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## 23 April 2013

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- Authorities continued to search for a suspect who exchanged gunfire with a security officer at the perimeter of the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant. – *Knoxville News Sentinel* (See item [3](#))
- Torrential rains impacted six Midwestern States with high water levels, forced evacuations, closed roads and bridges, swamped hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland, closed a manufacturing plant, and shut down barge traffic on much of the upper Mississippi River. – *Associated Press* (See item [10](#))
- The surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect was accused of using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction resulting in deaths after being captured April 19. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [34](#))
- The Illinois governor declared more than 38 counties State disaster areas, easing the process for relief aid to those affected by the near-record levels of rainfall. – *Chicago Tribune* (See item [43](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *April 21, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Natural gas site near Evanston explodes.** A natural gas storage facility near Evanston reported an explosion and fire April 20. The facility was safely evacuated and firefighters responded, choosing to let the isolated facility burn to avoid further risks.  
Source: <http://www.standard.net/stories/2013/04/21/natural-gas-site-near-evanston-explodes>
2. *April 19, Denton Record-Chronicle* – (Texas) **Denton responders work gas well pipe emergency.** A gas well pipe separated from a well near Denton April 19, caused fracking liquid and a small amount of natural gas to leak. Road traffic and air traffic from a nearby airport were diverted while authorities responded to the incident.  
Source: <http://www.dentonrc.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20130419-denton-responders-work-gas-well-pipe-emergency.ece>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

3. *April 22, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Search still on for gunman after shootout near Watts Bar plant.** Authorities continued to search April 22 for a suspect who exchanged gunfire with a security officer at the perimeter of the Watts Bar Nuclear Power Plant near Spring City the night of April 21.  
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/apr/22/search-still-on-for-gunman-after-shootout-near/>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

4. *April 22, New York Times* – (International) **Boeing begins modifying 787 batteries.** Technicians and engineers from Boeing began retrofitting grounded 787 aircraft around the world with battery system modifications after the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration approved a plan to reduce the risk of overheating.  
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/23/business/global/boeing-begins-modifying-787-batteries.html>

5. *April 22, Examiner.com* – (National) **Nissan recalling 2013 Pathfinder and Infiniti JX for brake frame defect.** Nissan announced the recall of 19,258 model year 2013 Nissan Pathfinder and Infiniti JX vehicles due to an improperly cast front brake torque member that could crack or fail.  
Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/nissan-recalling-2013-pathfinder-and-infiniti-jx-for-brake-frame-defect>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *April 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **World's largest bitcoin exchange under DDoS attack.** Mt. Gox, the largest exchange service for virtual currency Bitcoin, was downed by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack April 22, the latest in a series of recent DDoS attacks against the site.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14787>
7. *April 19, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Police arrest 'Hammer Pants Bandit' for 3 bank robberies.** A suspect known as the "Hammer Pants Bandit" was arrested by Portland police and accused of robbing three bank branches since October 2012.  
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/22025566/police-arrest-hammer-pants-bandit-for-3-bank-robberies>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *April 22, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **2 dead, 2 injured in Baltimore County crash.** A fatal accident on Route 40 in Middle River prompted officials to close the highway in both directions for an extended period of time.  
Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/2-dead-2-injured-in-Baltimore-County-crash/-/10136486/19834494/-/120pi1gz/-/index.html>
9. *April 22, N.J. News* – (New Jersey) **Motorcycle driver in critical condition after crash that shut Route 206, police say.** Authorities closed

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2013/04/montgomery\\_motorcycle\\_driver\\_i.html](http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2013/04/montgomery_motorcycle_driver_i.html)

10. *April 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Midwestern rivers reach dangerously high levels; communities evacuated due to rising waters.** Torrential rains the week of April 15, which dumped up to 7 inches of rain in some locations, affected six Midwestern States with high water levels, forced evacuations, closed roads and bridges, swamped hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland, closed a manufacturing plant, and shut down barge traffic on much of the upper Mississippi River.  
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/u-s-world/midwestern-rivers-reach-dangerously-high-levels-communities-evacuated-due-to-rising-waters-04212013>
11. *April 21, Michigan Live* – (Michigan) **I-75 acid tanker accident: tanker may have flammable content, highway will be closed ‘for several hours’.** A tanker truck rolled over and prompted authorities to close Interstate 75 between Birch Run and Clio for several hours in order to monitor the situation.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2013/04/i-75\\_acid\\_tanker\\_accident\\_high.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2013/04/i-75_acid_tanker_accident_high.html)
12. *April 21, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **More than 100 runaway barges create safety concerns for JB Bridge.** A section of the Mississippi River was closed by the U.S. Coast Guard after 114 barges broke from their moorings posing an immediate danger to facilities and bridges near St. Louis.  
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Coast-Guard-Barge-breakway-in-St-Louis-Harbor-Jefferson-Bridge-Closed-203982451.html>
13. *April 20, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Man hijacks transit bus, leads police on 30-mile chase.** A man hijacked a transit bus April 20 and led police on a 30-mile chase from Austin to Bastrop before pulling the bus over and killing himself.  
Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/man-hijacks-transit-bus-leads-police-on-30-mile-ch/nXR92/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

14. *April 21, Food Safety News* – (International) **Natura Pet Foods expands Salmonella recall.** Natura Pet Foods expanded a recall issued in March to include all of the company’s dry pet food and pet treat products with expiration dates through March 24, 2014 because of potential Salmonella contamination.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/natura-pet-foods-expands-salmonella-recall/#.UXUIQrWkr44>
15. *April 21, South Dakota State News* – (South Dakota) **Salmonella outbreak linked to baby chicks reported in South Dakota.** Health officials in South Dakota reported an outbreak of salmonella, linked to baby chicks, that has infected at least four individuals

to date.

Source: <http://news.sd.gov/newsitem.aspx?id=14417>

16. *April 19, Food Safety News* – (California) **Vitae bird feed recalled for Salmonella in CA.** A number of bird feed products made by Merit Bird Company, LLC and distributed through retailers in southern California were recalled due to potential Salmonella risk.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/vitae-bird-feed-recalled-for-salmonella-in-ca/#.UXUg8LWkr44>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

17. *April 19, Associated Press* – (California) **Monrovia water main break spews thousands of gallons of water.** An investigation was underway to determine the cause of an April 19, 16-inch water main break which caused 10,000 gallons of water per minute to spill into the streets of Monrovia for nearly 2 hours causing at least one business to flood and other area businesses to experience low water pressure.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4dfac672b16f45f68584394d63e9c4b1/CA--Water-Pipe-Break>
18. *April 19, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **More wet weather leads to 3.37 million gallons of sewage overflow in Flint River.** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality reported April 19 that debris from heavy rainfall clogged pumps at a northwest Flint pumping station which led 3.37 million gallons of untreated raw sewage to overflow into the Flint River, the second overflow in 2 weeks.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/04/more\\_wet\\_weather\\_leads\\_to\\_7500.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2013/04/more_wet_weather_leads_to_7500.html)
19. *April 19, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **9,000 gallons of raw sewage overflows into Lake Macatawa.** Holland Board of Public Works officials believe excessive water and illegally connected sump pumps overburdened the city of Holland's sewer system and caused it to leak 9,000 gallons of untreated sewage into Lake Macatawa April 19.  
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/newsnow/x1031161472/9-000-gallons-of-raw-sewage-overflows-into-Lake-Macatawa>
20. *April 18, Grand Rapids Press*– (Michigan) **Sewage treatment at risk as Grand River rises into 'uncharted territory'.** Sewage plants in Grand Rapids and Wyoming, Michigan, struggled April 18 to deal with heavy rainfall, ground saturation, a swollen river, and treatment plant overflows.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2013/04/sewage\\_treatment\\_at\\_risk\\_as\\_gr.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2013/04/sewage_treatment_at_risk_as_gr.html)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

21. *April 21, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Escaped inmate suspected of phoning in hospital bomb threats.** A Marshall County escaped inmate was arrested April 21 after the man, who escaped from a jail in Arab, was suspected of calling in bomb threats to three hospitals. The hospitals were searched and cleared and at least one evacuated for several hours as responders shut down the emergency room and shuttled patients to other nearby facilities.  
Source: <http://whnt.com/2013/04/21/breaking-police-investigating-bomb-threats-in-cullman-and-marshall-county/>
22. *April 19, Eau-Claire Leader-Telegram* – (Wisconsin) **Man accused of robbing pharmacy with toy gun.** A man was charged April 18 after he allegedly stole a toy gun from a department store and used it to rob the Value Center Health Mart Pharmacy in Eau Claire, getting two bottles of Ritalin.  
Source: [http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front\\_page/article\\_0ccedf90-ebe3-5aea-a817-639c24c64c05.html](http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front_page/article_0ccedf90-ebe3-5aea-a817-639c24c64c05.html)
23. *April 19, ABC Newspapers* – (Minnesota) **Coon Rapids oven fire causes evacuation of apartment residents.** An oven fire at a Coon Rapids senior living facility caused the evacuation of several residents and nearly \$100,000 in damages.  
Source: <http://abcnewspapers.com/2013/04/19/coon-rapids-oven-fire-causes-evacuation-of-apartment-residents/>
24. *April 18, ABC News* – (Oklahoma) **60 Oklahoma dental patients test positive for hepatitis, HIV.** The Tulsa Health Department identified 60 patients with infections including variants of hepatitis and at least one with HIV among 3,122 former patients of two dental clinics in Tulsa and Owasso. More than 7,000 patients were alerted that they could have been exposed to diseases due to poor sterilization practices.  
Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/Health/60-oklahoma-dental-patients-test-positive-hepatitis-hiv/story?id=18991527#.UXU\\_FbWkq0j](http://abcnews.go.com/Health/60-oklahoma-dental-patients-test-positive-hepatitis-hiv/story?id=18991527#.UXU_FbWkq0j)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

25. *April 21, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Five backcountry snowboarders killed in avalanche.** Five snowboarders were found dead in an avalanche in White River National Forest near Greentown April 20.  
Source: <http://www.kmyt.com/news/regional/Five-Backcountry-Snowboarders-Killed-In-Avalanche-204031771.html>
26. *April 20, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Former DOT worker charged with fraud.** A

former Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) employee was arrested April 20 and charged with theft, money laundering, and other crimes for allegedly stealing at least \$239,832 while facilitating sales or leases of DOT-owned land.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130420/NEWS01/130420022/>

27. *April 19, Macomb Daily* – (Michigan) **State of emergency: Executive says County Building shut down for months following fire.** The Macomb County Executive declared a local state of emergency following an April 17 fire at the Old County Building in Mount Clemens which damaged the county's mainframe computers, knocking out Internet and phone systems. He estimated that the building could be closed for months.  
Source: [http://www.macombdaily.com/article/20130419/NEWS01/130419517/state-of-emergency-hackel-says-county-building-shut-down-for-months-following-fire#full\\_story](http://www.macombdaily.com/article/20130419/NEWS01/130419517/state-of-emergency-hackel-says-county-building-shut-down-for-months-following-fire#full_story)
28. *April 19, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Abandoned pack prompted UNM bomb scare.** A suspicious backpack on the University of New Mexico campus prompted the closure of part of the campus for more than 2 hours April 19 while police investigated. The backpack was found to be not dangerous.  
Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/central/police-activity-near-unm-reported>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

29. *April 19, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Residents evacuated from Forest View after massive flooding.** Massive flooding caused over 700 people to be evacuated from the town of Forest View and damaged a fire station and new 9-1-1 center.  
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2013/04/19/levee-in-forest-view-breaks-700-evacuated/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

30. *April 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Researchers identify Reflection API vulnerability in Java 7 Update 21.** Researchers at Security Explorations identified a new Reflection API vulnerability in all variants of Java 7, including the newest Update 21, which can be used to achieve a security sandbox bypass.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researchers-Identify-Redirection-API-Vulnerability-in-Java-7-Update-21-347204.shtml>
31. *April 22, Softpedia* – (International) **TorRAT malware launches MitB attack to hijack Twitter accounts.** A variant of the banking credential malware TorRAT has been found in the wild that steals authentication tokens to hijack users' Twitter



accounts and then send out tweets with malicious links.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/TorRAT-Malware-Launches-MitB-Attack-to-Hijack-Twitter-Accounts-347310.shtml>

32. *April 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **108,000+ account details of Sims players leaked.** The NewSeaSims resource for players of The Sims suffered a leak of user information affecting around 108,000 users.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14788>

33. *April 19, EuroGamer.net* – (International) **World of Tanks security breach exposes email addresses and password hashes, but financial information remains safe.** Wargaming.net, the owners of World of Tanks, reported a security breach where users information may have been compromised. Financial information was not affected, and Wargaming.net advised users to change their passwords.

Source: <http://www.eurogamer.net/articles/2013-04-19-world-of-tanks-security-breach-exposes-email-addresses-and-password-hashes-but-financial-information-remains-safe>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *April 22, Bloomberg News* – (Boston) **Marathon suspect faces weapon of mass destruction charges.** The surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect was accused of using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction resulting in deaths after being captured and hospitalized from injuries sustained during a gunfight and a 4 day manhunt.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-04-22/boston-marathon-bomb-suspect-charged-by-u-dot-s-dot-in-terror-attack>

35. *April 22, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Police: 5 dead in apartment complex shooting.** Gunfire was reported at an apartment complex in Federal Way, resulting in five dead, including a suspect shot by police responding to the scene.



Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestnews/1068758-8/police-5-dead-in-apartment-complex-shooting>

36. *April 21. Encinitas Patch* – (California) **‘Military ordnance’ found on Cardiff Beach; bomb unit safely removes item.** A section of Cardiff State Beach was evacuated for 2 hours after a person found a device, labeled as an ‘undetermined military ordnance,’ while walking on the shoreline. The sheriff’s bomb/arson unit removed the device after rendering it safe.  
Source: <http://encinitas.patch.com/articles/military-ordnance-found-on-cardiff-beach-bomb-unit-safely-removes-item>
37. *April 21. Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Hampshire Mall evacuation order lifted in Hadley.** A suspicious vehicle parked across three parking spaces caused a 3 hour evacuation of Hampshire mall in Hadley and stranded shoppers unable to reach their vehicles as authorities investigated the possible vehicle threat.  
Source:  
[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2013/04/evacuation\\_lifted\\_at\\_the\\_hadle.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2013/04/evacuation_lifted_at_the_hadle.html)
38. *April 20, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **No timetable yet for return to evacuated downtown Plaza Towers apartments, hotel, condos.** Building and city officials could not establish a timeline for the end of an evacuation order given to multiple properties in downtown Grand Rapids after about 5 feet of water rushed up from the basement concrete and flooded the buildings’ parking lot. Utilities were cut to the Plaza Towers apartments to avoid further damage.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2013/04/no\\_timetable\\_yet\\_for\\_return\\_to.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grandrapids/index.ssf/2013/04/no_timetable_yet_for_return_to.html)
39. *April 19. Picayune Times* – (Louisiana) **Marriott Hotel and surrounding area deemed safe after Friday afternoon bomb scare.** A telephoned bomb threat April 19, led to all Marriott Hotels in downtown New Orleans to be evacuated for two hours resulting in no findings.  
Source:  
[http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2013/04/marriott\\_hotel\\_and\\_surrounding.html](http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2013/04/marriott_hotel_and_surrounding.html)
40. *April 19. Battle Creek Enquirer* – (Michigan) **All-clear given after bomb scare at Sam’s Club.** Battle Creek Police responded to suspicious bag at a Sam’s Club that turned out to be a karaoke machine in a bag. The store was evacuated for nearly 2 hours while the bag was investigated.  
Source:  
<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20130419/NEWS01/304190021/All-clear-given-after-bomb-scare-Sam-s-Club>

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## Dams Sector

41. *April 19, WNEW 5 Flint; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Breach at dam temporarily repaired in Midland County.** A 12-foot breach in the Kawkawlin Dam in Midland County was temporarily repaired with an earthen dam and is being monitored by authorities.  
Source: <http://www.wnem.com/story/22025230/breach-reported-at-dam-in-midland-county>
42. *April 19, Reuters* – (Chicago) **Flooding shuts Mississippi, Illinois River locks.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers shut a number of river locks on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers April 18-19 after the swollen-river topped the dams, halting navigation. The locks are expected to remain closed into mid-week of April 22 or until the river levels drop.  
Source: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/international-business/us-business/flooding-shuts-mississippi-illinois-river-locks/article11424904/>
43. *April 19, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Residents rescued as rivers rise and levees break.** The Illinois governor declared more than 38 counties State disaster areas, easing the process for relief aid to those affected by the near-record levels of rainfall that threatens levee breaches. Areas saw up to 4 feet of standing water, prompting road detours and closures, and requiring some residents to be rescued by boat.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-flooding-april-19-20130419,0,6669807,full.story>

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