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- Citing a May 24 Los Angeles Times article, IDG news reports a Bank of America (BoA) insider sold customer data to criminals, costing the bank at least \$10 million. (See item [16](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a California high school chemistry teacher accused of helping students ingest chloroform, was arrested again, after investigators learned she kept nitroglycerin in her classroom. (See item [39](#))

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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 26, Associated Press* – (California) **Tanker crash closes LA freeway more than 5 hours.** A big-rig tanker crash shut down a Los Angeles, California-area freeway for more than 5 hours while first responders cleaned up hundreds of gallons of gasoline. The California Highway Patrol said Interstate 5 just north of the Burbank airport was shut down in both directions at 10:35 p.m. May 25 after two tractor-trailer rigs collided and the tanker truck, hauling 4,800 gallons of gasoline, began leaking. A Los Angeles fire spokesman said the tanker was leaking about 2 gallons a minute for a time. Southbound freeway lanes reopened at 4 a.m. May 26, and KNX radio said northbound

lanes were expected to reopen by 5:45 a.m. There was no fire or injuries.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/26/3655865/tanker-crash-closes-la-freeway.html>

2. *May 26, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma tornadoes: Devon Energy plant idled by damage.** It will be a number of weeks before Devon Energy Corp. gets its new natural gas processing plant near Calumet, Oklahoma back online after it was damaged by flying debris from a May 24 tornado, a company spokesman said. The storm destroyed a drilling rig being operated nearby by Cimarex Energy Co. Devon officials are assessing the damage to the \$140 million plant, but a spokesman said it likely will take several weeks to determine the extent of the damage and repair it. In the aftermath of the storm, Devon has shut production at some of its wells in the Cana play until the company can find some alternate processing capacity. The damaged plant was capable of processing up to 200 million cubic feet of gas a day, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://newsok.com/tornado-damage-idles-devon-energy-plant/article/3571383>

3. *May 26, Lafayette Indiana News* – (Indiana) **Thousands remain without power across Indiana.** More than 35,000 homes and business remained without power in Indiana May 26 after strong storms moved across the state. Duke Energy reported outages scattered throughout the state, with the majority seen in the state's southern half. The greatest concentrations are about 9,500 outages in the Terre Haute area, with some 7,000 around Columbus and 4,700 in and around Bloomington. As of 7 a.m., Duke Energy reported 463 without power in Tippecanoe County, 115 without power in Clinton County, and 91 without power in Montgomery County. Clinton County dispatchers reported at around 1 a.m. that 20 power poles were snapped off between the 1900 block of West Barner Street and County Road 200 West. There was also damage to power lines in the areas of West Green Street and Blinn Avenue. Some customers in those areas could be without power for up to 48 hours, according to information Duke Energy provided to police. The American Red Cross was mobilizing to provide temporary shelter to anyone that needed it. Strong storms and possible tornadoes hit the night of May 25. Authorities said more than a dozen people suffered non-life-threatening injuries in the Bedford and Bloomington areas as storms flattened several homes, barns and other structures.

Source: <http://www.jconline.com/article/20110526/NEWS09/110526006/Thousands-remain-without-power-across-Indiana>

4. *May 25, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Floodwaters shut down 30 oil wells in Williston area.** About 30 oil wells were shut off ahead of the rising water on the Missouri River west of Williston, North Dakota May 25, and a few of those wells are now under water. The head of the oil and gas division's Williston office, said he started alerting well operators May 23 to prepare for high water and found that several were on top of the situation. The Missouri River was expected to crest somewhere around 27.5 feet late May 25, slightly lower than anticipated. However, the high water put some wells under water, some partially under water, and some are now surrounded by water. He said well operators shut down the wells, removed any chemicals and motors from

the site, and drained oil from tank batteries, refilling them with fluid so they would be too heavy to become buoyant. The spokesman said the wells were primarily older wells, but even at a 50-barrel per day, would cost the well owner a fair amount of money in lost production. The spokesman said damage to the electrical systems will be one of the major repair issues at the flooded wells.

Source: http://www.bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/article_ade9429a-8727-11e0-961d-001cc4c002e0.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 26, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Train derails in Brunswick.** Six cars in a train operated by the Batten Kill Railroad derailed May 25 and three overturned in White Creek, New York. There were no injuries and the owner said he does not know yet why the derailment happened. One car was carrying liquid fertilizer, which began to leak slowly, he said, but the fertilizer was not a hazardous material. The liquid was collected in buckets and carried away while the car was drained. A tanker truck from the Carovale Company in Salem was brought in to suck out 20,000 gallons of fertilizer. The other cars were loaded with grain. The Washington County Hazardous Materials Team responded. The owner was driving the train at about 10 mph when the cars went off the track in Eagle Bridge.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Update-Train-derails-in-Buskirk-1395362.php>

6. *May 25, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Electric fire deemed cause of blaze at NJ plant.** A blaze that erupted at a large chemical processing facility in northern New Jersey May 25 appears to have been an electrical fire and caused no injuries, authorities said. The fire at the International Matex Tank Terminal in Bayonne burned for about 3 hours before it was extinguished, a police spokesman said. The amount of damage caused was not immediately clear. The fire apparently started in a cogenerating station that possibly contained an electrical transformer, the Bayonne Public Safety director said. Firefighters contained the blaze to a small area of the 520-acre facility, which has hundreds of tanks handling petroleum and specialty chemicals. The director told nearby residents there was “no need for alarm.” The fire began shortly before 7:30 p.m. and produced heavy smoke visible over a wide area of northern New Jersey and in Manhattan, 8 miles away. The nearby Bayonne Bridge, which connects Bayonne and New York City’s Staten Island, was closed for about an hour after the fire started. Investigators remained at the scene late May 25.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/25/3654713/fire-reported-at-nj-chemical-processing.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *May 26, ABC News* – (International) **New leak suspected at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.** The Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the operator of Japan's crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Plant, told reporters May 26 radioactive water may now be leaking from a wastewater storage facility on site, saying that nearly 60 tons of radioactive water may have spilled out. The latest leak was discovered amid efforts to transfer highly contaminated water from the number 2 and number 3 reactors to an improvised storage facility. TEPCO said the water level in the facility had dropped nearly 2 inches in just 20 hours, suggesting a leak. Large leaks have already been reported in reactors 1 and 2, and news of this latest leak is yet another setback in the effort to stabilize the reactors.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/International/leak-suspected-crippled-japanese-nuclear-plant/story?id=13691431>

8. *May 24, New York Times* – (National) **Risk from spent nuclear reactor fuel is greater in U.S. than in Japan, study says.** The threat of a catastrophic release of radioactive materials from a spent fuel pool at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant is dwarfed by the risk posed by such pools in the United States, which are typically filled with far more radioactive material, according to a study released May 24 by the Institute for Policy Studies. The report recommends that the United States transfer most of the nation's spent nuclear fuel from pools filled with cooling water to dry sealed steel casks to limit the risk of an accident resulting from an earthquake, terrorism, or other event. At one plant that is a near twin of the Fukushima units, Vermont Yankee on the border of Massachusetts and Vermont, the spent fuel in a pool at the solitary reactor exceeds the inventory in all four of the damaged Fukushima reactors combined, the report notes.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/25/business/energy-environment/25nuke.html?_r=3

9. *May 24, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Alabama) **Loss of power to thirty-two emergency sirens.** At 9:46 a.m. May 24, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Corporate Operations Duty Specialist notified the Nuclear Power Group Emergency Duty Officer that the 15 minute communication test for Lawrence County, Alabama, indicated a loss of communications with the Lawrence County siren activation system. Lawrence County Alabama Emergency Management Agency (EMA) staff reported that a transformer had de-energized at 9:18 a.m., and that both the primary siren activation point and the backup activation point were without power. The EMA offices normally have backup power supplied to the sirens for the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant by a diesel generator. However, the generator had failed during EMA operations associated with the April 27 tornadoes. The State of Alabama had supplied a generator for temporary use, but this generator required manual actions for making connections in order for it to be placed into service. At 10:03 a.m., electrical power was restored and the primary and backup siren activation points were returned to service. Browns Ferry

has 100 ANS sirens and 32 are located in Lawrence County. All 32 Lawrence County sirens were affected. The duration of the condition was estimated to be approximately 45 minutes.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2011/20110525en.html#en46879>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *May 25, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Walmart recalls GE food processors due to laceration and fire hazard.** Walmart Stores Inc., of Bentonville, Arkansas, issued a recall May 25 for about 255,000 General Electric food processors. The safety interlock system on the recalled food processor can fail; allowing operation without the lid secured which poses a laceration hazard. Also, the product can emit smoke, or catch fire, posing a fire hazard. Walmart has received a total of 58 incident reports: 24 reports of the food processor operating without the lid in place, of which 21 resulted in injuries to fingertips; and 34 reports of the unit smoking, including 3 reports of fires. The recall involves GE-branded digital, 14-cup food processors. The food processors are black with stainless steel trim, and model number 169203 is imprinted on the underside of the unit. The food processors were sold exclusively at Walmart stores nationwide, and Walmart.com from September 2009 through February 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11227.html>

11. *May 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Shippensburg, Pa., iron foundry for workplace safety and health hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) May 25 has cited Domestic Casting Inc. LLC for exposing workers to safety and health hazards at its facility in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Proposed penalties total \$44,300. OSHA initiated an inspection February 22 as part of its Site-Specific Targeting Program that focuses on industries with high injury and illness rates. As a result, the company was cited for four repeat violations, with a penalty of \$18,400, and nine serious violations, with a penalty of \$25,900. The employer also was cited for four other-than-serious violations that carry no penalty. The repeat violations include a lack of guardrails on work platforms greater than 4 feet above the ground, a lack of eyewash and shower, and unguarded machinery. The serious violations include open pits with no covers, a lack of handrails on stairways, a lack of or inadequate energy control procedures, a lack of energy control training, a lack of machine guarding, and a lack of guarding for live electrical parts.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19902

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 25, Defense News* – (National) **Pentagon agency halts kill vehicle production.** The U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) suspended production of the latest version of the Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle (EKV), part of the Ground Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) anti-ballistic-missile system, while it looks into a 2010 flight test failure, the agency’s director said. In May 25 testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee’s defense panel, the director also said a plan to shift program oversight of the U.S. Army’s Patriot air and missile defense system to MDA could be in place as soon as 2013. The GMD interceptor missile, which failed during the final moments of a test last December, was an upgraded version of the currently deployed GMD system. This upgraded version includes a new EKV, the Raytheon-built component that intercepts an incoming missile in space. The suspension will last until required design modifications are completed and verified, and the agency has diverted 2011 GMD funding to expedite the modifications.
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6621589&c=AME&s=AIR>

13. *May 25, Aviation Week* – (Florida) **Mars Science Lab seems OK after mishap.** NASA’s Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) mission apparently avoided a considerable delay when a crane operator accidentally lifted its composite backshell with a 2,000-lb. aluminum table attached to it. The deputy MSL project manager at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) on Merritt Island, Florida, said May 25 the mishap does not appear to have placed excessive loads on the backshell structure. Inspection and “tap testing” of the 4-meter-diameter structure turned up no visible damage, although the deputy project manager said it is “not out of the question” that NASA may perform X-rays and other non-destructive evaluation. The mishap occurred May 20 at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Payload Hazardous Servicing Facility, where a crew from JPL was practicing the procedure for encapsulating the MSL rover and the descent stage that will lower it to the planet’s surface. A crew that included safety and quality control personnel was using an overhead traveling crane to lift the composite conical backshell onto the flat heat shield that will protect the mission from atmospheric friction during entry.
Source:
[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/05/24/awx_0524_2011_p0-327260.xml&headline=Mars Science Lab Seems OK After Mishap&channel=space](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awx/2011/05/24/awx_0524_2011_p0-327260.xml&headline=Mars%20Science%20Lab%20Seems%20OK%20After%20Mishap&channel=space)

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *May 25, Reuters* – (Ohio) **FBI says mullet bandit holds up another bank.** The Ohio bank robber dubbed the “mullet bandit” by federal authorities appears to have struck again May 25. The latest heist took place at a Key Bank branch on Stringtown Road in Grove City. The FBI said a man matching the physical description of the mullet-wearing suspect sought in two previous holdups walked into the bank and handed a

teller a note, saying he was robbing the bank, had a gun, and would hurt the teller if she did not cooperate. The robber was dressed in the mullet bandit's garb, including Seattle Mariners baseball cap, and large dark sunglasses. He is wanted in connection with two previous bank robberies May 18 and May 5 in Columbus.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/26/us-mullet-bandit-idUSTRE74P02A20110526>

15. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Broker reaches plea deal in E. Idaho fraud case.** Federal prosecutors reached a plea agreement May 25 with a former Idaho Falls, Idaho investor accused of duping clients out of millions of dollars in a Ponzi scheme. KPVI 6 Pocatello reported the man agreed to plead guilty to one count of wire fraud and one count of money laundering. Prosecutors filed the charges against the man during the week of May 16, culminating a 2-year FBI investigation. The man has already been ordered to pay about \$90 million in restitution and fines. Investigators accused him of operating a Ponzi scheme through his company Trigon Group that fraudulently took more than \$76 million from 68 separate investors.
Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/default/article/Broker-reaches-plea-deal-in-E-Idaho-fraud-case-1396152.php>
16. *May 25, IDG News* – (National) **Insider data theft costs Bank of America \$10 million.** A Bank of America (BoA) insider who sold customer data to criminals cost the bank at least \$10 million in losses, the Los Angeles Times reported May 24. BoA began notifying customers of the incident recently, but is not providing many details of the case which is still under investigation. The theft, “involved a now former associate who provided customer information to people outside the bank, who then used the information to commit fraud against our customers,” said a BoA spokeswoman in an e-mail message. About 95 members of the loosely affiliated criminal gang behind the alleged fraud, including the bank employee, were swept up in a February 2011 law enforcement action, a special agent with U.S. Secret Service in Los Angeles, California, said. The scammers stole “names, addresses, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, bank account numbers, driver’s license numbers, birth dates, e-mail addresses, mother’s maiden names, PINs and account balances.” It is not clear how many bank customers were actually affected by the fraud. Los Angeles Times quoted a BoA spokeswoman as saying there were “about 300” victims, located in the western United States. She would not confirm that this number was accurate May 25, and she would not say how many notification letters BoA sent out.
Source:
http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/228705/insider_data_theft_costs_bank_of_america_10_million.html
17. *May 25, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida; Connecticut) **Stratford man admits structuring more than \$943,000 in cash transactions.** A 54-year-old Stratford, Connecticut man pleaded guilty May 25 in Bridgeport to one count of illegally structuring cash transactions. Structuring involves the repeated depositing or withdrawal of amounts of cash less than the \$10,000 limit, or the splitting of a cash transaction that exceeds \$10,000 into smaller cash transactions to avoid federal

reporting requirements. According to court documents and statements, the man made more than 70 large cash deposits into his savings account, and more than 30 large cash payments to his personal line of credit account between May 2006 and October 2009. The vast majority of the cash transactions were in the amount of \$9,000, and none exceeded \$10,000. In total, the man structured about \$943,000 in cash deposits and line of credit payments. He used the funds to buy properties in Connecticut and Florida. He also used more than \$270,000 to settle a business dispute with his former partner. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years, and a fine of up to \$500,000. He also has agreed to forfeit about \$388,540 to the government.

Source: <http://newhaven.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel11/nh052511.htm>

18. *May 25, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **A.G. woman stole \$110,000 from bank, prosecutors say.** FBI agents May 24 arrested an Arroyo Grande, California woman accused of stealing \$110,000 from the local bank branch where she worked, according to federal prosecutors. The indictment accuses the suspect of stealing the money while working in 2010 at a branch of U.S. Bank in Arroyo Grande. It alleges she stole nearly \$100,000 from two customers' accounts, as well as \$10,000 in cash from the bank's vault. The investigation revealed she secretly accessed the bank's computer system and changed the contact information for the accounts of two elderly customers at the bank, according to prosecutors. After changing the contact information, she then allegedly closed the accounts and took out cashier's checks for the balance of each account. When one of the customers went to the bank and learned his account had been closed, she allegedly went into the bank's vault and took \$10,000 in cash. The indictment alleges she stole \$50,907 February 24, 2010, \$48,163 February 26, 2010, and \$10,000 in cash from the bank vault June 7, 2010. Each count of theft by a bank employee carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in federal prison, and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/05/24/1613844/us-bank-stolen-money.html>

19. *May 23, eWeek* – (International) **Virus attack on Dow Jones network raises suspicion of insider malice.** A computer virus hit Dow Jones' corporate networks May 12, 2 days after 34 employees represented by the Independent Association of Publishers' Employees (IAPE) were laid off, Adweek reported May 20. Most of the laid-off staff were part of the IT department. Dow Jones has not informed the union whether it suspects any "current or former employee" of any involvement in the malware incident, an IAPE spokesperson told eWeek. However, the IAPE president said that was not likely as the virus was "complicated and intricate enough" that there was not enough time between when the layoffs occurred and when the infection began for the virus to be loaded. Dow Jones employees were informed via a companywide e-mail that its servers, network, and data were not compromised by the virus, but that it had slowed down infected computers, Adweek said. Employees also received numerous voicemail and e-mail messages to power down the computers until they could be cleaned. The virus had "morphed," making antivirus software ineffective in detecting the infection. By May 18, the company had determined the virus was designed to steal credentials from banking sites, and directed employees not to use any

banking sites for the time being.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Virus-Attack-on-Dow-Jones-Network-Raises-Suspicion-of-Insider-Malice-171727/>

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Transportation Sector

20. *May 26, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Wyoming) **Slide damages highway.** The landslide that closed the highway through the Snake River canyon in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, cut a 30-foot-wide trench into the road, but the damage is not expected to delay reopening at least one lane in coming days, officials announced May 25. The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) resident engineer said the double draw slide left a 7-foot deep gash in Highway 26/89. The department is still pushing to open the road by May 27. Crews expect to use gravel to patch the road damage so that at least one lane can be reopened. On May 14, mud began flowing onto the westbound lane at milepost 127. Later that night, the double draw slide closed the road, the primary commuter link between Jackson Hole and Star Valley. A detour now doubles the length of the 37-mile commute between Alpine and Jackson. Crews discovered the road damage Wednesday. The WYDOT plans to install a new 24-inch drain pipe beneath the road. The current, smaller pipe filled with mud during the slide. The larger pipe will handle the water expected to flow down the slide area after the highway is reopened.

Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=7337

21. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Hail damages dozens of American Airlines planes.** American Airlines has canceled more than 200 flights at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Texas, following a hail storm that damaged dozens of planes. The American Airlines spokesman said 62 planes required examination May 25, a day after thunderstorms pounded North Texas. She said 50 had hail damage. All but 18 were repaired and returned to service by May 26. She said 217 American flights were canceled May 26, plus one American Eagle flight, over schedule challenges due to planes out of service for weather-related repairs. She said American Eagle had 26 planes needing hail inspections, several had damage, and all were fixed. American and its affiliate operate about 900 planes.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/state&id=8153636>

22. *May 26, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **Mogadore rail wreck shuts off Gilchrist.** Authorities said a portion of Gilchrist Road just north of Mogadore Road in Mogadore, Ohio, could be closed until May 27 after a train derailment May 25. The police chief said three train cars carrying lumber along the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway lines derailed about 7:45 a.m. at the Gilchrist Road crossing. There were no injuries reported, according to police, and no hazardous materials were spilled. A cause of the derailment has not been determined. The police chief said railroad officials are waiting for equipment to lift the train cars and clear the heavily damaged crossing. The equipment is expected to arrive from Toledo by May 27, he said.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/122643374.html>

23. *May 25, Associated Press* – (New York) **New road warning signs after upstate NY bus crash.** The New York Department of Transportation has installed new warnings on the Onondaga Lake Parkway in Syracuse, New York, to warn drivers of a low railroad bridge where a bus crash claimed four lives last summer. Crews have painted “low bridge ahead” on the pavement in front of the bridge. It is part of a plan to reduce accidents on the parkway, like the one in September when a Megabus double-decker slammed into the structure. Workers also have installed rumble strips to warn drivers when their vehicle crosses the center line. The parkway has been the scene of several accidents. State officials said they plan to do more, including implementing a system to warn drivers when a vehicle is too tall to fit under the bridge.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APac6c15bbee6344529f77ab7592f27d70.html>
24. *May 25, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Gun found in airline passenger’s luggage at OIA.** Police were called May 25 after a gun was found inside a passenger’s luggage at Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida. Transportation Security Administration screeners found the gun inside a piece of luggage that was being scanned at the east checkpoint, according to an airport spokeswoman. The passenger claimed to have forgotten the gun was in his luggage. He has a valid concealed weapons permit, according to an Orlando police spokeswoman. She said she expected charges would be forwarded to the state attorney’s office.
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/os-passenger-with-gun-in-luggage-20110525,0,2087932.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *May 25, WTVC 9 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Courts building evacuation over ‘white powder’ scare.** At least a portion of the Hamilton County Courts Building in Chattanooga, Tennessee was evacuated in the afternoon May 25 after court officials received an envelope containing white powder. Around 2:30 p.m. a criminal court clerk opened a letter addressed to a judge. Some white powder fell out of the envelope. The clerk notified a law enforcement official who called for hazmat, FBI, and U.S. Postal Inspectors. The first floor of the courts building was evacuated and the air ventilation system was shut down. Hazmat later determined the powder was coffee creamer, and evacuees were allowed to return around 3:30 p.m. FBI and Postal Inspectors continue the investigation.
Source: <http://www.newschannel9.com/articles/package-1001515-courts-hamilton.html>
26. *May 25, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Suspicious letter shuts down revenue department building.** A suspicious piece of mail emptied the Colorado Department of Revenue’s office building May 25. About 500 people employed there were evacuated after a letter containing a suspicious white powder was discovered at the building across the street from the Colorado State Capitol. A hazardous materials team joined

Denver firefighters and police in the investigation, which determined the substance to be benign. “There was an envelope with powder in it, but it turned out not to be dangerous,” said a spokesman for the governor’s office. Police closed Sherman Street between 13th and 14th avenues for about 90 minutes beginning at 9:45 a.m., when the powder was discovered. Department of revenue employees re-entered the building around 11 a.m.

Source: http://www.chieftain.com/suspicious-letter-shuts-down-revenue-department-building/article_560e9700-86fa-11e0-a840-001cc4c002e0.html

27. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Suspicious powder in Cedar Rapids may be sugar.** Cedar Rapids, Iowa fire officials said a suspicious powder found in an envelope at the city’s public works building is believed to be sugar. About 30 people on the second-floor were evacuated about 11:15 a.m. May 25 after an employee opened the letter, which contained a white powder. A fire department spokesman said a hazardous material crew removed the envelope. He said initial testing shows the substance appears to be sugar. The samples will be sent to the state hygienic laboratory at the University of Iowa for confirmation. No injuries were reported, and employees returned to work about an hour later.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-suspiciouspowder,0,5689275.story>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *May 26, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Combine catches fire; neighborhoods evacuated.** Dozens of people were evacuated from their homes May 25 in Plains, Georgia, after a harvester caught fire in a field around 5 p.m. Dry, breezy conditions spread the fire quickly to a wood line and close to homes. The combine driver hopped off just before the fire spread through the field and nearby fuel tanks. The combine driver was cutting wheat on this 80-acre field when he looked behind him and saw flames. The driver said he thinks the blades that cut the wheat got so hot, it sparked the blaze. He tried to back up the combine off the field onto the road when the fire reached the trees and quickly spread to fuel tanks on tractor trailers used for grain storage that exploded in a matter of minutes. More than 300 bushels of wheat filled the brim of the combine. It had a full tank of fuel. The Sumter County Sheriff’s Office evacuated people from their homes on Graham street and the MLK subdivision Firefighters said the dry air and wind made conditions worse. They got everything under control around 7 p.m. No one was hurt and no structures were harmed. The combine was not destroyed. Part of it was burned.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/14723417/neighborhoods-evacuated-after-combine-catches-fire>

29. *May 26, Food Safety News* – (Georgia) **E. coli recall: 500 pounds of ground beef.** A Georgia retailer is recalling about 500 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and

Inspection Service (FSIS) announced May 25. The problem at Food Depot #24, of McDonough, Georgia, was discovered through routine FSIS monitoring, which confirmed a positive result for E. coli O157:H7, the FSIS said. The recalled beef, produced May 19, was sold at Food Depot #24 store in McDonough. The beef was sold in 1-lb.- to 4-lb.-tray packs with a “sell by” date of May 20, 2011.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/05/e-coli-recall-500-pounds-of-ground-beef/>

30. *May 26, WVIT 30 New Britain and Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Ammonia leak closed Ikea, nightclub.** Firefighters evacuated several businesses May 25 near Long Wharf in New Haven, Connecticut, including Ikea, a nightclub, and an Amtrak maintenance facility, after an ammonia leak was discovered in a frozen food warehouse. Fire officials responded to reports of the smell of ammonia at the Maritime International warehouse on Brewery Street at about 8 p.m. and remained at the scene through the early part of May 26, but said the leak had been contained. Crews used water to disperse the ammonia cloud. Fire officials said they expected local businesses would be able to open on time May 26.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Ammonia-Leak-Closed-Ikea-Nightclub-122649639.html>
31. *May 25, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Man shoots one, starts fires at Plant City warehouse.** A former worker at a grocery store warehouse in Plant City, Florida, opened fire with a pistol May 25 inside the business, injuring one person before he was taken into custody by police. The 53-year-old Lakeland man gave up when confronted by officers, who stormed the Save-A-Lot warehouse because there were employees inside and the man had started to set office furniture on fire, authorities said. The suspect has been charged with one count of attempted first-degree murder, eight counts of aggravated assault, one count of aggravated battery, one count of using a firearm in the commission of a violent felony, and one count of shooting into an occupied building, police said. The man had worked for a company contracted by Save-A-Lot to transport merchandise from the warehouse. According to the Plant City police chief and a police detective, the suspect came into the warehouse armed with a 9 mm handgun about 12:30 p.m. and fired 10 rounds. One person was hit, but injuries were not life-threatening. The 25-year-old man who was injured sustained a gunshot wound to his lower body and was taken to South Florida Baptist Hospital. After entering the building, officers searched until they found the suspect in a back corner. He had a number of rounds of ammunition on him when he was arrested. At least three fires had been set. The fires set off the interior sprinkler system, which extinguished the blazes before firefighters arrived.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/plant-city/2011/may/25/1/disgruntled-ex-employee-shoots-1-starts-fire-at-pl-ar-232591/>
32. *May 25, San Angelo Standard-Times* – (Texas) **Lone Star plant sustains fire damage.** Fire officials in San Angelo, Texas, were investigating the cause of a fire May 25 at Lone Star Beef Processors that forced the evacuation of a warehouse. “The main extent of damage was outside the building into the stockyards,” the battalion chief said.

First responders were called to 2150 E 27th Street about 12:30 p.m. The fire likely started from welding equipment outside a storage warehouse at the site, officials said. The stockyard area caught fire, and flames spread to a wall of the building. Not many employees were at the beef packing plant at the time of the fire, and everyone was evacuated by the time fire engines arrived. Four engines took roughly 8 to 10 minutes to extinguish the fire. The warehouse held combustible materials, such as pallets of packaging cardboard, which did not catch fire.

Source: <http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2011/may/25/lone-star-plant-sustains-fire-damage/>

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Water Sector

33. *May 26, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Wrong studs led to water main break, report says.** A clamp joining two giant water pipes failed last May largely because it was held together by wrong-sized studs, investigators said May 25 in a report on the cause of the massive water main break that cut off clean drinking water to nearly 2 million residents of the Boston, Massachusetts area for more than 2 days. Those findings — the result of a year-long forensic examination by a panel of three engineers — would explain why the 1-ton coupling broke apart just 8 years after it was installed, and it paves the way for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to file a lawsuit to try to recover the approximately \$5 million it cost to respond to and repair the break at a critical underground juncture in Weston. The clamp had previously been identified as the probable cause of the water main break, and the report pinpoints the studs, which are similar to bolts, as the culprits in the clamp’s failure. The panel also found that some, if not most, of the studs securing the clamp probably cracked during the manufacturing process, weakening them.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/05/26/wrong_studs_led_to_2010_water_main_break_report_says/

34. *May 25, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Wastewater discharged in Des Moines river.** A flood gate weighing several tons fell at the Des Moines, Iowa, wastewater treatment plant May 25, leading to a discharge of partially treated wastewater into the Des Moines River. The gate, which is closed when the river threatens the plant, fell May 25. A spokesman for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said it appears a metal pin that holds the gate in place broke, causing the gate to drop. The plant discharges about 120 to 180 million gallons per day. The city is testing for pollutants, and the DNR is monitoring the situation.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/28026174/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *May 25, USA Today* – (National) **CDC: Measles epidemic poses travel risks.** Measles — a disease that was declared eliminated in the United States in 2000 — is again breaking out across the country, in the largest outbreak in 15 years, spread largely by unvaccinated travelers who bring home the disease. Doctors have reported 118 measles cases in the United States since January — nearly twice as many as the total for all of last year, according to a report released May 24 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). About 90 percent of this year's patients were unvaccinated, and 40 percent had to be hospitalized for complications. Most of the patients brought the disease with them from Europe, which is in the throes of a major epidemic, with more than 10,000 cases and 6 deaths in France alone, according to the CDC. Thousands of additional measles cases have been reported across Europe, affecting 38 countries, the World Health Organization said. About 15 percent of the patients diagnosed with measles this year were under 1 year old, the CDC said. More than half of the children under age 5 with measles have been hospitalized.
Source: <http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/medical/story/2011/05/CDC-Measles-epidemic-poses-travel-risks/47546128/1>
36. *May 25, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Smallpox-destruction deadline gets delayed.** Global health officials May 24 delayed setting a deadline for the destruction of the last known stocks of smallpox for at least 3 more years, a compromise that will enable scientists in the United States and Russia to continue researching medicines to counter a potential bioterror attack using smallpox. The consensus at the World Health Assembly, the decision-making body of the World Health Organization, came after a contentious debate over 2 days. The United States, Russia, and more than two dozen other countries in the developed and developing world had supported a resolution to keep the stocks of the deadly virus for at least an additional 5 years. It also required countries aside from the United States and Russia to declare to the WHO they did not hold stocks of live smallpox virus. Iran, China, Thailand, and other countries objected to the resolution, and wanted an earlier timetable. The question now is at what point global officials will agree they no longer need the virus to develop medicines to protect the public against a potential bioterror attack using smallpox, or an accidental release of the virus.
Source:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304520804576343072510493118.htm>
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37. *May 25, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Health department issues warning on skin lightening products.** The Minnesota Department of Health is warning residents that some types of skin-lightening products may contain dangerous levels of mercury. Staff from St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health tested 27 samples of products sold in the Twin Cities as skin-lightening agents and found 11 of the creams contained mercury at levels ranging from 135 to 33,000 parts per million. Under federal law, most cosmetics such as skin-lightening products can contain no more than trace amounts of mercury — less than 1 part per million. The state is asking consumers to not dispose of

skin products that may contain mercury as normal trash. A statewide list of disposal sites for hazardous materials is available on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Web site. At a minimum, consumers should make sure the products they are using have ingredient lists, and that mercury is not listed. Mercury may appear on labels under different names, the state said, so consumers should check for the words "calomel," "mercuric," "mercurous" or "mercurio." The primary health concern with exposure to mercury in skin creams is the potential effect on the kidneys, according to the health department, but exposure to high levels of mercury or exposure over long periods of time can raise other concerns.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_18137431?nlick_check=1

38. *May 24, WJLA 7 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Bed bugs found at D.C. hospital.** The Washington, D.C. Department of Health (DOH) confirmed that United Medical Center is dealing with its second case of bed bugs since March. A DOH spokesperson said a patient complained about being bitten May 17. A pest control technician came to the hospital that day, and she said bed bugs were found in two rooms. While those rooms were treated, "[the hospital] moved everyone out of that area," she said. According to the spokesperson, the rooms received a chemical treatment rather than a heat treatment. She said using chemicals is equally effective as using heat to kill bed bugs. However, chemicals take longer because they require a different application method. She also said the bugs were tested for MRSA. Test results are pending. Scientists in Canada recently found the pests are able to carry the dangerous staph infection MRSA or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/05/bed-bugs-found-at-d-c-hospital-61261.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

39. *May 25, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. teacher re-arrested after explosives found.** A 34-year-old chemistry teacher accused of helping students ingest chloroform was arrested again May 25 in Atwater, California, after investigators learned she might be storing an explosive-making material in her classroom. She was arrested at her home on suspicion of possessing an explosive device. Police took her to her classroom at Livingston High School, where she cooperated with detectives to find a small amount of nitroglycerin, a Livingston police sergeant said. Nitroglycerin is used as an active ingredient in the manufacture of explosives, especially dynamite. The teacher had been out on bail after she was arrested earlier the week of May 23 on suspicion of child endangerment. Authorities had accused her of helping three students at the school inhale chloroform during after-school study hall sessions. The three male students — ages 16, 17, and 18 — told investigators that they fell asleep or passed out after ingesting the chloroform, an anesthetic that can cause feelings of euphoria but in high levels can cause unconsciousness or even death. Police re-arrested the teacher after interviewing her and the students and finding documents in her classroom showing she might be storing explosive materials, the police sergeant said. When the nitroglycerin

was found at about 2 p.m., about 1,100 students were evacuated for the day, and a hazardous material team and bomb squad were sent into the school. Investigators detonated the material in a field behind the school.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/25/2235042/calif-cops-probe-if-teacher-was.html>

40. *May 25, Decatur-Avondale Estates Patch* – (Georgia) **Stabbing at Decatur Library causes evacuation.** An altercation at the Decatur Library in Decatur, Georgia became a crime scene May 23 after one man got stabbed and he along with two others were arrested. According to a police report, a group of juveniles on the second floor were yelling profanities and causing a disturbance by the computer area just before 5 p.m. When a patron asked them to quiet down, they came at him. When a library security guard got between the subjects and asked the juveniles to leave, they “advanced on him as well as (the patron),” the report said. One man slipped past and began hitting the patron. When the altercation broke up, the juveniles fled, and the man who attacked the patron was seen “walking briskly toward the Decatur MARTA station without a shirt on and bleeding from his left wrist,” the report said. The report also said the patron stabbed the man who came at him during the incident. Police recovered a small red Swiss Army knife in the patron’s backpack, and the library was evacuated. The patron was not charged. “It was determined that [the patron] acted in self defense,” said the deputy chief with City of Decatur Police. The man who attacked the patron, and two juveniles were charged with battery.

Source: <http://decatur.patch.com/articles/stabbing-at-decatur-library-causes-evacuation>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Tampa Bay-area deputies, helicopters, respond in force to foil senior pranks.** For the second time in a week, authorities descended on a Tampa Bay, Florida high school to stop a crime, only to discover it was a senior prank. In the latest incident at Osceola High School in Largo May 25, several teenagers were arrested and taken to jail. A Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office spokesman said 10 deputies, three police dogs, and a helicopter responded to the high school, where seniors entered the building with a key and planned to line the school’s hallway with 4,000 foam cups filled with water. The teens were charged with misdemeanor trespassing. On May 23, nearly a dozen officers and helicopter responded to Tampa’s Plant High School, where 20 seniors had begun “Saran wrapping” the high school campus.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5a576674d4094c46ab58f8c88a1a2fc2/FL--Senior-Pranks/>

42. *May 26, KMSP 9 Minneapolis/St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **New \$15M emergency operations center hit by tornado.** The new \$15 million emergency operation center in Fridley, Minnesota, took a direct hit and was effectively taken down by the May 22 tornado. The center opened in September, but the tornado delivered a knock-out punch to the electricity, rendering the hub lame for 2 hours. The center had only communications capabilities, but no lights or air conditioning despite redundant power lines coming in from three directions. Officials said they returned to the new facility and have been working from there since power was restored — and they have since gotten a grant to get a back-up generator system. Nevertheless, more than 1,200 people gathered at the city’s disaster recovery center at Farview Park May 25.
Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/metro/new-15m-emergency-operations-center-hit-by-tornado-may-25-2011>
43. *May 25, Washington Times* – (Maryland) **Cop admits trafficking in untaxed cigs, booze.** A former Prince George’s County, Maryland police officer admitted to organizing the sale of black-market cigarettes and alcohol and using his authority as a police officer to protect the shipments. The retired officer pleaded guilty May 25 to conspiracy to interfere with commerce by extortion “under color of official right”, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison for the gun offense, but a sentence of 10 to 12 years is more likely based on sentencing guidelines, a U.S. attorney said. The scheme cost the state and federal governments about \$2.8 million in taxes, prosecutors said. Six other people, including the husband and wife owners of Tick Tock Liquors in Hyattsville, also were arrested in November, and face similar charges as part of an ongoing and wide-ranging federal corruption probe that also resulted in charges against the former Prince George’s County executive.
Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/may/25/cop-admits-trafficking-in-untaxed-cigs-booze/>
44. *May 25, Odenton Patch* – (Maryland) **Fire department unveils medical ambulance bus.** On May 25 the Anne Arundel County, Maryland Fire Department’s Medical Ambulance Bus (MAB) was unveiled. If a disaster happens that would affect many citizens, the MAB unit and crew would be dispatched. The Anne Arundel County executive and fire chief formally introduced the new vehicle to a small group of fireman, local fire chiefs, employees, and members of the media. The MAB, a specialized emergency medical services treatment/transportation vehicle, will be used for mass casualty incidents. The fire chief said the unit will hold 14 patients on stretchers or 26 seated, and is a valuable resource in the event of an evacuation of a nursing home, hospital or mall, such as Arundel Mills, and also noted the proximity of an airport and tcommuter trains — all venues for large groups of people. This is the first of two MAB units that will service the Baltimore area, and one of 20 currently in service throughout the United States. Some of the perks of the vehicle include a 20-kilowatt generator for independent operation, wireless communication for crew, a slide-out stretcher system, large oxygen system for up to 23 patients, and a refrigerator for storing temperature-sensitive medications and rehabilitation supplies.

Source: <http://odenton.patch.com/articles/fire-department-unveils-medical-ambulance-bus>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *May 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Google patches Android session hijacking vulnerability server-side.** Google has patched a security hole in its ClientLogin authentication protocol that allowed potential attackers to steal authentication tokens for several services. The week of May 16, researchers from the University of Ulm in Germany published a research paper that revealed that over 99 percent of Android smartphones were vulnerable to session hijacking attacks. This was because Google Calendar and Contacts sync operations were being performed over unencrypted connections. Just like with browsers and session cookies, sending authentication tokens over plain HTTP connections poses a lot of risks, especially when connected over open Wi-Fi hotspots. Attackers can capture the unencrypted traffic by mounting a so called evil twin attack where they duplicate the wireless network SSID, and extract the ClientLogin authentication tokens. The tokens remain valid for 14 days and allow attackers to download the victim's calendar information and contact book. To mitigate this, Google made server-side changes that force all Android devices to use HTTPS connections when syncing calendar and contacts.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Patches-Android-Session-Hijacking-Vulnerability-Server-Side-202607.shtml>

46. *May 26, Softpedia* – (International) **WordPress 3.1.3 contains security fixes and clickjacking protection.** The WordPress development team has released version 3.1.3 of the popular blog publishing platform which fixes several security issues and introduces clickjacking protection. A moderately critical vulnerability that allows attackers to execute rogue PHP code on servers with certain configurations has been patched. The flaw, disclosed earlier in May, allows users with "Author" permission to upload and execute php files with extra media extensions (.jpg or .gif) on Web servers that are not configured to handle them. A separate php code execution flaw that does not require any special Web server configuration has also been patched, but no exploit or details have been made public. Other changes in this release address cross-site scripting (XSS) weaknesses and a privacy issue with WordPress backups. The taxonomy querying has also been hardened against attacks, and an information disclosure flaw that can result in the exposure of non-author user names was patched. Two Microsoft researchers contributed media security fixes, and the security of the file upload process was improved. A cleanup routine for unfinished imports was also added.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/WordPress-3-1-3-Contains-Security-Fixes-and-Clickjacking-Protection-202462.shtml>

47. *May 25, Computerworld* – (International) **Newest MacDefender scareware installs without a password.** Hours after Apple owned up to a fake security software scam

campaign, the “scareware” gang released a new variant, with a new name, MacGuard, and a streamlined installation process that does not prompt victims for their password, a French antivirus firm said May 25. “Given the timing, and the new name, it does seem like this was their reaction to Apple’s support document,” said a spokesman for Intego, a maker of Mac-specific security software. Apple May 24 acknowledged the threat. The cyber criminals also changed the way they distribute the fake security program, breaking it into two parts: a small downloader, dubbed “avRunner,” which once on a Mac reaches out to a hacker-controlled site to download the phony MacGuard security software. “Unlike the previous variants, no administrator password is required to install the downloader,” the Intego researcher said. “People will still see an installer screen — [the attackers] haven’t gotten to the point where they’re completely avoiding that yet — but all one needs to do to install is click ‘OK’ a couple of times. So it’s one less hurdle.” avRunner sidesteps the need for an administrator password by putting itself directly in the Applications folder. avRunner then grabs MacGuard from a remote server.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217061/Newest_MacDefender_scareware_in_stalls_without_a_password

48. *May 25, The Register* – (International) **35m Google Profiles dumped into private database.** Proving that information posted online is indelible and trivial to mine, an academic researcher has dumped names, e-mail addresses, and biographical information made available in 35 million Google Profiles into a massive database that took just 1 month to assemble. The University of Amsterdam Ph.D. student said he compiled the database as an experiment to see how easy it would be for private detectives, spear phishers, and others to mine the vast amount of personal information stored in Google Profiles. The verdict: It was not hard at all. Unlike Facebook policies that strictly forbid the practice, the permissions file for the Google Profiles URL makes no prohibitions against indexing the list. Also, Google engineers did not impose any technical limitations in accessing the data, which is made available in an extensible markup language file called profiles-sitemap.xml.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/25/google_profiles_database_dump/

49. *May 25, H Security* – (International) **ElcomSoft cracks iOS encryption system.** Security researchers from Elcomsoft have discovered a method that allows them to copy and decrypt the memory of iPhones that have built-in hardware encryption (3GS and 4); iPod Touch (3rd generation or later); and all iPad models. They apparently read the memory directly, which, for instance, even enabled them to restore deleted data. ElcomSoft said this is particularly relevant for forensic investigations. The researchers explained that a custom kernel with a special RAMDisk driver first must be loaded into the iPhone in Device Firmware Upgrade mode – which works in a similar way to booting a PC from an external hard disk. Then, the Flash memory can be read without the need to access the iOS file system drivers, and an exact copy can be obtained. ElcomSoft uses various keys to decrypt the image; these keys are extracted by special tools that can be run on the iPhone or calculated at run-time.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/ElcomSoft-cracks-iOS-encryption-system-1250526.html>

50. *May 25, The Register* – (International) **Unpatched IE bug exposes sensitive Facebook creds.** An independent security researcher has devised an attack that remotely steals digital credentials used to access user accounts on Facebook and other Web sites by exploiting a flaw in Microsoft’s Internet Explorer (IE) browser. The researcher demonstrated his “cookiejacking” proof of concept the week of May 16 at the Hack in the Box security conference in the Netherlands. It exploits a flaw present in all current versions of IE to steal session cookies that Facebook and other Web sites issue once a user has entered a valid password and corresponding user name. The cookie acts as a digital credential that allows the user to access a specific account. The proof of concept code targets cookies issued by Facebook, Twitter, and Google Mail, but the researcher said the technique can be used on virtually any Web site and affects all versions of Windows. The attack exploits a vulnerability in the IE security zones feature that allows users to segregate trustworthy Web sites from those they do not know or do not ever want to access. By embedding a special iframe tag in a malicious Web site, an attacker can circumvent this cross zone interaction and cause the browser to expose cookies stored on the victim’s computer.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/25/microsoft_internet_explorer_cookiejacking/

51. *May 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Rogue VirusTotal Website distributes Java malware.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor Kaspersky Lab have come across a fake VirusTotal Web site that is being used to distribute malware via a Java-based downloader. VirusTotal is a popular service that allows users to scan files with many antivirus engines. The site is used by hundreds of thousands of professionals and regular users on a daily basis. The spoofed site discovered by Kaspersky looks exactly like the real one and prompts users to run a Java applet. Because the applet is not signed with a valid certificate, users are asked to confirm its execution. The applet is actually a Java-based trojan downloader that distributes a piece of malware detected by Kaspersky as Worm(dot)MSIL.Arcdoor.ov. The botnet is controlled through a commercial Web-based DDoS framework known as N0ise. It accepts commands to initiate several types of DDoS, report the hostname of the victim machine, type, and version of the operation system, as well as the version of the malware itself.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Rogue-VirusTotal-Website-Distributes-Java-Malware-202387.shtml>

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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 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

52. *May 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Powerful storms pound several central US states.** In storm-weary middle America, many people counted themselves lucky May 26 after powerful storms swept through the region for the third time in 4 days but apparently claimed no lives. Dozens of people were injured, mobile homes were flipped, and roofs were torn off houses when tornadoes and thunderstorms hit Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and other states May 25. Authorities began assessing the storm damage after daybreak, tallying up the number of homes damaged and destroyed. More than a dozen people were injured, including several children. A tornado damaged many homes and businesses May 25 in the Missouri city of Sedalia, causing minor injuries to as many as 25 people. Heavy rain, hail, and lightning pounded Memphis, Tennessee, May 25 as a tornado warning sounded. There were no confirmed reports of tornadoes. Elsewhere in Tennessee, strong winds from thunderstorms damaged homes and wrecked a convenience store in Smithville, about 55 miles east of Nashville. In Illinois, strong winds, rain, and at least four possible tornadoes knocked down power lines, and damaged at least one home and a number of farm buildings across the central and eastern parts of the state.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/top/all/7582412.html>

53. *May 26, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Residents, business owners allowed back in Ventnor buildings after broken gas line repaired.** Fire and police personnel evacuated homes and businesses within a 500-foot area near the intersection of N. Fredericksburg and Ventnor avenues in Ventnor City, New Jersey, May 26 because a natural gas line was cracked during road repairs. According to the Ventnor fire chief, road crews doing repair work struck the line at about 7:15 a.m., which resulted in the leak. He said the gas company located a shut-off valve and stopped gas from flowing to the nearby homes. The gas was turned off at 9 a.m., he said. The fire chief said buildings on N. Fredericksburg Avenue, Ventnor Avenue, and Martindale Avenue were evacuated. Additionally, residents of Marven Gardens were evacuated. The fire chief said the timely response by both Ventnor and Margate officials attributed to the quick evacuation of so many buildings.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/homes-businesses-evacuated-in-ventnor-after-gas-line-brakes/article_5a2f54f8-8792-11e0-9cc9-001cc4c03286.html

54. *May 25, Associated Press* – (California) **ATF determines Stockton mosque fire was arson.** Federal investigators have determined a fire that destroyed a mosque in

Stockton, California, in April was arson. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) announced its findings May 25. The ATF had opened an investigation into the fire at the Masjid Al-Emaan Mosque after it was gutted April 23. The mosque was located in a strip mall. A church next door, Living Well Ministries and Christian Center, was also damaged in the blaze. Damage from the fire was estimated to be about \$400,000. There were no injuries. No arrests have been made, but authorities are hoping a \$10,000 reward for information will lead them to a suspect, or suspects.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/25/3654810/atf-determines-stockton-mosque.html>

55. *May 25, Canton Patch* – (Connecticut) **Community center evacuated after report of gas smell.** Firefighters evacuated the Community Center in Canton, Connecticut, shortly after 7 p.m. May 25, after a library employee reported a gas odor in an upstairs room. More than 100 people were downstairs in the community center for a library-sponsored talk. Firefighters monitored the building for gas levels, but about a half hour to 45 minutes later determined the cause “unfounded,” according to radio reports. People returned to the building shortly after 8 p.m.

Source: <http://canton-ct.patch.com/articles/community-center-evacuated-after-report-of-gas-smell>

56. *May 25, Sioux City Journal and Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Flooding forces evacuation of local campground, threatens sites upstream.** The Missouri River, which has been running high for weeks, has begun to flood part of the city-owned Scenic Park Campground in South Sioux City, Nebraska, May 25. A campground host said officials helped campers at 21 sites of the Peninsula, a particularly low-lying area hugging the river, move to other sections of the park. The Missouri’s six upstream reservoirs all are close to full with runoff from spring snowmelt and heavy rains, forcing what are expected to be record releases from the Oahe Dam. The South Sioux City Parks director said the Missouri River has also flooded parts of the walking trail and soccer fields just north of the train bridge. Additionally, the Farm Island Recreation Area east of Pierre canceled camping reservations for about 20 sites for the next 2 weekends.

Source: http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_b50758ae-8732-11e0-a660-001cc4c03286.html

57. *May 25, KLTV 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **East Texan set off explosive device in Henderson.** A 23-year-old East Texas man set off an explosive device near the senior activity center at Henderson, Texas’ Fair Park May 20 in an area where children were present. Investigators said the man used a plastic bottle, aluminum foil, and chemicals to make the bomb. Henderson Police arrested the man, who is now charged with having components of explosives.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/14719332/east-texan-set-off-explosive-device-in-henderson>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Horseshoe Two fire increases to 44,600 acres.** Firefighters will likely be spend the weekend of May 28 and 29 battling a stubborn wildfire in southeast Arizona. The Horseshoe Two fire has burned 47,200 acres and is 35 percent contained. About 900 firefighters are on the lines in southeastern Arizona near the New Mexico border. The U.S. Forest Service said the Arlene fire burning along the border has burned 10,610 acres and was 45 percent contained as of late May 25. The fire is 5 miles east of Lochiel, and is believed to be human caused. It is under investigation. Hand crews planned some mop up operations, and helicopters will be used for moving crews around and putting out hot spots again May 26.
Source: <http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=14712729>
59. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Spreading Ware County blaze closes portion of US 1.** The Georgia Forestry Commission said a fire in Ware County has burned at least 4,000 acres and was keeping U.S. 1 closed south of Waycross. A senior forester said May 26 the commission has 27 tractor plows working the fire, which is not yet contained. He said firefighters began fighting the fire around 6 p.m. May 25, and CSX closed its main rail line between Waycross and Folkston about 3 hours later. An information officer assigned to the huge fire in the Okefenokee Swamp said the Ware County fire is moving on two flanks. A representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the fire jumped U.S. 1 in a couple of places overnight but remains a good distance from the Okefenokee.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/default/article/Spreading-Ware-County-blaze-closes-portion-of-US-1-1397097.php>
60. *May 25, Amarillo Globe-News* – (Texas) **Wildfire sweeps through Ceta Canyon.** A wildfire swept through Ceta Canyon May 25 and was threatening Wayside, Texas. A team from the National Incident Management Organization from Boise, Idaho, was on the scene to assist with firefighting efforts. The U.S. Forest Service is bringing in a hotshot crew out of Ashalnd, North Carolina, and other fire crews from Panhandle counties were on their way to Amarillo to help battle the Cemetery Road Complex Fire that started about 6:30 p.m. May 24 about 3 miles east of Canyon. “Some chaos happened here this morning with communications and local firemen have been stretched to the limit,” a Forest Service spokesman said.
Source: <http://amarillo.com/news/latest-news/2011-05-25/local-crews-get-national-help-fight-blaze>
61. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Palo Duro Canyon State Park evacuated as Canyon wildfire threatened.** Palo Duro Canyon State Park in Texas is closed after a wildfire raced toward the canyon. The park was evacuated May 24 after northwesterly winds of 20 to 30 mph blew a grassfire from 4 miles southeast of Canyon toward the

park. A Texas Forest Service statement said C-130 air tankers are helping other air and ground assets battle the fire, along with about 160 firefighters from at least nine departments. The Amarillo Globe-News reports several structures were damaged as dry grass fed the fire, keeping the situation active and flames spreading at a rate of 2 to 3 mph. As of May 25, more than 8,500 acres were blackened and firefighters had the fire just 50 percent contained. The cause was still under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/a290021e4b244eed87b2d130849b3199/TX--Texas-Wildfires-Panhandle/>

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62. *May 26, Asia News* – (International) **Three Gorges Dam blamed for China’s worst drought in 50 years.** China’s Three Gorges Dam began disgorging about 5 billion cubic meters of water May 26 to replenish the Yangtze River and counter Hubei’s lowest rainfall in half a century. Without it, rice and grain production would be in jeopardy. Now power output is expected to drop just as consumption hits its summertime high. Seven central and eastern provinces, plus Shanghai, are experiencing water shortages. Authorities blame the problem on global warming, but many experts point the finger at the 185-meter-high Three Gorges Dam. Since it came on stream, droughts are more frequent and longer lasting. China has a vast network of hydroelectric dams, and the driest season in 50 years is causing unexpected difficulties. Water levels at the Danjiangkou Dam on the Han River, a tributary of the Yangtze, have dropped to a record low. In almost 1,600 reservoirs in Hubei province, there is 40 percent less water than a year ago, already one of the driest years on record. Nearly 10 million people in 87 cities and counties have been hit by the prolonged drought, and 1.2 million hectares of farmland are suffering from chronic water shortages. Lake Poyang (Jianxi), China’s largest, has shrunk to less than a fifth of its usual area.

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Three-Gorges-Dam-blamed-for-China%27s-worst-drought-in-50-years-21663.html>

63. *May 25, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Morganza Floodway flow underestimated; several bays closed to adapt.** After learning it had incorrectly estimated the flow of Mississippi River water through the Morganza Floodway structure in Louisiana, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers May 24 and 25 closed three of the structure’s bays, slightly reducing the gush of floodwater into the Atchafalaya River Basin. No such action has been taken yet on the Bonnet Carre Spillway, which is shunting river water to Lake Pontchartrain through 330 of its 350 bays, but the reduced river flow there may make that happen, a Corps spokeswoman said. One Morganza bay was shut May 24, and two more were closed in the afternoon May 25, leaving 14 of the 125 bays open, a Corps spokesman said. The discharge rate has been reduced from 170,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 140,000 cfs. Computer models used by the Corps had concluded the 17 openings would allow only 114,000 cfs. As a result of the bay closings, cities and towns in the Atchafalaya Basin will get “a little less water than

what we had been sending,” the spokesman said. At a briefing May 25, senior Corps officials were told additional gates could be closed as early as May 30, and the floodway could be shut completely by June 7, if no further rainfall upriver elevates water levels again.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/05/corps_closes_several_bays_at_m.html

64. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Army Corps of Engineers considering plan to replace levee at the Birds Point with gates.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering a plan to replace the earthen levee at the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway with mechanical gates. The Corps intentionally breached the levee May 2 to reduce the threat of major flooding from the Mississippi and Ohio rivers in nearby Cairo, Illinois. The breach flooded 130,000 acres of prime Missouri farmland, and damaged or destroyed as many as 100 homes. A Corps spokesman told the Southeast Missourian that the Corps will “look at all the alternatives” after it temporarily repairs the levee by March 1, 2012.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/sns-ap-mo--floodwaytesting.0,878432.story>

65. *May 25, Reuters* – (National) **Army Corp warns of record rise on Missouri River.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is warning Missouri River states to brace for possible summer flooding, as it prepares to open dams straining under the pressure of heavy spring rains and above-normal Rocky Mountain snowpack melt-off. The warning raises the specter of a second bout of disruptive and potentially devastating flooding in an already soggy section of the country. The Missouri, which crosses 10 states is a major tributary of the Mississippi River, which has already experienced historic flooding of its own this spring. The chief of the Corps’ Missouri River Basin Water Management Division in Omaha, Nebraska said the Corps is approaching the top of the gauges at its three upper basin dams — Fort Peck in Montana, Garrison in North Dakota, and Oahe in South Dakota.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/25/us-midwest-floods-idUSTRE74O60G20110525>

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