanes of the interstate were shut down just past the interchange with Interstate 35, and traffic was being diverted onto I-35 northbound, according to a spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Eastbound lanes of the interstate remained open. The deputy fire chief said officials were waiting for the military to give authorization for the load to be checked. He described the collision as minor, and said there were no major injuries. A McAlester Army Ammunition Plant spokeswoman said the accident is under investigation and had no further information or comment. An Oklahoma Highway Patrol captain said the semi was owned by Chalich Trucking, Inc. The collision occurred when a van collided with the semi.  
Source:  
<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/47b17aac529242d2911234d078f76d2b/OK--Semi-Crash-Munitions/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *May 12, Smith Mountain Eagle* – (Virginia) **Alerting system used county-wide for 1st time.** Franklin County, Virginia’s Citizens Alerting System was used county-wide for the first time April 28 when tornadoes that struck parts of Southwest Virginia damaged equipment that handles 911 calls for several counties, including Franklin. During the 911 outage April 28, the system was activated at about 6 p.m. and began sending out messages. Some 25,812 telephones were called over a 2-hour period with 3,680



messages left on answering machines, and 15,821 calls answered by a person. The system is designed to call up to three times if there is no answer or the system receives a busy signal.

Source: [http://smithmountaineagle.com/articles/2011/05/11/news/m\\_alerting\\_system.txt](http://smithmountaineagle.com/articles/2011/05/11/news/m_alerting_system.txt)

39. *May 11, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Some contraband found in Metro jail safety lockdown.** Several home-made knives, cell phones, a straight razor, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs were confiscated May 11 as part of a search of Metro Corrections in Louisville, Kentucky. The jail was on lockdown for much of the day as officials conducted a cell-by-cell search, according to a Metro Corrections spokeswoman. The surprise search, which is common to locate contraband and identify security breaches, was done as part of a large-scale effort to ensure safety for all inmates and staff, the spokeswoman said. A special operations team of corrections officers conducted the search, known as Operation Safe Jail. The Louisville Metro Police gang unit and the Kentucky Department of Corrections also assisted. The lockdown, which limited non-essential movement in and out of the jail, began at 7:30 a.m. All inmate visits were canceled, and no volunteers were being allowed into the jail until the search was completed.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110511/NEWS01/305110062/Metro-jail-lockdown-safety-search?odyssey=nav|head>

40. *May 11, Independence Examiner* – (Missouri; National) **EOC to participate in earthquake drill.** The emergency operations center at Independence, Missouri Fire Station No. 1 will take part in an exercise the week of May 16, simulating responses to bad earthquakes along the New Madrid fault, much of which is in southeastern Missouri. Communities across an eight-state area from Missouri to Alabama will take part in the exercise. The idea is to test communications, evacuation plans, how emergency operations centers run, how to deal with a surge in demand for medical care, getting information to the public, moving and distributing resources, and plans to have people “shelter in place” during emergencies. Agencies such as the state emergency management agency in Missouri will take part, too. The emergency operations center at the fire station — a facility run jointly by the city and Jackson County — will be open throughout the 5-day exercise.

Source: <http://www.examiner.net/news/x1058162246/EOC-to-participate-in-earthquake-drill>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

41. *May 12, The Register* – (International) **CERT warns of critical industrial control bug.** A group collaborating with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team is warning oil refineries, power plants, and other industrial facilities of a bug in a popular piece of software that could allow attackers to take control of their computer systems.

The vulnerability in the Genesis32 and BizViz products made by Massachusetts-based Iconics could allow attackers to remotely execute malicious code on machines that run these supervisory control and data acquisition programs (SCADA), the Industrial Control Systems CERT warned May 11. The programs are used to control equipment used in factories, water, wastewater and electric utilities, and oil and gas refineries. The vulnerability stems from a stack-overflow bug found in an ActiveX control used by the SCADA programs and can be exploited to gain command-execution capability, researchers from Australasia-based Security-Assessment.com warned. “By passing a specially crafted string to the ‘SetActiveXGUID’ method, it is possible to overflow a static buffer and execute arbitrary code on the user’s machine with the privileges of the logged on user,” the researchers warned. They included a proof-of-concept exploit written in JavaScript. Iconics has updated the vulnerable component to plug the security hole. According to the advisory, version 9.22 of Genesis32 and BizViz is not susceptible to the attack.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/12/critical\\_iconics\\_scada\\_bug/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/12/critical_iconics_scada_bug/)

42. *May 12, Softpedia* – (International) **ZeuS distributed as fake Windows security updates.** A wave of fake e-mails distributing a variant of the notorious ZeuS banking trojan and posing as Windows security update notifications has been in circulation for almost a week. According to security researchers from e-mail and Web security vendor AppRiver, the spam campaign began May 6 in advance of Microsoft’s Patch May 10 and was still running May 12. The fake e-mails purport to come from Microsoft Canada and bear a subject of “URGENT: Critical Security Update.” Recipients are advised to download and install an important patch released by Microsoft for all versions of Windows, which is actually a trojan. The scam is not very well constructed, with text poorly spelled. In addition, the update claims to also apply to Windows 98 and 2000, versions of Windows which are no longer supported by Microsoft, while Windows Vista is missing from the list. The perpetrator may have copied an old spam template and made small changes to it, such as adding Windows 7 to the enumeration. No efforts have been made to obfuscate or hide the true destination of the download link, which points to a location under the twotowers(dot)ca domain name.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ZeuS-Distributed-as-Fake-Windows-Security-Updates-200039.shtml>

43. *May 12, Softpedia* – (International) **More rogue apps pulled from Android market.** Google pulled another set of trojanized apps from the Android market that were silently subscribing users to premium rate services via SMS. According to security researchers from AegisLab who analyzed the malicious code, the apps contained an SMS trojan. They were posted by a user named “zsone” and had names like iBook, iCartoon, iCalendar, iMine, iMatch, iGuide, LoveBaby, 3D Cube horror terrible, Sea Ball, Shake Break, or ShakeBanger. The number of affected apps might be larger, and Google is still investigating more suspicious ones, but at the moment, those have been confirmed as malicious. It appears SMS trojan is targeting Chinese users because it sends subscription codes to special numbers that only work in China. Also, the attackers have been taken measures to hide the malicious behavior. It is unclear if the rogue subscriptions result in a one-time charge or if users have their accounts billed

monthly for the fake service. Many experts find the increasing trend of uploading trojanized apps on the official Android Market troubling, especially since there is little oversight from Google regarding the publishing process.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/More-Rogue-Apps-Pulled-from-Android-Market-199944.shtml>

44. *May 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Facebook denies privacy breach allegations by Symantec.** Facebook May 11 denied it may have accidentally exposed personal user data to advertisers and other third parties for several years, as claimed the week of May 9 by two security researchers at Symantec Corp. The researchers noted May 10 that a Facebook programming error — since fixed — could have allowed advertisers to access member profiles, photographs, and chat messages, and to post messages and mine personal data from them. According to Symantec, the leaks stemmed from a faulty API used by developers of Facebook applications. It caused “hundreds of thousands” of Facebook applications to accidentally expose access tokens granted by users to Facebook applications. Facebook downplayed the issue and argued Symantec’s report has a “few inaccuracies.” A Facebook spokeswoman noted, “We appreciate Symantec raising this issue and we worked with them to address it immediately.” But, “specifically, no private information could have been passed to third parties, and the vast majority of tokens expire within two hours,” she said. “The report also ignores the contractual obligations of advertisers and developers, which prohibit them from obtaining or sharing user information in a way that violates our policies,” the spokeswoman said.
- Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216629/Facebook\\_denies\\_privacy\\_breach\\_allegations\\_by\\_Symantec](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216629/Facebook_denies_privacy_breach_allegations_by_Symantec)
45. *May 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Google engineers deny Chrome hack exploited browser’s code.** Several Google security engineers have countered claims that security company Vupen found a vulnerability in Chrome that could let attackers hijack Windows PCs running the company’s browser. Instead, those engineers said the bug Vupen exploited to hack Chrome was in Adobe’s Flash, which Google has bundled with the browser for over a year. Google’s official position, however, has not changed since May 9, when Vupen announced it had successfully hacked Chrome by sidestepping not only the browser’s built-in “sandbox” but also by evading Windows 7’s integrated anti-exploit technologies. But others who work for Google were certain at least one of the flaws Vupen exploited was in Flash’s code, not Chrome’s.
- Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216627/Google\\_engineers\\_deny\\_Chrome\\_hack\\_exploited\\_browser\\_s\\_code](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216627/Google_engineers_deny_Chrome_hack_exploited_browser_s_code)
46. *May 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft leaves Mac Office users in the lurch, says researcher.** Microsoft May 10 told Mac Office users it does not yet have a fix for a PowerPoint bug it patched for Windows customers. “Security updates for Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac, Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac, and Open XML File Format Converter for Mac are unavailable at this time,” the company’s MS11-036

security bulletin said. “Microsoft will issue updates for these software when testing is complete, to ensure a high degree of quality for their release.” MS11-036 was part of May’s two-update Patch May 10, and closed a pair of holes rated “important” in PowerPoint 2002, 2003, and 2007 on Windows. Only one of the two bugs affects Office for Mac 2004 and Office for Mac 2008. The newest versions, Office 2010 on Windows and Office for Mac 2011, do not contain the vulnerabilities. A Microsoft’s spokesman May 11 declined to spell out a timetable for May’s missing Mac patch, saying only the company is working on a fix. According to MS11-036, attackers can hijack a Windows PC or Mac by convincing victims to open a malformed PowerPoint file, such as one attached to an e-mail message or available for viewing and downloading from a malicious Web site.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216620/Microsoft\\_leaves\\_Mac\\_Office\\_users\\_in\\_the\\_lurch\\_says\\_researcher](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216620/Microsoft_leaves_Mac_Office_users_in_the_lurch_says_researcher)

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### 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

47. *May 12, Politico* – (National) **FCC wants Web phone outage reports.** Phone companies have long been on the hook for reporting service outages to federal regulators when the dial tone goes dead in the midst of a storm or equipment woes. Now that so many consumers and businesses are relying on Internet-based phones, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering whether to extend those reporting requirements into the digital age. The FCC is expected at its meeting May 12 to propose possible new rules that could require Internet service and voice over Internet protocol — or VoIP — providers to explain when service is interrupted. The big difference, ISPs and VoIP providers argue, is current rules that apply to a world of telephone lines that travel over a centrally switched network are inappropriate for a communications system that relies on digital packets and cloud computing. But sources told Politico the FCC is likely to make the case it has authority to require the outage reports. The panel is expected to ask for public input as to whether the reports should be kept confidential, and what the standard should be for defining an outage. The FCC is also expected to tie the reporting requirements with the efficacy of the 911 system, the sources said. With more than 20 million Americans using VoIP, network outages are particularly problematic when they cause emergency systems to go down.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/default/article/FCC-wants-Web-phone-outage-reports-1376489.php>

48. *May 10, KNVX 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Arizona man caught stealing relay radio antenna.** A northern Arizona man was arrested May 6 for allegedly trying to steal a large antenna from a radio relay station. The Mohave County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) said the 32-year-old man was caught when deputies responded to a call of a burglary in progress at the station near Jurassic Drive and Estrella Road around 3:30 p.m. in Golden Valley. Officials said deputies found a male subject with a Chevrolet Suburban and flatbed trailer loading the large antenna onto the trailer. The man was detained and admitted taking items from the relay station to a recycling center. Deputies had recently visited the station and noticed metal and other items missing, the MCSO said. Deputies checked with the recycling center and confirmed that the suspect had recently turned in items for which he was paid. The man was booked into Mohave County Jail for burglary, theft, aggravated criminal damage, and trafficking in stolen property. The investigation continues and more arrests are pending, according to authorities.

Source: [http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region\\_northern\\_az/lake\\_havasu/arizona-man-caught-stealing-relay-radio-antenna](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_northern_az/lake_havasu/arizona-man-caught-stealing-relay-radio-antenna)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *May 12, CNN* – (New York) **Terror plot against New York synagogue busted.** Two men suspected of planning an attack on a Manhattan synagogue were arrested by New York City police May 11, two law enforcement sources told CNN May 12. The suspects had not yet selected which synagogue, one of the sources told CNN. "The men bought three or four guns and a hand grenade and that's when the arrests were made," according to the source who asked not to be identified. The men were arrested on a street on the west side of Manhattan, in a sting that was part of a New York City Police Department undercover operation, the two law enforcement sources said. The terror threat "was on the radar screen for a few months," well before the leader of al Qaida was killed by the U.S. military in Pakistan, one of the law enforcement sources said. The men appear to be lone wolves acting on their own, the sources said. They noted the men are of North African descent. At least one of the men is a U.S. citizen. The men offered no resistance during the arrest. Their plot appears to be more aspirational than operational, because they had not worked out details, one of the sources said.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/05/12/new.york.terror.arrests/>

50. *May 12, The Register* – (International) **Scammers take advantage of ticket allocation to craft Olympics scams.** Fraudsters have begun ramping up the production of scams ahead of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England next July. The ticket allocation lottery process has been accompanied by two email-borne scams, with more likely to follow, Trend Micro warns. The first of the scam messages comes with a .DOC

attachment that asks for personal information such as mobile number, PIN number, and security code among others. The use of an attachment is designed to evade less sophisticated e-mail filters. Another slew of spammed messages falsely informs would-be marks they have won the London 2012 Olympics Lottery, a non-existent draw purportedly organized by the “National Lottery Board of United Kingdom”. The e-mail invites recipients to respond with sensitive information such as their name, address, and date of birth as a possible prelude to an advanced-fee fraud scam. Marks would be induced to pay escalating sums of money up front to get their hands on non-existent winnings. The ID theft and 419-lite (AKA lottery) scams are a classic accompaniment to landmark sporting events, such as the World Cup and the Olympics.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/12/olympics\\_scams/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/12/olympics_scams/)

51. *May 11, Rockford Register Star* – (Illinois) **Pipe bomb found in Loves Park safely detonated.** Police evacuated businesses and homes near a North Second Street auto service shop in Loves Park, Illinois May 11 after employees there found a pipe bomb strapped inside the tailpipe of a vehicle. A vehicle came in for routine work at F&F Tire World, 5302 N. Second Street, and a mechanic immediately noticed something out of the ordinary. “We put it on the lift and found a little pipe strapped to the exhaust,” a mechanic said. Workers took the bomb off the vehicle and placed it in a bucket before calling police. Members of the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department Bomb Squad detonated the device about 10 a.m. The Loves Park deputy chief said police analyzed the bomb before the detonation to determine how it was made. The 5300 block of North Second Street was blocked off for several hours as police and investigators with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched the scene. Police said no charges have been filed and no suspects have been arrested.  
Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/news/publicsafety/x1539859187/Pipe-bomb-found-on-car-at-Loves-Park-business>

52. *May 11, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **2 injured in West End apartment fire Wednesday.** Two residents had to be taken to local hospitals after a fire broke out at the Metropolitan Apartments in the West End area of Nashville, Tennessee, around 1:30 a.m. May 11. Flames were seen shooting from the roof when firefighters arrived. There were reports that people had to jump off of third floor balconies to escape the fire. Two people were sent to the hospital. Harding Pike was shut down while crews worked to put out the fire. One person was transported to St. Thomas Hospital, and one person was taken to Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Both suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation. Officials said 24 units were damaged in the fire, and 15 of those were destroyed. Investigators are still trying to determine what caused the blaze. They believe it started on the second floor.  
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14623034/2-injured-in-west-end-apartment-fire-wednesday>

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *May 12, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Southwest NM fire now at more than 95 square miles.** Evacuations were lifted May 11 for Gila Hot Springs, New Mexico, although a fire burning for nearly 2 weeks in and near the rugged Gila Wilderness had grown to more than 95 square miles. The human-caused fire, which broke out April 28, moved past the Gila Cliff Dwellings without damaging the ancient American Indian ruins, a fire information officer said. The Gila National Forest May 11 implemented tougher fire and smoking restrictions because of drought and extreme fire danger. Fires and campfires are now prohibited, and smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles or buildings. Winds had whipped the fire across N. M. 15 in spots May 10, but crews held it away from the Cliff Dwellings Visitors' Center, the fire information officer said. Four surplus U.S. Forest Service trailers in the area burned, he said.  
Source: [http://www.lcsun-news.com/las\\_cruces-news/ci\\_18045238](http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_18045238)
54. *May 12, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona; Texas; New Mexico) **Wildfire predictions proving all too accurate.** Predictions of an early and vicious fire season are coming true, especially in a swath of the Southwest, where extreme drought and a killing freeze this winter combined to desiccate grass and shrubs. Fire restrictions are in place on most state and federal lands throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Dangerous fires break out daily. Southeastern Arizona, including the Tucson area, is now in the cross hairs. "From now until the monsoon, it's going to be hot and heavy," said the predictive services group leader for the Southwest Coordination Center. The only bright note he sounded was prediction of a productive monsoon in Southern Arizona and Eastern New Mexico that should bring rain, on time, in early July. He said an "extreme drought" zone correlates with maps of parched vegetation and fire danger in a swath that includes most of Texas, half of New Mexico, and the southeastern edge of Arizona.  
Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/wildfire/article\\_2a20cc68-fbcb-5eb3-9ffd-f3277b4ff728.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/wildfire/article_2a20cc68-fbcb-5eb3-9ffd-f3277b4ff728.html)
55. *May 11, Sierra Vista Herald* – (Arizona) **Horseshoe 2 fire at 10,000 acres.** The Horseshoe Two Fire continued burning south of Portal, Arizona, claiming more than 10,000 acres as of the afternoon of May 10. The human-caused fire has resulted in the recommended evacuation of hundreds of residents in the area by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, though some have refused to leave their homes, the sheriff said. Hazardous fire conditions in the area are attributed to strong winds and low humidity. Crews May 10 focused on holding the fire lines established on the eastern edge of the fire, and worked on re-establishing control lines from last year's Horseshoe fire. The 2010 Horseshoe Fire lasted more than a month and burned more than 3,400 acres in the Chiricahua Mountains, costing upwards of \$10 million. As of May 10, the Horseshoe Two Fire was 5 percent contained and approximately 271 personnel were involved in containment efforts.  
Source: <http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2011/05/11/horseshoe-2-fire-10000-acres>

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## **Dams Sector**

56. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Mississippi tops levee in northeast LA as farmers' effort to save fields fails.** The Mississippi River topped a levee north of Lake Providence in extreme northeast Louisiana, flooding croplands as an effort by farmers to shore up the 100-year-old structure was thwarted by the rising river. About 12,000 acres behind the 18-mile-long levee, mostly planted in corn and soybeans, were flooding May 12, though no homes appeared to be in danger in the thinly populated area. Area farmers pooled together and about 40 worked in recent days to stack about 1,800, 1-ton sandbags along the levee's weakest points, but the river crested higher than originally forecast and it topped the levee overnight. In Baton Rouge, about 90 miles to the north, crews worked to set in place tubes filled with water to effectively raise the height of levees in the downtown area by a foot and a half. The devices, known as Tiger Dams, will be anchored on about 2 miles of levee tops. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to open the huge Morganza spillway structure in the coming days. The Mississippi is expected to reach a flow of 1.5 million cubic feet per second May 14 at Red River Landing. The Corps said volume is the trigger for opening the spillway.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/db46b553d9d04761941cce93fb8c4724/LA--River-Flooding-Louisiana/>

57. *May 11, Reuters* – (International) **Manitoba to break dike on flooded river Thursday.** Manitoba officials planned to open a dike along the swollen Assiniboine River May 12, in a desperate move that would flood a vast swath of farmland and at least 150 homes in the Canadian Prairie province but prevent an even worse disaster. The Assiniboine flows from Saskatchewan eastward into Manitoba and has risen quickly due to rain and melting snow, resulting in a record-high level that would be expected only once in 300 years. The Canadian Army was called in earlier the week of May 9 to help fortify dikes. Provincial government officials said May 11 they would likely open the dike May 12, but only if dikes were at risk of failing or a permanent channel cannot divert additional floodwater from the river to Lake Manitoba. The breach would flood about 55,600 acres. The alternative would be to risk unplanned flooding over an area twice as large if the dike fails, Manitoba officials said, but they admit they cannot be sure where the water will go even with a planned release. The province has said it expects 150 homes to be flooded by the controlled release, but some local politicians said the number could be much higher.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/11/us-flooding-manitoba-idUSTRE7486LO20110511>

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