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- According to Associated Press, a report found Massey Energy Company recklessly ignored safety and allowed dangerous conditions to build inside a West Virginia mine until a blast last year killed 29 men. (See item [2](#))
- The Victorville Daily Press reports that for hours, all 911 phone lines and thousands of phone and Internet customers, including banks and other businesses, lost service after a construction crew drilled into a network cable in Barstow, California. (See item [45](#))

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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 20, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **3 arrested in theft of 8,600 gallons of gasoline.** Three men have been arrested in the theft of at least 8,600 gallons of gasoline from Calumet Lubricants in Shreveport, Louisiana. A police sergeant said officers have been investigating the internal thefts since they first received a tip in March. He said more specific information about which employees were involved became available earlier this month. The sergeant said detectives set up surveillance on a gas station and witnessed the controlled delivery of around 8,600 gallons of gasoline to the station. He

said the owner of the business then paid \$9,500 in cash for the stolen fuel. The owner was arrested May 19 and booked with one count of felony theft. Also arrested were two other men. They were each booked with one count of felony theft.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/default/article/3-arrested-in-theft-of-8-600-gallons-of-gasoline-1388278.php>

2. *May 20, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Study faults owner in W.Va. mine explosion.** Massey Energy Company recklessly ignored safety and allowed dangerous conditions to build inside a Montcoal, West Virginia mine until a blast last year killed 29 men in the deadliest U.S. coal accident since 1970, according to an independent report released May 19. The report by a former top federal mine regulator, commissioned by the governor, said Massey could have prevented the April, 5, 2010, disaster with standard safety practices, including better ventilation to reduce potentially explosive levels of gas and dust in the tunnels. It also cast blame on state and federal regulators for failing to adequately enforce safety laws at the sprawling Upper Big Branch mine. The report was released to members of the victims' families during a private briefing. Several said its findings did not surprise them because they knew the mine was not safe. The study said the explosion could have been prevented "had Massey Energy followed basic, well-tested, and historically proven safety procedures." It also supported the federal government's theory that methane gas mixed with huge volumes of explosive coal dust turned a small fireball into an earth-shattering explosion. Massey disputed the report, saying the explosion was sparked by an uncontrollable inundation of natural gas inside the mine. The report is the first of several that are expected. State and federal investigators are pursuing their own investigations, while federal prosecutors conduct a criminal investigation.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/05/20/study_faults_owner_in_wva_mine_explosion/

3. *May 20, San Mateo Daily Journal* – (California) **Gas leak evacuates business park.** A construction worker using a jackhammer ruptured a 1-inch gas line at a business park in Foster City, California, May 19, causing the evacuation of at least two buildings. The line was ruptured at about 1:45 p.m. on the back side of a computer software company called Rec Technology. Pacific Gas & Electric crews made it to the scene about 15 minutes after the call came in and were able to crimp the line and shut off the gas. Several Foster City Fire Department crews responded and prepped hoses in case a fire were to start. No fire was sparked, however, and the business park returned to normal activity by about 5 p.m. No one was sent to the hospital, said the fire chief. Construction was stopped May 19 at the site and all employees were sent home, he said.

Source: [http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=159238&title=Gas leak evacuates business park](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=159238&title=Gas_leak_evacuates_business_park)

4. *May 19, Dow Jones Newswires* – (California) **US DOT Chief: new pipeline safety rules due in August.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will issue new safety rules for the nation's oil and gas pipeline operators in August, the agency's top

official said May 19. The DOT Secretary visited the site in San Bruno, California, where a Pacific Gas & Electric gas pipeline exploded last September, killing eight people and destroying dozens of homes. The Secretary said the rules would likely include a requirement for pipeline operators to complete a “top-down review” of their pipelines and replace any pipelines that are in “critical condition, immediately.” The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which regulates PG&E and other utilities, has proposed new rules requiring pipeline operators to test their older pipelines with high-pressure water infusions, or replace the lines, as part of an overhaul of pipeline safety rules. Pending state legislation, such as a proposal that would increase the maximum penalty for violations of safety regulations, would also be useful, a CPUC commissioner said.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/05/19/dot-chief-new-pipeline-safety-rules-august/>

5. *May 19, KWCH 12 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Oil fire ignites after storage tank is hit by lightning.** Farmers in Kingman County, Kansas, near 20th and SE 130th Avenue noticed flames and billowing black smoke after lightning struck an oil storage tank May 19. The Cheney fire chief said emergency crews arrived on the scene and worked to put out the fire before it spread to surrounding tank batteries. The tank contained salt water and highly flammable drip oil. Cheney firefighters tried to use foam to extinguish the fire, but the flames inside the tank prevented use of the foam. Additionally, winds made it difficult to approach part of the burning tank. Emergency crews decided to let the drip oil burn out. Flames have since been extinguished and Cheney firefighters are monitoring the scene. There are no reports of any injuries.

Source: http://articles.kwch.com/2011-05-19/storage-tank_29562808

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *May 20, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Chemical reaction sparks fire at Ohio plant.** Firefighters said a chemical reaction sparked a fire overnight May 18 into May 19 at Emery Industries in Winton Hills, Ohio. When crews arrived, they found a 25-gallon tank with fire shooting from the top. Officials with Emery identified the substance inside as Dowtherm. Dowtherm is a low irritant that contains components that have caused cancer in laboratory animals. Officials said the leak was not large enough to cause any evacuations. To extinguish the flames, crews had to cool down the tank by spraying water on the outside. They also sprayed a mist on the flames to keep them from entering a nearby building. No injuries were reported. Damages were listed at \$750,000.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/chemical-reaction-sparks-fire-ohio-plant>

7. *May 19, Sandusky Register* – (Ohio) **Liquid latex spill closes Perkins Avenue.** Erie County, Ohio, dispatched a hazardous-materials team to the corner of Hayes and Perkins Avenue in Sandusky, May 19, after a liquid latex spill caused a brief but

serious scare. About 250 gallons of non-toxic liquid latex leaked from a Fuel Master truck, authorities said. The white substance stretched across much of Perkins Avenue. The spill shut down Perkins Avenue — between Camp Street to Hayes Avenue — for most of the morning. After Sandusky and Perkins Township fire departments cleared the scene, Fuel Master employees cleaned the area using sand to soak up the latex, and buckets to remove the sand.

Source: <http://www.sanduskyregister.com/sandusky/news/2011/may/19/possible-hazardous-spill-perkins-avenue>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *May 19, GateHouse News Service* – (Massachusetts) **Pilgrim nuclear plant returning to service.** Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts has resumed generating electricity after being out of service for 5 days. Owner Entergy reports power levels at 38 percent of capacity the morning of May 19. The reactor experienced its first unplanned, automatic shutdown in more than a year May 10. It was restarted briefly and reached 14 percent of its capacity, but stopped producing power May 13. Source: <http://www.heraldnews.com/news/x1357380930/Pilgrim-nuclear-plant-returning-to-service>

9. *May 19, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Texas) **Manual reactor trip after a main condenser tube leak.** On May 19, Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant Unit-2 near Glen Rose, Texas was manually tripped due to indication of a main condenser tube failure. The trip was uncomplicated. All control and shutdown banks fully inserted, neither of the emergency diesel generators started, and all safety systems functioned as designed. The motor-driven and turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater (AFW) pumps started as required to restore the steam generator level as a result of the trip. The turbine driven AFW pumps was returned to auto start status. Recovery actions have been planned. All electrical busses are powered from off-site power and grid conditions are stable. The reactor was manually tripped because of rising sodium concentration in the main condenser/feedwater. The licensee notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission resident inspector, State of Texas, and local government. Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en46863>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *May 20, Lorain Morning Journal* – (Ohio) **Elyria man lifeflighted: Foundry worker gets arm caught in machinery.** A man injured at the Elyria Foundry Co., located at 120 Filbert Street in Elyria, Ohio, was in fair condition the night of May 19, according

to a spokeswoman at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. The man, 26, was injured when his arm was caught in a conveyor system that transfers sand, according to an Elyria Foundry spokesperson. The Elyria fire captain said emergency crews went to the scene around 7:45 a.m. and found the worker with his arm stuck up to his shoulder. He was caught about 10 feet beneath the machine and it took crews approximately 36 minutes to extricate him. Firefighters had to use hydraulic rescue equipment, wooden wedges, and air bags, the chief said. After being handed over to medical crews, the worker was flown to MetroHealth Medical Center. An Elyria representative said hospital staff do not believe the man's injuries are life-threatening.

Source:

<http://morningjournal.com/articles/2011/05/20/news/doc4dd645df926d2518136697.txt>

11. *May 19, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Missouri man dies in Herzog plant accident.** A man from St. Joseph, Missouri, died May 18 when a piece of equipment fell on him at the Herzog plant. Buchanan County officers said the 40-year-old died when the equipment fell on him as he worked on a piece of a railcar. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Workers at the Herzog plant do maintenance and custom work on railcars. Based in St. Joseph, Herzog does construction and railroad work across the country. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.
12. *May 19, Muskegon Chronicle* – (Michigan) **Crane operator escapes serious injury at Muskegon's Torresen Marine.** A 38-year-old resident of Muskegon, Michigan, narrowly escaped serious injury May 19 when the crane he was operating on a waterfront barge tipped over, pinning him inside, emergency workers said. The worker was using the crane to lift an estimated 20-foot wood post from Muskegon Lake near the barge at Torresen Marine, 3003 Lakeshore Drive, when it tipped around 11:30 a.m., the Muskegon fire battalion chief said. The impact caused oil and other fluids to leak into Muskegon Lake. A 3-foot steel beam on the barge plunged through the crane's cabin when it tipped, pinning the worker inside. Firefighters, working with Torresen employees, pulled the man from the crane about 45 minutes after the incident. The worker was taken by ambulance to Mercy Health Partners with minor injuries, the chief said. The victim's sister and co-owner of the marina said it is unclear what caused the crane to tip. The accident left a thin layer of oil and hydraulic fluid on the water surrounding the barge. Muskegon County's Hazardous Materials Response Team used an oil containment boom to stop the oil from spreading. The chief said it was unclear how much oil leaked from the crane.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2011/05/ready_to_edit_crane_operator_e.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Key guilty plea in huge Fla. insurance fraud case.** A lawyer's decision to plead guilty May 18 in a \$1 billion Florida insurance fraud case could speed up things up for three others awaiting trial. A Fort Lauderdale, Florida attorney pleaded guilty to conspiracy and admitted helping now-defunct Mutual Benefits Corp. persuade thousands of investors around the world to put money into risky life insurance policies held by the elderly and AIDS sufferers. The investors made money when the policyholders died. The man admitted in court May 18 that he helped mislead investors about the policies and the value of their investments. He has agreed to testify against the others charged in the case. Prosecutors want the trial moved up by a year, to February 2012.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/20/2225619/key-guilty-plea-in-huge-fla-insurance.html>

14. *May 20, Silicon Valley Mercury News* – (International) **Escondido woman pleads not guilty in \$17m ID scam.** A San Diego County, California woman pleaded not guilty May 19 to involvement in a \$17 million, multinational identity theft scheme. A 17-count indictment accuses her of identity theft, fraud and conspiracy in a scheme affecting some 3,000 victims. Prosecutors said the 59-year-old Escondido, California woman received stolen credit card and bank account numbers electronically from co-conspirators in countries including Nigeria, Abu Dhabi, and the United Kingdom. She also allegedly received counterfeit money orders and traveler's checks. Prosecutors charge the woman would then use the stolen data to create phony checks she would mail along with the other counterfeit materials.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_18104187?nclick_check=1

15. *May 20, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Bike bandit pleads guilty to nine counts.** A hooded, BMX bike-riding Spokane, Washington man who terrorized local bank tellers for almost a year pleaded guilty May 19 in federal court to nine counts of armed bank robbery that netted more than \$166,000. The 34-year-old faces between 17 and 22 years in prison after admitting he was the so-called Bicycle Bandit. The convict would don a hooded sweatshirt, cover his face, display a black handgun and ask tellers to count backward from 500 before he pedaled away on his bike. According to court records, the most he scored at one time during his spree was \$44,528. He netted more than \$12,000 in every other robbery, aside from one at Chase Bank that produced \$1,992. As part of the agreement, attorneys will allow a U.S. district court judge to determine how much prison time the convict will receive. The agreement also calls for the man to repay \$166,849 that he stole from banks.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/may/20/bike-bandit-pleads-guilty-to-nine-counts/>

16. *May 20, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **HarborOne says 800 people affected by breach at Randolph branch.** The assailant who attacked a courier May 9 at the HarborOne Credit Union branch in Randolph, Massachusetts, didn't end up getting any cash. But he did end up with some sensitive information that was in a courier bag. That's why the credit union sent out letters the week of May 16 to about 800 people warning that their paperwork from transactions conducted at the branch May 5 may have been compromised by the attack. A spokesman for the Brockton-based credit union, said a Transpro courier working for the credit union was attacked shortly after 5 p.m. May 9. The transactions had all been processed, but related paperwork, including checks, were in the bag. While the suspect was caught, the bag has not been found, the spokesman said The compromised data was limited to names, addresses, and account numbers.
Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/business/x1078553966/HarborOne-says-800-people-affected-by-breach-at-Randolph-branch>
17. *May 19, San Jose Mercury News* – (National) **Federal grand jury in San Jose indicts six in mortgage fraud scheme.** An unfolding Silicon Valley mortgage fraud investigation has netted six more targets who have been charged in San Jose, California federal court with orchestrating a multimillion-dollar mortgage and real estate scam, according to a 32-count indictment unsealed May 18. Federal prosecutors accuse the defendants of duping banks into extending loans to unqualified homebuyers, siphoning off more than \$1 million in illicit commissions for themselves. The indictment was handed down by a federal grand jury earlier in May, but made public the week of May 16. It alleges that between 2004 and 2007, two members of the group solicited low-income homebuyers to purchase homes typically priced more than \$500,000, even though they did not qualify based on assets. At the time, they were working as real estate agents for Century 21 Golden Hills Real Estate. The real estate agents would then refer clients to a mortgage firm, which would inflate the prospective homebuyers' assets. They allegedly wound up coaxing more than \$40 million in bad loans from banks. The defendants face a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison, though they are likely to face much less under federal sentencing guidelines.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_18100031
18. *May 18, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas; California) **Arrested bank robbery suspect reportedly admits to several heists.** A 32-year-old man wanted in a bank robbery in San Antonio, Texas was arrested May 17 and reportedly confessed to several heists. The man even told members of an FBI task force that he used paint on his face to disguise himself as a black man in 2 of the 15 to 20 heists he admitted committing, according to court documents. The suspect was arrested May 17 in Columbus, Texas, 2 hours after the 11 a.m. robbery at the Falcon International Bank in the 2500 block of S.W. Military Drive in San Antonio. He had already been under suspicion for two bank robberies in Austin, records show. When agents caught him, the suspect was cooperative and gave a statement regarding heists in other states, including California, and one in Austin March 17, records show. His purported heists might equal those attributed to a serial bank robbery suspect dubbed the "I-35 Bandit," who got the moniker for targeting banks along the Interstate 35 corridor in Texas. That suspect is

known for takeover-style robberies and a ZZ-Top-style beard as part of his disguise. He is still being sought, officials said.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Arrested-bank-robbery-suspect-reportedly-admits-1385709.php

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Transportation Sector

19. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Rain-induced landslides plague PennDOT in W. Pa.** Rain-induced landslides are plaguing the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in western Pennsylvania. PennDOT said it is working to fix 32 landslide areas, several caused or made worse by persistent rains this month. The agency said it could cost at least \$15 million — and perhaps as much as \$25 million — to fix the problems and prevent future landslides long-term. The landslides in question are in Allegheny, Beaver, and Lawrence counties. A District 11 executive said the agency may have to shift money away from future construction projects to fix the problem. Route 65, a major artery near Pittsburgh, has had one lane closed, while the Port Authority of Allegheny County’s West Busway was closed due to a landslide. Route 88 near Vestaburg, Washington County, also remains closed.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Rain-induced-landslides-plague-PennDOT-in-W-Pa-1388232.php>

20. *May 20, WRC 4 Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **Bus crashes into KFC in Silver Spring.** A Ride-On bus crashed into a Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) restaurant May 20 in Silver Spring, Maryland. The accident happened at about 7:30 a.m. in the 12400 block of Georgia Avenue. There were an unknown number of passengers on the bus. Three people were evaluated on the scene. Of the three, two were transported to a local hospital, including the bus driver. According to the fire department, the bus driver was transported for a medical emergency. However, Montgomery County police did not say that was the cause of the accident. It remains under investigation. The store was not open at the time of the crash, but the manager was in the back of the store. The store will not open May 20. One northbound lane of Georgia Avenue remained closed at about 9:30 a.m. Damage to the building was minor. A building inspector has been called to investigate.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Bus-Crashes-Into-KFC-in-Silver-Spring-122312094.html>

21. *May 19, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Power surge closes Vt. airport for 4 hours.** Officials at Burlington International Airport in South Burlington, Vermont said a power surge caused the runway lights to go out for more than 4 hours May 18, forcing the cancellation of a number of incoming and outgoing flights. An airport operations manager said it is unclear what caused the power surge, but technicians had the lights back on May 19. The power went out about 9:30 p.m. May 18. Six to eight

incoming flights were canceled May 18, as were the same number of early-morning outgoing flights, May 19 — the morning flights are on the aircraft that arrive in the evening. The operations manager said the surge was unusual, and electric utility technicians were trying to determine what caused it.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NAMBAO0.htm>

22. *May 18, Buffalo News* – (National) **U. S. plans to preclear some cargo in Canada would ease traffic on two crossings.** In hopes of reducing congestion on the Peace and Lewiston-Queenston bridges between Canada and New York, the U. S. government will start a pilot project later this year to preclear some trucks and cargo in Canada before they reach the border. Speaking at a House Judiciary subcommittee hearing May 17, the commissioner of Customs and Border Protection said the project would be aimed at routine cargo that could be shipped safely into the United States without inspection at the border. The program is intended to speed truck traffic at the bridges, and to better focus resources to make the border more secure, he said. “The concept is that we could separate out trusted shippers and trusted shipment even in advance of them coming to the port of entry, and therefore permitting them to be released without having to go through the ordinary port of entry process,” he said. “That is a matter we are working on and we hope to present a pilot in the not too distant future.” Discussion of the pilot program took up only a short segment of the hearing, which dealt more broadly on a recent Government Accountability Office report that only 32 miles of the 4,000-mile border can be called “operationally secure.” To help correct that, the DHS later this year will begin using Canadian military radar with its U. S. counterpart to detect low-flying planes going from Canada to the U. S. with drugs, federal officials at the hearing said. The merged radar technology has already been used successfully along the Canadian border in Washington State, and several senators have pressed for its use to be expanded eastward.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/capital-connection/washington/article426074.ece>

23. *May 18, Billings Gazette* – (Wyoming) **WYDOT officials say highway will be closed until mudslide runs its course.** Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) officials said May 18 they are unable to stop a massive mudslide that has closed U.S. Highway 26-89. The volume of mud, rock and water moving across the highway about 24 miles southwest of Jackson, and the speed at which the material is moving means crews will not begin working to reopen the road until the slide stabilizes naturally, a WYDOT media release said. No retaining structure could hold the slide back because of the amount of water involved, and any attempt to drill horizontally into the moving slide to drain water out would result in broken drainage pipe, WYDOT’s district engineer said. As of late May 18, the slide was moving at a rate of about 1 foot per minute with an estimated 40,000 cubic yards of material covering the highway to depths of up to 40 feet. WYDOT crews began moving material off the highway May 14, but by 10 p.m. they could no longer keep the road open. Contractors were brought in to assist May 15 but by May 16, it became clear that effort was only further destabilizing the slide. WYDOT geologists have put stakes and control points on the slide to monitor its movement, and as soon as it stabilizes, work will begin to clear the

highway. WYDOT's plan calls for contractors to work 24 hours a day to remove material. The agency estimated that once work starts, it will take 5 to 6 days to reopen the road.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_4aead2ca-6b50-5a74-b3b9-bfbe12c84eb1.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

24. *May 20, Iowa City Press-Citizen* – (Iowa) **Substance found deemed harmless.** A downtown Iowa City, Iowa office building was evacuated May 19 when an employee at a law office opened a letter containing a suspicious white powder. As it turns out, the substance was harmless. An Iowa City police spokeswoman said that about noon May 19, an employee at the law offices of a local criminal defense attorney opened an envelope containing a handwritten letter and a “powdery white substance.” The office, and eventually the entire building were evacuated, and a postal inspector from Cedar Rapids was sent to the scene. Officials said three employees of the law office were exposed to the substance. Officials did not know what the substance was, and the employees were evaluated. They showed no symptoms of being subjected to a harmful substance, officials said. A Johnson County ambulance remained parked on Clinton Street to evaluate anyone else who was inside the building when the letter was received. The Iowa City Fire Department’s Hazardous Materials Team responded.

Source: <http://www.press-citizen.com/article/20110520/NEWS01/105200324/Substance-found-deemed-harmless?odyssey=nav|head>

25. *May 18, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Police seize 102 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$6 million, in Windsor Locks.** Connecticut state police seized an estimated \$6 million worth of cocaine May 18 when a New York man attempted to pick up the package from a Windsor Locks commercial delivery service. Police said the 37 year-old, of the Bronx, tried to pick up the package — which contained 102 kilos, or about 225 pounds, of cocaine — around noon. A state police spokesman said the package was moved by a forklift to the delivery service’s loading dock. He said the man was loading the package into his car when he was arrested. The spokesman would not identify the delivery service, and would not disclose where the package was from. But he said it had been shipped from another country. He also would not say why the package was shipped to Connecticut. State police said they learned about the transaction through a tip received May 16. Following many leads, detectives from the state police statewide narcotics task force’s north central office located the package and set up surveillance on it. The suspect was held with bail set at \$2 million. He was scheduled to appear at superior Court in Enfield May 19.

Source: http://articles.courant.com/2011-05-18/community/hc-hartford-cocaine-seizure-0519-2-20110518_1_windsor-locks-police-seize-package

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *May 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Stink bug spread worries growers across nation.** The brown marmorated stink bug, a three-quarter-inch invader native to Asia, is believed to have been brought first to the Allentown, Pennsylvania, area in 1998. The bug began appearing in mid-Atlantic orchards in 2003-04 and exploded in number in 2010. In the spring of 2011, stink bugs have been seen in 33 states, including every one east of the Mississippi River, and as far west as California, Oregon, and Washington. “All that we do know for certain is that a tremendously large population went into overwintering in fall 2010. So, if they survived, there could be a very large population emerging in the spring,” a research entomologist at the U.S. Agriculture Department’s Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville West Virginia said. Growers in the mid-Atlantic region have reported the worst problems, and the apple industry appears hit hardest, with \$37 million in damage to growers in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, the U.S. Apple Association said. That is about 18 percent of the Mid-Atlantic crop. Damaged fruit is safe to eat, but blemishes drastically reduce prices.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/article_db838693-52cb-5cde-92eb-dcca8fcf5b56.html

27. *May 20, New York One* – (New York) **Undercover police nab man with explosives in Co-Op City.** Undercover police in the Bronx, New York arrested a 37-year-old man May 19 for allegedly selling cardboard tubes filled with makeshift explosives in a shopping center parking lot in Co-Op City. Sources said the man allegedly sold the undercover officers eight cardboard tubes filled with combustible chemicals out of his white Subaru. Officials thought the tubes were filled with potassium perchlorate and aluminum with attached pyrotechnic fuses. They said if the tubes were ignited, they could have injured bystanders. The suspect was awaiting charges late May 19. The undercover investigation was conducted by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/news_beats/criminal_justice/139420/undercover-police-nab-man-with-explosives-in-co-op-city/

28. *May 19, Reuters* – (National) **Horse herpes outbreak in West grows to 33 cases.** An equine herpes outbreak has widened to include eight Western U.S. states, with 33 horses confirmed to have the highly contagious disease, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said May 19. The outbreak comes just as the prime season for riding shows, sales, and rodeos is starting, resulting in the forced cancellation of scores of events. All but one of the 33 confirmed cases involve horses that attended a National Cutting Horse championship competition in Ogden, Utah, from April 29 to May 8, an event health officials have identified as the source of the outbreak. A total of 308 horses were present at the Utah event, and another 689 have been exposed by secondary contact or proximity, the USDA said. Seven of the infected horses have died

or were euthanized, the USDA noted. Equine herpes virus (EHV-1) is a highly contagious disease that can be fatal, but cannot infect humans. States with confirmed cases include Colorado, California, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, New Mexico, Texas, and Washington, the USDA said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/20/us-horses-herpes-outbreak-idUSTRE74JOLW20110520>

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Water Sector

29. *May 19, Mobile Press Register* – (Alabama) **20,000 gallons of wastewater spilled into Eight Mile Creek.** About 20,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed into Eight Mile Creek May 19 as a result of an electrical failure at a discharge pumping station in Prichard, Alabama, health officials said. Officials with the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard reported the sewer overflow happened at its Stanley Brooks Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at the end of Aldock Road. Crews made the repairs necessary to prevent future overflows at the plant, according to a health department spokesman. Residents were advised to take precautions when coming into contact with standing water that may have accumulated as a result of the overflow. Those who come into direct contact with untreated sewage should wash their hands and clothing thoroughly. Residents should also take precautions if using Eight Mile Creek for recreational purposes. All seafood harvested in the affected area should be thoroughly cooked before consumption, health officials said.

Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2011/05/20000_gallons_of_wastewater_sp.html

30. *May 19, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Oregon) **Heppner: City water supply contaminated.** Residents of Heppner, Oregon, have been told not to drink the city water until further notice after fecal coliform, or E. coli bacteria was found in the water supply May 19. The bacteria can make people sick, particularly if they have weak immune systems. Symptoms include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, or headaches. Residents of the Morrow County town should use bottled water or boil water for 5 minutes and then let it cool before using it for drinking, making ice cubes, brushing teeth, washing dishes, or food preparation. Fecal coliforms and E. coli bacteria may be present when water has been contaminated with human or animal waste. The problem can occur if a well gets contaminated, a distribution line breaks, or the chlorination system fails.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2011/05/19/1496133/heppner-city-water-supply-contaminated.html>

31. *May 19, WINK 9 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Lee closes a water plant; blame algae and salt water intrusion in Caloosahatchee.** Lee County, Florida, will close its water plant at Olga because of algae and high salt levels in the Caloosahatchee River, WINK 9 Fort Myers reported May 19. Officials blamed the algae on hot and dry weather, and the salinity on intrusion from the Gulf of Mexico. The salt water is intruding upriver

because the South Florida Water Management District has not released fresh water from Lake Okeechobee for some time. It has not done so because of the low levels in the lake — it is about 2 feet below the normal for mid-spring. The week of May 16, two Lee County commissioners flew to Atlanta, Georgia. They met with top officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to get the Corps to pressure the water district to release water into the river at more regular intervals. One commissioner told WINK the district should have been releasing fresh water last November, before the current dry period really got bad. He said the district must find ways to make sure there are regular flows of fresh water into the river.

Source: <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2011-05-19/Lee-Closes-a-Water-Plant-Blame-Algae-and-Salt-water-intrusion-in-Caloosahatchee>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

32. *May 19, DrBicuspid.com* – (Minnesota) **Stolen laptop contained dental patients' personal data.** Delta Dental of Minnesota has notified patients of Smile Center dental clinics that personal information used in a lawsuit has been compromised after a laptop computer and computer disk containing the data was stolen from the University of Minnesota. The computer disk contained the names, birth dates, Social Security numbers, and dental claims data for some patients covered by Delta who were patients of Smile Center dental clinics between January 1, 2003, and June 30, 2010, according to a Delta press release. The data was used as part of a lawsuit filed in April 2009 on behalf of five Minnesota Smile Center Clinics — which provide dental care to low-income patients and employ 34 dentists and 40 dental hygienists — accusing Delta of forcing its dentists to provide less care than the low-income enrollees deserved. As part of the lawsuit, Delta was required to provide the disk containing patient data to the Smile Center, their law firm, and their expert witness. It was this disk that was stolen from the expert witness's office at the University of Minnesota. Neither the university nor Delta revealed when it was stolen or how many names it contained. Law enforcement officials are working to recover the data.

Source:

<http://www.drbuspid.com/index.aspx?Sec=sup&Sub=pmt&pag=dis&ItemID=307704&wf=47>

33. *May 19, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Man in custody after pharmacy standoff.** Police said a man is in custody after a standoff May 19 at a CVS Pharmacy in Union Township, Ohio. Police said the 25-year-old entered the pharmacy on Old Ohio 74 near Glen Este-Withamsville Road just before 1:30 p.m. in what appeared to be an attempted robbery. Witnesses said the man told police he had a pipe bomb. A witness said employees and customers fled the building when police arrived, and a maintenance man was briefly stuck on the roof until firefighters put a ladder up to him. SWAT officers and paramedics were called in. Some businesses near the CVS, including a

bank, closed their doors to help keep civilians out of the area. The man surrendered about 4 p.m. and was taken to the police department for questioning. No one was injured during the standoff.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/r/27953481/detail.html>

34. *May 19, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **Hot tar, smoke cleared from LSUHSC medical school.** The Shreveport Fire Department has cleared away smoke and smoldering tar from the roof of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, after the tar and asphalt being laid there burned through into the building May 19. The fire department has cleared the scene and allowed everyone back inside. The fire department chief said workers were laying the tar and asphalt on the south side third-story roof when the tar burned through. He said there were not any reports of visible flames, but the tar smoked out the inside of the building. There were no patients inside the building, but everyone else was soon evacuated to allow firefighters to put out the burning tar and identify potential hot spots with thermal imaging equipment, he said. There were no injuries.
Source: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20110519/NEWS01/110519017/SFD-clearing-hot-tar-smoke-from-LSUS-medical-school>
35. *May 19, HealthDay News* – (National) **FDA to pull diabetes drug Avandia from pharmacy shelves.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that the controversial diabetes drug Avandia will no longer be sold at retail pharmacies beginning November 18, due to the cardiovascular risks it poses to patients. According to the new rules, the medication will only be available to patients who have been safely using the drug, those who have had no success in controlling their blood sugar with other diabetes medications, or patients who have been informed of the risks and still choose to take Avandia (rosiglitazone). These patients must be enrolled in a special program to qualify to receive the drug, the FDA said. “Under the Avandia-Rosiglitazone Medicines Access Program, rosiglitazone medicines will only be available to enrolled patients by mail order from certified pharmacies participating in the program,” the agency said in a May 18 statement. “The drug manufacturer, GlaxoSmithKline, will withdraw rosiglitazone medicines from the current supply chain and will provide pharmacies with instructions on returning the medicines.” Rosiglitazone is also sold under the names Avandamet and Avandaryl. The new rules apply to those drugs as well. According to Bloomberg News, GlaxoSmithKline said it plans to inform pharmacists and doctors about the new access program over the next 2 months. The withdrawal of Avandia and related products from drugstore shelves comes 8 months after the FDA severely restricted use of rosiglitazone to patients with type 2 diabetes for whom other medications do not work. More than 23 million Americans are thought to have type 2 diabetes and, according to the FDA, almost a half-million Americans filled a prescription for rosiglitazone in the first 10 months of 2010.
Source: <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/diet-fitness/diabetes/articles/2011/05/19/fda-to-pull-diabetes-drug-avandia-from-pharmacy-shelves>

36. *May 18, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **Anthrax attack threat persists, DHS says.** The U.S. government must remain poised to deal with another attack involving anthrax, a senior DHS official warned the week of May 9. “The threat of an attack using a biological agent is real and requires that we remain vigilant. A wide-area attack using aerosolized *Bacillus anthracis*, the bacteria that causes anthrax, is one of the most serious mass casualty biological threats facing the U.S.,” the DHS chief medical officer said during a May 12 hearing of the House Homeland Security emergency preparedness subcommittee. The key capacities to dealing with such a threat are the ability to quickly identify the release of a biological agent and then to deliver medical countermeasures to all potential victims before they display “clinical symptoms,” he said. Homeland Security’s Health Affairs Office manages the Biowatch program, which has deployed sensors in major cities around the nation to detect airborne biological agents. It is pursuing development of more sophisticated technology that would enable confirmation of a bioagent release in 4 to 6 hours, he told the panel. The Health Affairs Office is also involved in various additional “federal interagency efforts to strengthen the nation’s ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks,” he said. These included preparing a system under which the U.S. Postal Service would distribute medical countermeasures in the event of a major biological incident.
Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110518_3088.php

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *May 20, U.S. Department of State* – (International) **Terrorist attack on U.S. Consulate personnel in Peshawar.** A vehicle belonging to the U.S. Consulate in Peshawar, Pakistan, was hit May 20 by an improvised explosive device, the U.S. Department of State said in a news release. It noted that the explosion damaged the vehicle, but no U.S. personnel were seriously injured. The release said that according to media reports, at least one person was killed and bystanders were injured. Pakistani authorities responded immediately and were investigating the incident. The release indicated that the United States is committed to working with Pakistan in a joint effort to combat terrorism and to bring to justice those behind the attack.
Source: <http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/pr-media052011.html>
38. *May 20, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (National) **Sailor pleads guilty to espionage charges in Norfolk.** A U.S. Navy intelligence specialist admitted May 19 he smuggled classified documents out of Fort Bragg in North Carolina in folders and his pants pockets, then sold them for \$11,500 to a man he believed was a Chinese agent. The 22-year-old petty officer 2nd class pleaded guilty to four counts of attempted espionage and seven counts of mishandling classified information. He had faced 15 charges and the possibility of life in prison. In exchange for his guilty pleas, the remaining charges will be dropped and he will receive a reduced sentence. A reservist, the man was

arrested in December in North Carolina. At the time he was at Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg training to deploy to Afghanistan, although he was assigned to the Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center at Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek in Virginia Beach. The man enlisted in the Navy in 2006 and received a top-secret-level security clearance in 2007. Before reporting to Fort Bragg in September 2010, he was stationed at military facilities in Syracuse, New York; Jackson, South Carolina; San Diego, California; and Washington. Navy records list his hometown as Mexico, New York. He is being held at the Norfolk, Virginia, Naval Station brig.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/05/sailor-pleads-guilty-espionage-charges-norfolk>

39. *May 19, New York Daily News* – (Pennsylvania) **Kindergartner caught with 18 bags of heroin at school, cops say he handed it out to classmates.** Police were called to a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, kindergarten class after a 7-year-old boy turned up with 18 bags of heroin and began handing them out to classmates. “The kids are calling it ‘the magic ticket’ because it is a white pack with a stamp of a bunny coming out of a hat,” a police spokeswoman told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The boy told police he found the bags at home and did not know what they were. Police were alerted after the boy cut his finger on a razor blade, prompting the principal to look inside his schoolbag and spot the drugs. Cops brought in a drug-sniffing dog, which found even more in the boy’s locker. School officials alerted parents, three of whom came forward with bags of heroin they had found in their children’s possession. Officials said it does not appear any of the kids had taken the drug, which can be lethal in any amount to children of that age.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/2011/05/19/2011-05-19-kindergartner-caught-with-18-bags-of-heroin-at-school-cops-say-he-handed-it-out.html>

40. *May 18, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Health officials investigating Coachella school after students get sick.** About 60 students at Cesar Chavez Elementary School in Coachella, California, fell ill May 16, and Riverside County officials are still trying to understand why, according to published reports. The county health department was summoned to the school that afternoon to investigate the school’s kitchen, officials said. But they did not find anything to suggest that the kitchen staff or facilities were not up to code. Officials said May 18 that it is still too early to say what made the students sick. The school’s cafeteria served about 800 students and 10 adults May 16. They ate a meal of taco salad with ground beef, shredded cheese, lettuce, salsa, and a dessert of apple cobbler, officials said. None of the adults became sick after eating the meal, according to published reports. About 826 students eat the school’s provided lunches, officials said.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-60-students-sick,0,1756979.story>

41. *May 17, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Former SF worker who hijacked network must pay city \$1.5 million.** A judge May 17 ordered a former city worker who locked San Francisco, California, out of its main computer network for 12 days in 2008 to pay nearly \$1.5 million in restitution, prosecutors said. Prosecutors had sought

the money from the former department of technology network engineer to repay the city for its efforts in trying to regain control over the FiberWAN network and later test it for vulnerabilities. City officials had been worried that the man, who helped set up the network but clashed with his supervisors, might try to sabotage it. The convict said he never intended any harm, but he did not trust his superiors with the passwords. He eventually gave the passwords to the then-mayor in a jail cell visit, and after spending the next 2 years in custody, was convicted of one felony count and sentenced to 4 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/crime/2011/05/judge-orders-former-city-worker-terry-childs-pay-san-francisco-15m>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *May 20, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (Massachusetts) **Concord man fined \$16,000 in EMT training conspiracy.** A resident from Concord, New Hampshire — described as the central figure in a scheme by Massachusetts Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics to subvert training requirements — was fined \$16,000 and placed on a year’s probation, Massachusetts authorities said May 19. The 51-year-old, pleaded guilty to 3 charges of conspiracy and 16 violations of emergency services regulations when he appeared in Suffolk Superior Court, according to a statement issued by the Massachusetts attorney general. The scheme created by the suspect and other Massachusetts EMT instructors, involved the creation of fraudulent training records for dozens of EMT workers who never completed required courses, the attorney general said. The suspect also received a suspended jail sentence of 2.5 years. The suspect, formerly a paramedic formerly at Trinity Ambulance in Haverhill, Massachusetts, was the central figure in the alleged scheme, according to the attorney general’s office.
- Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20110520/NEWS03/705209972/1001>

43. *May 20, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Dispatch open after carbon monoxide evacuation.** At least 22 people were transported to the hospital after being exposed to carbon monoxide at the Brevard County, Florida, sheriff’s dispatch center, WFTV 9 Orlando reported May 20. The 22 sheriff’s office employees were transported to Parrish Medical Center and Wuesthoff Medical Center, mainly as a precaution. There were no life-threatening injuries, officials said. They said a contractor was working on the roof of the sheriff’s office when a generator he was using leaked carbon monoxide into the ventilation system and set off carbon monoxide detectors inside the dispatch center. Officials said everyone was treated and the ones taken to the hospital showed signs of carbon monoxide poisoning. As of the early afternoon of May 20, 911 calls were being handled by the Titusville Police Department. The Brevard County Sheriff’s Office moved into their mobile command post, which has a dispatch. The Titusville Fire Department and the Brevard County Fire Rescue ventilated the building on Park

Avenue and South Street. It has since been reopened.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/27964291/detail.html>

44. *May 20, WPBF 25 Palm Beach Gardens* – (Florida) **Fla. officer accused of robbing suspects.** A police officer in Lantana, Florida, is accused of robbing Hispanic men during traffic stops. The officer was arrested May 19 on three counts of robbery. According to the state attorney’s office in Palm Beach County, he targeted Hispanic men, pulling them over, searching them, and stealing their money. They said the officer was stopping the men as they left check cashing stores, taking their wallets, and then returning them, minus some of the cash they had just gotten. They said he was robbing the men on the job, in uniform, and while driving his patrol car. Before becoming a police officer, the officer was a dispatcher for the town, and had several write-ups. In 1998 he was “given a final chance” after leaving work early and falsifying his time card. The officer has bonded out of the Palm Beach County Jail.
Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10272056/fla-officer-accused-of-robbing-suspects>
45. *May 19, Victorville Daily Press* – (California) **911 phone lines down across High Desert.** All 911 phone lines in the High Desert and Lancaster area were down for hours May 19 after a city construction crew drilled into a network cable conduit in Barstow, California, according to a Verizon spokesman. The incident also impacted thousands of phone and Internet customers in the area. Banks, stores, and other businesses temporarily closed down in the afternoon, unable to accept credit cards or use their security systems. The incident happened at 1:45 p.m. By 4:30 p.m., 911 calls from Victor Valley residents were being automatically routed to the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s dispatch center, according to a department spokeswoman. It took longer to route emergency calls for Barstow residents, though the Verizon spokesman said all 911 service was restored by 6 p.m. Verizon workers were at the scene May 19 using a backhoe to access the underground cable, according to the Verizon spokesman. He said the conduit was heavily damaged, with the fiber optic line reportedly wrapped around the city crew’s auger.
Source: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/valley-27753-victor-down.html>
46. *May 19, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Former paramedic guilty of tampering with drug vials.** A former paramedic supervisor from Fillmore, California, who was accused of replacing narcotics in vials with saline solution, was found guilty of tampering with a consumer product by a federal jury in U.S. district court in Los Angeles May 16. The jury found the man tampered with numerous vials of morphine and an anti-seizure medicine in American Medical Response ambulances and in a storage safe, with “reckless disregard for the risk that another person would be placed in danger of death or bodily injury” and extreme indifference. In the defendant’s office at work, vials, tampered caps, and syringes, as well as a concealed shredder that contained shredded log pages from a drug safe log book were discovered, according to the prosecution’s trial memo. The charge the suspect was convicted of carries a possible penalty of 57 to 71 months in federal prison. A sentencing hearing will take place September 26. The convict remains free on bond.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/may/19/former-paramedic-guilty-of-tampering-with-drug/>

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Information Technology Sector

47. *May 20, The Register* – (International) **Firefox add-on with 7m downloads can invade privacy.** A high-rated Firefox extension with more than 7 million downloads secretly collects data about every Web site the open-source browser visits and combines it with uniquely traceable information tied to the user, an independent security researcher said. The undisclosed behavior of the Ant Video Downloader and Player add-on takes place even when the Firefox private browsing mode is turned on or when users are availing themselves of anonymity services such as Tor. The add-on carries a rating of four out of five possible stars and gets an average of almost 7,000 downloads per day, according to official Mozilla statistics. The revelations raise new questions about the safety of extensions offered on Mozilla’s Web site. A spokeswoman for the open-source developer said the media player, like all public extensions not designated experimental, was vetted to make sure it meets a list of criteria. Chief among them is add-ons “must make it very clear to users what [privacy and security] risks they might encounter, and what they can do to protect themselves.” In the meantime, the add-on is available for download on Mozilla’s site with no warning.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/20/firefox_addon_privacy_invasion/

48. *May 20, The Register* – (International) **Sony’s Thai website pwned by phisher scoundrels.** Security researchers have discovered a phishing site running on Sony’s servers. A fraudulent site running off the hdworld.sony.co.th domain is targeting an Italian credit card company, F-Secure reports. The incident means that another Sony property, in this case its Thai Web site, has been hacked. The incident is less serious than the PlayStation Network (PSN) hack in April, however, it does not bode well, especially after Sony went to great lengths to reassure everyone that it was tightening up security controls across the board in the wake of the PSN hack and a separate problem involving its online store. In related news, phishing e-mails seeking to con gamers into handing over their PSN log-in credentials to bogus sites have begun to appear.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/20/sony_phishing/

49. *May 19, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft links fake Mac AV to Windows scareware gang.** Microsoft said the week of May 16 it has evidence of a link between the fake security software targeting Mac users and a family of similar software on Windows. Phony security software, labeled “rogueware” and “scareware” by experts, has long been a huge thorn in Windows’ side. Earlier in May, however, researchers announced the discovery of a Mac-specific scam that claims the machine is heavily

infected. Once installed, the software nags users with pervasive pop-ups and fake alerts until they disclose a fee to purchase the worthless program. To get rid of the program's alerts, many Mac owners pay the \$79.50 "registration fee" for the program. Mac users reported being tricked into downloading the fake software on Apple's support forums and increasing numbers to Mac-centric antivirus vendor Intego, which identified at least three names for the same product: MacDefender, MacSecurity, and MacProtector. The bogus program is believed to be the first Mac security software scam. Engineers who work for the Microsoft Malware Protection Center said May 17 users who visit a Web page posing as a free online virus scanner get served either Mac or Windows scareware. The site delivers scareware dubbed "Win32/Winwebsec," while Macs get "MacOS_X/FakeMacdef," the engineers said. There is also evidence the same cyber criminal, or gang of scammers, created both versions. The engineers cited several similarities in the code of the two phony security programs, including nearly-identical URLs as the destination for "phone home" transmissions, similar Web addresses for the purchase pages of the pair, and sharing the same payment gateway, the site where users enter their credit card information to buy the useless utilities. They also suspect the maker of both pieces of scareware is Russian.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216877/Microsoft_links_fake_Mac_AV_to_Windows_scareware_gang

50. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Siemens says it will fix SCADA bugs.** Siemens is working on a fix for some serious vulnerabilities recently discovered in its industrial control system products used to manage machines on the factory floor. The company said May 19 it was testing patches for the issues, just one day after a security researcher from NSS Labs was forced to cancel a talk on the issue because of security concerns. NSS Labs had been working with Siemens and the DHS's Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response (ICS CERT) on addressing the issues for the past week-and-a-half. However, the company decided to cancel the talk when it turned out that Siemens' proposed fixes were not completely effective, according to the CEO of NSS Labs. Siemens did not say when it expected to fix the problems. "Our team continues to work diligently on this issue — also together with both NSS Labs and ICS CERT. We are in the process of testing patches and developing mitigation strategies," Siemens said in a statement.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216867/Siemens_says_it_will_fix_SCADA_bugs

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

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

Communications Sector

51. *May 20, TMC Net* – (Virginia) **Northrop Grumman fined \$5M for massive government computer outage.** Last summer, technical and human errors combined to cause a massive outage in data centers and data storage facilities operated by defense contractor Northrop Grumman, disrupting services of some 26 Virginia state agencies, including the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Of those 26 agencies, 16 reported a financial impact due to the outage. Consequently, the state government has fined the contractor, who has also agreed to implement a corrective action plan that addresses the findings and recommendations in the independent third party audit report. Under an agreement, Northrop Grumman will provide \$4.748 million in financial compensation and operational improvements to the Commonwealth for losses from the computer outage.
Source: <http://www.tmcnet.com/topics/articles/177022-northrop-grumman-fined-5m-massive-government-computer-outage.htm>

52. *May 20, Radio-Info.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Philly restaurant fire forces evacuation at two Beasley stations and Metro.** A fire that started in the kitchen of a Houlihan's restaurant caused two radio stations to send their staff to the street, and also impacted the Metro Networks traffic and news operation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania May 20. The restaurant fire sent smoke billowing into the adjacent office building which houses Beasley's Country WXTU-FM (92.5) and Rhythmic/CHR WRDW-FM "Wired" (96.5), as well as Metro Networks. Some sprinkler units within the building were set off due to the smoke on the lower floors of the 11-story building, causing some water damage which included the office that houses the radio stations. The Beasley stations remained on the air using automation. The Metro Networks regional director of operations told Radio-Info his staff was forced to evacuate, and some were sent down the street to a CBS Radio studio where reports for all-news KYW-AM (1060) continued. Metro Network staff was able to return to the building within a few hours after fire crews gave the go-ahead. Fire investigators and clean-up crews remained on site May 19 to assess the damage and continue with repairs.
Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/philly-restaurant-fire-forces-evacuation-at-two-beasley-stations-and-metro>

53. *May 20, CNN* – (National) **Muslim convert charged with threats to 'South Park' creators.** Federal authorities are using words uttered by the co-founder of a radical Islamic group to charge him with threats of violence against the creators of the "South Park" television show. A criminal complaint alleging the communication of threats was filed in Virginia the week of May 9 against the Islamic leader. A senior law enforcement source told CNN May 19 the suspect is believed to be in Morocco, where he maintains Islampolicy(dot)com, an English-language Web site propagating pro al Qaida views. That Web site is a successor to Revolutionmuslim(dot)com. The man, a former resident of Brooklyn, New York, is the second person charged in the "South

Park” case.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/05/19/us.terror.charge/index.html?eref=rss_crime

54. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Exchange Online has downtime problems again.** Exchange Online, the hosted version of Microsoft’s e-mail system, ran into technical problems again May 19, the latest in a series of downtime and performance hiccups. The May 19 problems apparently began affecting users in North America, and at close to 5 p.m. seemed still unresolved, prompting frustrated IT administrators to post complaints on various discussion forums. A Microsoft official posted the following message to some of the discussion threads: “As of this morning, we are investigating reports of intermittent mail flow issues affecting Exchange Online users served from the Americas data center.” The outages affected 1 percent of all Exchange users, Microsoft said in an e-mail shortly after 5:30 p.m. “Currently all new inbound and outbound messages are delivering as expected; however there is a small percentage that remain in the queue awaiting delivery. Full resolution of the issue is expected shortly,” the company said. A spokeswoman said Microsoft does not disclose how many Exchange Online users there are. In October last year, the general manager of Microsoft’s Online Services division, told IDG News Service there were 40 million paid end-user seats of Microsoft Online Services, of which Exchange Online is a part.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9216880/Exchange_Online_has_downtime_problems_again

55. *May 19, Cliffview Pilot* – (National) **Hudson swindler admits swiping \$4.4 million worth of VOIP services.** A Hudson County, New York con man admitted his role in a scheme to steal more than \$4.4 million from several Voice Over Internet Protocol service providers by setting up shell companies that he and his cohorts claimed operated from the Empire State Building and other prominent addresses. The 32-year-old man, of Guttenberg, New York, admitted he and crew members held themselves out as the owners and operators of shell companies that purported to be established VOIP wholesalers. Their victims included AT&T, Cordial Communications, Digerati Networks, France Telecom, Iristel, Keywest Communications, Maxcom Telecomunicaciones, Pipeline Telecom, Primus Communications, Surf creek Communications, and Verizon — all of whom provided services to the crew on credit. The thieves then sold the VOIP services to legitimate wholesalers and pocketed the profits, the government said.

Source: <http://www.cliffviewpilot.com/hudson/2384-hudson-swindler-admits-swiping-44-million-worth-of-voip-services>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *May 20, KNVX 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **5 teens arrested in gang-related arson fires.** Five teenagers were charged May 19 with felonies in a series of arson incidents that have terrorized the northwest valley area of Phoenix, Arizona over the past few months. Investigators said the teens are part of gangs in the area of 43rd Avenue and Bell Road, who are using arson as a means of retaliation against their rivals. A Phoenix police detective said one of the teens arrested was a leading member of one gang. Police said the man was responsible for damages to baseball batting cages at Northwest Christian Church. That fire happened in April and school officials said it caused \$20,000 in damage. Investigators believe the four others who were arrested are associated with a second gang. The four are accused of setting four fires in one night back in February. Vehicles were set on fire and police believe a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an occupied home. Investigators said the two gangs were not battling with each other, but it is believed they were having turf wars with other street gangs in the area.

Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_phoenix_metro/north_phoenix/5-teens-arrested-in-gang-related-arson-fires

57. *May 20, Santa Monica Daily Press* – (California) **Santa Monica teen's pipe bombs force evacuation of neighborhood.** Residents of an apartment building in Santa Monica, California, found themselves waiting on the sidewalk for more than 2 hours May 18 while Santa Monica police, firefighters and the Los Angeles County bomb squad seized and detonated two pipe bombs found in the room of a 16-year-old boy. Santa Monica police found the bombs, illegal M-80 firecrackers, explosive materials, and prescription drugs in the room of the 16-year-old after officers conducted a routine probation check, officials said. Officers also found printed instructions on how to make explosives, and white powder, believed to be ammonium nitrate, a Santa Monica Police Department spokesman said. The teen was on probation with Los Angeles County for previous narcotics possession charges. One bomb had been made out of a 3-inch piece of pipe, and the other was an empty carbon dioxide canister. The bomb squad arrived at about 9:50 p.m. The materials were confirmed to be explosive, and then detonated by the bomb squad in a special container inside the team's vehicle. Residents of surrounding apartments were allowed back into their homes at about 11:45 p.m., a police spokesman said. The teen was booked on suspicion of felony counts of manufacturing an explosive device and possession of an explosive device and misdemeanor counts of probation violation, possession of the potato launcher, being under the influence of a narcotic, possession of drug paraphernalia and drug possession, a police spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.smdp.com/Articles-c-2011-05-19-71845.113116-Update-Santa-Monica-teens-pipe-bombs-force-evacuation-of-neighborhood.html>

58. *May 20, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **FBI arrests 19 in nationwide jewelry heists.** The FBI busted a nationwide “grab and go” jewelry theft ring suspected of having grabbed \$1.2 million worth of luxury watches and diamond rings — including some that were yanked off employees' fingers during the heists, according to court documents unsealed May 19 in U.S. district court in Detroit, Michigan. The metro Detroit, Michigan-based operation hit 45 stores in 22 states and routed the stolen goods

back to Michigan, records show. Some of the items ended up at Zeidman's Jewelry and Loan in Southfield, Michigan, a store federal agents raided in March. The FBI arrested 19 Michigan residents with the help of jail calls and GPS tracking units that were placed on various vehicles involved in the thefts. Two defendants were ordered temporarily detained May 19. Four defendants were released on bond. Three pawnshops were primarily used to fence the jewelry.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110520/NEWS06/105200388/FBI-arrests-19-nationwide-jewelry-heists?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

59. *May 19, New Hyde Park Patch* – (New York) **Town of North Hempstead's explanation about Tully Park chlorine incident.** Nassau County, New York police responded to a call about a chlorine spill at the pool at the Tully Park recreation facility in New Hyde Park at 7:43 a.m. May 19. Three employees were taken to Winthrop University Hospital. "Three town workers were exposed to chlorine fumes when one of the employees opened a chlorine pod that was situated under a containment closet which had taken in water from a drainage pipe," said a Town of North Hempstead spokesman. "The subject pipe, which was part of the original building, was located in an area that was not part of the new construction, but rather in a lower level maintenance area that is not open to the public. The pool contractor was brought in to assess and repair the situation and the problem was addressed within a few hours. The three employees are apparently in good condition and awaiting release from Winthrop hospital pending hospital protocols on such issues." The pool was closed May 19, but it reopened May 20.

Source: <http://newhydepark.patch.com/articles/town-of-north-hempsteads-explanation-about-tully-park-chlorine-incident>

60. *May 17, Greensboro News & Record* – (North Carolina) **Police: Malfunctioning cable may have caused carnival worker's death.** A carnival worker killed after a fall from a Ferris wheel at in Greensboro, North Carolina, May 16 was the state's first amusement park fatality in almost 10 years. Early investigations into the accident, which critically injured one other worker, point to a malfunctioning cable as the cause of the accident, a Greensboro police corporal said. The fall was reported just before 2 a.m. May 16 at the Greensboro Youth Council Carnival held annually in the Greensboro Coliseum's parking lot. The two workers were taken to Moses Cone Hospital. There, a 42-year-old carnival worker was pronounced dead. The second worker was in critical condition at Moses Cone, police said. The two men were at different parts of the ride and were taking it down when the accident occurred, police said. The wheel is 90 feet tall with 16 buckets. Workers had removed all of the buckets and 9 of 16 spokes when the accident occurred. In North Carolina, traveling amusement park rides are inspected by the state department of labor's elevator and amusement device bureau each time they are set up. If inspectors find a safety violation while they are inspecting a ride, it will not be certified until the company fixes the violation and the ride is re-inspected, the bureau chief said.

Source: <http://www.news-record.com/content/2011/05/16/article/carnival-worker-falls-to-death-2nd-injured>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *May 20, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida; Georgia) **Most of Honey Prairie Fire contained.** With more than 55 percent of the Honey Prairie Fire considered contained, firefighters May 19 mopped up hot spots along control lines and secured line along the Swamp Edge Break, a combination road and fire break that encircles the swamp in Florida and Georgia. After strategically set fires burned out a combined 20,000 acres May 17 and 18 to protect Stephen C. Foster State Park, the fire is now at 146,924 acres, a joint information team said. Even with the containment, a team on the east side of the 430,000-acre refuge was putting in irrigation lines to protect a boardwalk at Suwannee Canal Recreation Area. There are now 330 people assigned to the fire with 8 helicopters, 29 fire engines, and 42 bulldozers. With winds near calm, the fire was not showing much activity late May 19, a spokesman for the joint information team said. Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2011-05-20/story/most-honey-prairie-fire-contained>

62. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona wildfire nearly 34,500 acres. Crews focusing efforts on burnout operations.** The U.S. Forest Service said the Horseshoe Two wildfire has burned nearly 34,500 acres in southeastern Arizona. Fire crews have contained 25 percent of the wildfire near the rural community of Portal in Cochise County. The wind has proven to be a challenge to fire crews over the past several days. However, fire officials say higher humidity May 19 helped the effort by moderating the fire's behavior. Some fire growth occurred on the western flank of the fire so crews started line preparation in the Rucker Canyon area in preparation for burnout operations over the next few days to remove fuel from the wildfire. Nearly 800 firefighters are working the lines in steep and rugged terrain near the Chiricahua National Monument. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f3e30305295c42298123aaf87475d648/AZ--Arizona-Wildfire/>

63. *May 20, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **Ammonia leak forces evacuation in Oceano.** A strong chemical odor at a California State Parks Department maintenance yard in Oceano led to an evacuation of the area May 19. The odor was traced to an abandoned pressurized cylinder containing ammonia. State parks employees at the maintenance yard noticed the odor around 8 a.m., prompting a multi-jurisdiction team of emergency personnel from Oceano to Paso Robles to respond to the scene. The cylinder measured about 2 feet in diameter and 4 or 5 feet in height, and was one-quarter to one-third full of anhydrous ammonia. State parks workers pulled it off the beach May 18. It is not known how the device wound up on the beach or who owns it, a Cal Fire battalion chief said. Although officials said there was no immediate danger to the public with the small leak, a precautionary evacuation warning was issued for Coastal Dunes RV Park & Campground located across Highway 1 and surrounding

residences. Additionally, an evacuation order was implemented for the State parks maintenance yard. The warnings were lifted just before noon, May 19, after two hazardous materials team members diluted the leaking ammonia with water and transferred the material to a sealed container that will be hauled off site and disposed of.

Source: http://www.santamariatimes.com/news/local/article_8bc3d16c-82a9-11e0-8a43-001cc4c03286.html

64. *May 19, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Lincoln County wildfire closes highways.** A wildfire reported May 19 in Lincoln County, New Mexico, has grown to 200 acres shutting down state and U.S. highways. The Rifle Fire jumped State Road 220, and U.S. Highway 380 was closed between Capitan and Hondo, according to New Mexico State Forestry. Electric service in the Fort Stanton area was turned off, according to the agency. State forestry reported the Rifle Fire began about 11:30 a.m. burning through pinon, juniper, and grass while threatening two buildings. No structures have been destroyed, and no evacuations have been ordered. The fire is believed to have been started by equipment, state forestry said without elaborating on the type of equipment or how it sparked the blaze. Winds from the west-southwest were reported to be gusting as high as 48 mph. More than 50 firefighters backed by three air tankers were working the blaze. Additionally, two heavy air tankers were ordered to join the fight.

Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/weather/wildfires/power-out-as-fire-burns-at-fort-stanton>

65. *May 16, Washington Examiner* – (International) **Ex-college student charged with selling military equipment.** A 20-year-old Poolesville, Maryland man was charged in a scheme to sell military equipment stolen from Yellowstone National Park to buyers overseas. Prosecutors said the conspiracy was discovered during an investigation of the theft of several high-powered rifles from a Montana sporting goods store in 2009. The new charges come a month after a Montana judge sentenced the man to 15 months after he pleaded guilty to burglarizing a federal firearms licensee. The former Montana State University student faces new charges in Maryland for conspiracy to export arms and munitions, and unlawful export of arms and munitions. He faces up to 20 more years in prison. According to the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in Montana, investigators got a tip from a man who saw a flier on a Montana State University bulletin board advertising two guns for sale. The man was also an employee at Bob Ward & Sons Sporting Goods store, and recognized the items as the firearms that were stolen from the store in February 2009. Police arrested the suspect and found body armor and a pair of night-vision goggles, authorities said. He admitted to detectives he stole the items from Yellowstone National Park where he was a volunteer, documents said. According to new charging documents, in 2009 the suspect placed some of the goggles on eBay, and sold six of them to buyers in Germany, Norway, and Denmark for between \$2,900 and \$4,100 each. The night-vision equipment is classified by the federal government as “articles of war” and require an arms dealership license to sell abroad, charging documents said.

Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/crime-punishment/2011/05/ex-college-student-charged-selling-military-equipment>

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Dams Sector

66. *May 20, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Corps: More flooding on lakes possible.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is warning of more potential flooding for residents downstream of Beaver, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, and Norfork lakes in Missouri. In a press release, the Corps warned that the lakes are still nearly full from recent rains and that, with more rain in the forecast, there is a potential for more flooding. The Corps is recommending that people living in at-risk areas should stay in contact with local emergency officials for warnings about larger-than-normal water releases from dams. The press release said people should decide beforehand whether to move livestock equipment and belongings to higher ground. It said flows downstream can change quickly, with perhaps no more than an hour or two of notice. The Corps noted that the dams are not intended to prevent all flooding. Rather, “the lakes have limitations that Mother Nature can exceed, and from time to time does.”

Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20110520/NEWS02/105200335/Corps-More-flooding-lakes-possible?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

67. *May 19, Winnipeg Free Press* – (International) **‘Not out of the woods yet’: Officials expect high water to stay around for awhile.** A leak in the west bank of the Portage Diversion in Manitoba, Canada was plugged May 19, reducing fears of a serious breach, the Manitoba Emergency Organization Measures Minister said. But he and flood officials cautioned just because the bank is stabilized, or that levels on the Assiniboine River are slowly declining, it does not mean the flood is over. He said as the crest moves east through Headingley and Winnipeg, upstream communities will still see flows above 20,000 cubic feet per second until the end of the month. He also said the province will not close its “controlled release” of the Assiniboine at the Hoop and Holler Bend until its safe. The province began deliberately flooding farmland southeast of Portage la Prairie May 14 to decrease pressure of high water flows on the river’s dikes, and on the diversion.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/203989/group/homepage/>

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