

Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 18 April 2013

Top Stories

- A settlement between the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and SAC Capital Advisors for \$602 million over insider trading was approved by a federal judge, but was conditioned on a future ruling regarding no-fault settlements involving Citigroup. *Bloomberg News* (See item 3)
- The main reservation system for American Airlines went down April 16, causing thousands of passengers to be stranded at airports and on airplanes. *Fox News* (See item 11)
- To reduce the risk of sewage backups into basements during heavy rains, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District allowed 595 million gallons of untreated wastewater to spill into local waterways. – Associated Press (See item 17)
- A letter addressed to the U.S. President containing a substance deemed suspicious was intercepted by the U.S. Secret Service April 17 at an off-site mail facility. *Associated Press* (See item 20)
- Officials are investigating an envelope that tested positive for ricin discovered at an off-site U.S. Capitol mail facility in Washington, D.C. The envelope was addressed to a U.S. senator and authorities are conducting a full analysis to ensure preliminary results were conclusive. CNN (See item 21)
- Nearly a mile of Boston's Boylston Street remained closed off April 17 along with some surrounding blocks as investigators looked for additional information surrounding the bombing of the Boston Marathon April 15. Pictures from the bomb scene showed remains of the explosive device including a circuit board, wires, and a battery believed to be inside a pressure cooker inside a nylon backpack that also may have included ball bearings, nails and other debris. *Reuters* (See item 42)

Fast Jump Menu

PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Chemical
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste
- Critical Manufacturing
- <u>Defense Industrial Base</u>
- 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 17*, *Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (National) **NYSEG parent suffers breach.** Iberdrola USA, the parent company for New York State Electric & Gas and other utilities around the Northeast confirmed a hacker breached their Internet recruitment site. The Web site does not involve any customer data however about 5,100 people could be affected by the breach. Source:

http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130417/BIZ/304170326

2. April 16, San Jose Mercury News – (California) Shots fired at PG&E substation; Silicon Valley urged to conserve electricity. Officials urged Silicon Valley businesses and residents to conserve electricity after PG&E's Metcalf transmission substation in San Jose was damaged by gunshots April 16. The vandalism damaged at least 5 transformers and caused cooling oil to leak from a transformer bank before being contained.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_23036583/shots-fired-at-pg-e-substation-silicon-valley

Return to top

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Return to top

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Return to top

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Return to top

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Return to top

Financial Services Sector

3. *April 16, Bloomberg News* – (National) **SAC's record \$602 million SEC settlement approved.** A settlement between the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and SAC Capital Advisors for \$602 million over insider trading was approved by a federal judge, but was conditioned on a future ruling regarding no-fault settlements involving Citigroup.

Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-04-16/sac-s-record-602-million-sec-settlement-approved.html

- 4. *April 16, Associated Press* (National) **Hedge fund manager pleads guilty to Ponzi scheme.** A Portland hedge fund manager pleaded guilty to running a \$37 million Ponzi scheme in which he misused funds from over 100 investors from several States. Source:
 - $\underline{http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2020793558_aporhedgefundguiltyplea1stldwritethru.html}$
- 5. April 16, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (Arizona) SEC charges two Arizona-based brokers with defrauding investors in tankless water heater venture. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged two Arizona brokers with diverting at least \$1.8 million in investor funds and fraudulently obtaining more than \$6 million in stocks through a business venture they ran. Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2013/2013-63.htm
- 6. April 16, KABC 7 Los Angeles (California) '\$5K Bandit' arrested after 4th robbery at same Los Alamitos bank. A suspect known as the "\$5K Bandit" was arrested in Los Alamitos after his fourth alleged robbery of the same bank. He is suspected of robbing the bank once in 2011 and twice in 2012. Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange_county&id=9067235

7. April 16, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – (International) SEC charges Canada-based investment banker with insider trading. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Toronto, Canada-based investment banker with insider trading for allegedly using insider information from promoting investment ideas to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board to illicitly make over \$163,000 in profits on trades.

Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2013/2013-62.htm

8. April 15, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission – (Colorado) SEC charges Denver-based businessman with insider trading. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Denver businessman with insider trading for allegedly trading on insider information he obtained from the CEO of Delta Petroleum ahead of a large investment into the company. The accused agreed to settle by paying \$900,000 and being barred from the securities industry and from public company leadership roles for 5 years.

Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2013/2013-61.htm

For another story, see item <u>38</u>

Return to top

Transportation Systems Sector

- 9. *April 16, News 12 Bronx* (New York) **Crash closes I-95 for hours.** Authorities closed the southbound side of Interstate 95 between Exits 6 and 7 for several hours the night of April 16-17 after a tractor-trailer jackknifed.

 Source: http://bronx.news12.com/news/tri-state/crash-closes-i-95-for-hours-1.5088051
- 10. *April 16*, *WDTN 2 Dayton* (Ohio) **I-75 reopen after five hour crash cleanup.** An accident along Interstate 75 in Dayton caused authorities to shut down the southbound side of the highway for several hours.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.wdtn.com/dpp/news/local/montgomery/wdtn-i-75-shut-down-after-semi-accident\#.UW6Z0rWkr44}$

11. April 16, Fox News – (National) American Airlines says systems fully restored after outage left flights grounded nationwide. The main reservation system for American Airlines went down April 16, causing thousands of passengers to be stranded at airports and on airplanes. The system was later restored, but continued delays and cancellations were expected.

Source: http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/04/16/american-airlines-reservations-system-down-flights-grounded-nationwide/

12. April 16, KRIS 6 Corpus Christi – (Texas) Rail crossing damage causes northbound Highway 77 detour. An 18-wheeler carrying an escalator northbound on Highway 77 near Refugio struck a rail bridge, damaging it and prompting authorities to close the road and stop all Union Pacific railroad traffic. Repairs were expected to be completed

April 17.

Source: http://www.kristv.com/news/rail-crossing-damage-causes-northbound-highway-77-detour/#

13. *April 16, Riverton Ranger* – (Wyoming) **Snow brings wrecks, road closures.** Severe weather caused Wyoming Highway 789 between Lander and Muddy Gap to be closed April 16 by the Wyoming Department of Transportation due to dangerous road conditions. Other road closures were reported throughout the State. Source: http://dailyranger.com/story.php?story_id=6792&headline=Snow-brings-wrecks,-road-closures

14. April 16, KCNC 4 Denver— (Colorado; Wyoming) CDOT closes I-25 near Wyoming Border. Colorado Department of Transportation officials closed Interstate 25 north of Fort Collins, Colorado; Highway 287 from Fort Collins to Laramie, Wyoming; and Highway 85 from Ault to Cheyenne, Wyoming, because of severe weather. Source: http://denver.cbslocal.com/2013/04/16/cdot-closes-interstate-near-wyoming-border-due-to-blowing-snow/

For additional stories, see items 43, 45

Return to top

Food and Agriculture Sector

- 15. April 17, Food Safety News (International) Hepatitis A outbreak in Nordic countries linked to frozen berries. Approximately 56 people in 4 of Europe's Nordic countries have been sickened by a Hepatitis A outbreak linked to frozen berries. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/hepatitis-a-outbreak-in-northern-european-countries-linked-to-frozen-berries/#.UW6KQbWkr44
- 16. April 16. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Iowa) Grain Processing Corporation of Muscatine, Iowa, agrees to pay \$129,000 penalty for Clean Water violations. Grain Processing Corporation will pay a \$129,000 civil penalty for its 2011 violations of the federal Clean Water Act which included failure to comply with monitoring requirements set by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, failure to maintain all facilities and control systems in good working order, and exceeding effluent limitation violations.

 Source:

http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/F0047242F3546E1985257B4F005BF804?

[Return to top]

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. April 17, Associated Press – (Wisconsin) Milwaukee sewers spilled 595 million wastewater gallons into local waterways. To reduce the risk of sewage backups into basements during heavy rains, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District allowed

595 million gallons of untreated wastewater to spill into local waterways. The district pumped wastewater from its main tunnel into disinfection chambers at the sewage treatment plant and mixed it with chlorine before discharging it into the Lake Michigan as an emergency measure.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/milwaukee-sewers-spilled-million-wastewater-gallons-into-local-waterways/article_411ead34-a715-11e2-9145-001a4bcf887a.html

18. April 16. Corpus Christi Caller-Times – (Texas) Stage 3 water restrictions scheduled to start May 16 in Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi water officials will set stricter water use regulations in place May 16 for residents and business owners as a result of minimal rain forecasts for the summer of 2013. The restrictions will be set in place about a month earlier than normal due to the impact of the drought facing the city as water officials consider incentives to residents and businesses for adopting rain water harvesting methods to reduce reliance on low local water sources.

Source: http://www.caller.com/news/2013/apr/16/stage-3-water-restrictions-scheduled-start-may-16/

For another story, see item <u>33</u>

Return to top

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *April 16, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **6 arrested in alleged kickback scheme at Sacred Heart Hospital.** Authorities arrested 6 individuals involved in a Medicare and Medicaid fraud scheme at the Sacred Heart Hospital on Chicago's West Side April 16 that netted more than \$225,000 in cash and at least \$2 million in health care program reimbursements. After a 3-year investigation, top hospital administrators, executives, and physicians were arrested for condoning and enabling unnecessary medical procedures on the elderly and billing the federal programs for it.

Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-feds-execute-search-warrants-at-sacred-heart-hospital-20130416,0,5226859.story

Return to top

Government Facilities Sector

20. April 17, Associated Press – (Washington, D.C.) Secret service says suspicious letter mailed to U.S. President, intercepted away from White House. A letter addressed to the U.S. President containing a substance deemed suspicious was intercepted by the U.S. Secret Service April 17 at an off-site mail facility. Officials are investigating the incident and are testing the substance.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/secret-service-says-suspicious-letter-mailed-to-obama-intercepted-away-from-white-house/2013/04/17/fe4570f2-a772-11e2-9e1c-bb0fb0c2edd9 \underline{story.html}$

21. *April 17, CNN* – (Washington, D.C.) **Envelope tests positive for ricin at Washington mail facility.** Officials are investigating an envelope that tested positive for ricin discovered at an off-site U.S. Capitol mail facility in Washington, D.C. The envelope was addressed to a U.S senator and authorities are conducting a full analysis to ensure preliminary results were conclusive.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/04/16/us/tainted-letter-intercepted/index.html?hpt=hp c2

22. April 17, Jersey Journal – (New Jersey) West New York Middle School evacuates 900 kids calmly, quietly after bomb threat. Students and staff from West New York Middle School in New Jersey were evacuated for over 3 hours April 16 after a bomb threat was posted on a social media site. Police deemed the school safe after conducting a search.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2013/04/west_new_york_middle_school_ev.html

23. April 17, Homeland Security News Wire – (National) U.S. Army weak on mobile devices security. An audit from the U.S. Department of Defense found that the U.S. Army has not adequately developed and implemented security guidelines for the use of mobile devices now in service, and that the current policies are inconsistently implemented.

Source: http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20130417-u-s-army-weak-on-mobile-devices-security

24. *April 16, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Seattle playfield knocked out of service by massive copper theft.** Seattle's Delridge Playfield was robbed of 1,200 feet of copper April 12, knocking out lights until about \$20,000 in repairs are made. Source: http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Seattle-playfield-knocked-out-of-service-by-massive-copper-theft-203301011.html

25. April 16, Asheville Citizen-Times – (North Carolina) Chimney Rock State Park closed for a week. Chimney Rock State Park has been closed since April 9 for rock slide prevention work by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and officials have yet to determine a reopening date.

Source: http://www.citizen-

 $\underline{times.com/article/20130417/OUTDOORS/304170018/Chimney-Rock-State-Park-closed-week}$

26. April 16, Associated Press – (Arizona) Area of eastern Ariz. national forest reopened after pipe bomb found during survey is removed. A portion of the Apache Sitgreaves National Forest in Arizona was closed for roughly 6 hours after Forest Service workers discovered a metal pipe bomb while conducting a survey April 15. Source:

 $\frac{http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/95eda22a1add4e6987cbe71835c5bf14/AZ-Pipe-Bomb-Forest}{}$

27. *April 16, Charlestown Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Some Boston historical sites closed Tuesday.** After a bombing at the Boston Marathon April 15, officials closed several of Boston's historical sites April 16 as a precaution.

Source: http://charlestown.patch.com/articles/some-boston-historical-sites-closed-tuesday

28. *April 16*, *Steubenville Herald-Star* – (West Virginia) **Brooke school threat being investigated.** Students at Brooke High School in Wellsburg County were evacuated and dismissed April 16 as a precaution after a handwritten threat was discovered. Authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.hsconnect.com/page/content.detail/id/585394/Brooke-school-threat-being-investigated.html?nav=5010

29. *April 16, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Carroll County courthouses evacuated, roads closed.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation and closure of the Carroll County Circuit and District Court April 16. Officers shut down nearby roads while they spent nearly 5 hours searching the buildings before giving an all-clear and determining the call was a hoax.

Source: http://www.wbaltv.com/news/maryland/carroll-county/Carroll-County-courthouses-evacuated-roads-closed/-/10137488/19767292/-/xiwkkz/-/index.html

30. April 16, Carroll County Times – (Maryland) 13-year-old charged in West Middle bomb threat hoax. A juvenile was charged April 16 for making a false bomb threat to West Middle School in Maryland prompting officials to evacuate the building as a precaution and place William Winchester Elementary, which is located next to West Middle School, on lock down.

Source: http://m.carrollcountytimes.com/news/local/year-old-charged-in-west-middle-bomb-threat-hoax/article_d6d28696-6b1c-5683-af65-e6b41a7015a5.html

31. *April 16, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Fire forces Norfolk school evacuation.** Classes were cancelled at Norview Middle School in Norfolk April 16 after the campus was evacuated when a small fire broke out. The building sustained some damage but classes will resume April 17.

Source: http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/norfolk/fire-forces-norfolk-school-evacuation

32. *April 16, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **UMass Boston closes campus Tuesday as JFK Library fire is probed.** Classes were cancelled April 16 at UMass-Boston while authorities investigated an April 15 fire at the John F. Kennedy Library adjacent to the campus.

Source: http://www.patriotledger.com/news/education/x1431008229/UMass-Boston-closes-campus-Tuesday-while-JFK-blast-is-probed

33. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **State water department says employees getting threatened.** Due to the frequency of Kansas water employees receiving physical and verbal threats, The Kansas Division of Water Resources requested help

from local authorities to crack down on people making the threats and have provided a letter detailing laws that can be violated in such instances.

Source: http://cjonline.com/news/2013-04-15/state-water-department-says-employees-getting-threatened

Return to top

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Return to top

Information Technology Sector

34. *April 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Oracle fixes 128 vulnerabilities with April 2013 CPU.** A Critical Patch Update (CPU) from Oracle closed a total of 128 security vulnerabilities in its various products, including 42 in Java SE, 39 of which can be exploited without authentication.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Oracle-Fixes-128-Vulnerabilities-With-April-2013-CPU-345992.shtml

35. April 17, The H – (International) **Apple updates Safari and Java 6 support.** Apple released updates for its Safari browser that correspond to newly-released Java updates, as well as adding a function that allows users better control over when Java applets are run.

Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apple-updates-Safari-and-Java-6-support-1843736.html?

36. April 17, IDG News Service – (International) **DDOS attacks have increased in number and size this year, report says.** A report by Prolexic found that the volume, frequency, and duration of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks have increased significantly during the first 3 months of this year. Source:

http://www.pcworld.idg.com.au/article/459331/ddos_attacks_increased_number_size_year_report_says/

37. April 17, Softpedia – (International) Bots used to attack Israeli websites on April 7 spread out in 27 countries. Trend Micro analyzed a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack by hackers, associated with Anonymous, on Israeli Web sites and found that most of the traffic came from outside Israel and that many IP addresses used in the DDoS attack were in botnets under the control of cybercriminals.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bots-Used-to-Attack-Israeli-Websites-on-April-7-Spread-Out-in-27-Countries-346038.shtml

38. April 17, SC Magazine – (International) 'Magic' malware detected, with UK firmly in its sights. Seculert discovered a new variety of malware dubbed 'Magic' that can set up backdoors and may have other functions. The malware has gone undetected for almost a year, primarily targeting the U.K. with other targets found in the U.S., Italy, and Germany.

Source: http://www.scmagazineuk.com/magic-malware-detected-with-uk-firmly-in-its-sights/article/289193/

39. *April 16, CSO Online* – (International) **Tactics of WordPress attackers similar to bank assaults.** Security researchers found similarities in recent brute-force attacks on WordPress Web sites and the methods used to create the Brobot botnet used in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks on financial institutions.

Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/041613-tactics-of-wordpress-attackers-similar-268753.html

40. *April 15*, *Dark Reading* – (International) **Mobile malware up 163 percent in 2012, study says.** A report by NQ Mobile found that malware targeting mobile devices increased 163 percent in 2012, and that the Android operating system was targeted by nearly 95 percent of mobile malware discovered in 2012. Source: http://www.darkreading.com/mobile-security/167901113/security/vulnerabilities/240152977/mobile-malware-up-163-percent-in-2012-study-says.html

For another story, see item 41

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at $\underline{soc@us-cert.gov}$ or visit their Web site: $\underline{http://www.us-cert.gov}$

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

41. *April 16, SC Magazine* – (International) "**Syrian Electronic Army" defaces NPR website, Twitter accounts.** Members of a Syrian organization devoted hacking into Web sites claimed they defaced National Public Radio's main Web site, five Twitter accounts belonging to NPR, and its blog April 15.

Source: http://www.scmagazine.com/syrian-electronic-army-defaces-npr-website-twitter-accounts/article/289036/

Return to top

Commercial Facilities Sector

- 42. *April 17. Reuters* (Massachusetts) **Boston bomb probe focuses on bags and pressure cooker.** Nearly a mile of Boston's Boylston Street remained closed off April 17 along with some surrounding blocks as investigators looked for additional information surrounding the bombing of the Boston Marathon April 15. Pictures from the bomb scene showed remains of the explosive device including a circuit board, wires, and a battery believed to be inside a pressure cooker inside a nylon backpack that also may have included ball bearings, nails and other debris.

 Source: http://ca.sports.yahoo.com/news/boston-bomb-probe-looking-pressure-cooker-backpacks-061852664--sector.html
- 43. *April 16, Deming Headlight* (New Mexico) **Bomb threat that evacuated Deming hotel may have originated out of town.** An April 15 Holiday Inn bomb threat in Deming, New Mexico led to the evacuation of at least 50 hotel guests, evacuations of area businesses, and the closure of nearby roads and an Interstate 10 exit. Authorities are investigating the incident but believe the threat originated outside the town. Source: http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_23039273/bomb-threat-that-evacuated-deming-hotel-may-have
- 44. *April 16. Local East Village* (New York) **Cracked building evacuated on Avenue B.** Construction work in an empty lot next to an East Village, New York apartment building allegedly caused shaking and falling debris in the East Village building. An inspection conducted by the city crew evacuated a dozen residents from the apartments after a large crack was found in the back wall of the five-story building, prompting the Department of Buildings to vacate the building while they investigate the structural integrity, and caused a temporary closure of the block.

 Source: http://eastvillage.thelocal.nytimes.com/2013/04/16/breaking-literally-cracked-building-evacuated-on-avenue-b/
- 45. *April 15. San Jose Mercury News* (California) **Gas leak snarls traffic in the downtown area.** Emergency response to a gas leak behind a California Chase Bank included evacuation of area businesses for several hours and heavily impacted local highway traffic.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/los-gatos/ci_23032384/gas-leak-snarls-traffic-downtown-area&utm_source=feedly

Return to top

Dams Sector

46. April 16. Associated Press – (Louisiana) Judge chides Army Corps over New Orleans levees. A federal judge ruled that despite the Army Corps of Engineers building a severely flawed levee system in New Orleans, they are not liable for claims that excavation work by a government contractor weakened the floodwall and caused it to breach in two places during Hurricane Katrina.

Source: http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/judge-chides-army-corps-orleans-levees-

Return to top



<u>Department of Homeland Security (DHS)</u> 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 nic@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.