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- A bogus tweet sent from a hacked Associated Press Twitter account caused the Dow Jones Industrial to drop more than 100 points during a 2 minute period. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [5](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *April 24, Associated Press* – (New York) **EPA: 9 NY gas stations fined over tank operations.** Adirondack Energy Products, the operator of 9 northern New York gas stations, was fined \$46,000 and must install at least \$112,000 worth of leak-detection equipment. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fined the operator to ensure proper maintenance and operation of underground gas tanks in order to prevent contamination of soil and ground water.
Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/news/article/EPA-9-NY-gas-stations-fined-over-tank-operations-4458607.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *April 23, Virginia Tech Collegiate Times* – (Virginia) **Toxic chemical spill shut down Draper Road for several hours.** Around 20 to 30 gallons of copper amine C9 was spilled from a truck April 23 prompting authorities to close the block of Draper between Roanoke and Lee streets in Blacksburg for several hours.
Source: <http://www.collegiatetimes.com/stories/21983/toxic-chemical-spill-shuts-down-draper-road-for-several-hours>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *April 23, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (Ohio) **Fire seriously damages auto parts factory.** A fire at the Van-Rob Industries auto parts plant in Waverly heavily damaged the facility after starting in the ventilation system and spreading to the roof.
Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Fire-Seriously-Damages-Auto-Parts-Factory-204400131.html>
4. *April 23, HighGearMedia.com* – (National) **Honda recalls 204,000 SUVs, minivans in U.S. for shift interlock problem.** Honda announced the recall of 204,500 model year 2012 and 2013 CR-V and Odyssey and 2013 Acura MDX vehicles due to the potential for the vehicles to shift out of park without the driver pressing the brake pedal.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/cars/honda-recalls-204000-suvs-minivans-in-us-for-shift-interlock-problem/2013/04/23/58c70152-ac2e-11e2-9493-2ff3bf26c4b4_story.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *April 23, Bloomberg News* – (International) **A fake AP tweet sinks the Dow for an instant.** A fake tweet sent from a hacked Associated Press Twitter account caused the Dow Jones Industrial to drop more than 100 points during a 2 minute period before recovering quickly to previous levels.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2013-04-23/a-fake-ap-tweet-sinks-the-dow-for-an-instant>
6. *April 23, Reuters* – (International) **Cyber attack briefly shuts Charles Schwab website.** A distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against Charles Schwab Corp shut down the company's Web site and mobile applications for around 2 hours April 23.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-04-23/business/sns-rt-us-schwab-websitebre93m1dv-20130423_1_website-denial-of-service-attack
7. *April 22, The Hill* – (National) **IRS overpaid up to \$13.6B in low-income tax credits, report finds.** A report from the U.S. Department of the Treasury found that the Internal Revenue Service overpaid between \$11.6 billion and \$13.6 billion in Earned Income Tax Credit payments in the 2012 fiscal year.
Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/regwatch/administration/295353-irs-overpaid-up-to-136b-in-low-income-tax-credits-report-finds>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *April 24, KREX 5 Grand Junction* – (Colorado) **Fatal accident temporarily shuts down Highway 550.** A fatal accident, that killed the driver of a pickup truck at the scene, caused Highway 550 south of downtown Montrose to shut down for over 2 hours.
Source: <http://www.krextv.com/news/around-the-region/Fatal-Accident-Temporarily-Shuts-Down-Highway-550-204400281.html>
9. *April 24, Alton Telegraph* – (Illinois) **Floodwaters surround Calhoun.** Floodwater

closed numerous roads in Calhoun County and has suspended Brussels Ferry service after a severe storm. The U.S. Corps of Engineers Emergency Operations Center announced barge traffic on parts the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers was also halted.
Source: http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article_7c832a68-ac78-11e2-8522-001a4bcf6878.html

10. *April 23, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Pedestrian struck on Southwest Freeway.** A pedestrian was struck outside his vehicle in southwest Houston April 23 in an accident that shut down all main lanes northbound on U.S. Route 59 for several hours.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-traffic/article/Pedestrian-stuck-on-SW-Freeway-4457265.php>
11. *April 23, WIBW 13 Topeka* – (Kansas) **Multiple vehicle accident closes highway near Carbondale.** A multi-vehicle accident prompted authorities to close the northbound lane of U.S. Route 75 between Carbondale and U.S. Route 56 for over 2 hours.
Source: <http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Multiple-Vehicle-Accident-Closes-Highway-Near-Carbondale-204276021.html>
12. *April 23, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Wrecks pile up on slick roads in Kansas City area.** Authorities were responding to multiple crashes throughout the Kansas City because of slick roads including 5 cars that were involved in accidents in a quarter-mile stretch just north of Interstate 70 all in about a minute period.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/22053772/wrecks-pile-up-on-slick-roads-in-kansas-city-area>
13. *April 23, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Southern Utah highway reopened; tour bus bomb threat bogus.** A section of U.S. Route 163 in southern Utah's San Juan County reopened April 23 after it was closed for several hours while authorities and bomb disposal experts could investigate a threat to a tour bus that turned out to be bogus.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56201851-78/utah-highway-threat-bomb.html.csp>
14. *April 23, Business Insider* – (National) **Airlines seek permission to keep passengers waiting for on the tarmac for more than 3 hours.** The U.S. Department of Transportation is considering lifting a regulation that states airplanes cannot remain on the tarmac for more than 3 hours for domestic flights before allowing passengers to deplane. The motion was filed by two airline industry associations in order to keep from potentially cancelling flights and significantly disrupting travel plans for passengers due to Federal Aviation Administration furloughs.
Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/airlines-seek-permission-keep-passengers-225549917.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *April 24, Food Safety News* – (National) **CSPI report lists chicken, ground beef as “riskiest” meats.** According to a new report released by the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington, D.C., chicken and ground beef are ranked highest as far as risk based on their outbreak reports and the likelihood of hospitalizations associated with the pathogens most commonly reported in those foods over the past 12 years. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection responded by reemphasizing the efforts aimed at tackling such pathogens.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/cspi-report-lists-chicken-ground-beef-as-riskiest-meats/#.UXe_SbWkr44
16. *April 23, Food Safety News* – (Minnesota) **Three MN cases added to Salmonella outbreak from live poultry.** Three individuals in Minnesota have reportedly fallen ill with Salmonella Infantis after purchasing ducklings from the Tractor Supply Co. in Inver Grove Heights, in connection to a multistate outbreak involving live poultry.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/three-mn-cases-added-to-salmonella-outbreak-from-live-poultry/#.UXe9RbWkr44>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *April 23, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Millions of gallons of untreated sewage going into Mississippi after pump failure in St. Louis.** Two out of three large lift pumps at the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District treatment plant failed April 21 after they were put into use due to high river levels, allowing 105 million gallons of untreated sewage to flow into the Mississippi River.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/millions-of-gallons-of-untreated-sewage-going-into-mississippi-after/article_0de0ce19-6603-536a-b93b-75b9add341b7.html
18. *April 23, Bethesda Now* – (Maryland; District of Columbia) **Chevy Chase Lake Drive reopens after water main break.** The site of the March 18 break of a main water transmission line in Chevy Chase which downed a power line, trees, and tore up asphalt on the small two-lane road was completely repaired and reopened for use in both directions.
Source: <http://www.bethesdanow.com/2013/04/23/chevy-chase-lake-drive-reopens-after-water-main-break/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *April 23, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **FDA, FBI, raid Tulsa cancer clinic.** Camelot Cancer Center in south Tulsa was temporarily shut down April 23 by the FBI during an

ongoing Federal Drug Administration investigation.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/22057839/tulsa-cancer-clinic-temporarily-shut-down-amid-federal-investigation>

20. *April 23, Hutchinson News* – (Kansas) **Major gas leak results in evacuation of Kan. clinic.** A gas leak prompted the evacuation of Hutchinson Clinic April 22 while firefighters spent about 2 and one half hours clearing the scene.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10926563/major-gas-leak-results-in-evacuation-of-kan-clinic>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *April 24, KWTW 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **OSU-OKC reopens Wednesday following bomb threat.** School officials reopened Oklahoma State University's Oklahoma City campus April 24 after a bomb threat prompted a campus-wide evacuation and cancelled classes April 23.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/22059574/osu-okc-to-reopen-wednesday-following-bomb-threat>
22. *April 24, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **3 miles of Va. Creeper Trail closed by storm damage.** The U.S. Forest Service temporarily shut down a 3-mile section of the Virginia Creeper Trail between Whitetop Station and Green Cove Station due to damage from a storm causing a culvert to give way.
Source: http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/state-regional/ap/miles-of-va-creeper-trail-closed-by-storm-damage/article_b1f5ea52-acbc-11e2-9589-0019bb30f31a.html
23. *April 23, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **City's Web site is hacked twice; no files disturbed.** The city of Norwood had their official Web site hacked into April 19 and April 21 by a hacker angered by an Internet privacy act that recently passed through the U.S. House of Representatives. Officials assured the public that no information was tampered with and the system that was affected was a company the city works with.
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Technology/2013/04/23/City-s-Web-site-is-hacked-twice-no-files-disturbed.html>
24. *April 23, National Parks Traveler* – (Massachusetts) **Restoration work will temporarily close portion of Nauset Bike Path at Cape Cope National Seashore.** A portion of Nauset Bike Path at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts will be closed from April 24 through May 24 for construction during the first of two phases of rehabilitation and safety improvements.
Source: <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2013/04/restoration-work-will-temporarily-close-portion-nauset-bike-path-cape-cod-national-seashore23127>
25. *April 23, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **No power means no classes at Licking Heights High School.** A power outage closed Licking Heights High School April 23 due to a failing ground fault circuit interrupter. Power was restored within an hour but

the school remained closed.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/04/23/Licking-Heights-High-School-power-outage.html>

26. *April 23, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Natural gas leak forces Detroit school evacuation.** Classes at East English Village Preparatory Academy in Detroit were cancelled after students and staff evacuated the building April 23 after a gas leak at a construction site on campus. Classes will resume April 24.

Source:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130423/SCHOOLS/304230444/1361/Natural-gas-leak-forces-Detroit-school-evacuation>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *April 23, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **13 corrections officers indicted in Md., accused of aiding gang's drug scheme.** Thirteen female corrections officer at a Baltimore jail were charged after authorities discovered they were allegedly aiding the leaders of a gang run their criminal enterprise in jail. The guards were among 25 defendants, including inmates and supplies, charged for smuggling in illegal items, racketeering, and drug conspiracy.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/thirteen-correctional-officers-indicted-in-maryland/2013/04/23/6d2cbc14-ac23-11e2-a8b9-2a63d75b5459_story_1.html

28. *April 23, Lexington Herald Leader* – (Kentucky) **Inmate dies after stabbing at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex.** Police and corrections officials charged an inmate at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex with murder after he stabbed and killed a fellow inmate April 21. Authorities are still searching for the shank used during the crime and are continuing to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/04/23/2611853/inmate-dies-after-stabbing-at.html>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *April 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Vernot trojan avoids detection using blogging platform for C&C communications.** Researchers at Trend Micro found a new variant of the Vernot trojan, BKDR_VERNOT.B, which utilizes a blogging platform to disguise its command and control (C&C) traffic.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vernot-Trojan-Avoids-Detection-by-Using-Blogging-Platform-for-C-C-Communications-348123.shtml>

30. *April 24, Softpedia* – (International) **VideoLAN’s downloads section hit by DDoS attack.** A distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against the download infrastructure of VideoLAN began April 23 and continued into April 24, but did not down the site.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/VideoLAN-s-Downloads-Section-Hit-by-DDOS-Attack-4-24-2013-348040.shtml>
31. *April 23, Help Net Security* – (International) **Exploit for recently patched Java flaw added to CrimeBoss exploit kit.** The popular CrimeBoss exploit kit was updated to include a Java exploit that was recently patched to allow the exploit kit to target unpatched systems.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14798>
32. *April 23, SC Magazine* – (International) **Latest Gozi trojan variant comes packaged with rootkit.** The latest version of the Gozi banking malware now includes a difficult to extract rootkit that infects the master boot record (MBR) and injects itself into Internet Explorer upon launch to steal banking information.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/latest-gozi-trojan-variant-comes-packaged-with-rootkit/article/289987/>
33. *April 23, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft re-releases ‘Blue Screen of Death’ patch.** Microsoft reissued a patch that previously crashed some users’ systems and sent the PCs into an endless reboot cycle.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/042313-microsoft-re-releases-39blue-screen-of-269033.html>

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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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *April 24, Fox News* – (Illinois) **5 dead in Illinois shooting; suspect dies after shootout with police.** A suspect entered an apartment in Manchester, killing five

- residents and then leading police on a chase that ended in a shootout and the suspect's death. Three nearby school districts canceled classes while the suspect was at large.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/04/24/5-reportedly-dead-1-in-custody-in-winchester-ill-shooting/>
35. *April 24, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **32 residents displaced by Milpitas apartment fire.** A two-alarm apartment fire in Milpitas April 23 left 32 residents displaced and remained under investigation.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/04/24/32-residents-displaced-by-milpitas-apartment-fire/>
36. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Grand River breaks record levels in State.** Record-high water levels in the Grand River flooded buildings in downtown Grand Rapids and surrounding areas, leading to evacuations.
Source: <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/viewart/20130423/NEWS01/304230032/Grand-River-breaks-record-levels-state>
37. *April 23, KTRE 9 Lufkin* – (Texas) **Lufkin Fire Department HazMat team responds to chlorine spill.** A HAZMAT team from the Lufkin Fire Department worked to contain a pool chemical spill at the Live Well Athletic Club after an employee accidentally punctured a 500-gallon tank with an all-terrain vehicle.
Source: <http://www.ktre.com/story/22053376/lufkin-fire-department-hazmat-team-responds-to-chlorine-spill>
38. *April 23, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **4 devices cleared at Waterford Lakes in Orange County; area reopens.** An Orange County shopping mall was closed to the public for several hours as the county's bomb squad removed four suspicious devices.
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/central-florida/orange-county/4-devices-cleared-at-Waterford-Lakes-in-Orange-County-area-reopens/-/12978032/19858396/-/1bcsy2/-/index.html>
39. *April 23, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Chemical mix forces Lincolnshire hotel evacuation.** Five fire departments responded to and evacuated a hotel and theatre when two chemicals being mixed in a Marriott kitchen caused breathing problems for occupants.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/22053889/fire-crews-respond-to-hazmat-in-lincolnshire-hotel#axzz2ROOpATkG>
40. *April 23, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Fire victim alerts neighbors to apartment fire.** A heater motor in a Spring Hill apartment building's laundry room caused a fire which ultimately left four units uninhabitable and caused \$150,000 in smoke, water, and fire damage.
Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/fire-victim-alerts-neighbors-to-apartment-fire

41. *April 23, West End Alexandria Patch* – (Virginia) **Alexandria man pleads guilty to skimming \$1.4 million in parking fees.** A parking lot manager at the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to steal \$1,383,195 through a fraud scheme from 2009 to 2012.
Source: <http://westendalexandria.patch.com/articles/alexandria-man-pleads-guilty-to-skimming-14-million-in-parking-fees>
42. *April 21, TMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **High rise apartment fire on East Side.** A sixth floor apartment fire on Milwaukee's East Side left \$150,000 in damages and prompted a building evacuation.
Source: <http://www.todaystmj4.com/news/local/203982621.html>

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