



Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 15 April 2013

Top Stories

- Massachusetts police and the FBI formed a task force to find an armed serial bank robbery suspect known as the “Merrimack Valley Bandit” allegedly responsible for robbing at least seven banks since late February. – *WCVB 5 Boston* (See item [5](#))
- A 36-inch water main break in an Akron, Ohio, neighborhood April 11 flooded basements, submerged cars, caused a school to close, and threatened a commercial building, leaving stranded residents to be rescued by local firefighters. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))
- A suburban Chicago water official pleaded guilty April 11 to engaging in a false-statement scheme that cut costs by mixing contaminated water with pricier lake water. – *Associated Press* (See item [22](#))
- A cardiologist pleaded guilty April 10 to being part of a Medicare and Medicaid scheme that subjected thousands of his New York and New Jersey patients to unnecessary tests and treatments resulting in \$19 million in fake bills.– *Associated Press* (See item [23](#))

Fast Jump Menu

PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES

- [Energy](#)
- [Chemical](#)
- [Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste](#)
- [Critical Manufacturing](#)
- [Defense Industrial Base](#)
- [Dams](#)

SUSTENANCE and HEALTH

- [Food and Agriculture](#)
- [Water and Wastewater Systems](#)
- [Healthcare and Public Health](#)

SERVICE INDUSTRIES

- [Financial Services](#)
- [Transportation Systems](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Communications](#)
- [Commercial Facilities](#)

FEDERAL and STATE

- [Government Facilities](#)
- [Emergency Services](#)

Energy Sector

1. *April 11, Conway Log Cabin Democrat* – (Arkansas) **Oil spill health effects ‘minimal, if any,’ officials say.** Arkansas health officials believe health effects from the March ExxonMobil Pegasus pipeline rupture are minor and any long-term effects will be minimal. Officials stated evacuation and cleanup efforts happened quickly enough not to pose any severe health risks and claimed about 95 percent of the oil spilled in the subdivision was cleaned and removed by April 11.
Source: <http://thecabin.net/latest-news/2013-04-11/oil-spill-health-effects-%E2%80%98minimal-if-any%E2%80%99-officials-say#.UWf3GpPvtKA>
2. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Williams identifies source of natural gas liquid leak in Colorado, State still investigating.** Colorado officials are investigating claims brought forth by an energy company that found loose hydrocarbons near the Williams natural gas processing plant in Parachute in March and claim the leak was caused by a failed pressure gauge on the pipeline. Williams estimates over 10,000 gallons of natural gas liquids have leaked and roughly 6,000 gallons have been recovered.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5c5080bd637e4d778004d5597a5daf89/CO--Pipeline-Problems>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Chemical Industry Sector

See items [8](#) and [42](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *April 12, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Plant evacuated, man held after reports he had gun.** A General Motors Co. plant in Romulus was evacuated after reports that a man with a firearm was at the facility. Police responded, arrested the man, and cleared employees to return to the plant.
Source: http://www.wsmh.com/newsroom/features/news-at-ten/videos/wsmh_plant-evacuated-man-held-after-reports-he-had-gun-1339.shtml

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Financial Services Sector

4. *April 11, Reuters* – (California) **Prosecutors, SEC charge ex-KPMG partner in insider trading scheme.** Federal prosecutors and the Securities and Exchange Commission filed respective criminal and civil charges against a former senior auditor at KPMG for allegedly providing insider information to a friend who then traded stocks on the information, making over \$1 million in illicit profits.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/11/kpmg-trading-complaint-idUSL2N0CY1CS20130411>
5. *April 11, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Manhunt on to find Merrimack Valley Bandit bank robber.** Massachusetts police and the FBI formed a task force to find an armed serial bank robbery suspect known as the “Merrimack Valley Bandit” allegedly responsible for robbing at least seven banks since late February.
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/local/boston-north/Manhunt-on-to-find-Merrimack-Valley-Bandit-bank-robber/-/11984708/19712110/-/1cvkm0/-/index.html>
6. *April 11, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Third defendant in \$12 million Colorado mortgage fraud pleads guilty.** A third defendant in a \$12 million mortgage fraud scheme pleaded guilty to making a false statement to a bank for his role in the fraud.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23005371/third-defendant-12-million-colorado-mortgage-fraud-pleads
7. *April 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox suspends service following huge swing in trading price.** Mt. Gox, the largest Bitcoin exchange service, shut down for several hours April 11 to allow the volume of trades in the virtual currency to decrease.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/041113-bitcoin-exchange-mt-gox-suspends-268651.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Transportation Systems Sector

8. *April 12, WPSD 6 Paducah*– (Kentucky) **Road re-opens after anhydrous ammonia tank leak.** A truck carrying anhydrous ammonia crashed, prompting authorities to close Cairo Road at the intersection of Ogden Landing Road in McCracken County for several hours and evacuate nearby homes after one of the tanks started leaking.
Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/home/ticker/Anhydrous-Ammonia-tank-leaking-after-crash-202587391.html>

9. *April 12, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Northbound Turnpike in Palm Beach Gardens still closed; fiery wreck burns hole in highway.** A crash involving three trucks closed part of Florida's Turnpike in Palm Beach Gardens for several hours and the road may stay closed through the afternoon of April 12 after the accident caused a hole to burn into the road surface.
Source: <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2013/apr/12/turnpike-accident-causing-major-delays-palm-beach/>
10. *April 11, Midland Daily News* – (Michigan) **Overnight rain has river above flood stage.** Rain caused the Tittabawassee River to rise above flood stage and continue to rise, causing several road closures in the City of Midland and Midland County.
Source: http://www.ourmidland.com/police_and_courts/article_04327e2e-66e7-5d59-885d-60819f9f2d30.html
11. *April 11, Minnesota Daily* – (Minnesota) **Twin Cities snowfall leads to accidents, delays and closings.** A severe spring storm led to over 100 flight cancellations, numerous vehicle accidents, and mass transit delays throughout the Minneapolis-St. Paul area April 11.
Source: <http://www.mndaily.com/blogs/newsstand/2013/04/11/twin-cities-snowfall-leads-accidents-delays-and-closings>
12. *April 11, St. Cloud Times* – (Minnesota) **Thursday snowfall sets record, snarls traffic.** Heavy snowfall closed portions of Minnesota Highways 23 and 15 and Interstate Highway 94. Authorities reported 415 crashes and 475 vehicles off the road throughout the State.
Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/article/20130411/NEWS01/304110026/Snow-accidents-clog-traffic-no-serious-injuries>
13. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Ariz. highway partially reopens after accident.** A one-vehicle accident closed southbound lanes of US 93 about seven miles south of Wikieup for several hours. The highway is a main travel route between Phoenix and Las Vegas.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/21942575/sb-travel-on-ariz-highway-closed-due-to-accident>
14. *April 11, KPNX 12 Mesa; Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Plane with landing gear problems damaged at Scottsdale Airport.** Authorities closed Scottsdale Airport due to an investigation after a plane experiencing landing-gear problems landed April 11.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/scottsdale/articles/20130411plane-landing-gear-problems-damaged-scottsdale-airport.html>
15. *April 11, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Head-on crash closes Highway 80.** A head-on crash closed parts of Highway 80 at Jimmy Deloach Parkway in Chatham County for more than 2 hours and left two people with serious injuries.
Source: <http://www.wsav.com/story/21948207/head-on-crash-closes-highway-80>

Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *April 10, Food Safety Network* – (International) **H7N9 bird flu outbreak in China gets attention in the States.** Some State health departments are beginning to prepare for the unlikely event of China's expanding outbreak of Novel Influenza A (H7N9) bird flu reaching the United States. The Maine Public Health Alert Network System was used April 9 to get the word out to local health officials, labs, emergency management officials, physicians, and others about human infections with the H7N9 viruses. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/h7n9-bird-flu-outbreak-in-eastern-china-gets-attention-in-the-states/#.UWfyUrWkrG8>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *April 12, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **Workers at Port of Tampa injured by chemical exposure.** Exposure to fumes at a wastewater treatment plant at the Port of Tampa caused five workers to be injured April 11. The workers were cleaning the inside of a 96-inch sewer pipe at the facility when the fumes overpowered them. Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/21948798/2013/04/11/workers-at-port-of-tampa-injured>
18. *April 12, Cecil Daily* – (Maryland) **Cecilton to study supplying water to Earleville area dealing with contamination.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Maryland Port Authority, Maryland Environmental Services, and Cecilton officials discussed a solution to a water shortage in the Earleville area after a federal study found its water local well water was contaminated by dredge spoils. Source: http://www.cecildaily.com/news/local_news/article_bcc03f1e-a316-11e2-9f86-0019bb2963f4.html
19. *April 12, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Water main break swamps Ohio neighborhood.** A 36-inch water main break in an Akron neighborhood April 11 flooded basements, submerged cars, caused a school to close, and threatened a commercial building, leaving stranded residents to be rescued by local firefighters. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/us/article/Water-main-break-swamps-Ohio-neighborhood-4429701.php>
20. *April 11, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **Estimated 1.65 million gallons of runoff and sewage overflow in Beecher.** Nearly 12 hours of heavy rains in Beecher caused roughly 1.65 million gallons of rain water and sewage to overflow into three drains which lead to the Flint River. Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/04/estimated_165_million_gallons.html
21. *April 11, Capital Gazette* – (Maryland) **Wastewater spills into Weems in Annapolis.** April 10 an estimated 13,860 gallons of wastewater spilled into Weems Creek in

Annapolis after corrosion caused failure in a 14-inch sewer pipe.

Source: http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/arundel_digest/wastewater-spills-into-weems-creek-in-annapolis/article_575adaca-b665-56d7-bbe6-f6b3494de016.html

22. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Chicago) **Official pleads guilty in Ill. tainted water case.** A suburban Chicago water official, previously indicted on 23 counts of making false statements, pleaded guilty April 11 to one count of engaging in a false-statement scheme which saved his village nearly \$400,000 annually by mixing contaminated water with pricier lake water.

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2013/04/11/2572937/guilty-plea-expected-in-ill-tainted.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. *April 11, Associated Press* – (New York; New Jersey) **NY, NJ cardiologist admits record \$19M fraud.** A cardiologist pleaded guilty April 10 to being part of a Medicare and Medicaid scheme that subjected thousands of his New York and New Jersey patients to unnecessary tests and treatments resulting in \$19 million in fake bills. Authorities believe the scheme is the largest case of health care fraud by a practitioner in either State.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/ny-nj-area-cardiologist-admits-143038553.html>

For another story, see item [16](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Government Facilities Sector

24. *April 12, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Historic Pa. forest faces invasive insect threat.** Cook State Park officials are working to slow the spread of the invasive tiny hemlock woolly adelgids that suck the sap out of trees and eventually cause them to die. The insects could potentially cause massive damage to the forest and spread to other parks unless their progression is slowed.

Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/state/historic-pa-forest-faces-invasive-insect-threat/article_367f096e-3233-5efd-806b-95ee6ff2c5b2.html

25. *April 12, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Man charged after students get sick from drug-tainted brownies.** Police arrested a man April 11 for causing 9 students at Coral Park High School to fall ill from eating brownies suspected to have been tainted with drugs. The students were rushed to the hospital, some with serious symptoms.

Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2013/04/12/man-charged-after-students-get-sick-from-drug-tainted-brownies/>

26. *April 12, Canton Repository* – (Ohio) **Classes in session day after Louisville Middle School fire.** Classes resumed April 11 at Louisville Middle School after a lightning

strike caused a fire that damaged the roof of the building as well as a computer lab April 10.

Source: <http://www.cantonrep.com/topstories/x935162167/Classes-in-session-day-after-Louisville-Middle-School-fire>

27. *April 11, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Bomb, shooting threats called in to five SW Idaho schools.** Police responded after a series of threats that were called in April 11 to at least 5 southwest Idaho schools causing evacuations, a lockdown, and the use of bomb-sniffing dogs to conduct a search. Authorities are still investigating and gave the all-clear once the schools were deemed safe.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Bomb-threats-at-four-valley-schools-202555071.html?can=n>

28. *April 11 KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Shenandoah Valley Elementary School damaged, classes resume Friday.** A severe storm that damaged parts of the roof and 6 classrooms at Shenandoah Valley Elementary School in St. Louis prompted classes to be cancelled April 11.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/374535/3/Classes-resume-Friday-at-Shenandoah-Valley-Elementary>

29. *April 11, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (Virginia) **Deputies searching for two boys following fire at elementary school.** Classes were cancelled April 11 at E.W. Morrison Elementary School in Virginia after a four-alarm fire broke out at the school April 10 causing severe water and smoke damage. Police are searching for 2 boys who claim they started the fire.

Source: http://your4state.com/fulltext?nxd_id=303442

30. *April 11, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Western School of Technology in Catonsville to reopen after fire.** Fire crews responded to an April 11 fire that cancelled classes at the Western School of Technology and Environmental Science in Catonsville after the roof of the main building along with two portable classrooms were damaged. Classes were expected to resume April 12.

Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-04-11/news/bs-md-co-western-tech-fire-20130411_1_fire-investigators-early-morning-fire-thursday-possible-fire

31. *April 8, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Hackers hit Iowa college database with 125,000 students.** Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids notified 125,000 students after they discovered a breach March 13 of their student application database on their Web site. Hackers gained access to personal information of students who applied for courses from February 2005 through March 2013.

Source: http://www.southwestiowanews.com/council_bluffs/news/other/hackers-hit-iowa-college-database-with-students/article_3dfaa834-a08e-11e2-a5c4-0019bb2963f4.html

For additional stories, see items [10](#) and [19](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Emergency Services Sector

32. *April 12, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Pittsburgh police to re-evaluate their ammunition after concerns about its effectiveness.** A number of officers in Pittsburgh raised concerns about the effectiveness of their ammunition, prompting the police bureau to re-evaluate the ammunition that is currently in use.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-city/pittsburgh-police-to-re-evaluate-their-ammunition-after-concerns-about-its-effectiveness-683140/>
33. *April 12, CNN* – (Arizona) **Explosive device found in package addressed to Arizona sheriff.** A post office in Flagstaff was evacuated after a postal inspector screened a suspicious package addressed to the Arizona sheriff and handed it over to police to further investigate.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/12/justice/arizona-suspicious-package/index.html>
34. *April 11, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Man driving stolen vehicle crashes into unmarked police car and injures officers, authorities say.** Police found and arrested a man after they responded to an emergency call claiming that he was stealing a car from a gas station. The man drove off in the vehicle and struck an unmarked police car, injuring 3 officers before he fled on foot.
Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/have-you-seen-this/Man-Driving-Stolen-Vehicle-Crashes-Into-Unmarked-Police-Car-and-Injures-Officers-Authorities-Say-202589901.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Information Technology Sector

35. *April 12, SC Magazine* – (International) **Microsoft shelves patch, asks customers to uninstall, after error discovered.** Microsoft advised users to uninstall a recent patch and ceased distribution of the update after users reported system errors caused by interaction with certain third-party software.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/microsoft-shelves-patch-asks-customers-to-uninstall-after-error-discovered/article/288591/>
36. *April 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Twitter OAuth feature can be abused to hijack accounts, researcher says.** A researcher at Swissquote Bank presented a method where Twitter's application programming interface (API) could potentially be misused to send Twitter access tokens to attackers for use in social engineering attacks.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/041113-twitter-oauth-feature-can-be-268646.html>
37. *April 11, The Register* – (International) **Rotten spam causing more infections than ever - study.** A report by AV-Test found that spam emails contain an

increasing number and variety of malware attachments or links, among other findings.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/04/11/spam_more_dangerous_than_ever/

38. *April 11, The H* – (International) **Hole in Apache/NGINX mod_security firewall.** The latest version of Apache/NGINX security module mod_security addresses a security vulnerability in the XML parser of past versions.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Hole-in-Apache-NGINX-mod-security-firewall-1840500.html>
39. *April 11, Threatpost* – (International) **Linksys Smart Wi-Fi safe from home routers flaws; Classic configuration vulnerable.** Cisco issued a clarification stating that its EA2700 routers are safe from recently discovered vulnerabilities if they are running the Smart Wi-Fi firmware, but that EA2700 running on the classic configuration remain vulnerable.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/linksys-smart-wi-fi-safe-home-router-flaws-classic-configuration-vulnerable-041113

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *April 12, KOLD 7 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Apartments, businesses in Tucson required to carry a fire extinguisher.** A new requirement set in place because of State law requires all apartment complexes and businesses in Tucson to have fire extinguishers readily available. Firefighters said fire extinguishers helped deal with several recent fires in Tucson.
Source: <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/21950121/apartments-and-businesses-in-tucson-must-have-a-fire-extinguisher>
41. *April 12, WESH2 Orlando* – (Florida) **I-Drive Motel 6 evacuated after bomb threat.** Guests at a Motel 6 in Orlando were allowed back into the hotel after a nearly 2 hour evacuation due to a bomb threat that officials later found to be false.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/central-florida/I-Drive-Motel-6-evacuated-after-bomb-threat/-/11788162/19723602/-/qet00h/-/index.html>

42. *April 11, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **HazMat crews respond to chemical leak at office building.** Emergency crews in Houston responded and evacuated a commercial building after a piece of machinery was leaking ammonia April 11.

Source: <http://houston.cbslocal.com/2013/04/11/hazmat-crews-respons-to-chemical-leak-at-office-building/>

43. *April 10, KMIZ 17 Columbia* – (Missouri) **30 apartment complexes do not meet fire code.** A Columbia apartment complex which suffered significant fire damage April 9 failed to meet Columbia city fire codes which required a manual pull alarm system to alert residents. The complex is one of 30 in the city which have a year from the end of 2012 to become compliant with the new fire ordinance.

Source: <http://www.abc17news.com/news/30-apartment-complexes-do-not-meet-fire-code/-/18421100/19700438/-/9ycg03z/-/index.html>

For another story, see item [19](#)

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Dams Sector

44. *April 10, Cumberland Times-News* – (West Virginia) **With problems solved, W.Va. dam gates close.** Discrepancies between design intent and its as-built condition delayed the use of the New Creek Dam Site 14's rehabilitated gates. A problem with the riser and breast of the dam has since been fixed, allowing the dam to be able to be filled as of April 9.

Source: <http://times-news.com/local/x1319130786/With-problems-solved-W-Va-dam-gates-close>

45. *April 10, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Rock statues reduce hurricane protection, violate law, levee officials say.** East Jefferson Levee District official warned the public to not use rocks placed along the length of Lake Pontchartrain to build structures as it reduces the effectiveness of the foreshore protection program. The protection program cost more than \$22.5 million and covers 83 acres of the lakefront.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/04/rock_statues_reduce_hurricane.html

[\[Return to top\]](#)



Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

About the reports - The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is archived for 10 days on the Department of Homeland Security Web site: <http://www.dhs.gov/IPDailyReport>

Contact Information

Content and Suggestions:

Send mail to cikr.productfeedback@hq.dhs.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (703) 942-8590

Subscribe to the Distribution List:

Visit the [DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report](#) and follow instructions to [Get e-mail updates when this information changes](#).

Removal from Distribution List:

Send mail to support@govdelivery.com.

Contact DHS

To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at nicc@hq.dhs.gov or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web page at www.us-cert.gov.

Department of Homeland Security Disclaimer

The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a non-commercial publication intended to educate and inform personnel engaged in infrastructure protection. Further reproduction or redistribution is subject to original copyright restrictions. DHS provides no warranty of ownership of the copyright, or accuracy with respect to the original source material.