



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 18 April 2012

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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. *April 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Man electrocuted in California copper theft try.** A suspected southern California copper thief was electrocuted after climbing a power pole and using bolt cutters on a live wire, subsequently cutting power to area residents. The San Bernardino County Sun said the body of the victim and bolt cutters were found April 16 at the base of a utility pole in an unincorporated area near Fontana. Nearly 3,100 Southern California Edison customers were without power for 90 minutes. A sheriff's spokeswoman said Edison wires are a frequent target of metal recyclers.  
Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/apexchange/2012/04/17/us--copper-thief-electrocuted.html>
2. *April 16, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Gusty winds leave 52,000 homes without power in Metro Detroit.** High winds left thousands without power in the Detroit region, toppling trees and leaving one woman dead. As of late the night of April 16, there were 52,000 customers without power. The DTE Energy power outage map indicated the communities with the largest clusters were near Fraser, Redford Township, and West Bloomfield Township. At the height of the storm, more than 100,000 customers in the utility's service region were affected. Most still in the dark were expected to have electricity back April 17.  
Source:  
<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120416/METRO/204160373/1409/Gusty-winds-leave-52-000-homes-without-power-Metro-Detroit>
3. *April 14, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma DEQ releases HollyFrontier's report on 2011 refinery fire.** The HollyFrontier Corp. told state regulators a bad valve allowing hydrocarbons to slip into the wrong tank caused a fire at their Tulsa, Oklahoma refinery April 22, 2011, state officials confirmed the week of April 9. The fire caused no injuries or significant damage, according to reports. An Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) spokeswoman confirmed HollyFrontier officials revealed the fire's cause. The report indicated "a malfunctioning valve at the unifier boot prevented the boot from holding a liquid level and allowed hydrocarbon to pass into the sour water system." HollyFrontier also reported details of unrelated, more recent flare gas recovery unit compressor shutdowns April 5 and April 10. The first shutdown was due to flare volume exceeding compressor capacity, while the April 10 event was likely due to malfunction of a pressure control valve, according to the DEQ.  
Source:  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=49&articleid=20120414\\_4\\_9\\_E1\\_CUTLIN169270](http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=49&articleid=20120414_4_9_E1_CUTLIN169270)

4. *April 13, KTVQ 2 Billings* – (Montana) **Coke dust release confirmed from Laurel’s CHS refinery.** A dust cloud of coke dust released from the CHS Refinery in Laurel, Montana, April 13, prompted a Laurel elementary school to rush students indoors. Yellowstone County Disaster & Emergency Services director stated CHS officials confirmed the release of dust from the coker unit. The release occurred when one of the plant’s coke drums was being cleaned with a high pressure water hose. Officials with the state department of environmental quality and disaster & emergency services were alerted to the situation. The director said it does not appear the amount of coke released during the discharge was enough to be harmful. CHS officials sent cleanup crews to the scene of South Pond in Laurel, where the spokesman said one witness reported seeing a petroleum residue on the water.  
Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/news/coke-dust-release-confirmed-from-laurel-s-chs-refinery/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *April 17, Elgin Courier-News* – (Illinois) **Tollway tanker crash affects schools.** Apparently pushed over by gusty winds, a tanker truck carrying an industrial chemical tipped over onto its side late the morning of April 16 on the exit ramp from westbound I-90 to Route 25 in Elgin, Illinois. Because it was carrying resin, state police and the Elgin Fire Department sent a HAZMAT team to the scene, and for a while three nearby schools were asked to keep all students inside buildings. However, a state trooper said nothing leaked from the overturned truck, and the exit ramp was reopened 3 hours after the crash. She said the truck’s driver was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A spokesman for Elgin School District U46 said students and staffers at two elementary schools and a middle school were asked to shelter in place. However, he said students were expected to be released to go home on time in the afternoon.  
Source: <http://couriernews.suntimes.com/news/11937266-418/tollway-tanker-crash-affects-schools.html>
6. *April 16, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Train spill in northwest Minnesota requires month-long cleanup.** Officials estimated April 16 it would take 2 more weeks to finish cleaning up 30,000 gallons of a petroleum-based chemical that spilled from a train car after a semi-trailer truck hit it March 31 in northwest Minnesota. The spill happened after the semi on U.S. Highway 59 struck an eastbound Canadian Pacific train at a crossing near Plummer, derailing at least one car. The truck’s driver was killed. The impact punctured a 30,000-gallon rail tanker filled with aromatic concentrate, a flammable liquid. It pooled in a ditch where workers used booms to contain it. Officials closed 7 miles of Highway 59 and routed traffic around the spill site with detours now expected to remain in place throughout April. The sheriff said the closure was to divert motorists from “physical hazards” from heavy equipment brought in for the clean-up. The railroad, as part of a clean-up plan approved by the Minnesota

Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), hired a company to monitor air at several locations in Plummer. So far, none of the tests have detected harmful levels of fumes, a MPCA emergency response program administrator said. Crews hired by the railroad began the week of April 9 to excavate soil contaminated by the liquid. It is being trucked to a lined pad about a quarter mile from the spill site, where equipment will be brought in to burn the soil. After the chemical in the soil is burned out, the remaining soil will be put in a landfill.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/147678465.html>

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

7. *April 17, Nuclear Street* – (National) **NEI: American nuclear plants meet deadline to buy FLEX safety equipment.** Every nuclear power plant in the United States has now purchased a long list of emergency equipment laid out in an industry-led effort to enhance preparedness following the 2011 crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, Nuclear Street reported April 17. The Nuclear Energy Institute said all plant operators met the March 31 deadline to buy the items, some of which have already been received. The gear includes diesel-powered pumps, air-driven pumps for flood equipment, hoses, generators, battery chargers, electrical switchgear, cables, fire trucks, satellite communications, and items for emergency responders. The industry-favored FLEX strategy to enhance emergency preparedness seeks to place a wide range of equipment in diverse locations. It will be on hand for beyond-design-basis accidents, unforeseen events, and extreme natural disasters like those that blacked out the Fukushima plant.

Source:

[http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2012/04/17/nei\\_3a00\\_-american-nuclear-plants-meet-deadline-to-buy-flex-safety-equipment-041702.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2012/04/17/nei_3a00_-american-nuclear-plants-meet-deadline-to-buy-flex-safety-equipment-041702.aspx)

8. *April 13, Pottstown Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **NRC: Bigger concern is, why did Limerick nuke spill happen?** While diverted water released during a recent routine procedure at the Limerick nuclear power plant in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, was well within the station's permitted radiological effluent limits, a bigger concern was the reason for the spill, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) official said. The Pottstown Patch reported April 13 that Exelon's Limerick Generating Station performed a scheduled and permitted water release March 19. However, the water took an unexpected path during the release. "A pipe vent overflowed, causing water to flow into a designated spillway nearby," an Exelon spokeswoman said. "A restriction in the pipe caused some of the water to back up and exit through a pipe vent." Most of the spilled water ended up at its target destination — the river, she said. Although several thousand gallons of water were involved, the spill was contained in a small area on plant property and quickly remediated. An NRC spokesman said the agency was investigating the issue and planned to release any findings in a mid-May inspection

report.

Source: [http://pottstown.patch.com/articles/nrc-bigger-concern-is-why-did-limerick-  
nuke-spill-happen](http://pottstown.patch.com/articles/nrc-bigger-concern-is-why-did-limerick-<br/>nuke-spill-happen)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *April 17, Associated Press* – (National; International) **Chemical plant shutdown could cut auto production.** The potential shortage of a key component used to make fuel lines and brake lines could force automakers in the United States and around the world to close car and truck plants as they run short of parts, the Associated Press reported April 17. Auto industry executives scheduled an unprecedented meeting April 17 in Detroit to talk about the problem. Officials from as many as 10 automakers and dozens of parts supply companies were set to attend. A March 31 explosion at Evonik Industries in Germany killed two workers and damaged a factory that makes CDT. That chemical is a key component in a nylon resin called PA12, which is used to make a specialized plastic. The plastic is used in auto fuel lines and brake lines. PA12 has been in short supply for about 2 years, as demand from the solar industry increased. The Evonik incident will worsen the shortage, which could hit every major automaker.  
Source: [http://www.mbtmag.com/news/2012/04/chemical-plant-shutdown-could-cut-  
auto-production](http://www.mbtmag.com/news/2012/04/chemical-plant-shutdown-could-cut-<br/>auto-production)
10. *April 17, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Large trash fire ignites at shipyard.** Baltimore County Fire crews called in Baltimore City fire crews who helped them knock down a massive trash fire in the Sparrows Point shipyard area April 16. The fire at the Bethlehem Steel facility took about 5 hours to bring under control. The fire burned an area of about 60 by 400 feet of trash. Officials said no toxic chemicals were involved.  
Source: [http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore\\_county/large-trash-fire-  
ignites-at-shipyard](http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore_county/large-trash-fire-<br/>ignites-at-shipyard)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *April 17, Courthouse News Service* – (California; National) **Feds accuse 10 of \$10 million conspiracy.** Federal prosecutors unsealed an 18-count indictment accusing 10 people across the country of taking more than \$10 million in a mortgage loan

conspiracy, money laundering, and other crimes, Courthouse News Service reported April 17. Three of the defendants ran the scam through two companies: Advanced Partnership Properties and BYW Construction, both of El Cajon, California, the U.S. attorney's office said. They are accused of processing fraudulent loan applications for the other seven defendants to buy "multiple properties" in southern California and elsewhere. "According to the indictment, the defendants and their co-conspirators would then divert tens of thousands of dollars per transaction from the loan proceeds to BYW's bank accounts using false claims for unsecured loans, liens, and notes on construction work that was never performed," the U.S. attorney's office said. "After funneling the payments to BYW's bank accounts, the defendants caused the funds to be withdrawn or transferred to their own bank accounts for their own benefit and to further the scheme." Charges include conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, mail fraud and wire fraud, aiding and abetting mail fraud and wire fraud, conspiracy to launder money, and laundering money.

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2012/04/17/45669.htm>

12. *April 16, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Illinois; National) **SEC charges optionsXpress and five individuals involved in abusive naked short selling scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) April 16 charged an online brokerage and clearing agency specializing in options and futures, as well as four officials at the firm and a customer involved in an abusive naked short selling scheme. The SEC alleged Chicago-based optionsXpress failed to satisfy its close-out obligations under Regulation SHO by repeatedly engaging in a series of sham "reset" transactions designed to give the illusion the firm had purchased securities of like kind and quantity. The firm and a customer engaged in these sham transactions in many securities, resulting in continuous failures to deliver. The former chief financial officer at optionsXpress was named in the SEC's administrative proceeding along with optionsXpress and the customer. Three other optionsXpress officials were named in a separate proceeding and have settled the charges against them. According to the SEC's order, the misconduct occurred from at least October 2008 to March 2010. The SEC alleges the sham transactions impacted the market for the issuers. For example, from January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010, optionsXpress customers accounted for an average of 47.9 percent of the daily trading volume in one security. In 2009 alone, the optionsXpress customer accounts engaging in the activity purchased about \$5.7 billion worth of securities and sold short about \$4 billion of options. In 2009, the customer named in the administrative proceeding himself purchased at least \$2.9 billion of securities and sold short at least \$1.7 billion of options through his account at optionsXpress.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-66.htm>

13. *April 16, Bloomberg* – (National) **Former GE bankers defrauded cities in bid scam, U.S. says.** Three former General Electric Co. (GE) bankers defrauded cities and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in a bid-rigging scheme involving municipal bonds, a prosecutor told jurors at the start of a fraud trial in a New York federal court April 16. The three face charges of conspiracy to commit fraud by manipulating auctions for municipal bonds. The government claims that from August 1999 to November 2006 the men gave kickbacks to brokers hired by local governments to solicit bids, to win

auctions, and to increase their profits. A U.S. Department of Justice lawyer said the defendants were improperly given information about other bidders, putting them in a position “like playing poker and knowing everyone’s cards.” The charges grew out of a 5-year investigation by federal antitrust prosecutors into the \$3.7 trillion municipal bond market. In December 2011, GE agreed to pay \$70.4 million to resolve its part of the investigation. CDR Financial Products Inc. and its founder pleaded guilty, less than a week before they were to be tried on bid-rigging charges. Several former CDR employees are scheduled to testify in the trial. The case is focused on guaranteed investment contracts, which cities buy with money raised from selling bonds. A former CDR employee who pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the government has testified about helping GE win bids, at the direction of CDR’s founder and its former chief financial officer, in exchange for later fees on swap transactions.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-16/former-ge-bankers-defrauded-cities-in-bid-scam-u-s-says.html>

14. *April 16, Associated Press* – (California; International) **7 indicted in toy firm’s alleged drug money scheme.** Five people were arrested April 16 in a money laundering scheme that allegedly funneled millions of dollars in Colombian and Mexican drug money through an American toy company, federal officials said. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the two owners of Industry, California-based Woody Toys and three company employees were arrested on charges of evading federal reporting requirements for financial transactions. Two toy dealers from Mexico were arrested earlier on similar charges. One of those men and the two toy dealers are also charged with conspiring to launder money in a scheme that officials said channeled at least \$6 million to the California toy company between 2005 and 2011. The Mexican toy dealers bought U.S. dollars made off drug sales from currency brokers in a “black market peso exchange,” officials said. That exchange enabled drug traffickers to get rid of drug dollars and gave the toy dealers a more favorable exchange rate so they could then purchase toys in the United States, authorities said. The dealers would then send the money to Woody Toys via courier or bank deposits. Authorities said Woody Toys failed to file required paperwork when the company received deposits of more than \$10,000, and also intentionally structured bank deposits in smaller increments to avoid having to do so. The investigation started in November 2010 following a money laundering probe at Los Angeles-area toy wholesaler Angel Toy.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9U6DEK00.htm>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *April 17, Associated Press* – (New York) **Would-be bomber recounts evolution of NYC plot.** Two men pleaded guilty and agreed to testify against a third man in a bid for leniency for a conspiracy to conduct what authorities have called one of the most frightening near-miss terror plots since the September 11th attacks — a 2009 scheme to strap on suicide-bomb vests and detonate them inside subways in the Manhattan

borough of New York City. The men “were prepared to kill themselves and everyone else around them — men, women and children,” an assistant U.S. attorney said in opening statements, the Associated Press reported April 17. “These men came so close — within days of carrying out this attack.” A witness took the stand April 17 to testify about how, after relocating to the Denver area, he cooked up explosives and set out by car for New York City in September 2009 to carry out the attack. One of the accused recalled returning to New York City and using his cab to drive around the city in early 2009 and casing potential targets for a terrorist attack, including Grand Central Terminal, Times Square, and the New York Stock Exchange. The conspirators also considered striking Penn Station or city movie theaters before settling on attacking the subways during Ramadan, he said.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Would-be-bomber-recounts-evolution-of-NYC-plot-3486969.php>

16. *April 17, WRC 4 Washington D.C.* – (Maryland; Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Metro takes 94 buses out of service after fire.** A Metrobus fire April 17 forced the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or Metro, to remove 94 buses from service while investigators determined the cause of the blaze. An Orion VI bus caught fire on Route 50 in Prince George’s County, Maryland. No passengers were on the bus at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported. A mechanic was driving the bus at the time. April 12, an Orion VI bus also caught fire on I-66 in Fairfax, Virginia. There were no passengers aboard and no injuries. The 94 Orion VI buses operate using diesel fuel and were delivered to Metro in 2000. Metro said it reduced the usage of Orion VI buses following the April 12 incident, and Metro asked an outside fire protection engineer to take part in the investigation and identify a cause.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Metro-Takes-94-Buses-Out-of-Service-After-Fire-147771635.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

17. *April 17, Food Safety News* – (International) **School lunch suspected in Chinese food poisonings.** A week after an apparent food poisoning incident at a Kunming, China elementary school, nine children remained hospitalized April 16. Food poisoning was initially blamed for putting 368 children in the hospital in southwest China, April 9. Now there are new reports of two other food poisoning incidents in the same area. Following the illnesses, two school principals lost their jobs April 13 when the county government investigation team said it found the school canteen involved was operating



without health department certification. Additionally, the Chinese State Food and Drug Administration, on its Web site, said local health authorities should conduct food safety inspections in school canteens throughout the nation. The latest outbreak is the third experienced recently in the Yunnan province. The others were March 13, when yolk pie sickened 203 students, and the other was April 11, when 203 students at another school became ill following lunch. Since the week of April 9, 359 children — all students in the rural primary school — were released from the hospital. The children who remained hospitalized were said to be in stable condition. China's food safety authorities ordered the Dingla Primary School to suspend serving lunches while the probe is underway. The food poisoning appears to have occurred at lunch. The students' symptoms included vomiting, diarrhea, and fever.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/school-lunch-suspected-in-chinese-food-poisonings/>

18. *April 17, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Police: Restaurant fire that killed fire chief was arson.** The Decatur County Sheriff's Department in Tennessee said the fire that killed the local fire chief and injured two other firefighters was caused by arson. April 16, the Decatur County District attorney general vowed investigators would do whatever it takes to find who set the deadly fire. The fire chief died April 7 while responding with his volunteer firefighting unit to the Oak Hill Cafe Bar and Grill in Parsons. The district attorney said those caught setting the fire will be charged with first-degree murder, and two counts of aggravated arson.  
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/17461600/police-restaurant-fire-that-killed-fire-chief-was-arson>
19. *April 17, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Fire destroys Mexican restaurant in Parkland.** An employee of a Mexican restaurant in Parkland, Washington, accidentally sparked a fire April 16 that destroyed the building. The fire was reported at Hacienda Real. Central Pierce Fire & Rescue crews responded but were quickly forced into defensive mode after flames reached the roof. Restaurant crews had used a propane weed burner earlier in the afternoon and then placed it in a back storage area. The hot nozzle ignited and employees quickly noticed smoke beneath a commercial refrigerator that backed up against the storage room, the assistant chief said. The building was a total loss, with the value estimated at about \$200,000.  
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/04/17/2110522/fire-destroys-mexican-restaurant.html>
20. *April 17, Sequoyah County Times* – (Oklahoma) **Officials seek solutions to maintain quantity quality of river's water.** The problems with the water flow in the Lower Illinois River are complicated and multi-layered, an official with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) said, according to the Sequoyah County Times April 17. Both the flow and the quantity of oxygen in the water are factors in the quality of the river and its attraction to fishermen from throughout the country. The river is one of two year-round trout streams in Oklahoma. "The trout stream is in real jeopardy," an ODWC official said, adding the river brings in an estimated \$5 million to the area economy. A fish kill in the fall of 2011, due to low oxygen, revealed the river's problems to the public and the Gore community. The U.S. Corps of Engineers had

repaired a leak in the dam's gates above the Lower Illinois, which reduced the water flow and consequently the amount of oxygenated water. The result was the fish kill, which included all types of fish including trout to catfish. Wildlife officials pointed out the trout need more highly oxygenated water than catfish. The lack of flow and oxygen was worsened by the summer's heat and drought in 2011.

Source: [http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/view/full\\_story/18262288/article-Officials-seek-solutions-to-maintain-quantity--quality-of-river-ATM-water?instance=home\\_news\\_bullets](http://www.sequoyahcountytimes.com/view/full_story/18262288/article-Officials-seek-solutions-to-maintain-quantity--quality-of-river-ATM-water?instance=home_news_bullets)

21. *April 16, Food Safety News* – (International) **Listeria warning for sub sandwiches in Canada.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Les Aliments Deli Chef of Laval, Quebec, Canada, are warning the public not to consume certain “Super Loaded Sub” Deli Chef brand sandwiches because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported April 16. The product was distributed in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/listeria-warning-for-deli-sandwiches-in-canada/>
22. *April 16, Food Safety News* – (California) **Footage of illegal slaughterhouse prompts arrest.** The owner of an illegal slaughter facility in Los Angeles County, California, was behind bars after video footage showed him slitting the throats of two conscious animals before letting them bleed to death, Food Safety News reported April 16. The clip, released April 13 by Mercy for Animals, shows the owner picking up a goat by its two right legs, pinning it on its back, and cutting its throat with a knife before leaving the animal to die slowly. A sheep then suffered the same fate. The owner was arrested for violation of California's animal cruelty laws. He was also charged with violating the state's Food and Agriculture Code, since his operation was unlicensed and failed to meet sanitation standards. Meat from the business was sold for human consumption. However, since the facility kept no distribution records, officials are finding it difficult to determine where exactly the meat ended up. The business did not have a license and was not operating under government regulation.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/footage-of-illegal-slaughterhouse-prompts-arrest/>
23. *April 16, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergen alert: Milk in taco shells.** Mission Foods recalled its Taco Dinner Kits distributed by Kroger, Winn-Dixie, Hannaford, and Food Lion because they may contain milk, an allergen not included on the label, Food Safety News reported April 16. The recalled products were distributed by Kroger in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, Kansas, Nebraska, and Tennessee. Stores under the following names where Kroger operates are included in this recall: Kroger, Scott's, Payless, Owen's, Food-4-Less in Chicago, JayC, Dillons, Gerbes, and Bakers. The recalled products were sold in Food Lion stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Ohio. The recalled products were also sold in Winn-Dixie stores in Florida, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, and

Alabama.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/allergen-alert-milk-in-taco-shells/>

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## **Water Sector**

24. *April 16, Poughkeepsie Journal* – (New York) **Police: 2 men charged for stealing gutters from water treatment plant.** Two Dutchess County, New York men were facing charges after they tore copper gutters off of the Dutchess County Water Treatment Plant in Hyde Park with plans to sell them as scrap metal, authorities said. Police were dispatched to the plant April 12 for a report that two men were trespassing and stealing items. Workers told police they saw a man on the roof and another man loading items into his car. Police arrested both men and they were arraigned in town court and sent to Dutchess County Jail. Town of Hyde Park police charged each man with one count of third-degree criminal mischief, a felony, petty larceny, a misdemeanor, and trespassing. Bail was set at \$500 or \$1,000 bond, and both were due in court April 17.  
Source: <http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/article/20120416/NEWS05/120416009/2-men-charged-stealing-from-water-treatment-plant?odyssey=nav/head>
25. *April 16, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Boil advisory being lifted for NM Water Works.** The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Drinking Water Bureau lifted the precautionary boil water advisory for the New Mexico Water Works water system in Bernalillo County, the Associated Press reported April 16. The system has about 30 connections serving an estimated 115 people. The NMED issued the precautionary advisory April 12 following a water outage.  
Source: [http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci\\_20409502/boil-advisory-being-lifted-nm-water-works](http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci_20409502/boil-advisory-being-lifted-nm-water-works)
26. *April 16, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **Memphis will spend \$250 million to upgrade sewer system.** The city of Memphis, Tennessee, will pay an immediate fine of \$645,000 and spend \$250 million over the next 9 years upgrading its leaky and outdated sewage collection and treatment system, according to an agreement reached April 16 settling longstanding Clean Water Act violations. Under the consent decree filed in federal court, the city will embark on a program to find and fix the leaks and overflows that have fouled numerous streams, and it will intensify measures to keep grease and oil out of sewer lines. Memphis also will make improvements at a treatment plant to eliminate foamy discharges into the Mississippi River.  
Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/apr/16/memphis-pay-fine-install-measures-prevent-sewage-o/?CID=happeningnow>
27. *April 16, Courthouse News Service* – (California) **Greens reach deal on Santa Monica Bay.** Under a settlement announced April 13, Malibu, California, agreed to

improve drains throughout the city and keep storm-water runoff from polluting the Santa Monica Bay and other sensitive coastal regions. Malibu will improve 17 drains and employ techniques such as rainwater harvesting, infiltration, and storm-water treatment to stop polluted water from running into the bay, Malibu Lagoon, and other coastal hotspots. The agreement came after Santa Monica Baykeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Council sued the city in 2008 for violations of the Clean Water Act. The groups alleged the city had failed to stop bacteria- and toxin-laden stormwater from flowing into the ocean, where it made beachgoers and surfers sick. A federal judge ruled in favor of the groups in 2010, finding the city had illegally discharged polluted water into a marine coastal preserve. Malibu will pay \$250,000 to the Ocean Health Water Assessment project under the agreement, and will monitor water quality along the Malibu shoreline. The settlement also requires the city to pay the environmental groups \$750,000. The agreement is subject to a 45-day review period with the U.S. Department of Justice and approval by a federal judge.

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2012/04/16/45660.htm>

28. *April 16, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Stratford manufacturer fined for wastewater pollution.** A Stratford, Wisconsin manufacturer agreed to pay \$122,500 in fines and attorney fees for allowing polluted wastewater to flow into municipal sewers, the Wisconsin Attorney General’s Office announced the week of April 9. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) investigated a report that General Shoe Supplies Limited allowed wastewater with excessive amounts of zinc and phosphate to go into the Stratford sewer system between January 2007 and March 2009, according to a Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) news release. General Shoe also reportedly failed to file semiannual reports to the DNR about the discharges, and did not submit the required final compliance report until November 2011, the DOJ said. The vice president and operator of General Shoe also must pay a \$2,500 fine for failing to submit a baseline monitoring report on the company’s wastewater discharges until October 2011, the DOJ said.

Source:

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20120417/CWS03/304170069/Stratford-manufacturer-fined-wastewater-pollution?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

29. *April 17, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Fire marshal determines hospital ‘explosions,’ fire cause.** A malfunction in a control panel on an electric boiler caused a fire April 15 in the boiler room at Transylvania Regional Hospital in Brevard, North Carolina, according to a Transylvania County Fire marshal. Explosions and an electrical fire were reported in the boiler room, which is housed in a large, separate concrete-block building behind the main hospital. The Brevard Fire Department along with other departments throughout Transylvania County responded, as well as members of the Brevard Police Department, the Transylvania County Sheriff’s Department, and

Transylvania County Emergency Medical Services. Firefighters quickly contained the fire, and a Duke Energy crew disconnected power to the burning electric boiler. The hospital was operating normally with no impacts to patients or patient care.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/north-carolina-news/Fire-Marshall-determines-hospital-explosions-fire-cause/-/9695846/10951488/-/bd00vzbz/-/>

30. *April 16, Government Computer News* – (National) **Mobile tech, employee error blamed for rise in medical data breaches.** Twenty-seven percent of the 250 U.S. health care providers included in a recent survey said they experienced at least one security breach in the past year, with employee error being the primary cause, Government Computer News reported April 16. The results of the “2012 HIMSS Analytics Report: Security of Patient Data,” a biennial survey by Kroll Advisory Solutions, continued a trend in which health care data is increasingly being exposed. Past surveys found that 19 percent of respondents had experienced a breach in 2010, and 13 percent had in 2008. The survey report said 79 percent of the breaches were the result of employee actions, and that the mobility of patient data, resulting from new devices and technologies, was a major factor in patient data being exposed. Twenty-two percent of respondents said breaches resulted from mobile devices — laptop PCs, handheld devices, or portable hard drives — that were lost or stolen. More than 50 percent of the breaches were identified as “unauthorized access to information,” most often a patient’s name and birth date.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/04/16/health-care-data-breaches-on-the-rise.aspx>

31. *April 16, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. man charged in shooting at VA hospital.** A Virginia man is facing first-degree murder and attempted murder charges stemming from a shooting in a parking lot at a veterans hospital in Richmond, Virginia, February 22. He was charged April 16 in a five-count indictment, which also included several firearms charges. According to the indictment, the man used a firearm to kill one person and attempted to kill another person on hospital grounds. If convicted of murder, he is eligible for the death penalty or life in prison.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/04/ap-virginia-man-charged-in-shooting-at-veterans-affairs-hospital-041612/>

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## Government Facilities Sector

32. *April 17, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FD: Gas leak forces evacuation at Phoenix daycare center.** Fire officials said a natural gas leak forced more than 200 people to evacuate at Gateway Community College and a daycare center in Phoenix April 17. According to a Phoenix fire spokesman, they received an early-morning call about a natural gas leak at a construction site. He said the gas was leaking underground and above ground. About 200 people were evacuated at the community college, and about 40 children and staff were evacuated from the daycare center.

Source: [http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region\\_phoenix\\_metro/central\\_phoenix/fd-gas-leak-forces-evacuation-at-phoenix-daycare-center](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_phoenix_metro/central_phoenix/fd-gas-leak-forces-evacuation-at-phoenix-daycare-center)

33. *April 16, Washington Post* – (Washington, D.C.) **USDA buildings closed Monday due to small fire.** U.S. Department of Agriculture employees assigned to its two main downtown Washington, D.C. buildings were on administrative leave April 16 due to a small fire in the South Building. The fire occurred during routine maintenance early April 16, according to a department spokesman. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, but Pepco cut power to the facility. The Reporters Building was also closed April 16.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/post/usda-buildings-closed-monday-due-to-small-fire/2012/04/16/gIQAPBjGLT\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/post/usda-buildings-closed-monday-due-to-small-fire/2012/04/16/gIQAPBjGLT_blog.html)

34. *April 16, Government Computer News* – (National) **New phishing scam targets military users receiving disability payments, DFAS warns.** A new phishing campaign is targeting military service members, retirees, and civilian employees receiving disability compensation, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) warns. The e-mail scam dangles the prospect of additional disability compensation in an effort to get recipients to give up their personal information, according to a post on DFAS' Web site, which urged anyone receiving such an e-mail not to respond to it. The e-mails, which appear to come from a DFAS employee, display a spoofed .mil e-mail address and say recipients of disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) could also be eligible for money from the IRS, DFAS said. The phishing scam asks recipients to submit their VA award letters, income tax returns, 1099-R forms, and other documents to a supposed retired colonel in Florida. Phishing campaigns of this type — offering money for personal data — are fairly common around tax time, and phishing scams of all kinds are increasingly common in government circles, whether the goal is to compromise individuals' financial information or to attack enterprises. The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team recently reported phishing was the most common type of attack against government networks, accounting for 51.2 percent of attacks.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/04/16/dfas-warns-phishing-scam-targets-military.aspx>

35. *April 16, Reuters* – (Idaho) **Fire prompts evacuation at nuclear research lab in Idaho.** A welder's torch ignited a small fire on the roof of a building at the Idaho National Laboratory near Salmon, Idaho, April 16, prompting an evacuation. Nearly 100 employees were cleared from the building, part of a complex that includes facilities housing spent nuclear fuel and radioactive waste. The fire damaged 4 square feet of the roof and was extinguished more than 2 hours after smoke was first detected, the lab said in a statement. No radioactive material was affected or involved in the fire, and there was no release of radiation, the lab said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/17/usa-nuclear-idaho-idUSL2E8FH0H020120417>

36. *April 16, Infosecurity* – (Texas) **Aggies exposed: Texas A&M releases alumni social security numbers.** Texas A&M University admitted the week of April 16 that

thousands of alumni had their Social Security numbers and other personal information made public. The breach affected nearly 4,000 former students who graduated before 1985 and had requested copies of their transcripts. In addition to Social Security numbers, names, addresses, and phone numbers were e-mailed to an unidentified individual who notified the university about the mistake. “Even though we believe this incident puts these former students at low risk of identity theft, we will notify those individuals affected, as required by university rules and state laws. We deeply regret this happened, and have taken immediate action to restrict access to this file,” said an associate provost for information technology.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/25169/>

37. *April 16, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Bomb threat called into Columbine High School.** Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, was put on precautionary lockdown April 16 after a bomb threat was called into the school, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office said. All classes were held as usual on the campus, but no one was allowed to enter or leave the campus without permission, a sheriff’s office spokeswoman said. The lockdown was lifted after nearly 3 hours. The sheriff’s office said a search was conducted, and nothing suspicious was found. April 20 will mark the 13th anniversary of a massacre where 2 students killed 12 students and 1 teacher at the school and wounded 21 others, before committing suicide. The sheriff’s office said it always expects more bomb threats to occur the week of the anniversary. The school e-mailed and called parents via an automated system to inform them of the lockout.
- Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/30902030/detail.html>

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## Emergency Services Sector

38. *April 17, Wichita Falls Times Record News* – (Texas) **One killed in ambulance collision.** A man was killed and three people injured April 16 in a collision involving an Archer County ambulance and a car in Wichita Falls, Texas. The impact knocked the ambulance on its side. The ambulance was only a few blocks from the hospital when the crash happened. A police spokesperson said although traffic had a green light, most vehicles yielded to the ambulance as it approached with lights and siren operating. One car proceeded through the intersection and struck the emergency vehicle. The man the ambulance was transporting was declared dead at the scene; he had been the victim of a bee attack a short time earlier. He had been seriously injured in the attack and was unconscious. Paramedics were working to revive him as the ambulance rushed to the hospital. It was not clear whether he died as a result of the bee attack or if the accident was a contributing factor. Two ambulance attendants and the woman driving the automobile were hurt, but their injuries were not thought to be life-threatening.
- Source: <http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2012/apr/17/ambulance-collision/>
39. *April 16, CNET* – (Utah; Ohio) **Ohio man charged in Utah police hacks.** An Ohio man has been indicted in connection with attacks that brought down the Web sites of

police agencies in Utah, CNET reported April 16. He has been charged with two counts of felony computer intrusion and was scheduled to appear in a U.S. district court April 17. He is accused of bringing down two police Web sites in late January, causing thousands of dollars in damage, according to court documents. According to the Salt Lake Tribune, the Web site of Salt Lake City Police was down for nearly 3 months. Last week, the department relaunched the site. The man is also accused of hacking into the Utah Chiefs of Police Association Web site. The initial attacks in Utah were reportedly done to protect proposed anti-piracy legislation.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009\\_3-57414740-83/ohio-man-charged-in-utah-police-hacks/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57414740-83/ohio-man-charged-in-utah-police-hacks/)

40. *April 15, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Vallejo houses converted into marijuana grows pose new dangers.** The Vallejo Times-Herald reported April 15 that two recent residential fires that turned out to be rented homes converted into marijuana-growing facilities have prompted California's Vallejo Fire Department to assess what could be a new threat for firefighters and the city, according to a department battalion chief. Often, the grow locations are air- and light-sealed — meaning firefighters cannot see inside, and the fire's smoke stays trapped inside. Also, the facilities often have extra walls and partitions built and the floors are covered in plants and equipment, which means firefighters cannot properly ventilate the smoke after their arrival. Additional hazards are those of these facilities' power supplies. In the past several months, a Vallejo chief building official said he has seen a spike in his interactions with medical marijuana dispensaries and grow facilities. And at almost every location, he is seeing an "altering the electrical system" as "they've tapped into the high-voltage electrical system on PG&E (Pacific Gas & Electric) side, so they've bypassed the meter." Electrical current that cannot be shut off in a routine manner means added danger for emergency responders trying to prevent a fire from spreading, officials said.

Source: [http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_20401759/vallejo-residential-homes-converted-into-marijuana-grows-pose?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_20401759/vallejo-residential-homes-converted-into-marijuana-grows-pose?source=most_viewed)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

41. *April 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Apple enhances Apple ID account security.** iOS device owners whose Apple ID account may have triggered a flag with Apple's security team were asked to set up three new security questions and a backup e-mail address when they tried to download apps from the App Store. The request left some wondering whether they were subjected to a phishing attempt, as Apple did not announce or explain the move beforehand. However, the request was legitimate, as Apple confirmed for Ars Technica, and was part of the company's attempt to increase security. The measure was seen as a smart move by Apple, as the Apple ID account is tied to Apple's retail Web site and its media services. Many users have credit cards associated with their account.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12760&utm>



42. *April 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Bogus ‘Account limit exceeded’ emails targeting Yahoo users.** Fake Yahoo e-mail notifications are being sent to inboxes, urging users to verify their account because it “exceeded its limit,” Hoax-Slayer warned. The message is accompanied by a veiled threat of account suspension within 24 hours aimed at making users panic, which raises the likelihood of them following the offered link. For users who follow the link, it leads to a fake Yahoo log-in page. Users who input their personal information send it to the phishers who created the page. This information is then used by the criminals to hijack the users’ accounts. The accounts can be used for a variety of malicious schemes, including sending spam, bombarding the users’ contacts with links leading to malware or making fake pleas for money.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12759&utm>
43. *April 16, H Security* – (International) **Critical vulnerability in IrfanView plugin.** The official plug-in package for the popular image viewer IrfanView is currently shipped with a vulnerable version of the FlashPix plugin. The code contains a critical vulnerability that could be exploited by an attacker to infect a system with malicious code; the hole is caused by a heap buffer overflow. An attacker only needs to get a user to open a specially crafted FlashPix format image with IrfanView to get their code to run. This is a relatively exotic file format that might not be opened deliberately, but opening the file could also occur unknowingly, for example, when looking at a folder full of images and browsing their thumbnails with IrfanView. The FlashPix hole is patched in version 4.34 of the plug-in pack but it must be reinstalled manually. The gap was discovered by a security researcher who reported it to Secunia. He has since released a proof of concept, which means IrfanView users who installed the plug-in package should update as soon as possible.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-vulnerability-in-IrfanView-plugin-1539532.html>
44. *April 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **Web site vulnerabilities fall, but hackers become more skilled.** The number of coding mistakes on Web sites continues to fall, but companies are slow to fix issues that could be exploited by hackers working with improved attack tools, according to a security expert. The average number of serious vulnerabilities introduced to Web sites by developers in 2011 was 148, down from 230 in 2010, and 480 in 2009, said the chief technology officer (CTO) for WhiteHat Security, which specializes in testing Web sites for security issues. He spoke on the sidelines of the Open Web Application Security Project conference in Sydney, Australia, April 16. The vulnerabilities are contained in custom Web site code and are not issues that can be fixed by applying patches from, for example, Microsoft or Oracle, the CTO said. According to WhiteHat Security statistics, it takes organizations an average of 100 days to fix about half of their vulnerabilities. The risk is that vulnerabilities that have not been speedily remedied could be found by a hacker, resulting in a high-profile data breach.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226259/Website\\_vulnerabilities\\_fall\\_but\\_hackers\\_become\\_more\\_skilled](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226259/Website_vulnerabilities_fall_but_hackers_become_more_skilled)

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## Communications Sector

45. *April 16, Odessa American* – (Texas) **Phone service out Monday in Pecos.** Landline phone service returned to the Pecos, Texas area about 8 hours after someone accidentally cut a fiber line near Wickett April 16, an AT&T spokeswoman said. AT&T Southwest construction crews arrived with necessary equipment and worked to restore service. After the cut, all landline service in the area appeared to be out; even government offices and the regional Texas Department of Public Safety office in Pecos were not receiving calls. The Pecos mayor said Internet service was also affected for some, but others retained or regained access later.  
Source: <http://www.oaoa.com/news/-85915--.html>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *April 17, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Day 3 of the mulch fire: Hard to guess when blaze will be put out.** Dozens of firefighters in Knoxville, Tennessee, continued to aim streams of water on a stubborn mulch fire April 17, that was entering its third day of burning, sending plumes of unhealthy smoke across the area. Deep-buried fire smoldered from Shamrock Organic Products, spreading blue and white smoke across Knoxville. The Knox County Health Department declared a “code red” alert, meaning the air swirling around the 9-acre site near Middlebrook Pike was unfit for anyone to breathe. Some businesses in the area, including a women’s health center, said they adjusted or canceled office hours because smoke from the fire affected customers. Knox County Schools kept students inside at nearby schools. The Red Cross set up a shelter for neighbors of the fire smoked out of their homes. A Knoxville Fire Department spokesman said water continued to seep into Third Creek where state wildlife officials reported a fish kill April 16. Tainted water from the scene entered the creek and robbed it of oxygen, causing the fish kill. While southwesterly winds pushed some smoke away from downtown later April 17, the fire likely will burn for days, officials said.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/apr/17/mulch-fire-battle-near-downtown-entering-third/>

47. *April 16, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **2 boys charged with setting Md. church fire.** Two boys were charged with setting a fire that grew to a three-alarm blaze and heavily damaged a Dundalk, Maryland church, the Associated Press reported April 16. Baltimore County fire officials said the boys got into a shed behind Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, where they found a lighter and gasoline. One boy poured the gasoline and the other used the lighter to start the fire. High winds and dry conditions helped spread the flames, which engulfed the church. The fire caused about \$400,000 in damage.

Source:

[http://www.foxbaltimore.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.md/3942fb1f-www.foxbaltimore.com.shtml](http://www.foxbaltimore.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.md/3942fb1f-www.foxbaltimore.com.shtml)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

48. *April 16, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Kennebunk wildfire called ‘suspicious’ by forest service.** At least one of the dozen or so wildfires that spread through southern Maine the weekend of April 14 was deemed “suspicious” and is the subject of an ongoing investigation. The suspicious fire burned through several acres of hardwood forest area and threatened several homes April 14. Several area fire departments and the Maine Forest Service were able to contain the fire in 3 hours.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/kennebunk-maine-wildfire-suspicious-maine-forest-service.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

49. *April 17, VietNamNet* – (International) **Dak Lak: Broken dike not mended, causing heavy losses.** According to local residents, a 32-meter section of the Suoi Cut dike in Dak Lieng Commune, Lak District, Vietnam, broken in a flood October 2011 has never been repaired, causing water from the Krong Na River to flood the field of three communes in the region. The water level in the Krong Na River rose March 31 to April 2 through the broken dike, flooding nearly 1,300 hectares of rice. Thousands of families lost their crop. Total losses are estimated at over (\$2.5 million). The authorities of Lak district said they requested around (\$200,000) from Dak Lak province authorities to fix the broken dike, but the provincial government did not answer. The district needs capital to build a 1-kilometer dike along the Krong Na to prevent floods. Affected farmers have been supplied with rice and seed for the summer-autumn crop.

Source: <http://english.vietnamnet.vn/en/society/21265/dak-lak--broken-dike-not-mended--causing-heavy-losses.html>

50. *April 16, Northwest News Network* – (Northwest) **Army Corps getting ready for ‘big water’ in northwest.** Federal water and dam managers in the Pacific Northwest are draining reservoirs in the Columbia and Snake River basins to get ready for “big water” coursing downriver, Northwest News Network reported April 16. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers called for bigger drawdowns, or drafting, to protect against flooding. A supervisory engineer said more room is needed to catch runoff from the bountiful snows of March. “Grand Coulee is being drafted close to 2 feet per day, which is quite a bit ... Dworshak (Dam) is also drafting fairly steeply...” The engineer said water is being spilled over the tops of many federal dams to speed young salmon on their way to the ocean. He said river managers will move aggressively to refill reservoirs later this spring after the flood danger has passed. The steep drawdown of the Grand Coulee reservoir (Lake Roosevelt) may force a temporary suspension of service on the Inchelium-Gifford ferry in late April.

Source:

[http://news.opb.org/article/army\\_corps\\_getting\\_ready\\_for\\_big\\_water\\_in\\_northwest/](http://news.opb.org/article/army_corps_getting_ready_for_big_water_in_northwest/)

51. *April 16, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Dam work along Onondaga Creek among 15 Central New York flood control projects to be completed.** New York plans to spend \$6.3 million to repair and rebuild 15 flood-control systems in central New York, including a dam along Onondaga Creek, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported April 16. The money is part of the governor’s NY Works project, a program meant to coordinate construction already approved throughout state government to streamline and prioritize building. In Onondaga County, the state will spend \$1.5 million on repairs at Onondaga Dam along Onondaga Creek on the Onondaga Nation. Hatchery Dam in Constantia will get \$500,000 in repairs. Another \$727,000 is planned for flood-control projects in Syracuse and Nedrow.

Source:

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/04/dam\\_work\\_along\\_onondaga\\_creek.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/04/dam_work_along_onondaga_creek.html)

52. *April 15, AllAfrica* – (International) **Nigeria: Nema is prepared for Lake Nyos’ collapse.** The Nigerian National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said April 15 it is prepared for the imminent collapse of Lake Nyos near Nigeria’s border with Cameroon, and the potential disaster it poses to Benue and other states in the country. NEMA’s North-Central Zonal Coordinator said experts predicted the lake, a volcanic dam, would collapse by 2015. The collapse would cause the release of up to 50 million cubic meters of water into the Katsina-Ala River. “The water will flood Benue and Taraba states and release much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere,” the coordinator said. “NEMA has installed warning signals in Kashimbila to warn people, about 10-kilometers away, of the possibility of a flood and advised that they be wary and ready for the lake’s collapse if it eventually occurs earlier than the 2015 date.” He advised the states to construct buffer dams to hold such excess water. A buffer dam was being constructed by the Nigerian federal government as a proactive measure to contain the effects of the lake’s imminent collapse.

Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201204160846.html>



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