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- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports fierce storms hit the metro Atlanta, Georgia area, knocking out power to 240,000 customers and causing flash flooding that closed down numerous streets. (See item [1](#))
- According to CNN, nearly 700 patients and 100 employees at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia have been exposed to tuberculosis. (See item [40](#))

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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 27, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Flood warning lifted for DeKalb, Fulton.** The fierce storms that left 3 people dead and nearly 200,000 utility customers without power moved out of Atlanta, Georgia, early May 27, but not before dumping enough rain to prompt flash flood warnings for Fulton and DeKalb counties. The National Weather Service issued flash flood warnings just before 5 a.m. for areas of central Fulton and DeKalb counties where as much as 3 inches of rain fell overnight, but lifted the warning about an hour later. Numerous interstate ramps and surface streets remained flooded before daybreak May 27. Georgia Power spokesman said

about 49,000 customers statewide were without power at 7 a.m., with 42,000 of those in metro Atlanta. At the peak of the outages May 26, about 200,000 metro Atlanta customers and 240,000 across the state were in the dark, a spokesman said. Georgia Power was bringing in crews from across the state to help restore power.

Source: http://www.ajc.com/news/metro-atlanta-weather-flood-957576.html?cxtype=rss_news

2. *May 27, Associated Press* – (New York) **Storms leave 65,000 people without power in eastern NY.** About 65,000 utility customers in Moriah, New York, are without power after severe storms rolled across the region, causing more damage in an Adirondack county socked by severe storms in April. Most of the outages May 27 were in the Binghamton area, where the May 26 violent storms brought torrential rain and winds that knocked over trees and brought down power lines in Broome, Tioga, and Chenango counties. Storm damage assessments are being made again in Essex County in the eastern Adirondacks, where many roads were damaged a month ago when severe storms dumped about 3 inches of rain on the region. Downed trees and flooded roads were reported May 26 in the Lake Champlain community of Willsboro, where a lightning strike is blamed for setting a home on fire. No one was injured.
Source: http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/storms_leave_people_without_power_PjLCPg4bltYNAQDRM9Hq2M
3. *May 26, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Pipeline explodes in Wilson County.** A natural gas pipeline exploded in Wilson County southeast of San Antonio, Texas, shutting down a nearly 8-mile stretch of FM 539 May 26. No one was injured in the blast near FM 539 and FM 304, in the northeast part of the county, said a Wilson County commissioner. He noted the pipeline was shut off, but officials were warning that people should be prepared to leave the area if they detect the telltale smell associated with leaking natural gas.
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Pipeline-explodes-in-Wilson-County-1397854.php>
4. *May 26, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Gas leak ‘no danger to the community’; evacuation ends, streets reopened.** The Palm Beach Post reported May 26 police confirmed a massive gas leak was the result of a relief valve blowing off pressure from the gas lines, and are reopening the streets in Boynton Beach, Florida. Earlier, police evacuated several blocks in the north end of the city due report of a “major gas leak” in the 700 block of North Federal Highway. According to a Boynton Beach police statement, Northeast Fifth Avenue to Northeast Eighth Avenue, two blocks west of Federal Highway, were evacuated as a safety precaution. A spokesperson said local businesses were called to evacuate, and a “reverse 911” went out to tell nearby residents to leave their homes. Florida East Coast Railway was also notified to stop all trains, including Tri-Rail. Police and Boynton Beach Fire Rescue officials later confirmed with natural gas service provider Amerigas that the leak was the result of a relief valve blowing off pressure.

Source: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/gas-leak-causes-evacuation-to-north-end-of-1500754.html?cxntcid=breaking_news

5. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **20 people hurt when storm hits Oklahoma oil rig; damage also reported to plant, metal business.** An El Reno, Oklahoma official said 20 workers at an oil and gas rig were hurt when a possible tornado moved through the area May 25. The community services director also said May 24 that the storm did extensive damage to the rig, as well as a Devon Energy production plant, and a metal business. The director said he did not know the extent of the workers' injuries at the rig owned by Cactus Drilling. Emergency workers also contained a gas leak caused by damage to the plant, and the damage was reported to Calumet Industries, a metal business. The director also said officials closed Highway 66 between El Reno and Calumet until emergency personnel could evaluate conditions. The medical examiner's office confirmed four fatalities in Canadian County.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a0e5ee1ac4d74f86aa1cc317096d43b7/OK--Oklahoma-Storms-El-Reno/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *May 27, St. Joseph's News-Press* – (Missouri) **Highways reopen after spill.** Emergency management officials lifted the mandatory evacuation order for a quarter mile radius at the intersection of U.S. Highway 59 and Missouri State Highway 45 after a hazardous material spill in southern Buchanan County, Missouri, May 27. According to the St. Joseph Police Department Nixle alert, all residents were allowed to return to their houses around 11:30 p.m. May 26. Officials said businesses may resume normal operation after a workers found an acid product leaking out of a railroad tank car shortly before 9 p.m. The hazmat team of Olathe, Kansas, assisted with the cleanup, according to a member of the Region H emergency management team. He said the acidic plume was not on the highways, but emergency responders halted all traffic and evacuated the homes as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/28046115/detail.html>

7. *May 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **EPA completes cleanup of abandoned manufacturing site in Camden, N.J.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has removed asbestos and hazardous materials at an abandoned manufacturing facility in Camden, New Jersey. The EPA removed over 400 drums, pails, and other containers containing hazardous chemicals including hexavalent chromium, perchloric acid, butanol, dichlorobenzene, hydrochloric acid, and sulfuric acid. They were disposed of at an off-site licensed facility. EPA took action at the 4-story building at 1700 Federal Street in Camden to reduce the risks to public health and safety because the hazardous chemicals found there had the potential to ignite, explode,

or be released into the air. EPA was notified about hazardous conditions at the former detergent and cleaning products manufacturing facility in August 2010 by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The property is believed to be owned by Concord Chemical, Inc. An investigation is underway to identify who is responsible for the cleanup of the chemicals left behind. EPA investigated the site and found a mix of acids, corrosives, asbestos, and other hazardous substances; signs of vandalism; and evidence of chemical spills and leaks on the floors and walls.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/4185a8d04f4411d78525789c005ca56c?OpenDocument>

8. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Truck hauling 36,900 pounds of explosives crashes.** Authorities said a semi hauling 36,900 pounds of explosives crashed in a four-vehicle wreck on Interstate 285 near Atlanta, Georgia, Associated Press reported May 26. A spokeswoman of Georgia Department of Transportation said the explosives are “stable” and have not spilled. She said two lanes of I-285 were closed near Flat Shoals May 26 as crews cleared the wreckage. A second semi and two passenger vehicles were involved in the crash. There was no immediate information on injuries.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Truck-hauling-36-900-pounds-of-explosives-crashes-1397826.php>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *May 26, Associated Press* – (National) **‘Tornado Alley’ reactor not fully twister-proof.** The closest nuclear power plant to tornado-ravaged Joplin, Missouri, was singled out weeks before the storm for being vulnerable to twisters. Inspections triggered by Japan’s nuclear crisis found that some emergency equipment and storage sites at the Wolf Creek nuclear plant near Burlington, Kansas might not survive a tornado. Specifically, plant operators and federal inspectors said Wolf Creek did not secure equipment and vehicles needed to fight fires, retrieve fuel for emergency generators, and resupply water to keep nuclear fuel cool as it is being moved. Wolf Creek, until recently, was one of three nuclear plants placed on a federal watch list in March for safety-related issues. A former nuclear plant engineer who now works on nuclear safety for the advocacy group Union of Concerned Scientists, said the equipment that a tornado could disable is the “backup of backups,” but that potential should raise concern nonetheless. Already this year, tornadoes have knocked out power to nuclear power plants in Alabama and Virginia, exposing vulnerabilities. Wolf Creek’s location in Tornado Alley means it was designed to handle the maximum tornadoes possible for the United States, with wind speeds up to 360 miles per hour, and a maximum rotational speed of 290 miles per hour. But its fire truck, for example, is parked in a sheet-metal building “not protected from seismic or severe weather events,” according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted

after the Japanese disaster.

Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=136694610>

10. *May 26, Bloomberg* – (National) **Wider U.S. nuclear evacuation zone unneeded, official says.** The United States should not widen the minimum evacuation zone around nuclear plants to 50 miles from 10 miles, said a member of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission May 26. It is “unreasonable” to require the wider zone just because U.S. citizens were urged to stay 50 miles from a nuclear plant damaged by an earthquake and tsunami in Japan, he said at a conference in Washington. U.S. officials made a decision on the evacuation zone in Japan based on incomplete information, he said. The 10-mile “emergency planning zone” around U.S. nuclear plants can be expanded during an accident if the situation worsens, he said.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/05/26/bloomberg1376-LLTHA76S972R01-6FUGMVNEONPS7D1GOP9JQ4L03S.DTL>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *May 27, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Threat of explosion at Blossburg foundry temporarily closes 2 streets.** According to the Blossburg police chief, the potential for an explosion at the Ward Foundry in Blossburg, Pennsylvania, temporarily closed two borough streets, the Williamsport Sun-Gazette reported May 27. Taber Street and South Williamson Road were closed for about an hour after the fire department was dispatched to the foundry about 11:30 a.m. for a report of a furnace fire, the police chief said. It turned out to be an equipment failure, he added. “I was told that the hydraulics that push the hot iron out through what is called a ‘cupelo’ malfunctioned, and it wasn’t moving the iron, so they were worried about the water boiling over and hitting that hot iron, causing an explosion,” he said. The malfunction caused some molten iron to spill and a water cooling line was damaged, the president of Ward Manufacturing said. The fire department was called in as a safety precaution, the Blossburg fire chief said. If hot molten iron would have spilled into a water area near the machinery, it could have caused an explosion, he said. The threat ended by 12:30 p.m. after foundry maintenance personnel regained control. No evacuations were made and no injuries reported, the police chief said.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/564467/Threat-of-explosion-at-Blossburg-foundry-temporarily-closes-2-streets.html?nav=5014>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 26, Defense News* – (Gulf of Mexico) **U.S. Navy rejects new radar ship.** A new ship intended to carry a ballistic missile tracking radar failed its acceptance trials earlier

in May and will need repairs before it can enter service, the U.S. Navy said May 26. The Howard O. Lorenzen (T-AGM 25), built by VT Halter Marine at Moss Point, Mississippi, is a 12,000-ton, 534-foot-long ship intended to carry the Cobra Judy Replacement (CJR) radar, a key sensor used in treaty monitoring and verification for ballistic missile issues. Built under an initial \$199 million contract awarded in 2006, the ship has been under construction at VT Halter's yard since August 2008, when delivery was scheduled for June 2010. The Navy's Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) conducted acceptance trials in the Gulf of Mexico during the week of May 9, according to the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington. The trial "was reported as unsatisfactory", NAVSEA said. The failed grade was due to three major discrepancies — thrust bearing temperature, and steering, and anchor demonstrations. Three of 15 graded areas — electrical, damage control, and aviation — were also graded unsatisfactory.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6638463&c=AME&s=SEA>

13. *May 26, Defense News* – (Maine) **U.S. ship escapes major fire damage.** A fire aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer in the final stages of construction may not have seriously damaged the ship, said a source familiar with the incident, although an investigation has yet to be completed. The accident took place May 20 aboard the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer Spruance (DDG 111) at the General Dynamics Bath Iron Works shipyard in Bath, Maine. "In the course of routine propulsion gas turbine engine tests, a system failure occurred resulting in a fire within one of the engine uptakes, or stacks," a spokesman for the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington said. "The fire was extinguished and there were no injuries." The Colton Co. Web site said the ship "sustained extensive damage when the engine controls failed during a test and poured fuel into a hot engine." But the source familiar with the incident said the flames were mostly from fuel which ignited. The cause was "a system failure, not a human error," the source said. "A universal engine control card lost its link with the control console. That was the probable cause, allowing fuel to dump into the engine." The LM 2500 gas turbine engine, made by General Electric, appeared to be undamaged. There are no current plans to replace the engine, the source said, and it already has been inspected by GE engineers.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6639412&c=AME&s=SEA>

14. *May 26, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Lawmakers bar more Chinese firms from Pentagon bids.** The U.S. House of Representatives has broadened the type of Chinese entities barred from receiving Pentagon contracts amid growing unease in Washington D.C. over China's expanding military might. Under the amendment, passed by voice vote May 25, all entities owned by or affiliated with the Chinese government are prohibited from providing defense articles to the United States and the U.S. Secretary of Defense must report to Congress 15 days before any planned waiver of the ban. The amendment allows the Defense Secretary to waive the procurement restrictions if a good or service is critical to the Defense Department and not otherwise available. Companies affected by the amendment include any commercial firm "owned or controlled by, directed by or from, operating with delegated authority from, or affiliated with, the People's Liberation Army or the government of the People's

Republic of China or that is owned or controlled by an entity affiliated with the defense industrial base of the People's Republic of China.”

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jp6daZR9qnPXKYqetV3NoivVb1vQ?docId=CNG.80b23b06b8797cf929365dd8d249e49a.c21>

15. *May 26, Reuters* – (International) **Lockheed network suffers major disruption.** Lockheed Martin Corp is experiencing a major disruption to its computer systems that could be related to a problem with network security, two sources familiar with the issue said May 26. Lockheed, the biggest provider of information technology to the U.S. government, is grappling with “major internal computer network problems,” one source said. A second source said the issue was “affecting a lot of people” at Lockheed. Lockheed, which employs 133,000 people worldwide and had \$45.8 billion in revenues last year, said it did not discuss specific threats or responses as a matter of principle, but regularly took actions to counter threats and ensure security. “We have policies and procedures in place to mitigate the cyber threats to our business, and we remain confident in the integrity of our robust, multilayered information systems security,” a company spokesman said. The sources said Lockheed employees were still able to use mobile devices to access company e-mail accounts. The slowdown began May 22 after Lockheed security experts detected an intrusion, according to a technology blogger. He said it involved the use of SecurID tokens employees use to access Lockheed’s internal network from outside its firewall.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/26/lockheed-network-idUSN2613783420110526>

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *May 27, The Tennessean* – (National) **Fake bomb used to rob Music Row bank.** Investigators are trying to identify a man who used a fake bomb to rob the Bank of America on Music Row in Nashville, Tennessee, May 26. The bank robber walked in at 11:20 a.m. and put the device on a teller’s counter, said it was a bomb and demanded money, according to police. The robber, a suspect in two other incidents, left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money and left the device behind. The police department hazardous devices unit later determined it was not a bomb. The man is also a suspect in the attempted robbery of the U.S. post office at 1109 Woodland Street less than an hour before the bank heist. He is also considered a suspect in a recent Goodlettsville, Tennessee bank robbery.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110527/NEWS/305270074/Fake-bomb-used-rob-Music-Row-bank?odyssey=nav|head>

17. *May 27, Charlotte Observer* – (Missouri) **Charlotte armored car robber sought.** Local and federal authorities are offering a reward and asking the public’s help in finding the man they said robbed an armored car driver at gunpoint May 19 in Charlotte, North Carolina’s University City area. The FBI office in Charlotte said the

robbery happened at 9 a.m. at a Bank of America ATM. According to the FBI, an armed man pointed the gun at a Loomis armored car driver who was servicing the ATM. The gunman grabbed a courier bag of money and ran down Technology Drive. The gunman is described as a black male, about 5 feet 7 inches tall with medium build. He was wearing black clothing. A reward of up to \$20,000 is being offered for information helping solve this case.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/05/27/2331332/charlotte-armored-car-robber-sought.html>

18. *May 27, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Four of Scott Rothstein’s colleagues charged with fraud.** A former attorney in a convicted con man’s Fort Lauderdale, Florida law firm — along with two other ex-employees and a one-time night club owner – were charged May 27 with conspiracy offenses related to the man’s \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme. All four Broward County men face one count of conspiring to commit wire fraud, which carries a potential maximum penalty of 5 years in prison. All the defendants are being charged by information, not by indictment. That means they are cooperating with the U.S. attorney’s office and are expected to plead guilty to the single conspiracy count. The scheme’s perpetrator was arrested in 2009, charged with racketeering, money laundering, and fraud stemming from the sale of phony legal settlements involving purported sexual harassment, discrimination, and whistle-blow lawsuits over the previous 4 years. He pleaded guilty in January 2010 and was sentenced to 50 years in prison and ordered to repay \$363 million to about 320 victims from South Florida, the Northeast, and elsewhere.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/27/v-fullstory/2238217/four-of-scott-rothsteins-colleagues.html>

19. *May 27, NJtoday.net* – (New Jersey) **Three men indicted in bank robbery, shootout with police.** A grand jury in Middlesex County, New Jersey, indicted three men on charges of robbing a bank in Franklin Township and then shooting at police officers while fleeing through North Brunswick and New Brunswick, where they were apprehended, a Middlesex County prosecutor announced May 26. The 24-count indictment charges the trio with counts of attempted murder of three New Brunswick police officers, armed robbery, conspiracy, theft, eluding police, the theft of two getaway vehicles, receiving stolen property, and weapons offenses for carrying five guns, including semi-automatic weapons and a sawed-off shotgun, during the March 12, 2009 robbery. Also, the grand jury handed up three separate indictments charging each of the defendants with five counts of illegally possessing weapons, as each had previously served prison terms for various offenses, and were banned by law from having weapons.

Source: <http://njtoday.net/2011/05/27/three-men-indicted-in-bank-robbery-shootout-with-police/>

20. *May 27, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **ATM repairman accused of loading fake money.** An employee of an ATM servicing company has been charged with swapping \$200,000 in fake bills for real cash at machines in Daly City and San Francisco, California, a prosecutor said May 26. The 64-year-old suspect was wanted

on a warrant when he was arrested during a traffic stop in Phoenix, Arizona May 11, 10 months after the thefts, a San Mateo County District Attorney (DA) said. The man was an employee of Diebold, which services ATMs for Bank of America. On July 4, 2010, officials said he went to six bank branches in San Francisco and one in Daly City and stole about \$200,000 by replacing cash in the machine trays with counterfeit or photocopied \$20 bills, the DA said. He used his work card key to access the ATMs and was captured on video at all seven locations, authorities said. The next day, he “abandoned his wife and disappeared,” the DA said. His wife reported him missing and angry Bank of America customers contacted the bank to complain about the fake money, authorities said. He pleaded not guilty in San Mateo County Superior Court to charges of burglary, embezzlement, forgery, and possession of counterfeiting apparatus, and faces similar charges in San Francisco.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/05/27/BANQ1JLBKP.DTL>

21. *May 26, Ellicott City Patch* – (Maryland) **Arrests made in armored car robberies in Ellicott City, Silver Spring.** Two men accused of robbing armored car employees in Howard County and Montgomery County, Maryland were arrested May 26. Police said the men robbed an armored car in Ellicott City December 27, 2010, and an armored car in front of a bank in Silver Spring April 4, 2011. Both have been charged in the Howard County case with one count each of armed robbery, robbery, first-degree assault, second-degree assault, theft, and using a handgun to commit a felony, according to police. They are also facing charges from the Montgomery County case: one count of armed robbery, and one count of conspiracy to commit armed robbery, police said. Their arrests stemmed from the investigation of the Silver Spring case where a Dunbar armored car guard was robbed at a Bank of America on the 11400 block of Old Columbia Pike, according to police.

Source: <http://ellicottcity.patch.com/articles/arrests-made-in-armored-car-robberies-in-ellicott-city-silver-spring>

22. *May 26, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NY man admits ‘skimming’ ATMS for nearly \$300K.** A Bulgarian native has admitted scanning personal information from an ATM in northern New Jersey and stealing nearly \$300,000. The man pleaded guilty May 26 in federal court in Newark, New Jersey, to bank fraud conspiracy, and aggravated identity theft. The man was arrested last fall. He was accused of using an electronic device to skim identity and account information from Valley National Bank branches in Nutley, and Belleville. The Queens, New York, resident and others allegedly withdrew nearly \$300,000 using the stolen personal identification numbers. The bank fraud conspiracy charge carries a maximum potential penalty of 30 years in prison. Aggravated identity theft carries a mandatory consecutive 2-year prison term.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP55d27bec47994e1e84d5640d74b58f4b.html>

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Transportation Sector

23. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Ohio; Pennsylvania) **Florida-bound flight makes emergency landing.** An engine oil leak forced a flight from Ohio to make an emergency landing May 26 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania with 141 Florida-bound passengers on board. An Allegiant Air spokeswoman said a warning light about high oil temperature went on after the jet took off from Youngstown, Ohio just before 7 p.m. May 26. She told the Vindicator newspaper of Youngstown that the pilot followed standard procedure and shut down the engine, declaring an emergency. The plane was diverted to Pittsburgh, where the spokeswoman said it landed safely about 30 minutes after takeoff. She said maintenance crews confirmed the engine was leaking oil, and the jet was grounded. Las Vegas-based Allegiant sent for another plane to take the passengers to their destination, Orlando.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43192583/ns/travel-news/>
24. *May 27, Associated Press; CBS 2 New York* – (New York) **Final JFK terror plot suspect convicted.** The last suspect in a scheme to blow up jet fuel tanks at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens has been convicted of participating in the failed plot. The man was convicted May 26 of several conspiracy counts. Two other people were convicted in 2010 of conspiracy charges and are serving life in prison. A fourth pleaded guilty to providing material support and was sentenced to 15 years. The man's case was separated from the others after he fell ill. Prosecutors argued the men wanted to kill thousands of people and cripple the American economy by using explosives to blow up the fuel tanks and the underground pipelines that run through an adjacent Queens neighborhood. Defense attorneys argued the case was created by government intervention. The man, an imam from Trinidad, faces life in prison.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/05/27/final-jfk-terror-plot-suspect-convicted/>
25. *May 27, CNN* – (International) **Air France crash pilots lost vital speed data, say investigators.** Pilots of the Air France flight that crashed in 2009 and plummeted 38,000 feet in just 3 minutes and 30 seconds, lost vital speed data, France's Bureau of Investigation and Analysis (BEA) said May 27. Pilots got conflicting air speeds in the minutes leading up to the crash, the interim reports states. The aircraft climbed to 38,000 feet when "the stall warning was triggered and the airplane stalled," the report said. Aviation experts are asking why the pilots responded to the stall by pulling the nose up instead of pushing it down to recover. A pilot and aviation analyst, said: "You push down on the wheel to gain air speed, perhaps they (pilots) were getting information that the air speed was too high. Pulling the nose up will exacerbate an aerodynamic stall." The aircraft experienced some "rolling" before stalling and then descending rapidly into the ocean. The descent lasted 3 minutes and 30 seconds and the engines remained operational, the report said. The plane plunged at 10,912 feet per minute. At the time of the descent, the two co-pilots and captain were in the cockpit. CNN's aviation expert, said: "For whatever reason the aircraft speed sensors failed and the A330 went into a high altitude stall. The pilot's actions were unable to recover the

aircraft and some might say, made the bad situation worse.” All 228 people aboard the Airbus A330 Flight 447 from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to Paris were killed on June 1, 2009.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/americas/05/27/air.france.447.crash/index.html?hpt=T1>

26. *May 26, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **Final suspect arrested in railroad tampering.** The sixth and final suspect in a railroad-track tampering case turned himself in, said an official with the Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office in Florida May 26. The man was arrested on charges of grand theft, trespassing, and interfering with a railroad system and booked into the Gadsden County Jail. Five men were previously arrested in the theft of 68 metal railroad plates and 21 railroad spikes near Moses Lane and Hardaway Highway in Chattahoochee. The five men already in custody were each charged with grand theft, trespassing, and interfering with a railroad system.

Source:

<http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20110526/BREAKINGNEWS/305260007/Update--Final-suspect-arrested-in-railroad-tampering>

27. *May 26, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Indiana) **Cambridge City residents evacuated by flood waters return to homes.** A Wayne County, Indiana Emergency Management official said May 26 that flood waters in Cambridge City are receding following severe thunderstorms that ransacked Indiana and other parts of the Midwest. Flood waters on U.S. 40 in the downtown area are receding, and traffic patterns are returning to normal, the deputy director of emergency management said. Franklin Road between Tidewater and Leavell roads is closed indefinitely due to bridge failure, the director of the Wayne County Highway Department said. Half of a support wall on the bridge caved in following heavy rain and will need an estimated \$500,000 in repairs, he said. Nine other roadways remain closed due to high water, he said.

Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20110526/NEWS01/110526007/Cambridge-City-residents-evacuated-by-flood-waters-return-homes?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

28. *May 26, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **White powder shuts down Ferndale post office.** A package and delivery bag with white powder that caused the Ferndale, California post office to close its doors for roughly an hour in the morning May 26 was determined to be a broken bottle of penicillin, according to hazardous materials investigators. They were called to the post office at about 9:45 a.m., said the coordinator for the Humboldt-Del Norte Hazardous Materials Response Team. Investigators found a broken glass bottle with a broken label alongside the white

substance, he said. Firefighters with the Ferndale Fire Department visited the package's recipient who was able to show them another bottle identical to the broken bottle. "(It was) a bottle of penicillin that had broken in transit and leaked through the package, and ... penicillin, once [the] water evaporates ... turns back to powder form" he said, adding a local veterinarian was able to verify that the substance was penicillin. The post office reopened around 10:15 a.m.

Source: http://www.times-standard.com/ci_18146546

29. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Boulder County Sheriff's Office investigates explosion in mailbox.** A homemade explosive made with acid, tinfoil, and a water bottle blew up inside a mailbox in Superior, Colorado May 26. The Boulder County Sheriff's Office said the homeowners reported the explosion. The Boulder Daily Camera reports no one was injured, but the mailbox door was found in a neighbor's yard. The sheriff's office, and Boulder and Longmont police investigated a string of homemade explosives last year. Mailboxes were damaged by small pipe-type devices and a plastic bottle containing chemicals.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2833a6480bbf4743b7878b29e8056be9/CO--Exploding-Mailbox/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

30. *May 27, Food Safety News* – (Oregon; Washington) **Listeria spurs shutdown of Oregon sprout firm.** At the behest of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), government attorneys persuaded the U.S. District Court for Oregon to issue a permanent injunction against Shanghai Company Inc., a bean sprout firm in Portland, Oregon, and its owners. The order, signed in May, shuts down the sprout business unless and until the defendants can bring it back into compliance with food safety rules, entirely to FDA's satisfaction. The federal court ordered everyone associated with Shanghai to "cease, directly or indirectly, receiving, processing, manufacturing, preparing, packaging, holding, and distributing any article of food" at the existing site, or any other location. The owners and anyone working with Shanghai are enjoined from doing anything that would cause food to be considered adulterated, under the law, and from putting adulterated food into interstate commerce. Listeria contamination of its ready-to-eat bean sprouts and inside its facility has been the most serious problem. The Portland business was getting seeds from Jilin, China, then growing and distributing sprouts to retailers in Oregon and Washington. Its most recent recall, issued November 24, 2010, was of mung bean sprouts in clear 9 oz. and 5 lb. bags found to be contaminated with Listeria.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/05/listeria-problem-prompts-shutdown-of-portlands-shanghai-co/>

31. *May 27, KRIS 6 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Sam Kane Beef Processor fined by OSHA.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Sam Kane Beef Processor, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas, for multiple safety hazards found during an inspection in December 2010. One of the violations was not having guard rails for work areas more than 4 feet above the ground. OSHA said the beef processor has been cited for this before. The company was also cited for having water on the floor, and for not having an emergency response plan for people who work the night shift. The company, which employees about 800 workers in Corpus Christi, has 15 days to comply with the order, request a conference about the issues, or request a hearing before an OSHA committee.
Source: <http://www.kristv.com/news/sam-kane-beef-processor-fined-by-osha/>
32. *May 27, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **2 dead after big rig crashes into welcome center, catches fire.** Two people are dead after two tractor-trailers collided on Interstate 70 in Pennsylvania late May 26. According to the Washington County Coroner's Office, the crash happened near the entrance ramp at the I-70 Welcome Center at mile marker 5 near Claysville around 11:20 p.m. The coroner said the two people killed were the occupants of a tractor-trailer headed eastbound on I-70. The truck hit another big rig traveling in the same direction, and then veered through a guardrail into the Welcome Center where it hit two more parked tractor-trailers and caught fire. Washington County 911 dispatchers said a third person was treated at the scene for minor injuries. Firefighters said one truck spilled diesel fuel, which caught on fire and spread to the truck's cab and trailer. The burned truck was carrying frozen chicken. The second truck was a flatbed hauling a large, steel coil. Hazardous materials crews were called to the scene. The crash is under investigation. The state department of transportation said the Welcome Center was closed because of the accident. The department did not immediately have a target date for reopening the center.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/28045173/detail.html>
33. *May 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Horse virus cases double to 75; at least 11 deaths.** Cases of a deadly strain of a horse virus have more than doubled in the past week, and suspected cases have forced the quarantine of 15 more facilities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said May 27 there are 75 confirmed cases in 9 states, and 61 facilities have suspected or confirmed cases. The agency said 11 horses have been euthanized, and 17 more have shown signs of the neurological problems that often lead to death. The week of May 16, there were 34 confirmed cases and 9 horses had died. Horses from Alberta and British Columbia, Canada, were also infected. Canadian officials are not reporting new cases. The outbreak of the equine herpes virus started at an Ogden, Utah, horse show earlier in May, and has forced the cancellation of multiple events.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/05/27/us/AP-US-Horse-Virus-New-Cases.html?hp>
34. *May 26, Reuters* – (California) **Damage reported from rare California tornadoes.** Farm buildings and orchards were damaged when at least two tornadoes touched down in Northern California in 24 hours, a National Weather Service

spokesman said May 26. There were no reports of injury from the storms, which struck between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. May 25 in a rural area south of Chico, about 140 miles northeast of San Francisco. Both were rated EF-1 or smaller on the Enhanced Fujita scale, the spokesman said. “Neither of these actually hit any towns but they did cause some damage to some farm buildings, barns. Some orchards were damaged,” he said. Survey teams were headed out to the area May 27 and would investigate reports that as many as four tornadoes touched down. The storms were generated by a strong low pressure system over the area that mixed with warm temperatures on the ground and were uncommon but not unprecedented for Northern California.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/26/us-weather-tornadoes-california-idUSTRE74P7L420110526>

35. *May 26, Fresno Bee* – (California) **4-alarm fire damages Visalia food processing plant.** A four-alarm fire broke out about 7:50 p.m. May 26 at the Real Fresh food-processing plant in Visalia, California. Firetrucks were called from Tulare, Dinuba, Farmersville, and Tulare County to assist the Visalia Fire Department. The fire is believed to have started in a maintenance shop and affected about a quarter of the plant, the fire chief said.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/05/26/2404301/4-alarm-fire-at-visalia-food-plant.html>

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Water Sector

36. *May 27, Mission Viejo Patch* – (California) **Toxic-groundwater cleanup required of Unisys.** Mission Viejo Patch reports May 27 computer parts manufacturer Unisys must clean its former Mission Viejo, California site of toxic chemicals in the groundwater, according to a mandate issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board in May. The control board found various solvents contaminating the groundwater beneath the facility, which is next to the Target store on Jeronimo. One of those toxic chemicals, 1,1-DCE, was found at 145 times the legal amount for California groundwater. Other toxins contaminating the groundwater include the solvents TCE and DCA, as well as selenium, a salt that is toxic in large amounts. The contamination could have come from computer manufacturing taking place at the facility during the 1970s, said a senior engineering geologist for the water quality board. He said Unisys likely used the toxic solvents for cleaning factory parts. He said the solvents were stored at the facility, where pipes ran the chemicals to storage tanks, which can sometimes leak.

Source: <http://missionviejo.patch.com/articles/toxic-groundwater-cleanup-required-by-unisys>

37. *May 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **EPA’s limited sampling indicates bacteria in floodwaters at Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway in southeast Missouri.** Analysis the week of May 23 of limited sampling of floodwaters in the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway in southeast Missouri indicated the presence

of bacteria in nine samples of collected water, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 announced May 26. EPA crews conducted surface water sampling at four locations within the floodway May 24 to determine if any threats might be present for emergency response workers who could come into contact with the floodwaters. Results from the sampling show nine samples of receding floodwaters had total coliform levels ranging from 5,475 to 15,531 mpn/100ml (most probable number of colony forming units per 100 milliliters of water). However, analysis also showed E. coli bacteria levels, which are an indicator of fecal coliform bacteria in the floodwaters, ranged from 0 to 38 mpn/100ml, which are well below Missouri's official standard of 126 mpn/100ml for swimming and 1,134 mpn/100ml for fishing, wading, and boating activities. In addition to checking for coliform, EPA's surface water samples are also being analyzed for organophosphorus pesticides, triazine herbicides, total metals including aluminum, perchlorate, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)-gasoline range organics (GRO), and TPH-diesel range organics. Results of those analyses are pending, and will be made public when complete.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/55ade49ae71a94a18525789c0072ec0b?OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Missouri; National) **US awarded \$82.6 million in Medicare fraud case.** A federal judge in Tennessee awarded the U.S. government \$82.6 million May 26 from three companies in a Medicare fraud case initiated by whistleblowers. A U.S. district judge ruled that Renal Care Group, Renal Care Group Supply Co., and Fresenius Medical Care Holdings Inc. “exhibited reckless disregard of legal mandates” in billing the Medicare program for home dialysis supplies from 1999 to 2005. Federal prosecutors said multiple Renal Care Group employees complained about the company's Medicare billings. The company, with locations throughout Missouri, had argued it did not violate Medicare rules because it had made disclosures to the program. Furthermore, it said Medicare's payments of claims showed compliance was accepted. The district judge wrote the case involved claims for payment for equipment to at least 3,979 patients. Prosecutors said many of the patients have life-threatening renal disease. The judge also said management officials did not heed the advice of company lawyers. The \$82.6 million included \$43.7 million in civil penalties. Prosecutors had argued the defendants improperly billed Medicare by using a sham company that was not independent as mandated by regulations.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/05/27/business-us-medicare-fraud-tennessee_8488199.html

39. *May 27, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Shohola assisted living evacuated after storm damaged fire alarm.** Elderly residents of Twin Cedars Assisted Living in Shohola, Pennsylvania were evacuated May 26 when smoke was discovered in the Shohola building's utility room. A storm knocked the lights out after 10 p.m., Twin

Cedars' owner said. When the Shohola Fire Department tested the building's fire alarm and smoke developed in the utility room, the 24 residents could not stay in the building without a working fire alarm, so they spent the night at the fire house. Everyone brought a pillow and blanket. Residents sat in chairs, and rested their heads on pillows on the table until firefighters delivered cots around 4 a.m.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110527/NEWS90/110529775/-1/NEWS>

40. *May 27, CNN* – (Georgia) **Atlanta hospital notifies nearly 700 patients about TB exposure.** Nearly 700 patients and 100 employees at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia have been exposed to tuberculosis (TB) after coming in contact with a hospital employee carrying the disease, a hospital spokesman said May 26. The Georgia Department of Community Health and the hospital have identified 680 patients who were exposed to TB between November and February, a hospital spokesman said. Patients will begin getting tested for TB the week of May 30, he said. To date, no patients or employees have reported symptoms, he said. The hospital and the department began notifying people about the exposure this month, after an Emory employee was diagnosed in April with the infectious disease, he said. The employee did not know he had TB when he came in contact with employees and patients, the hospital said. The hospital took extra precautions by contacting patients who were in the hospital for 90 days before the day the employee is known to have developed the disease, he said. All hospital employees are screened for the disease and must receive screenings each year, it added. A hospital statement did not say whether the employee who developed TB had been screened.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/HEALTH/05/26/georgia.tuberculosis.scare/>

41. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **2 more measles cases reported in Massachusetts.** An outbreak of measles in Massachusetts has public health officials concerned. Officials reported two more confirmed cases the week of May 23, bringing the total in the state in 2011 to 17. There had only been one to three cases per year in the previous 4 years. The director of the infectious disease bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission told the Boston Globe there appears to be no pattern to this year's cases, and no common source. The latest cases were in a 23-month-old boy from Boston who had received his first measles vaccination in 2010, and a teenage boy from outside the city treated at a Boston health care facility. Despite the uptick in cases this year, chances of catching the highly contagious disease are remote.

Source:

http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/201105262_more_measles_cases_reported_in_massachusetts/srvc=home&position=recent

42. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Abortion clinic temporarily shut down because of state violations.** The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals suspended the license of an abortion clinic in New Orleans, charging the facility violated regulations and risked the health of patients. The agency said the facility failed to provide sufficient nursing services or adequately monitor the recovery of women

after a procedure. The New Orleans secretary suspended the Gentilly Medical Clinic May 25 under a law enacted in 2010. The new law gave the secretary the power to immediately suspend an abortion facility's license. The clinic can appeal the immediate suspension. The department had begun proceedings to suspend the clinic under prior law. The clinic is currently appealing that action.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/Abortion-clinic-temporarily-shut-down-because-of/8UzsL9-4iEm9bny31Gj7-A.csp>

43. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Surgeon killed in shooting at Orlando hospital.** Authorities said a murder-suicide in a parking garage at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida May 26 left a doctor and the gunman dead. Police spokeswoman identified the doctor as a 41-year-old multi-organ transplant surgeon. Police had released few details about the shooting as of May 26. It's not clear how the gunman knew the surgeon. The shooting occurred near the elevators on the first floor of the garage used by employees and patients' families. The surgeon also taught at the University of Central Florida's College of Medicine. Last year, he was part of a surgical team that set a Florida Hospital record for the most number of transplants ever done in a weekend.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/05/26/2237493/2-people-shot-at-orlando-hospital.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

44. *May 27, Northwest Indiana Times* – (Illinois) **Gas leak prompts Chicago Heights school evacuation.** About 15 students at Lincoln Elementary School, in Chicago Heights, Illinois, were taken to St. James Hospital and Health Center after complaining of nausea caused by a nearby gas leak May 26. None of the students were seriously harmed, school officials said. The leak was traced to an underground pipe at a convenience store near the school. Officials evacuated the school about 11 a.m. and canceled classes for the day. Police and fire officials since have cleared the school to reopen May 27, the secretary for the school's superintendent said.

Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/illinois/chicago-heights/article_0d4ca291-3898-5828-b020-36406e23402b.html

45. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Inspectors find Wis. Capitol fire code violations.** Fire department inspectors in Madison, Wisconsin said added security measures at the capitol building violate fire safety code. Wisconsin Public Radio reported May 26 that Madison fire officials found multiple locked exit doors violated city fire safety ordinances. A fire department spokeswoman said those and other violations could cause confusion and panic for those trying to leave in an emergency. A spokeswoman for the state department of administration said changes are being made to allow for an easier exit from the building, and that other concerns raised in the

inspection will be investigated. The department secretary previously said there were no plans to reduce capitol security measures until issues surrounding the collective bargaining bill were resolved. A hearing on a lawsuit over capitol access was scheduled for May 26.

Source: <http://www.waow.com/Global/story.asp?S=14734561>

46. *May 26, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Boston school evacuated after ammonia spill.** Two teachers were transported to the hospital for evaluation May 26 after a spill of ammonium hydroxide in a closet at a Hyde Park school in Boston, Massachusetts, fire officials said. “One of them may have tried to clean it up,” a Boston Fire Department spokesman said. The spill from a bottle of cleaning fluid was reported at about 12:30 p.m. at the Boston Trinity Academy. None of the school’s 210 students, in grades 6 to 12, were injured. But the school was closed for the rest of the day. State officials checked the air quality in the area, and the air was deemed safe by about 3 p.m. “The big challenge with this incident was there were no windows in the area where it happened. We had to get fresh air in the area to vent it,” the spokesman said. “But the spill was minor. Several ounces out of a 24-ounce bottle had spilled.” Ammonium hydroxide is found in ordinary household cleaner
Source: http://articles.boston.com/2011-05-26/yourtown/29587182_1_ammonia-spill-ammonium-hydroxide-air-quality

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *May 27, Crawfordsville Journal Review* – (Indiana) **Comcast alerts only on local channels.** Comcast customers in Montgomery County, Indiana will no longer receive severe weather notifications from Montgomery County dispatch on non-local channels. Tornado sirens were utilized in Montgomery County. The sirens do not necessarily mean a tornado has touched down or even that one has been sighted. Rather, they are sounded when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Montgomery County, or if a confirmed sighting of a funnel cloud has been reported by a trained weather spotter or member of a local emergency management agency. There are a limited number of weather radios available for purchase from the Montgomery County Emergency Management Department, the Crawfordsville Police Department communications director said.
Source: http://www.journalreview.com/news/article_50c487ba-87fd-11e0-b6e4-001cc4c002e0.html
48. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Man hauls apparent leftover WWII bomb to Corvallis, Ore., police station; street closed down.** Police said a man loaded what appeared to be a leftover World War II-vintage bomb into his minivan and drove it to the police station in Corvallis, Oregon, prompting officers to temporarily close off nearby traffic while they decided what to do. A lieutenant said the man reported the

device was found in a shed on rental property he manages in Lebanon. He decided Corvallis police would know what to do so he drove it to the station May 26. Police blocked off the street and called the Oregon State Police bomb squad. Those officers secured the device in a specially designed trailer and took it to a range outside Salem for disposal. The lieutenant told the Gazette-Times the 2-foot metal cylinder with a tailfin on the end looked like a World War II-vintage bomb designed to be dropped from an airplane.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1e5ac3f6efa947e0b0616e66bec4a499/OR--Leftover-Bomb/>

49. *May 26, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Resident drops off grenades at Detroit police building, prompts evacuation.** A resident who dropped off a bag of grenades May 26 at the Eastern District police station in Detroit, Michigan, caused a brief scare and building evacuation. According to firefighters at the scene, the resident discovered the grenades and sought to turn them in after not knowing what to do with them. Two Detroit Bomb Squad vehicles were on the scene as well as a helicopter. Police reopened Gratiot Avenue between Outer Drive East and Gunston near the police station later in the morning May 26. Nearby businesses, including a dental clinic and pharmacy, were evacuated for more than an hour.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110526/METRO01/105260438/1361/Resident-drops-off-grenades-at-Detroit-police-building--prompts-evacuation>

50. *May 25, Worcester Telegram and Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Powder that prompted lobby shutdown was not toxic.** A white powder brought to the police station in Worcester, Massachusetts, May 24 by a man who found it on his windshield inside an envelope with a threatening letter was non-toxic, police said. The substance was analyzed May 24 by the state department of public health at a laboratory in Jamaica Plain, and the results were given to police. Police did not identify the substance, pending further testing. The man entered the lobby of police headquarters at 911 Lincoln Square carrying the envelope. He handed it to an officer and some of the powder accidentally spilled on the officer and on the lobby floor. The lobby was shut down for about 40 minutes, while local and state hazardous materials teams dealt with the substance and oversaw decontamination.

Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20110525/NEWS/110529777/1116>

51. *May 25, Emergency Management* – (National) **New England states coordinate cyber-security response planning.** A number of states are tightening the coordination between IT professionals in government and industry to minimize the potential impact of a disruption to computerized systems. Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire are coordinating plans for responding to interruptions in services due to cyberattacks or natural disasters that disrupt computer systems that facilitate critical services. In 2009, Rhode Island officials met with representatives from hospitals, financial institutions, colleges, universities, the military, cable, and communications industries, and utilities to identify who the stakeholders were, and who could contribute

resources to a cyber-disruption response team. The plan describes a fairly straightforward implementation of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 2 under the National Response Framework. The response team, which is still being formed, will likely be made up of 8 to 12 members, organized under the Rhode Island State Police, who will be responsible for restoring critical IT systems. Cyber-disruption teams are also being established in Massachusetts and New Hampshire as well as the Providence and Boston UASI regions. The teams will have personnel from IT, emergency management, public safety and service providers who can advise an incident commander about restoring or maintaining critical infrastructure under ESF-2. Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/New-England-States-Cyber-Security-Response-Planning-052511.html>

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Information Technology Sector

52. *May 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Jury convicts two for selling counterfeit Cisco gear.** A U.S. federal jury convicted two people the week of May 23 over a scheme to import and sell counterfeit Cisco-branded networking equipment, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said May 26. The jury found a woman from Virginia guilty of conspiracy and 15 other counts related to import fraud and counterfeit labeling, the DOJ said. She ran the U.S. headquarters of a Chinese company that stole intellectual property and defrauded customers, the DOJ statement said, citing a U.S. attorney. The woman took millions of dollars from unsuspecting U.S. consumers and businesses, the attorney said. The jury’s May 24 verdict also convicted a second suspect, a man from Maryland, of conspiracy, the statement said. The man from Maryland, and the woman from Virginia, and family members in China had operated a “large-scale counterfeit computer networking equipment business” under the name Han Tong Technology (Hong Kong), the DOJ said. The woman from Virginia and others working with her had defrauded U.S. buyers through a company in Virginia called JDC Networking. JDC Networking used pirated software to alter Cisco products and falsify labels, the DOJ said. The woman used different names and addresses on import documents, and hid millions of dollars of counterfeit proceeds through bank accounts and property under the names of family members in China, the statement said. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217106/Jury_convicts_two_for_selling_counterfeit_Cisco_gear

53. *May 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Pharma spam campaign distributes fake Apple AppStore emails.** Security researchers from Finnish antivirus vendor F-Secure warn about a wave of pharma spam e-mails masquerading as official communications from Apple’s AppStore. The e-mails bear a subject of “ID:[random number] Apple AppStore Order Cancellation” and come with spoofed headers to appear as if they from an AppStore@apple(dot)com address. The messages were created using a real Apple

AppStore e-mails template, but all links inside have been replaced with ones leading to rogue online pharmacies. There are two links, one on the random ID number and one on “order information.” The e-mails are designed to make recipients ask themselves questions like why was his order canceled or why was there an order in the first place. In both cases, users will likely click on the links to obtain more information, only to find themselves taken to a rogue pharmacy Web site selling prescription drugs.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pharma-Spam-Campaign-Distributes-Fake-Apple-AppStore-Emails-202746.shtml>

54. *May 27, H Security* – (International) **DNSSEC signature can crash Bind name servers.** Where a Bind name server is set up as a caching resolver, it is vulnerable to DoS attacks which could cause it to crash. The Internet Systems Consortium (ISC) describes the issue in its advisory Large RRSIG RRsets and Negative Caching can crash named and categorises the problem, which can be triggered remotely, as “high” severity. The DNSSEC extension plays a key role in the latest security problem to hit the widely used name server. It appears the internal memory manager can become confused when it has to cache signed entries for non-existent domains. A member of ISC confirmed to H Security’s associates at heise Security that servers which do not themselves offer DNSSEC functionality are also vulnerable. According to ISC, to exploit the bug an attacker must be running a DNSSEC-signed authority server for a domain. He would then be able to induce DNS lookups for non-existent names on that domain (for example by sending out spam), which would trigger the bug on the vulnerable name server. Versions 9.4-ESV-R3, 9.6-ESV-R2, 9.6.3, 9.7.1, 9.8.0 and earlier are all affected. ISC has released updates that should fix the problem.
- Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/DNSSEC-signature-can-crash-Bind-name-servers-1251729.html>

55. *May 26, The Register* – (International) **Google Web Store quietly purged of nosy apps.** Google’s Chrome Web Store has quietly been purged of at least two games after a blogger revealed the Flash-based browser extensions had unfettered access to all Web site data, browsing history, and bookmarks stored on users’ computers. The removal of Super Mario World and Super Mario World 2 came without explanation following a post published May 26 by a mobile-security blogger who read the fine print in Google’s Chrome application store. The most troubling caveat: “This item can read every page that you visit — your bank, your web email, your Facebook page, and so on. Often, this kind of item needs to see all pages so that it can perform a limited task such as looking for RSS feeds that you might want to subscribe to. Caution: Besides seeing all your pages, this item could use your credentials (cookies) to request your data from websites.” “It’s pretty obvious how potentially bad the Mario extension could be, particularly when this is supposed to be just a Flash game,” the blogger wrote. “What really irks me though is the ‘permissions by default’ installation. You click one button and it’s there, almost immediately with no prompt.”
- Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/05/26/google_web_store_privacy_threats/

56. *May 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Trend Micro joins Sophos in criticizing Microsoft SmartScreen stats.** Trend Micro researchers are backing up anti-malware

experts from Sophos in claiming Microsoft's recently published SmartScreen numbers might lead to a false sense of security. Starting with Internet Explorer (IE) 9, Microsoft has added an application reputation component to the browser's SmartScreen filter. The SmartScreen technology was introduced in Internet Explorer 7 as a malicious URL blocking feature and, according to the browser vendor, it has blocked 160 million phishing pages and 1.5 billion malware distribution sites. Microsoft claims IE's new app reputation filter kicks in immediately when a new attack is launched, unlike traditional antivirus signatures that start appearing much later. The company said SmartScreen warnings only appear for 1 in 10 downloads, and that 1 in 14 downloaded files ultimately confirmed as malware. The week of May 16, a senior security advisor at Sophos expressed concerns about the numbers released by Microsoft. He said the statistics lack comparison with other, more prevalent, Web infection vectors such as drive-by downloads. Drive-by download attacks occur when Web sites exploit vulnerabilities in plug-ins such as Java, Flash, or Adobe Reader to install malware on computers. In these cases, the browser has no control over the downloads.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Trend-Micro-Joins-Sophos-in-Criticizing-Microsoft-SmartScreen-Stats-202516.shtml>

57. *May 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake YouTube emails lead to rogue pharma sites.** A wave of spam e-mails purporting to come from YouTube direct users to rogue online pharmacies through compromised legitimate Web sites. According to Belgian e-mail security vendor MX Lab, the new spam campaign generates e-mails that bear a subject of "YouTube Administration sent you a message: Your video on the TOP of YouTube." The fake communications have their header spoofed to appear as if they originate from a service@youtube(dot)com e-mail address and are built based on a YouTube template. There are several links inside the message, including the youtube(dot)com one, one on the word "inbox," one on "YouTube Administration," as well as three in top right menu, "help center," "e-mail options" and,"report spam." All links point to redirect scripts hosted on legitimate compromised Web sites that further take users to sites pushing unregulated drugs under the Canadian Family Pharmacy brand. Passing spam e-mails as official communications from social media Web sites is not a new technique, but YouTube is not a regular target for such campaigns.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-YouTube-Emails-Lead-to-Pharma-Spam-202571.shtml>

58. *May 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Mariposa is making a comeback.** Security researchers from Trend Micro warn that Mariposa, once one of the largest botnets in the world, is slowly, but steadily, growing back to its former self. Mariposa was the name given to a particular botnet, which at its peak, was made up of as many as 12 million infected computers spread across 190 countries. The Mariposa botnet was based on a variant of a worm called Palevo or Rimecud, which is capable of spreading using a variety of methods, including exploiting Windows vulnerabilities, copying itself to removable storage devices and network shares, as well as sending itself over instant messaging and p2p file sharing programs. Mariposa was dismantled in March 2010 and another big arrest was made in July. Following these events, the worm's activity registered a steep decline. But Trend Micro researchers said the malware

started gaining traction again in Q4 of 2010. In fact, the worm is almost as active now as in Q1 2010 when it was taken down. According to abuse tracking Web site abuse.ch, there are currently 118 Palevo command and control servers being tracked.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Mariposa-Is-Making-a-Comeback-202386.shtml>

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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>

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Communications Sector

59. *May 27, Binghamton Press* – (New York) **669 phone exchange out of service.** The 669 telephone exchange, which serves the Town of Binghamton, New York, was out of service May 27, the Broome County Office of Emergency Services said. Frontier Telecom is responding, although there was no time estimate for repairs. Residents affected by the outage can call 911 on their cell phones in the event of an emergency, or visit Town of Binghamton Fire Station 1 at 967 Hawleyton Road, where crews are waiting to assist.

Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20110527/NEWS01/110527005/669-phone-exchange-out-of-service?odyssey=nav|head>

60. *May 26, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Verizon looks to have phone lines fixed by 4 a.m.** A major line break of Verizon fiber lines disrupted land line and cell phone service May 26 for an estimated 3,600 customers in Myakka and East Manatee in Brandenton, Florida. Crews were working to restore the lines and expected them to be running by 4 a.m. May 27, according to the media relations manager with Verizon. Manatee County Public Safety Department advised that anyone who could not dial 911 with an emergency should seek help at the Myakka Fire Department. Customers with a 322 exchange were told to call the fire department for assistance. The media relations manager with Verizon said the fiber was cut by a crew working 6 to 7 miles east of Interstate 75 on Fruitville Road. He added that it was not a Verizon crew.

Source: <http://business-video.tmcnet.com/news/2011/05/26/5538327.htm>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

61. *May 27, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (National) **Five injured when strong winds topple circus tent.** Five people were injured, including one seriously, when a circus tent collapsed May 26 during a severe storm in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The Lewis and Clark Circus was set up for two fundraising shows for the Seward Volunteer Fire Company when a strong wind gust ripped down the red-and-yellow big top, the fire chief said. Three people were taken to area hospitals by ambulance, while two others went by private vehicles. The fire chief said one of the people injured had a head injury and was in intensive care May 26. Westmoreland County and areas east of Pittsburgh were hit hardest by severe storms that swept through the region late in the afternoon.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11147/1149549-100.stm>
62. *May 27, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Storm forces Speed Street evacuation.** Thunderstorms forced officials to shut down Food Lion Speed Street and evacuate crowds from the uptown area of Charlotte, North Carolina, May 26. A Charlotte fire captain said some festival-goers were sent to uptown parking decks for shelter at the height of the storm, about 10:30 p.m. Officials took to the microphones shortly after 10 p.m., alerting the crowd that the thunderstorms were approaching and severe weather was expected. Authorities announced the evening's activities were ending and asked the crowd to go home. No damage was reported to booths and displays at the festival, and activities were scheduled to resume May 27.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/05/27/2331032/storm-forces-speed-street-evacuation.html>
63. *May 26, Cookeville Times* – (Tennessee) **Emergency evacuation at Echo Valley Pool.** Four young people were assisted from Echo Valley Pool in Cookeville, Tennessee May 24 after experiencing what they called a “tingling” feeling while climbing the ladder. Safety concerns resulted in the immediate evacuation of the pool and closure of the pool May 25 while a full investigation was conducted by the owners and area experts. An EMT who works for Echo Valley Pool was on site during the incident and determined the four youth who experienced the “tingling” were unharmed. An employee from Cherry Creek Electric found a wire to one of the overhead floodlights that may have been moved by a flood from last summer. He speculated that a low current possibly might have been related to the “tingling” feeling the youths experienced.
Source: <http://www.ucdailynews.com/news/local/Incident-At-Echo-Valley-Pool-Last-Evening-122660699.html>
64. *May 26, WKTV 2 Utica* – (New York) **Bomb scare causes ACS employees to evacuate.** A bomb scare forced dozens of Utica, New York employees out of their offices for a few hours May 26. Someone called ACS on Blecker Street, indicating there was a bomb in the building, which led company officials to call Utica Police. They evacuated the building and for a few hours May 26, several dozen ACS employees stood outside around Blecker Street, waiting while a state police bomb-sniffing dog searched the building for explosives. Police also closed down parts of Blecker and Jay Streets during the search. By late morning, the dog cleared the

building and workers were allowed back in. Utica police are talking with phone operators and attempting to trace the call.

Source: <http://www.wktv.com/news/local/Bomb-scare-causes-ACS-employees-to-evacuate-122662569.html>

65. *May 25, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Investigators rule natural gas house explosion in Concord Township arson.** Investigators in Lake County, Ohio, have ruled a June 20, 2010 natural gas explosion that destroyed a 6,000 square-foot home in Concord Township was intentionally set, the Concord Township fire chief said May 25. The homeowners and their three children were out of town when their home blew up. No one was hurt. The explosion was heard for miles and sent debris into neighboring yards, damaging at least 20 other homes in the area. Dozens of investigators were called to the scene when it happened, including representatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Ohio State Fire Marshal's office, and the Concord Township Fire Department. Dominion East Ohio Gas officials said they checked the lines going to and from the home and they were intact.
- Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigators-rule-natural-gas-house-explosion-in-concord-township-arson

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

66. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Horseshoe Two fire nearly 50,000 acres.** The size of a wildfire burning in southeastern Arizona rose to nearly 50,000 acres May 27. The U.S. Forest Service reported the Horseshoe Two fire near the rural community of Portal is 40 percent contained. Fire crews continued burnout operations that kicked up smoke while burning away dead weeds, brush, and trees that feed wildfires. Firefighters from across the west are working to limit the growth of the fire, and protect forest and public resources. Fifteen hotshot crews, six hand crews, and 35 engines from 6 states were on the fire line. Meanwhile, the Forest Service said the Arlene fire burning along the border has burned 10,610 acres but now is 70 percent contained about 5 miles east of Lochiel.
- Source: <http://ktar.com/category/local-news-articles/20110527/Horseshoe-Two-fire-nearly-50,000-acres/>
67. *May 26, San Angelo Standard-Times* – (Texas) **Wildfire danger remains.** Several new large fires ignited May 24 around Texas, three in the western part of the state. The forest service said the seven fires burned 34,300 acres in West Texas. San Angelo is “absolutely at risk,” a communications specialist for the Texas Forest Service said. With a severe drought, 100-plus degree heat, and high winds, any little outdoor activity that could cause a spark could ignite a fire. The Creed wildfire outside Midland was 90 percent contained May 26 but remains a threat to homes and sports complexes. One building was lost and over 2,500 acres have been burned by the fire. The Derick Fire

outside Andrews scorched 25,000 acres but was declared contained May 26. A wildfire 19 miles Northeast of Kermit burned 1,500 acres but was no longer a threat to Winkler County. Although no new fires were reported May 25, the forest service said crews were working on five major fires that have burned a total of 29,946 acres. Although much of the state got rain within the past 2 weeks, 188 of 254 state counties remain under burn bans. The forest service expects wildfire outbreaks over the Memorial Day weekend with the increase in barbecuing, cooking, and outdoor activities.

Source: <http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2011/may/26/wildfire-danger-remains/>

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Dams Sector

68. *May 27, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Residents urged to plan evacuation as Garrison releases to rise Monday.** City officials in Bismarck, North Dakota May 26 said some residents should start making plans to leave their homes if necessary after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it will be releasing even more water from Garrison Dam on the Missouri River earlier than predicted. The river is projected to go more than 2 feet above flood stage and already is causing flooding in some areas of southwestern Bismarck. The Corps plans to release 85,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from Garrison Dam starting May 30. The releases will increase to about 105,000 cfs in early June, the Corps said. The river has been swollen by spring snowmelt and heavy rain. The increased water releases from Garrison Dam are needed because of recent heavy rains in eastern Montana, a Corps project manager said.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/321323/group/News/>

69. *May 26, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Morganza Floodway flow reduced further; train trestle still broken.** Two more bays on the Morganza Floodway were closed May 26, reducing to 12 the number of portals through which some of the swollen Mississippi River is being diverted away from Baton Rouge and New Orleans in Louisiana. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed five bays at Morganza since May 24 as the river's flow rate drops, a Corps spokeswoman said May 26. No bays have been closed on the Bonnet Carre Spillway because "the water is slowing down on its own," she said, although she declined to rule out the possibility of closings there. Rain from storms assailing the Midwest the week of May 23 should not make much of a difference in river levels south of Memphis, Tennessee, a service coordination hydrologist for the National Weather Service said. However, the rains could slow the rate at which the river level falls, he said.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/05/morganza_floodway_closes_2_m_or.html

70. *May 26, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **2 levee breaches in Weber County done, another weighed.** Two holes were punched in a levee in Hooper, Utah, May 26, and a third is under consideration as officials work to prevent further floodings. Northern Utah's conservation outreach manager for the state division of wildlife resources said

the necessity of a third breach will be evaluated based on the nature of spring runoff in the weeks to come. The breach was made in a levee at the Weber River at the Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management area to move the water more quickly to the Great Salt Lake. The goal is to scour out some of the sediment load in the river as well as the sandbars. The capacity is 9,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the river is flowing at 4,500 cfs. The National Weather Service issued dire predictions for Weber and Morgan counties, where two reservoirs face an overwhelming flow of water from spring runoff. The Lost Creek reservoir is predicted to go over its spillway, and Causey Reservoir is already spilling.

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