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- The California Public Utilities Commission recommended that Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pay a record \$2.25 billion fine for its negligence leading to a fatal 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- An official at a Venezuelan state-owned development bank and two employees of a Miami brokerage were charged in federal court for an alleged bribery and kickbacks scheme. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [6](#))
- A consortium of academic researchers, beekeepers, and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists announced that multiple factors caused nearly one in three commercial honeybee colonies in the United States to die or disappear last winter, threatening the nation's food supply. – *Wired* (See item [16](#))
- Centurylink reported an electronic routing system caused a 9 hour outage of their Internet and phone services which affected one million customers across 21 States. – *WXOW 19 La Crosse* (See item [36](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *May 8, Associated Press* – (Utah) **1 dead, 2 injured in eastern Utah oil field blast.** A Newfield Exploration Company owned storage tank exploded in an eastern Utah oil field, leaving one person dead and 2 others injured.  
Source: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/articles/1-dead-2-injured-in-eastern-utah-oil-field-blast/>
2. *May 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites AmeriGas Propane L.P. in Conroe, Texas, for exposing workers to safety hazards; proposed fines total \$105,000.** After a November 2012 fire at a Conroe plant that left 7 workers injured, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited AmeriGas Propane L.P. for 21 serious violations and a proposed fine of \$105,000. The plant's inspection was expanded to include the national emphasis program on Process Safety Management Covered Chemical Facilities.  
Source: [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=24024](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24024)
3. *May 6, Associated Press* – (California) **PUC recommends record fine of \$2.25B against PG&E in San Bruno pipeline explosion.** The California Public Utilities Commission recommended that Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) pay a record \$2.25 billion fine for its negligence leading to a fatal 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno. The penalty, the largest ever assessed by a State regulator, comes after the National Transportation Safety Board unanimously agreed that accident was caused by a series of failures from PG&E, in conjunction with weak oversight by regulators.  
Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2013/05/06/37152/san-bruno-pipeline-explosion-2-25b-fine-against-pa/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to Report

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Millstone seeks US OK for warmer LI Sound water.** The Millstone Power Station nuclear power plant in Waterford is seeking U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval to use water from Long Island Sound at up to 80 degrees Fahrenheit to operate its two reactors after it was shut down for nearly 2 weeks in 2012 when water temperatures became too high for permitted use.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP2788b3eb70aa499ba17a1945f58c8777.html>

5. *May 7, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Wisconsin nuclear reactor ends nearly 40 years of generating power.** The Kewaunee Power Station in Carlton stopped generating power and entered cool-down mode May 7 in preparation for decommissioning.  
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/business/wisconsin-nuclear-reactor-ends-nearly-40-years-of-generating-power-219s5va-206527951.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *May 8, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Venezuelan bank official charged in U.S. in bribe scheme.** An official at Venezuelan state-owned development bank Banco de Desarrollo Economico y Social de Venezuela (BANDES) and two employees of Miami brokerage Direct Access Partners (DAP) were charged in federal court for an alleged scheme where the DAP employees bribed the BANDES official to steer business to DAP. The three allegedly split more than \$60 million in mark-ups and mark-downs among themselves.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-05-07/venezuelan-offical-u-s-broker-dealers-charged-in-bribe-scheme.html>
7. *May 7, Santa Monica Mirror* – (California) **Cops bus high end liquor thieves who used fraudulent credit cards.** Santa Monica police arrested two individuals wanted in Beverly Hills and Los Angeles for allegedly running a fraudulent credit card scheme that caused over \$200,000 in losses.  
Source: <http://www.smmirror.com/articles/News/Cops-Bust-High-End-Liquor-Thieves-Who-Used-Fraudulent-Credit-Cards/37484>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *May 8, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Montana) **Company to settle Clean**

**Water Act violations from gas spill near lake.** Keller Transportation Inc. agreed to pay penalties totaling \$83,500 to settle Clean Water Act claims related to a 2008 tanker truck spill approximately 500 feet from the shores of Flathead Lake and within the exterior boundaries of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation in Lake County.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/e83bc0975caaa55a85257b640068a410%21OpenDocument>

9. *May 8, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Left lane on WB I-76 reopens after shortening spill near I-676.** Interstate 76 westbound was closed between 30th Street and the Vine Street Expressway in University City for several hours May 8 while crews attempted to clear spillage from an accident involving a tractor-trailer.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9094403>
10. *May 8, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Accident at Philips Highway at St. Augustine Road blocked lanes Wednesday morning.** An accident closed lanes in both directions on Philips Highway just south of St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville for over 3 hours May 8.  
Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2013-05-08/story/accident-blocks-philips-highway-st-augustine-road>
11. *May 8, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **Tractor-trailer driver injured in I-295 crash in Florence.** A tractor-trailer collided with a car on the northbound side of Interstate 295 near the Exit 52A interchange with Columbus Road in Florence, causing the trailer to spill diesel fuel on the highway. Authorities closed the right lane and shoulder of the highway for several hours to clean up the spillage.  
Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington\\_county\\_times\\_news/tractor-trailer-involved-in-serious-accident-on-i--in/article\\_b493b070-a048-580f-99c6-081da9040a14.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/tractor-trailer-involved-in-serious-accident-on-i--in/article_b493b070-a048-580f-99c6-081da9040a14.html)
12. *May 8, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Two injured in crash on Highway 36.** Authorities shut down U.S. Highway 36 westbound in St. Joseph for several hours after two vehicles collided and caused one vehicle to roll down the side of the highway.  
Source: [http://stjoechannel.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=342372](http://stjoechannel.com/fulltext?nxd_id=342372)
13. *May 8, TCPalm.com* – (Florida) **Fatal accident on Oslo Road in Indian River County kills one person Tuesday night.** A fatal accident on Oslo Road in Indian River County caused lanes to be closed for more than 3 hours May 7.  
Source: [http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region\\_indian\\_river\\_county/fatal-accident-on-oslo-road-in-indian-river-county-kills-one-person-tuesday-night](http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_indian_river_county/fatal-accident-on-oslo-road-in-indian-river-county-kills-one-person-tuesday-night)
14. *May 8, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Work continues at site of train-semi collision.** A collision between a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train and a semi-truck carrying anhydrous ammonia prompted authorities to close a section of U.S. Highway

12 in Murdock for several hours. The collision injured four people, caused anhydrous ammonia to leak from the tanker, and a local elementary school to be evacuated.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f188bb546d1b475c9f8a466dac5803c7/MN--Train-Semi-Collision>

15. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Power outage disrupts Portland transit trains.** Portland's light rail service was disrupted for around 3 hours May 5 due to power outages.

Source: [http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Power-outage-disrupts-Portland-transit-trains-4491496.php&utm\\_source=feedly](http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Power-outage-disrupts-Portland-transit-trains-4491496.php&utm_source=feedly)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

16. *May 8, Wired.com* – (National) **One-third of U.S. honeybee colonies died last winter, threatening food supply.** A consortium of academic researchers, beekeepers, and U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists announced that multiple factors caused nearly one in three commercial honeybee colonies in the United States to die or disappear last winter. The research revealed an unsustainable decline that threatens the nation's food supply.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2013/05/winter-honeybee-losses/>

17. *May 8, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Mercury reaches unsafe levels in Gulf Fish from Texas Coast.** The Texas Department of State Health Services issued a consumption advisory warning which recommends that individuals limit their consumption of fish from all waters off the Texas coast after tests indicated high mercury levels.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/mercury-levels-in-gulf-fish-off-texas-unsafe-for-much-eating/#.UYo3OLWkr44>

18. *May 7, Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (California) **California firm recalls ready-to-eat smoked pork sausage products produced without the benefit of inspection.** Approximately 200 pounds of ready-to-eat smoked pork sausage products were recalled by Tibor's Gourmet because they were produced without the benefit of federal inspection.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_033\\_2013\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_033_2013_Release/index.asp)

19. *May 6, Reuters* – (National) **Rain, snow stall U.S. corn planting; pace slowest in 29 years.** According to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. farmers have planted just 12 percent of their intended corn acres, the slowest pace since 1984, because planting was stalled by rain and late-season snow.

Source: <http://www.trust.org/item/20130506231923-d6eyw>

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## Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *May 7, Hendersonville Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Rainfall causes 3,700-gallon wastewater spill.** Heavy rainfall caused 3,700 gallons of wastewater to spill from three Hendersonville manholes, leading to mudslides which closed area roadways.

Source:

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20130507/ARTICLES/130509888/1042/NEWS?Title=Rainfall-causes-3-700-gallon-wastewater-spill>

21. *May 7, Lexington Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **13,471 gallons of wastewater spill in Thomasville due to heavy rain.** Over 13,000 gallons of untreated wastewater flowed from the East Davidson Pump Station into South Hamby Creek in the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin in the City of Thomasville May 5, after heavy rainfall caused a spill. The Division of Water Quality is reviewing the matter.

Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130507/News/305079969/-1/sports?Title=13-471-gallons-of-wastewater-spill-in-Thomasville-due-to-heavy-rain>

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## Healthcare and Public Health Sector

22. *May 8, KOKI 23 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Eufaula hospital phone lines down during explosion.** Epic Medical Center in Eufaula lost indoor phone service May 6 after a nearby explosion at a sandblasting plant. Service was restored May 7.

Source: <http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/Eufaula-hospital-phone-lines-down-during-explosion/3OQYTq-x9kiDXFYhw1vYWQ.csp>

23. *May 7, Health IT Security* – (North Carolina) **X-ray film scam exposes 17k patients to possible data breach.** Officials from the Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic in North Carolina notified over 17,000 patients of a potential data breach as a result of a third-party vendor's illicit activities. The clinic hired the vendor to transfer x-ray films into electronic format but the vendor sold the films to a recycling company in Ohio that harvested the films for its silver.

Source: <http://healthitsecurity.com/2013/05/07/x-ray-film-scam-exposes-17k-patients-to-possible-data-breach/>

24. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Idaho senior center cited for safety violations.** Four Seasons Assisted Living Coeur d'Alene was cited by federal regulators for failing to provide workers with vital vaccinations or protect them from injuries, as well as failing to use syringes that have built-in protection mechanisms. The assisted living center faces fines up to \$19,000.

Source: <http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/Idaho-senior-center-cited-for-safety-violations--206456131.html>

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## Government Facilities Sector

25. *May 7, Associated Press* – (California) **Big southern California fire 95 percent contained.** Firefighters reached 95 percent containment on the Camarillo wildfire that scorched close to 44 square miles and left several buildings damaged. Authorities worked to clean up the remaining hot ground and smoldering hotspots.  
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/may/07/big-southern-california-fire-90-percent/>
26. *May 7, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Soda bottle blast causes scare.** A maintenance worker was injured May 7 after throwing away a two-liter bottle that exploded once it hit the trash bin after he picked it up from the lawn of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Rousseau Dorm. Authorities evacuated the dorm while they conducted an inspection.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Exploding-bottles-lead-to-RPI-evacuations-4495826.php>
27. *May 7, Porterville Recorder* – (California) **125 acres consumed in wildland fire.** Firefighters spent several hours containing a fire that burned 125 acres along Success Valley Drive in Porterville May 6.  
Source: <http://www.recorderonline.com/articles/wildland-56985-acres-burned.html>
28. *May 7, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Tulsa's Lindbergh Elementary School evacuated to due gas leak.** Crews worked to repair a gas leak reported in the boiler room at Lindbergh Elementary School in Tulsa after officials evacuated students and dismissed classes May 7.  
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/22185804/tulasas-lindbergh-elementary-school-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

29. *May 8, Softpedia* – (Florida) **Former Florida state corrections officer pleads guilty to identity theft.** An officer of the South Florida Reception Center pleaded guilty to charges after he attempted to sell the personal information of about 805 inmates in order to file fraudulent tax returns to an FBI source in exchange for \$9,600.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Former-Florida-State-Corrections-Officer-Pleads-Guilty-to-Identity-Theft-351626.shtml>
30. *May 7, Arizona Republic; KPNX 12 Mesa* – (Arizona) **Burst pipe in Pinal center forces 911 dispatchers to relocate.** The Pinal County Emergency Operations Centers in Florence was evacuated and dispatchers were temporarily relocated after a water pipe burst damaging equipment and the building.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/pinal/articles/20130507burst-pipe-pinal->



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## **Information Technology Sector**

31. *May 8, Softpedia* – (International) **OpUSA: Fake leaks, small website defacements, and “pedestrian” DDOS attacks.** The “OpUSA” campaign of attacks against U.S. Web sites organized by various groups claiming the Anonymous label appears to have caused only minor damage or disruption, according to researchers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/OpUSA-Fake-Leaks-Small-Website-Defacements-and-Pedestrian-DDOS-Attacks-351613.shtml>
32. *May 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **Stealthy Web server malware spreads further.** The Linux/Cdorked malware found infecting Apache Web servers continues to spread via an unknown means, with new versions found that are engineered for widely-used Lighttpd and NGINX servers.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9239003/Stealthy\\_Web\\_server\\_malware\\_spreads\\_further](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9239003/Stealthy_Web_server_malware_spreads_further)
33. *May 8, Threatpost* – (International) **Old IE attack finds its way into Cool Exploit Kit.** Microsoft reported that the Cool Exploit Kit has been updated to include an Internet Explorer (IE) vulnerability that was patched in June 2012, as well as Adobe Reader and Flash vulnerabilities.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/old-ie-attack-finds-its-way-into-cool-exploit-kit/>
34. *May 7, The H* – (International) **NGINX patches major security flaw.** The developers of NGINX released updated stable and development versions, closing a major security vulnerability that can allow arbitrary code execution.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/NGINX-patches-major-security-flaw-1858438.html>
35. *May 7, The H* – (International) **Hackers gain access to all .edu domains.** The Hack the Planet (HTP) hacker group disclosed vulnerabilities in the MoinMoin wiki system and Adobe Cold Fusion that the group used in past attacks against Linode and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Hackers-gain-access-to-all-edu-domains-1858471.html>



## 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

36. *May 7, WXOW 19 La Crosse* – (Wisconsin) **Centurylink outages resolved.** Centurylink reported an electronic routing system caused a 9 hour outage of their Internet and phone services which affected one million customers across 21 States. Source: <http://www.wxow.com/story/22183439/2013/05/07/centurylink-has-outages-across-the-country>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *May 7, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **16 residents evacuated due to fire, more crews called to scene after 2 hours.** Firefighters spent nearly 5 hours controlling a gas-fed fire that started in an antique store located on the first floor of a building which spread to upstairs apartments and forced the evacuation of residents and nearby homes. Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/antique-store-apartments-evacuated-due-to-gas-fire>
38. *May 6, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **3 people injured in fire at large San Jose apartment complex.** Between 150 and 200 residents of a San Jose large apartment complex evacuated the building after multiple smoke alarms went off from a fire in the garage under the apartment buildings. Three residents suffered injuries and two vehicles were damaged as the blaze was confined to the garage. Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_23180624/3-people-injured-fire-at-large-san-jose](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_23180624/3-people-injured-fire-at-large-san-jose)
39. *May 6, West Hollywood Patch* – (California) **Bomb scare evacuated Grafton Hotel.** Four unattended trash bags in the lobby of the Grafton on Sunset Hotel led hotel management to evacuate 50 guests and caused sheriff's deputies to close a portion of Sunset Boulevard for nearly 3 hours to investigate the threat before deeming the bags harmless. Source: <http://westhollywood.patch.com/articles/bomb-scare-evacuates-grafton-hotel>

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