



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 18 May 2011

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- Credit Union Journal reports U.S. authorities are working through legal channels for the return of hundreds of millions of loan proceeds they believe were stolen from Ohio-based St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union in the biggest credit union fraud ever. (See item [12](#))
- According to CNN, as many as 25,000 homes and millions of acres of farmland could be flooded as federal officials seek to prevent the Mississippi River from devastating major cities in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. (See item [59](#))

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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 17, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP cites persistent flaws in Cabot wells and keeps drilling on hold in parts of Dimock.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will not yet allow Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. to resume operations in a 9-square-mile area of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania saying there appear to be persistent flaws in 22 of 43 of the company's gas wells in the area. The agency halted Cabot's operations in a section of Dimock Township in April 2010 after it found methane it attributed to faulty Cabot wells

seeping into 18 drinking water supplies. In December, Cabot and DEP agreed to a \$4.6 million settlement that opened the door for Cabot to resume drilling in the off-limits area by the end of April if it fixed the problem wells. In a letter the week of May 9, the DEP's oil and gas regional manager said Cabot had not fully complied with some of the requirements of the settlement. Pressure tests show gas is channeling between layers of cemented casing in 22 gas wells. Gas in the space between strings of casing, called the annular space, generally indicates the well has "defective, insufficient or improperly cemented casing," he wrote. The gas in 14 of the wells is of "most concern," the regional manager wrote, because it is present in the space between the outermost casing closest to water supplies and the next nested string of casing, indicating a leak or defective cement. The DEP also found Cabot has not resolved violations issued in January for defective casing in three additional gas wells drilled about 400 feet north of the affected area, the regional manager wrote.

Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-cites-persistent-flaws-in-cabot-wells-and-keeps-drilling-on-hold-in-parts-of-dimock-1.1147813#axzz1McaA2gz5>

2. *May 17, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Flying highway debris creates diesel mess in Southlake.** Diesel from a ruptured tanker truck that spilled onto the roadway forced authorities to close part of Texas 114 in Southlake, Texas. for much of the morning, May 17. No injuries were reported in the incident, which occurred about 6 a.m. in the westbound lanes of Texas 114 near Kimball Avenue. A local hazardous materials crew contained the spill, Southlake police said. Crews spent almost more than 5 hours cleaning the roadway and it was reopened around 11:30 a.m. An estimated 50 gallons spilled onto the highway after the truck was hit by a mud flap bracket that had fallen from another truck, said a Southlake police sergeant. The debris disabled the tanker truck and another 18-wheeler. The first 18-wheeler ran over it, causing its air brakes to be disabled. The debris then flew up and ruptured the diesel tank of the tanker truck, which was following the 18-wheeler, police said. The tanker truck has a capacity of about 100 gallons, but police did not know how much fuel the truck was carrying. Authorities closed the westbound lanes of the highway shortly after 6 a.m.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/05/17/3080878/flying-highway-debris-creates.html>

3. *May 17, Edmonton Journal* – (International) **Oilpatch workers evacuated as fires close in.** Suspension of oil and gas production is spreading across northern Alberta, Canada as wildfires rage out of control. Oil and gas producers May 16 evacuated workers and closed heavy oil facilities, pipelines and processing plants as emergency teams battled wind-fueled fires that now cover more than 30,000 hectares. Canadian Natural Resources pulled 1,300 workers from two camps in its Horizon project outside of Fort McMurray as flames burned within 150 meters of one of its lodges. "We have no actual fire on our site per se, it is still a ways away, but we are just taking precautionary measures," the vice-chair said. Operations at Canadian Natural's Horizon oilsands project have been at a virtual standstill since an explosion ripped through its upgrader in January, injuring five workers. Repairs are now delayed following the evacuation May 16, although the vice-chair said the company still intended to commission the first coker units by mid-June.

Source:

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Oilpatch+workers+evacuated+fires+close/4794636/story.html>

4. *May 16, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Small explosion reported at Progress plant in south Asheville.** An equipment failure at the Progress Energy plant in the Skyland area of Asheville, North Carolina caused a small explosion in an electrical room May 16, according to a company spokesman. No one was injured, but Progress shut down one of the four power generators while the incident was investigated, a Progress spokeswoman said. The Asheville Fire Department was dispatched to the scene at 2:49 p.m. The explosion created smoke but no fire was discovered. No time line has been set for bringing the system back on line. Progress said it is able to produce enough power to meet the needs of local customers.  
Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20110517/NEWS/305170037/Small-explosion-reported-Progress-plant-Asheville?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>
  
5. *May 14, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (North Dakota) **Oil spill prompts probe in N.D.** The 500-barrel oil spill the weekend of May 7 and 8 at a Trans-Canada pump station in Ludden, North Dakota prompted an investigation by state regulators and has provided fodder for environmentalists who oppose the Keystone XL expansion. A faulty valve fitting was blamed for the release, which sent a geyser of oil spurting 60 feet into the air, according to an eyewitness. It is the second reported spill at the Ludden pump station, located in Sargent County just a few miles from the South Dakota border north of Britton. The first spill, in March, was minor, 5 gallons, and was attributed to a faulty pump seal. This most recent spill comes at an inopportune time for TransCanada, which is in the final stages of securing a federal permit for Keystone XL, a larger pipeline that would cross western and south-central South Dakota. The U.S. State Department has said it will decide this year whether to approve the project. Meanwhile, the North Dakota Public Service Commission voted May 13 to open a formal investigation into the Ludden spill.  
Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110514/NEWS/105140309/Oil-spill-prompts-probe-N-D->

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *May 17, PhillyBurbs.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Crash of liquid oxygen truck prompts evacuation.** There were tense moments but no crisis in Richland, Pennsylvania May 16 when a delivery truck crashed into a utility pole, spilling liquid oxygen. A box truck, carrying liquid oxygen for medical use, crashed into a utility pole, causing a gas cloud to spread across the road and nearby field. One home was evacuated as a precaution. Crews quickly shut off the electricity to prevent any fires or explosions. No injuries were reported, but the situation did have the potential of turning serious. “The

combination of electricity and oxygen is a bad mix,” said a Richland police officer. At least half a dozen poles were affected. PPL crews were on scene to repair the poles and wires. The truck was carrying liquid oxygen cylinders. In the course of the crash, the liquid was exposed to the air, causing it to form gaseous clouds, the officer said.

Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the\\_intelligencer\\_news/crash-of-liquid-oxygen-truck-prompts-evacuation/article\\_f9eddb72-20b8-56b8-a635-29b5b1d4a3ff.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/the_intelligencer_news/crash-of-liquid-oxygen-truck-prompts-evacuation/article_f9eddb72-20b8-56b8-a635-29b5b1d4a3ff.html)

7. *May 16, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Firefighters extinguish blaze in Montrose.** Firefighters spent part of the night May 16 battling flames shooting out of a business in the Montrose area of greater Houston, Texas. The fire erupted at a paint store on West Gray near Montrose Boulevard shortly after 9 p.m. Authorities took extra precaution because they feared hazardous materials were inside the building. Police also responded to the scene to secure a nearby jewelry store. The fire was extinguished shortly before 10 p.m. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8134561>
  
8. *May 16, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **EPA to oversee cleanup of a portion of the Newburgh landfill; Public information session set for May 18.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will oversee the removal of deteriorated drums, containers of hazardous materials, and contaminated soil from a portion of the Newburgh landfill in Newburgh, New York. Investigations revealed the drums contain hazardous waste including chromium, lead, ignitable materials, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Some of these substances, such as chromium, lead, and PCBs, carry serious health risks from direct exposure or inhalation. Ignitable substances pose a fire risk. More than 450 drums containing hazardous waste are buried close to the surface, with an unknown quantity of drums buried more deeply. Because many drums are deteriorated and are leaking, and ignitable materials pose the risk of fire, EPA is requiring that the drums and surrounding soil be removed and placed in an approved hazardous waste facility. The cleanup is tentatively scheduled to begin July 5 and is expected to take about 18 months to complete.  
Source:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/f6fe92e9a16ff71085257892005aaf3b?OpenDocument>

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *May 16, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites Republic Engineered Products for repeatedly exposing workers to fall and energy control hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited steel manufacturer Republic Engineered Products Inc. in Lorain, Ohio, for seven willful and three repeat safety violations, with proposed penalties totaling \$563,000, for failing to protect workers from fall hazards and implement adequate energy source lockout/tagout procedures to prevent injury from hazardous equipment. The company also has been placed in OSHA’s Severe Violators Enforcement Program, which focuses enforcement resources on employers that have demonstrated indifference to their Occupational Safety and Health Act obligations by committing willful, repeated or failure-to-abate violations. OSHA began the inspection of the Lorain facility in November 2010 after a worker was hospitalized with a broken pelvis when he fell 9 feet from a coil transfer car in the bar mill. The willful violations carry proposed penalties of \$480,500 for exposing employees to falls from the car and an unguarded platform, and for failing to affix lockout/tagout devices to control the unexpected energizing of equipment. The repeat violations with proposed fines of \$82,500 were cited for failing to: train employees in lockout/tagout procedures; specify the procedural steps necessary to lock out electrical, hydraulic and gravitational energy sources for the coil transfer car; and to isolate all hazardous energy sources.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=19842](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19842)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *May 16, Associated Press* – (California) **US defense contractor pleads guilty to offering bribes to Navy official in San Diego.** A San Diego, California-based defense contractor pleaded guilty May 16 to offering bribes to a U.S. Navy official who, in return, placed \$300,000 worth of orders from the company for military aircraft. The contractor, owner of JD Machine Tech, Inc., admitted that from June 2004 to September 2005 he gave a Navy official a bicycle worth nearly \$2,500, a model airplane engine worth \$449, and made \$18,000 in payments on the official’s personal credit card. In exchange, prosecutors said the official placed more than 100 orders from the company for a Navy aircraft program. The Navy is still investigating the official, identified only as D.V. According to court documents, the contractor also filed false tax returns in 2005, 2006, and 2008, claiming \$300,000 less than his income, and passing off vacations and hobbies as business deductions. Prosecutors say as a result, he owes the government more than \$80,000. The contractor faces up to 8 years in prison and more than \$500,000 in fines. He is scheduled to be back in court for sentencing in August.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/us-defense-contractor-pleads-guilty-to-offering-bribes-to-navy-official-in-san-diego/2011/05/16/AFdtFD5G\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/us-defense-contractor-pleads-guilty-to-offering-bribes-to-navy-official-in-san-diego/2011/05/16/AFdtFD5G_story.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *May 17, Orange County Register* – (California) **Suspects sought in 2 bank robberies.** Authorities are searching for two men who carried out apparently unrelated bank robberies in Irvine and Lake Forest, California, May 16, an FBI official said. The first robbery was reported at an East West Bank branch in a shopping center at Walnut Avenue and Jeffrey Road about 12:45 p.m., an FBI special agent said. A man entered the bank, handed the teller a note, demanded cash and left with an undisclosed amount of money, the special agent said. No injuries were reported, and no weapon was seen. Authorities believe the Irvine robbery was carried out by the “Gone Plaid Bandit,” who earned his nickname from his wardrobe choices during bank robberies in Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills in February 2011. The second robbery was reported at a City Bank branch in the 2300 block of El Toro Boulevard about 2:50 p.m., the FBI said. As in the first robbery, a man reportedly handed a note to a teller, demanded money and left with an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing on foot. Witnesses did not see a weapon, and no injuries were reported. The second man is not suspected of being a serial bank robber, the FBI said, and the two incidents are not believed to be related.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/-300773--.html>
  
12. *May 16, Credit Union Journal* – (International) **Millions in looted CU funds traced to the Balkans.** U.S. authorities are working through legal channels for the return of millions of dollars of loan proceeds from Eastlake, Ohio-based St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union (FCU) they believe was siphoned from the one-time \$240 million credit union to local banks as part of the biggest credit union fraud ever. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is working with the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and numerous international law enforcement agencies, including Interpol, for the repatriation of the U.S. credit union funds as the scope of the international criminal case expanded with seven more individuals indicted May 13, making a total of 16 charged in the case. So far, authorities have traced almost \$6 million in fraudulent loan proceeds transferred to Macedonian and Albanian bank accounts by a purported head of a Macedonia crime syndicate who is in federal prison in Cleveland, Ohio, awaiting trial in the case. The Albanian national who maintains homes in Skopje, Macedonia, and in Eastlake is among those charged with bribing the CEO of St. Paul Croatian to obtain millions of dollars in loans they had no intention of repaying. Authorities said the CEO approved more than 1,000 fraudulent loans with no collateral to 300 account holders. Many of the loans were made in the name of phony businesses, even though St. Paul Croatian was never approved to make business loans. Investigators have traced \$70 million of the fraudulent loans so far, but believe the fraud is much bigger. NCUA estimates the fraud will cost the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund as much as \$170 million in losses, making it the biggest credit union fraud ever.  
Source: [http://www.cujournal.com/dailybriefing/13\\_603/-1008594-1.html](http://www.cujournal.com/dailybriefing/13_603/-1008594-1.html)
  
13. *May 16, Reuters* – (National) **Day trader guilty in scam tied to Lehman salesman.** A Florida day trader pleaded guilty May 16 to criminal charges over an insider trading scheme based on tips obtained from a wife of a former Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. salesman, prosecutors said. The 35-year-old Miami Beach, Florida man admitted to one



count each of securities fraud and conspiracy in a hearing May 16 before a U.S. magistrate judge in Manhattan, New York. Prosecutors said the scheme ran from February 2005 to Sept. 2008, and included a purchase by the man's day trading partner of 2,500 shares in Veritas DGC Inc for their joint account based on material nonpublic data. They said this purchase led to illegal profit when Veritas agreed in September 2006 to a \$3.1 billion takeover by France's Compagnie Generale de Geophysique, creating the world's largest publicly-traded provider of seismic surveys. Prosecutors said the man's partner got tips from a Lehman salesman, who received them from his wife on transactions her employer at the time, Brunswick Group LLC, had been working on. The Lehman salesman pleaded guilty to one count of securities fraud and four counts of conspiracy in December 2008. He has cooperated with prosecutors, and has not been sentenced. In a parallel civil lawsuit, the Securities and Exchange Commission said the scheme resulted in \$4.8 million of illegal profits.

Source: [http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/Legal/News/2011/05\\_-\\_May/Day\\_trader\\_guilty\\_in\\_scam\\_tied\\_to\\_Lehman\\_salesman/](http://newsandinsight.thomsonreuters.com/Legal/News/2011/05_-_May/Day_trader_guilty_in_scam_tied_to_Lehman_salesman/)

14. *May 16, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Piscataway man pleads guilty in mortgage fraud scheme.** A 41-year-old Piscataway, New Jersey man who owned and operated several mortgage foreclosure rescue companies pleaded guilty May 16 to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering in a scheme that defrauded mortgage lenders of more than \$10 million. Prosecutors said the man and employees of his company falsely promised homeowners they would help them avoid foreclosure by putting their homes in the name of third-party buyers. The man and his accomplices used the straw buyers to obtain dozens of mortgage loans, often using false information. He faces a maximum possible penalty of up to 50 years in prison. Source:

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/piscataway\\_man\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_i.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/piscataway_man_pleads_guilty_i.html)

15. *May 13, Dow Jones Newswires* – (New York) **SEC charges NY investment adviser with securities violations.** The U.S. government charged a New York investment adviser with violating securities regulations May 13, alleging he made distorted claims about a real-estate fund and then used money from unwitting investors in another venture to prop it up. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said the man told investors his real-estate fund was safe and liquid and generated at least 8 percent a year in returns, though the SEC alleged the fund's actual performance didn't justify those claims. The SEC said that as the real-estate investment flagged, the suspect raised money from investors in Campus Capital Corp. to shore up the fund and engage in other transactions that personally benefited him, without disclosing the practices. He raised about \$20 million for the Gaffken & Barriger Fund — the real-estate investment — from January 1998 to March 2008, according to the SEC. It said Campus Capital raised \$12 million from October 2001 to July 2008.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/05/13/sec-charges-ny-investment-adviser-securities-violations/>

16. *May 13, Bloomberg News* – (District of Columbia; Texas) **Security lax for new \$100 bills at printing plants, audit says.** The U.S. government left millions of \$100 bills

inadequately protected at a currency-printing plant with windows that lacked security features, the Treasury Department's inspector general said in an audit report released May 13. About 54.4 million new \$100 bills and 4 million uncut sheets of notes had "inadequate security" at a Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) plant in Washington, D.C., according to the inspector's report. The audit also criticized security at the bureau's Fort Worth, Texas, facility. The finished bills were "wrapped in protective plastic, but were not stored in a locked security cage," the audit said. As of January 2011, some notes had been stored in the production area for more than 9 months even though finished notes usually "are moved to a secure, limited-access vault shortly after production." The production area had 26 windows that lacked "protective security features," the report said. The \$100 bills also were at "increased risk of theft and loss" because about 225 employees had access to the production area, compared with 21 workers who are allowed into the vault. In a response included with the audit, the BEP said it would move bills and sheets that were not yet finished into vaults. Still, the money was always safe, it said. "After careful consideration, and based on multiple compensating controls, such as cameras, access control systems, locking mechanisms, etc., the BEP stored finished notes in highly secure space," the bureau said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-05-13/security-lax-for-new-100-bills-at-printing-plants-audit-says.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

17. *May 17, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ transit bus hits South Jersey house.** Workers were replacing a utility pole that snapped after it was hit by a commuter bus in Barnegat, New Jersey, May 17. Police said the New Jersey Transit bus then struck the porch of an unoccupied two-story structure in Barnegat. An NJ Transit spokeswoman said two of the eight passengers aboard the bus sustained minor injuries. The bus was headed to Lakewood from Atlantic City when the accident happened along Route 9 just after 6 a.m. The cause is under investigation.  
Source: [http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/traffic/NJ\\_Transit\\_Bus\\_Hits\\_House\\_051711](http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/traffic/NJ_Transit_Bus_Hits_House_051711)
18. *May 17, msnbc.com* – (New York) **Lightning strikes JetBlue plane.** Lightning struck a JetBlue plane May 17 as it neared the New York City area. The Airbus A320 en route from Phoenix, Arizona to John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in Queens was carrying 151 passengers, none of whom were injured. Smoke could be smelled in the cabin, and the flight crew requested that emergency vehicles meet the plane upon landing at JFK, according to a spokesperson for the airline. The plane reached the gate at 7:22 a.m and was inspected by maintenance crews. The carrier is not planning major changes to its schedule as a result of the strike, but it warned passengers to plan for delays as a result of thunderstorms in the area.  
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43060904/ns/travel-news/?gt1=43001>
19. *May 16, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Rockslide closes Route 88 in Washington Co.** Rocks as large as cars were blocking a road in Washington County,



Pennsylvania, May 16, after part of a hillside gave way over the weekend of May 14 and 15. The debris shut down both lanes of Route 88 in East Bethlehem Township and it could take weeks to remove it. Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) crews placed the blame for the rockslide on all the recent rain in the area. There is a concern the issue could become worse due to vibrations caused by passing trains on tracks nearby. As a result, trains have been asked to slow down while passing through the area. PennDOT is trying to come up with a schedule to remove the rocks, but has said gravity and water may not be done playing a role. It could take 2 weeks to get Route 88 back open.

Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2011/05/16/rockslide-closes-route-88-in-washington-co/>

20. *May 16, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **No explosives found in van at Miami International Airport, police say.** Miami-Dade police responded May 16 to a possible suspicious van at Miami International Airport in Miami, Florida, but police said the bomb squad found no explosives. An explosives-detection dog alerted police at 12:20 p.m. to a cargo van at the southeast gate to the tarmac during a routine police checkpoint, a Miami-Dade police spokesman said. The van, with Lan Airlines of Chile, was used for bringing routine items to airplanes. After the dog signaled the van might contain explosives, officers summoned the bomb squad, which scanned the item in the van and deemed it safe, he said. Only the southeast gate was closed, he said. Airport traffic was routed around the closure.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/16/2219615/no-explosives-found-in-van-at.html>

21. *May 12, Associated Press* – (California) **New dogs aim to sniff out explosives at LAX.** Dogs trained to detect suicide bombers went to work May 12 at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, California. Unlike luggage-sniffing canines, the new dogs are trained to sniff out concealed explosives on moving targets in crowds, such as suicide bombers at ticket counters, the mayor said. They can even pick up the scent minutes after a person has walked by. “This is another layer of security” for the airport, which already has more bomb-sniffing dogs and security scanners than any other U.S. airport, the mayor said. He declined to say how many dogs were trained for the Pro-Active Canine Team, or PACT. The PACT program, believed to be the first of its kind, was prompted by a Christmas 2009 attempted suicide bombing aboard a Detroit, Michigan-bound jetliner. Each dog-and-handler team had about 6 months of training at a cost of about \$20,000.

Source: [http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/state-and-regional/article\\_80fc9c13-2a7c-5930-bd36-4b7e7fa42030.html](http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/state-and-regional/article_80fc9c13-2a7c-5930-bd36-4b7e7fa42030.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *May 17, Fond Du Lac Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Bottle bombs placed in Berlin area mailboxes.** Green Lake, Wisconsin authorities warned residents in the Berlin area to watch out for explosive devices in their mailboxes. At about 7:15 a.m. May 16, the Green Lake County Sheriff's Department issued a "CodeRED emergency alert" to the residents of the city and town of Berlin, according to a press release. At about 10:30 p.m. May 15, deputies were called to a mailbox vandalism complaint and found a plastic 2-liter bottle filled with contents that were meant to explode and damage the mailbox. Sheriff's department officials said the bottles may explode and cause serious injury to anyone who handles them.  
Source: <http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110517/FON0101/105170361/Bottle-bombs-placed-Berlin-area-mailboxes?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|FRONTPAGE|p>
23. *May 16, Western Springs Patch* – (Illinois) **Live pipe bomb found in Forest Hills USPS mailbox.** A live pipe bomb was found in a Western Springs, Illinois U.S. Postal Service (USPS) mailbox May 16, causing a clearing of the area, and disposal of the device by detonation by a Cook County bomb disposal squad at 8:40 p.m. Western Springs emergency personnel responded to reports of smoke coming from the mailbox, but found no smoke. A USPS employee opened the mailbox and found an odd object that was confirmed to be a bomb by the fire Department and the Cook County bomb squad. Several blocks of Forest Hills were cordoned off around the area for more than an hour. The deputy fire chief said there was a partially-burnt wick on the bomb, and that it had failed to detonate, sparing the mailbox.  
Source: <http://westernsprings.patch.com/articles/live-pipe-bomb-found-in-forest-hills-usps-mailbox>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *May 16, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **State officials: Equine herpesvirus may have spread to four Colorado counties.** Six additional horses in Weld and three other counties in Colorado are showing signs of equine herpesvirus — EHV-1 — according to the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA). Colorado State University announced May 16 precautions against the disease and canceled events planned at its equine sciences center. The disease was previously confirmed in two horses in Weld County. EHV-1 can be treated if caught early enough, but is fatal in some cases. An official from the Countryside Large Animal Clinic of Greeley said he has been going non-stop for the past 3 days, answering questions and treating horses in Weld that have showed signs of the disease. He had to euthanize one infected horse, but he said the other is showing signs of recovery. The two Weld horses confirmed with the disease had attended the National Cutting Horse Association's Western Horse Championships in Ogden, Utah. The CDA is working with the Utah state veterinarian to try to determine the point of the infection. That investigation is ongoing.  
Source:  
<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20110516/NEWS/705169957/1002&parentprofile=1002>

25. *May 13, Delaware County Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Philly man guilty of five robberies.** A 24-year-old Philadelphia man is facing up to a mandatory 107-year prison term after being convicted of five robberies, including several in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. The man was convicted May 11 of five violent Hobbs Act robberies carried out over a 9-day period in October 2008, according to a U.S. attorney. The man and his co-defendants robbed two Dunkin' Donuts shops in Philadelphia, a Dunkin' Donuts and a Pizza Hut in Upper Darby, and a McDonald's in Radnor. The man was convicted of all 11 counts, including five counts of Hobbs Act Robbery, five counts of carrying and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, and one count of conspiracy. The man's co-defendants previously pleaded guilty. The victims of the robberies testified they were terrorized. In one robbery, a female employee was struck in the head with a gun, then forced into an office to open the safe. Another female employee testified she believed she would be raped and murdered by the robbers because there was not enough money for them to steal. Sentencing is scheduled for August 9. The case was investigated by the FBI, and the Philadelphia, Upper Darby, Lower Merion, Radnor, and Tredyffrin police departments.

Source:

<http://www.delcotimes.com/articles/2011/05/13/news/doc4dcc9c92bfea2166351270.txt>

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## Water Sector

26. *May 17, Associated Press* – (New York) **Wall collapse, sewage spill at NY treatment plant.** Authorities said the drinking water in Binghamton, New York, has not been affected by the release of nearly 600,000 gallons of partially treated sewage when a concrete wall collapsed at a wastewater treatment plant May 16. Officials told local media that a 15-foot-high, 100-foot-long section of a wall at the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant gave way shortly before 9 a.m. About 580,000 gallons of sludge poured into a nearby creek that is a tributary to the Susquehanna River. Officials said the release poses no threat to human health. The 18-inch-thick concrete wall was constructed in 2005 as part of the plant's renovation project. Officials said the cause of the collapse is not known. The state department of environmental conservation is assessing the damage and any potential impact on the waterway.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP39d58a8961d54872a053ca1d62c39bee.html>

27. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Nebraska; Kansas; Iowa) **EPA warns 7 Midwestern feedlots on waste discharge.** Operators of seven feedlots in Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa have been told to stop violating federal rules on animal waste discharges, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said May 16. The EPA's Region 7 office in Kansas City, Kansas, said in a statement that four feedlots in Iowa, two in Kansas, and one in Nebraska had violated various provisions of the federal Clean Water Act. It said the violations could lead to contamination of nearby bodies of water, including streams,

creeks, and wetlands. The EPA said it has issued administrative compliance orders to the feedlots, which range in capacity from 800 cattle up to 13,000 cattle. In Nebraska, Knox County Feeders in Bloomfield failed to follow terms of its discharge permit and could not provide key data, the EPA said. The owner of Knox County Feeders, said May 16 his operation's problem was related to paperwork, and there were not any improper waste discharges. He also added that he has hired a new firm to maintain his feedlot's records to make sure his operation will be in compliance.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/EPA-warns-some-feedlots-in-Iowa-Kan-Neb-1381586.php>

28. *May 16, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **More than 10,000 gallons of sewage overflows in Herring Run.** Officials in Baltimore, Maryland, reported a sewage overflow the afternoon of May 16 in Herring Run, due partly to a blockage that appeared to have been caused by illegal disposal of carpeting through a manhole. The spill, near Harford Road and Argonne Drive, is more than 10,000 gallons, which triggers public notification, the Baltimore Department of Public Works (DPW) said. The total will be calculated after the department's workers stop the spill. The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Baltimore City Health Department have been notified, DPW officials said.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-sewage-overflow-20110516,0,2599670.story>

29. *May 16, Fort Mill Times* – (South Carolina) **Massive sewage spill in Fort Mill prompts DHEC warning.** About 1 million gallons of untreated sewage spilled into Steele Creek near a Fort Mill, South Carolina neighborhood the weekend of May 14, prompting a warning from state health officials to stay away from the creek. The spill was reported to state officials late May 14. A crew from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) inspected the site May 15, officials said. DHEC issued a warning to stay away from the creek May 16. By 1 p.m. May 16, crews stopped the spill temporarily, the York County Public Works water and sewer supervisor said, and crews were making permanent repairs. The break in the sewage line was caused when erosion of the creek bank undercut concrete that was supporting a 15-year-old pipe that crossed the creek. Steele Creek merges into Sugar Creek, which feeds into the Catawba River. A spokesman said DHEC inspectors were not concerned about possible drinking water contamination.

Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2011/05/16/3071784/sewer-overflow-in-fort-mill-prompts.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *May 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Security gaps leave patient records exposed.** The nation's push to computerize medical records has failed to fully address

longstanding security gaps that expose patients' most sensitive information to hackers and snoops, government investigators warned. Two reports released May 17 by the inspector general of the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) found that the drive to connect hospitals and doctors so they can share patient data electronically is being layered on a system that already has glaring privacy problems. Connecting it up could open new pathways for hackers, investigators said. The U.S. President has set a goal for every American to have a secure electronic health record by 2014. Auditors for the inspector general found that the government agency leading the push for electronic records has put in place some requirements for safely transmitting computerized medical data. However, that agency has not issued general security requirements for the computer systems at hospitals and doctors' offices. The second audit examined computer security at seven large hospitals in different states and found 151 security vulnerabilities. The auditors classified 4 out of 5 of the weaknesses as "high impact," meaning they could result in costly losses, even injury and death. In a written response, the coordinator's office said it is trying to balance between encouraging the adoption of electronic records and adding burdensome requirements, but it agreed to "actively explore" requiring stronger safeguards. Responsibility for computer security is divided among several HHS agencies. The main ones include the office of the national coordinator and the office of civil rights. In its response, the civil rights unit questioned whether investigators could draw sweeping conclusions from audits of seven hospitals. The hospitals were located in California, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, and Texas. All of the hospitals had access control vulnerabilities, including inadequate passwords, computers that did not automatically log off inactive users, and unencrypted laptops that contained patient data. Most had problems with wireless access, including inability to detect unauthorized intrusion, lack of continuous monitoring, and in some cases the absence of a firewall separating wireless from other internal networks. At one hospital, the lock on the back door of a room used to store radiology data was taped over. The report said that as the auditors were watching, they saw a maintenance worker walk in.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43054034/ns/health/>

31. *May 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Wikipedia-like sites peddling fake pharmaceuticals.** Symantec's researchers spotted an extensive spam campaign inviting users to buy pharmaceuticals at discounted prices from a Web site designed to remind the user of the Wikipedia Web site. The scammers named their Web site "WikiPharmacy." "The 'Subject' line in these attacks has a lot of randomization. The 'From' header is either fake or a hijacked ISP account that gives a personalized look to the e-mail," the researchers said. Usually, these subject lines — Subject: kWIKIx, Subject: yWIKIg, Subject: hWikiPharmacy1, Subject: oWikiPharmacyp, and similar — do not inspire much confidence that the e-mails come from a legitimate business. Nonetheless, experts said users should be careful when handing over their personal or financial information when ordering something online.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1723](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1723)

32. *May 14, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Newton clinic to close amid federal investigation.** A Newton, Iowa health clinic has announced its closure about a month

after it was searched by federal investigators. An Urgent Care manager declined to say whether the impending closure was related to the search. She told the Newton Daily News the clinic will close May 27. The search warrant carried out April 5 was issued by the U.S. attorney's office in Des Moines. Officials declined to comment on the investigation. Records from the Iowa Board of Pharmacy showed the clinic's supervising physician voluntarily surrendered his license to issue prescription narcotics April 12.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Newton-Clinic-to-Close-Amid-Federal-Investigation--121838554.html>

33. *May 14, Charleston Gazette-Mail* – (West Virginia) **3 nabbed in Medicaid, Medicare sting.** Federal authorities and local police arrested three men May 6 in connection with a health-care fraud scheme designed to bilk Medicare and Medicaid out of more than \$2 million. Federal agents and West Virginia State Police troopers arrested the men at a South Charleston, West Virginia car lot and charged them with health-care fraud, conspiracy, and aiding and abetting for their alleged part in the scheme, according to a criminal complaint on file with the U.S. District Court's Southern West Virginia District. The men are thought to be connected with a "false-front provider" scheme, where someone sets up phony companies to file fraudulent Medicare and Medicaid claims, the complaint said. Federal investigators discovered five fake companies set up in Charleston, South Charleston, and Dunbar purported to be Medicare providers, according to court documents. Offices for all five companies had been rented by another man, who provided identification saying he was from California. Authorities believe that man is no longer in the United States. They believe the culprit who rented the local offices used the California man's identity. In all, the five companies turned in Medicare and Medicaid claims totaling about \$2.35 million, the complaint said. However, the doctors who supposedly provided the medical services told investigators they had never heard of the companies, and when agents went to the companies' addresses, all they found were empty offices.
- Source: <http://sundaygazettemail.com/News/201105141455>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *May 17, Hendersonville Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Bomb threat clears courthouses.** About 20 people were evacuated May 16 from the Historic Courthouse, while about 150 people were evacuated from the 1995 courthouse in Hendersonville, North Carolina after a bomb threat was called in to the Henderson County Board of Elections office. People were allowed to re-enter the courthouses after an hour and a half. The threat was called in at about 11:30 a.m., according to officials with the board of elections and Henderson County dispatchers. The caller indicated there was a bomb at a courthouse, not specifying which one, and that the sheriff would be killed May 16. Emergency personnel closed off Grove and Main streets and both courthouses were



immediately evacuated, causing delays to court cases and inconvenience for county workers. At 6:30 p.m., the sheriff's office said one suspect had been identified, but the office would not release more information.

Source:

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20110517/ARTICLES/110519838/1008/sports?Title=Bomb-threat-clears-courthouses&tc=ar>

35. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Utah depot sees last of its mustard agent.** The U.S. Army's Deseret Chemical Depot in Utah, a facility that once stored more chemical weapons than any other site in the country, began destroying its last container of liquid mustard agent May 16. The depot at one time stored 43 percent of the country's chemical weapons. Since 2006, it has destroyed 12.3 million pounds of mustard agent, a chemical weapon first used by Germany during World War I to disable enemy troops by causing severe, painful but nonfatal blistering. The gas also can cause cancer, and even low levels of exposure can threaten workers and the public. The Pueblo Chemical Depot contains 2,600 tons of mustard agent in obsolete shells. The plant is expected to begin dismantling and neutralizing the weapons in 2015. Outside of Pueblo, lesser amounts of mustard gas remain at Army facilities in Alabama, Kentucky, and Oregon. Projectiles and mortar cartridges containing mustard agent in liquid form at the Utah site about 50 miles southwest of Salt Lake City are scheduled to be destroyed by the end of 2011, an Army spokeswoman said.

Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/utah-depot-sees-last-of-its-mustard-agent/article\\_dc8b3de6-8057-11e0-9892-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/utah-depot-sees-last-of-its-mustard-agent/article_dc8b3de6-8057-11e0-9892-001cc4c002e0.html)

36. *May 16, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Major East Bay identity theft ring busted.** A 40-year-old Hayward, California woman was charged with 22 felony counts in connection with a large-scale and sophisticated identity theft operation, law enforcement officials said May 16. The woman was charged with seven counts each of passing forged checks and identity theft; five counts of forging California driver's licenses; and one count of grand theft. An Oakland police officer said officers who served a search warrant at the woman's home found an elaborate operation that included machines that make false identity cards, credit cards, and Social Security cards. They also found numerous blank checks, he said. An Oakland police spokeswoman said the identity theft ring is "the biggest in Oakland Police Department history" and involved "a one-stop shop for everything." There was only one victim listed in the case, but a police chief said he expects the investigation will unveil "a lot more victims," saying the charges so far are only "the tip of the iceberg." The chief said authorities found identification information on "thousands of people" when they served the search warrant at the woman's home. He said it appears most of the potential victims are local, but some may be from other states. Oakland police, in conjunction with the U.S. Secret Service, began an investigation in late January 2011, when a city of Oakland employee told authorities her checks had been cashed fraudulently.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/27915000/detail.html>

37. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Capitol police probe threats to Indiana Supreme Court after ruling on illegal police entry.** Capitol police in Indianapolis,

Indiana, are investigating harassing phone calls and e-mail messages to the Indiana Supreme Court following a recent contentious ruling. Police will not say how many calls and messages have been received or whether they were addressed to a specific justice. A court spokeswoman told The Times of Munster the threats were mostly directed at police officers. The state's highest court ruled May 12 that Indiana residents have no right to resist police making an unlawful police entry into their homes. In a 3-2 decision, the court ruled that people confronted with an illegal police entry into their homes should allow entry and sue later for damages. It said resisting entry increases the risk of escalating violence.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/ed6e575da9c946f6bfac56a469b47113/IN--Indiana-Supreme-Court-Threats/>

38. *May 16, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Smoke forces Troy school evacuation.** A math classroom was evacuated May 16 because of smoke from Doyle Middle School in Troy, New York. About 50 students and 20 adults involved in after-school programs fled the building after smoke was reported in Room 216, the school principal said. The call for smoke came in at about 4:30 p.m. Troy fire companies responded to the school. The principal described the smoke as visible and having a heavy acrid odor. The students went to the cafeteria at Troy High School, which is located next door to the middle school. By 5:15 p.m., firefighters had left the scene.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/Smoke-forces-Troy-school-evacuation-1381945.php>

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## Emergency Services Sector

39. *May 17, WOKV 690 AM/106.5 FM Jacksonville* – (Florida; Wisconsin) **Wisc. man admits to making bogus 911 calls to St. Johns County.** A 20-year-old man who lives near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, admitted to making nearly 200 bogus 911 calls to the sheriff's office in St. John's County, Florida, WOKV 690 AM/106.5 FM Jacksonville reported May 17. The man lied about sick children and a murder victim, before eventually taunting dispatchers. The man used a computer program to disguise his voice and alter his phone number so it could not be traced. The FBI, however, was able to successfully trace the calls back to him. St. Johns County officials said the man's stunts tied up their resources. Federal officials will have to determine whether the man will face charges.

Source: <http://www.wokv.com/news/news/local/wisc-man-admits-making-bogus-911-calls-st-johns-co/nChsb/>

40. *May 17, CBS and Associated Press* – (National) **56 cops killed in line of duty last year, up nearly 17%, says FBI.** The FBI said 56 law enforcement officers were murdered on duty in 2010, up 17 percent from 2009. All but 1 of the 56 officers was

slain by someone using a gun. Thirty-eight of them were wearing body armor when killed. The only officer who was not a victim of firearms was killed with a vehicle. Fifteen officers were killed in ambushes, 8 were investigating suspicious persons, 7 were killed in traffic pursuits, or stops, and 6 were responding to disturbance calls. Preliminary FBI figures show the rest were killed during other police work. Separately, 72 officers were killed in accidents, a 50 percent jump over 2009. In 2009, both the number of officers slain feloniously and those accidentally killed was 48.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083\\_162-20063372-504083.html](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20063372-504083.html)

41. *May 16, McAllen Monitor* – (Texas; International) **Feds award \$1.94M to enhance emergency communication among Valley responders.** The DHS awarded a \$1.94 million grant to fund a communication system along the border that will allow law enforcement and emergency responders to communicate faster and more efficiently during an emergency, the McAllen Monitor reported May 16. The grant, which will fund the Rio Grande Valley Border Interoperability Regional Project, was awarded to the Texas Department of Public Safety and will be administered by the city of McAllen, which is the project's lead entity, said a U.S. Representative. The project is co-driven by the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, the McAllen police chief said. The council is a voluntary association of local governments in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties, focused on promoting coordinated regional development. The system, which will cover Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy counties, is expected to improve day-to-day communications between emergency responders, find new ways to distribute information during emergencies — such as national threats and natural disasters — and ensure communication outlets are available for low-population areas in the immediate vicinity of the border along the three counties, the Congressman said.  
Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/news/emergency-50511-communication-responders.html>
42. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **2 arrested, charged with impersonating police at Memphis festival.** Sheriff's deputies in Shelby County, Tennessee, arrested two men who they say were impersonating police officers. The men were arrested May 15 at the Memphis in May Barbecue Festival. A release from the sheriff's office states the men were wearing T-shirts that read Metro Narcotics Task Force. They also were dressed in black uniform pants and had gun belts, badges, chemical spray, handcuffs, and two-way radios. Although they were carrying training weapons, they resembled real handguns. When questioned, the suspects said they had been in a Memphis Police Department Explorer program, but left to start their own program and bought their police equipment on the Internet. One of the men also had a loaded .45-caliber pistol in his car and was cited on a weapons violation charge.  
Source: <http://midtown.wmctv.com/news/crime/2-arrested-impersonating-police/53624>
43. *May 16, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Feds say retired NYPD cop John Avvento gave police gear to drug ring.** A retired New York Police Department (NYPD) cop was charged with providing police gear to drug dealers, allowing them to pass for cops during a home-invasion robbery, the New York Daily News reported May

16. The retired officer supplied two NYPD raid jackets and a holster for a 9-millimeter semiautomatic handgun — and even agreed at first to participate in the break-in at another dealer’s home, a complaint unsealed the week of May 9 in Brooklyn federal court shows. The retired officer backed out of the December 2008 robbery, but got cash, cocaine, and Vicodin as payment for the props, a FBI agent states in the complaint. The FBI and NYPD learned of the ex-cop’s role during a joint probe of a drug ring that makes daily deliveries of cocaine to customers in southwestern Brooklyn, according to court papers. The retired officer is free on \$100,000 bail. He retired from the 62nd Precinct in Bensonhurst with a disability pension, his lawyer said. Source: [http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny\\_crime/2011/05/16/2011-05-16\\_feds\\_say\\_excop\\_gave\\_police\\_gear\\_to\\_drug\\_ring.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2011/05/16/2011-05-16_feds_say_excop_gave_police_gear_to_drug_ring.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

44. *May 17, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researcher: Dropbox misrepresents security features.** Cloud data storage and synchronization company Dropbox has been hit with a complaint by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) alleging the company has deceived consumers about the level of encryption security it offers. In a letter sent to the FTC, a University of Indiana PhD and security researcher claimed while Dropbox encrypted every file it stored, this could be reversed by employees, undermining the company’s security credibility. Not only did this design fall short of “industry best practices”, the researcher wrote, it also represented a serious security risk the company was not being upfront about. “Dropbox has and continues to make deceptive statements to consumers regarding the extent to which it protects and encrypts their data,” he wrote. “Dropbox’s customers face an increased risk of data breach and identity theft because their data is not encrypted.” He believes Dropbox deceived its users, infringing Section 5 of the FTC Act.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216790/Researcher\\_Dropbox\\_misrepresents\\_security\\_features](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216790/Researcher_Dropbox_misrepresents_security_features)

45. *May 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Dangerous Linux denial of service vulnerability disclosed as 0-day.** Greyhat hackers from Goatse Security have published the details of a dangerous denial of service vulnerability affecting many Linux distributions. The flaw can be exploited by tricking users into opening an overly-long, specially-crafted apt:// URL in a browser that supports the protocol. Because the advanced packaging tool is a common Linux software manager application, a large number of distributions are affected. This includes the popular Debian, Ubuntu, Fedora, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop, but also Alinex, BLAG Linux and GNU, CentOS, ClearOS, DeMuDi, Feather Linux, Foresight Linux, gnuLinEx, gNewSense, Kaella, Knoppix, Linspire, Linux Mint, Musix, GNU/Linux, Parsix, Scientific Linux, and Ututo. Successful exploitation of the vulnerability crashes the X session with an

“Unexpected X error: BadAlloc (insufficient resources for operation) serial 1779 error\_code 11 request\_code 53 minor\_code 0)” error. In addition to this denial of service vulnerability, the Goatse Security greyhats also released an exploit for a theme rendering bug in GNOME that makes buttons disappear and leaves users with relogin as the only option.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Dangerous-Linux-Denial-of-Service-Vulnerability-Disclosed-as-0-Day-200668.shtml>

46. *May 16, Computerworld* – (International) **Windows scareware fakes impending drive disaster.** Scammers are trying to trick Windows users into paying to fix fake hard drive errors that have apparently erased important files, a researcher said May 16. The con is a variant of “scareware,” also called “rogueware,” software that pretends to be legitimate but is a sales pitch based on spooking users into panicking. Most scareware masquerades as antivirus software. But a Symantec researcher has found a new kind of scareware that impersonates a hard drive cleanup suite that repairs disk errors and speeds up data access. Dubbed “Trojan.Fakefrag” by Symantec, the fake utility ends up on a Windows PC after its user surfs to a poisoned site — often because the scammers have manipulated search engines to get links near the top of a results list — and falls for a download pitch. “[Trojan.Fakefrag’s] aim is to increase the likelihood of you purchasing a copy of Windows Recovery by craftily convincing you your hard drive is failing,” the researcher said, referring to the name of the fake suite the trojan skills.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216765/Windows\\_scareware\\_fakes\\_impending\\_drive\\_disaster](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216765/Windows_scareware_fakes_impending_drive_disaster)

47. *May 16, The Register* – (International) **99% of Android phones leak secret account credentials.** The vast majority of devices running Google’s Android operating system are vulnerable to attacks that allow adversaries to steal the digital credentials used to access calendars, contacts, and other sensitive data stored on the search giant’s servers, university researchers have warned. The weakness stems from the improper implementation of an authentication protocol known as ClientLogin in Android versions 2.3.3 and earlier, the researchers from Germany’s University of Ulm said. After a user submits valid credentials for Google Calendar, Contacts, and possibly other accounts, the programming interface retrieves an authentication token that is sent in cleartext. Because the authToken can be used for up to 14 days in any subsequent requests on the service, attackers can exploit them to gain unauthorized access to accounts. Google patched the security hole earlier in May with the release of Android 2.3.4, although that version, and possibly Android 3, still cause devices synchronizing with Picasa Web albums to transmit sensitive data through unencrypted channels, the researchers said. Based on Google’s own statistics, this means more than 99 percent of Android-based handsets are vulnerable to the attacks, which are similar in difficulty and effect to so-called sidejacking exploits that steal authentication cookies.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/16/android\\_impersonation\\_attacks/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/16/android_impersonation_attacks/)

48. *May 16, CNET News* – (International) **Facebook, spammers are in ‘arms race’**. Within days of Facebook implementing new security features designed to block spam, several new social-engineering attacks were spreading that managed to side-step the company’s antispam defenses, a Facebook spokesman told CNET May 16. The company began turning on a feature the week of May 9 that displays warnings when it detects users are about to be tricked by cross-site scripting (XSS) and clickjacking attacks. In such attacks, users are tricked into clicking something (clickjacking) or pasting some code into their browser Web address bar (XSS). Yet there were several XSS attacks the weekend of May 14 and 15, and warnings were not displayed. In all the attacks, the user action results in the spam messages being re-posted to the victim’s Facebook pages and those of their friends. Ultimately, surveys are proffered for the victim to fill out. The spammers receive money for each survey completed, and the farther the spam spreads, the more money that can be made. A threat analyst at M86 said he suspected some of the spam was getting past Facebook’s defenses by obfuscating the Javascript. Facebook seems to have made it harder for spammers to create campaigns that automatically execute and spam users’ friends, so that victims are sent off to external sites and required to cut and paste text into their browsers, he said. Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080\\_3-20063434-245.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20063434-245.html)

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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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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Investigators looking at what caused Ark. building collapse that killed 2-year-old girl**. As residents and rescue workers arrived at the scene of a building collapse in Morrilton, Arkansas May 16, one woman trapped under a beam began screaming out for her young daughter a toddler whose lifeless body rescuers pulled out after a desperate search through the rubble. Firefighters used everything from backhoes to bare hands to sift through the wreckage of the 2-story brick building hours after the 2-year-old’s body was found in the rubble and authorities had accounted for everyone else inside. At least six other people were injured when the



building suddenly collapsed May 16. The building housed a bridal boutique and cosmetic store. Investigators were trying to determine whether ongoing construction at the bridal shop was to blame for the collapse. “We don’t know how or why they collapsed,” said the director of emergency management in Conway County. “We just know it was fast.” One wall inside the building that remains standing is still a cause for concern, the mayor said May 17. Of the 10 people inside the building, the emergency management director said one died and four others were injured. The collapsed building temporarily closed off a stretch of the downtown area.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/article/d9n96q8o2/investigators-looking-at-what-caused-ark-building-collapse-that-killed-2-year-old-girl.html>

50. *May 17, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Bomb threat forces evacuation of Midland Mall Monday night.** The Midland Mall in Midland, Michigan was evacuated around 6 p.m. May 16 after staff received a written bomb threat. A Midland City Police sergeant said the mall administration made the decision to evacuate and Midland police assisted. A thorough investigation of the mall premises followed, but “nothing suspicious was found to indicate a threat to the public,” the sergeant said. The mall reopened at approximately 8:30 p.m. Police said the investigation into who made the threat is ongoing.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/midland/index.ssf/2011/05/bomb\\_threat\\_forces\\_evacuation\\_of\\_midland\\_mall\\_monday\\_night.html](http://www.mlive.com/midland/index.ssf/2011/05/bomb_threat_forces_evacuation_of_midland_mall_monday_night.html)
51. *May 16, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **1 killed, 1 missing in fire, explosion at ammunitions shop.** One person has been killed and another is missing after a fire and explosion May 16 at an ammunitions store in Nashville, Tennessee. A third person was injured. The fire broke out around 3:30 p.m. May 16 at Well Done Bullets at 4813 Nolensville Pike. Officials shut down Nolensville Pike near Haywood Lane as a precaution. Engineers were called to determine if the building is structurally sound enough for fire crews to get back in to search for another possible victim. Fire officials said there was some sort of explosion, and when they arrived on the scene the bottom corner of the building was full of flames. “At that time they also reported that they did have what sounded like ammunition sounds going off, small explosions,” according to the Nashville assistant fire chief. The store is located in the Hampton Place office complex, which also houses a dental office. The entire building was evacuated. Officials said the bullet shop was not registered. Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have been called in to investigate.  
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14655318/1-killed-1-missing-in-fire-explosion-at-ammunitions-store?Call=Email&Format=HTML&redirected=true>
52. *May 16, New York Times* – (International) **Miami imam to plead not guilty to aiding terror.** A mosque in Miami, Florida, that is led by an imam charged with financing terrorism in Pakistan has faced several threats since the charges were made public May 14. The Miami Mosque, known as the Flagler Mosque, has received two telephone threats, said the executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, in Pembroke Pines, Florida. On May 16, a van was parked in front of the mosque bearing

a sign that said it should be burned down. The imam, two of his sons, and three other people from mosque have been charged with providing material assistance to the Pakistan Taliban from 2008 to 2010.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/17/us/17imams.html>

53. *May 15, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Fox Theatre fire.** A three-alarm blaze shut down the historic Fox Theatre May 15 in St. Louis, Missouri, canceling two performances of the Jersey Boys. The first fire alarm went off inside the theatre just before 5 a.m. Firefighters were on scene within minutes. Firefighters quickly located the fire in a hard-to-reach mechanical room on the fifth floor, right above the lobby. The biggest challenge was to stop it from spreading. Most of the damage was confined to the lobby area, although there was smoke throughout the building. By the afternoon, the smoke was gone, but it was clear to Fox officials that they had to cancel the performances scheduled for May 15.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/258983/3/Fox-Theatre-damaged-in-fire>

54. *May 14, Clearwater Patch* – (Florida) **Church of Scientology building catches fire, \$700,000 in damages.** An electrical fire May 14 caused \$700,000 in damages to a building owned by the Church of Scientology in Clearwater, Florida, city officials said. Clearwater Fire and Rescue responded to a structure fire at 531 Franklin Street at 3:28 a.m. To put out the blaze, the department needed 35 personnel, 5 engines, 2 trucks and 2 rescues. It took firefighters about an hour to get the fire under control, officials said. The Church of Scientology purchased the property for \$425,000 May 1993, according to county records. The market value is \$1.2 million according to the Pinellas County property appraiser. No civilians were injured, but two firefighters sustained minor injuries and another was transported to Morton Plant Hospital. He has since been released.

Source: <http://clearwater.patch.com/articles/church-of-scientology-building-catches-fire-700000-in-damages>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

55. *May 17, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **2 injured in Alcatraz mishap.** Two people were injured May 16 on Alcatraz Island in California when the tram they were riding from the dock to the prison building hit a pipe sticking out of a wall, causing the roof of the vehicle to collapse. The man and woman were taken off the island by boat and transferred to San Francisco General Hospital by ambulance, said a spokeswoman with the National Park Service (NPS), which manages operations on the island. The injured passengers suffered mostly cuts and bruises to their faces and upper bodies, said a spokeswoman for Alcatraz Cruises, which transported both victims off the island. Their injuries were not life-threatening, she said. The incident happened about 1:25 p.m. when the tram with four passengers — all visitors from Houston, Texas — was

moving slowly up a steep hill. The tram swerved, and an old pipe caught the frame that held up the roof, the Alcatraz Cruises spokeswoman said. The driver has a spotless record, the NPS spokeswoman said. There had not been an accident involving an Alcatraz tram in at least 10 years, which is as far back as records go.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/05/16/MNB31JGTQN.DTL>

56. *May 16, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado; National) **Boulder researchers: Chemical in wildfire smoke harmful to humans.** Smoke from forest fires contains an acid that can be harmful to human health, according to research by scientists in Boulder, Colorado. The researchers, led by a researcher with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), first discovered the presence of isocyanic acid while burning brush, tree branches, and other vegetation at the U.S. Forest Service's Missoula Fire Science Laboratory in Montana. The scientists were measuring the components of smoke with a new instrument they had built, which was designed specifically to gauge the acids released into the atmosphere during a burn. The NOAA researcher said the team was not surprised to find acids, but the presence of isocyanic acid, in particular, was unexpected. Isocyanic acid easily dissolves in water, which makes it possible for it to also dissolve into moist tissues in the body, including the lungs. The full health effects of exposure to isocyanic acid in the air are not fully understood, but the chemical has been linked to cataracts, cardiovascular disease, and rheumatoid arthritis. The new research is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and the NOAA researcher said he hopes it sparks the interest of people who specialize in studying the impacts of such chemicals in the body.  
Source: [http://www.dailycamera.com/fourmile-canyon-fire/ci\\_18075751](http://www.dailycamera.com/fourmile-canyon-fire/ci_18075751)
57. *May 16, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma Forestry Services firefighter charged with setting fires.** A 38-year-old Oklahoma Forestry Services firefighter was arrested May 16 on arson charges alleging he intentionally set several fires in Cherokee County. The firefighter was placed on administrative leave pending termination proceedings, according to a news release from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry. He previously worked as a forest ranger based in Tahlequah and has worked for the Oklahoma Forestry Services for 7 years. Law enforcement officers with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry investigated several fires in Cherokee County. Their investigation led them to the suspect, and they presented their case to the Cherokee County District Attorney, according to the release.  
Source:  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20110516\\_11\\_0\\_AnOkla643072](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20110516_11_0_AnOkla643072)
58. *May 16, Sierra Vista Herald* – (Arizona) **Residents evacuated as firefighting crews begin burnout effort against Horseshoe Two Fire.** Residents located near an area scheduled for burnout operations have been evacuated as fire crews continue their efforts to contain the 27,000-acre Horseshoe Two Fire in Arizona. Crews began operations May 16 to clear potential fuels away in the area of the Southwestern Research Station, a field station under the direction of the Center for Biodiversity and

Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History. There are 20 structures in the area and 5 residents were evacuated, according to the most recent updates from the Type One Southwest Incident Management Team. Additionally, as of about 11 a.m. May 16, the community of Paradise to the northwest of Portal had been notified of a potential evacuation in the next 24 hours. High winds in the afternoon May 16 saw all air resources grounded, including nine helicopters. Despite the winds, the spread of the fire has occurred mostly to the west and northwest. Several forest roads and trails remain closed to traffic in the area, and heavy smoke at times spread through the town of Portal.

Source: <http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2011/05/16/residents-evacuated-firefighting-crews-begin-burnout-effort-against-horsesho>

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## **Dams Sector**

59. *May 17, CNN* – (National) **Cresting Mississippi River floods Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana.** A near-record crest is forecast in Greenville, Mississippi, May 17 as the bloated Mississippi River makes its relentless march toward the Gulf of Mexico. By the weekend of May 21, flood waters are expected to peak at record levels in Vicksburg and Natchez, Mississippi, as well as in Red River Landing and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, according to the National Weather Service. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman told CNN’s “John King USA” 20,000 to 25,000 homes could be flooded. Officials said the spillway gates are likely to be open for weeks, and it will be weeks before the river falls below flood stage and those who have evacuated can safely return. The diversion will drain water from the Mississippi through the Atchafalaya basin to the Gulf of Mexico at Morgan City. Louisiana’s governor told residents May 16, the decision to open the spillways has lowered crest projections in parts of the state. River observations now suggest the Corps may need to divert less water from the spillway than initially thought, he said. But based on historical estimates, damages to agriculture alone in Louisiana could total \$300 million, he said. The Corps of Engineers opened two gates in the Morganza Spillway May 14, the first release from the facility since 1973. As of May 16, 15 of the structure’s 125 bays had been opened, diverting about 763,000 gallons of water per second, a Corps spokeswoman said. The plan is eventually to open about a quarter of the spillway, according to the agency. At the Bonne Carre Spillway, which feeds into Lake Ponchartrain, 330 of 350 bays are open, with water coursing through it well above its rated capacity, the manager said May 16. The flood is the most significant to hit the lower Mississippi River valley since at least 1937 and has so far affected nine states: Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. As many as 22 cities and communities where river levels are monitored by the U.S. government remain flooded. Across the South and lower Midwest, flood waters have already covered about 3 million acres of farmland.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/05/17/flooding/index.html?hpt=C1>

60. *May 17, North Country Now News* – (New York) **Rainfall prompts Brookfield to release more upstream Raquette water.** The threat of continued flooding along the Raquette River in New York is keeping people in river communities on alert. More rain is in the forecast and Brookfield Renewable Power is keeping its upstream Raquette River releases going from the dam at Carry Falls. The National Weather Service is not predicting 12-hour rainfall amounts of more than a tenth of an inch until May 17 at night. The rain that has fallen in the last couple of days is still working its way down the river from its Adirondack watershed. The Brookfield chief dam safety engineer said that “given the current and forecasted rainfall, Brookfield will be releasing approximately 7,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) ... as measured at the Colton Dam ... in an attempt to manage storage capacity in the Carry Falls Reservoir level.” Brookfield operates hydropower turbines and the dams along the Raquette. In the morning May 17, the flow was measured at 8,020 cfs at Colton, and at 10,800 cfs at Raymondville.  
Source: <http://northcountrynow.com/news/rainfall-promts-brookfield-release-more-upstream-raquette-water-028577>
61. *May 17, KREM 2 Spokane; Northwest Cable News* – (Idaho) **Army engineers reinforcing Hayden Lake dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is helping get a handle on swollen rivers and streams in Idaho. Engineers deployed May 16 to Shoshone, Benewah, and Kootenai Counties. Crews distributed 271,000 sandbags in Idaho and Western Montana. Teams of engineers are also helping strengthen the back side of Hayden Lake dam. Engineers placed truck loads of crushed rock to strengthen Hayden Lake’s dam, one of the biggest in the Idaho Panhandle. An engineer said the goal is to prevent erosion that may be expedited by melting snow pack. The snow pack is 150 percent higher than usual, he said. “We’re expecting the lake levels to rise and create some extra seepage and it’s just going to reinforce the back of it,” he said. The 1,200 foot long dam does more than retain water. It also houses a gas and sewer line that could be at risk if the dam is not reinforced. The project could take up to 4 days to complete.  
Source:  
<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=121964159&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10222>
62. *May 16, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif practices for flooding as South is inundated.** Emergency workers in nearly half of California counties will be practicing for a catastrophic flood the week of May 16 — a drill given added urgency by the once-in-a-generation flooding in the Mississippi River delta 2,300 miles to the east. The reason for the drill is clear: similar devastation has struck before, and federal officials have determined California’s capital of Sacramento has the highest flood risk of any U.S. city outside New Orleans. More than 1,100 miles of levees built more than a century ago to create farmland in the Sacramento River delta are vulnerable to collapse, endangering the water supply for 25 million people in central and southern California. Emergency officials said more than half the state’s nearly 39 million people rely on levees and flood-control reservoirs for protection, a system that could be strained past the breaking point in a catastrophic flood. The certainty that massive flooding is one day inevitable in California’s Central Valley is the premise behind this week’s emergency drill. The 3-day exercise that began May 17 will include mock evacuations,

sandbagging of a delta island, and the mobilization of emergency operations in 23 of the state's 58 counties, from Bakersfield to Redding. This year's drill includes 22 state and 12 federal agencies, along with the American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Twenty-seven hospitals plan to practice for surges in patients and the possibility they might need to evacuate. Planners expect more than 5,000 participants in 10 cities.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/05/16/state/n141458D26.DTL>

63. *May 16, Kent Reporter* – (Washington) **Army Corps expects to know by fall whether Hansom Dam repairs will further reduce Green River flood risk.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expects to know in September whether or not the recently completed repairs will return the Howard Hanson Dam in Washington to its normal operating capacity and reduce the heightened risk of flooding that has threatened the Green River Valley the past two winters. Crews have installed additional drains and wells at the dam. But until they complete testing this summer after the reservoir pool behind the dam reaches full capacity, they will not know how well the repairs worked to protect the cities of Auburn, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila from flooding next winter and many winters to come. “We will evaluate the testing and make a determination to what level we will operate it,” said a commander of the Seattle district of the Corps, at a stakeholders meeting May 16 at Corps headquarters in Seattle. “It is not fixed yet because we don't know whether our fix worked.” The odds of flooding in the Green River Valley remain at 1 in 60, he said. The odds of flooding are 1 in 140 when the dam operates at full capacity.

Source: [http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south\\_king/ken/news/121951004.html](http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south_king/ken/news/121951004.html)

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