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- Around 20,000 homes and businesses in Granbury, Texas, lost power after tornadoes formed in the area, destroying structures and leaving at least 6 dead and dozens injured. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- A seizure of funds tied to Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox was ordered by the U.S. District Court in Maryland for allegedly engaging in currency trading without being registered as a money transmitting business. – *IDG News Wire* (See item [9](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *May 16, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Tank ruptures, leaks chemical into southeast Houston gully.** A ruptured tank from a biodiesel facility leaked chemicals into a nearby gully in southeast Houston. The extent of the leak was unknown, but officials began cleaning and were investigating the cause of the rupture.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=9104621>
2. *May 16, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire, possible explosion at Susquehanna gas compressor station thought to be accidental, remains under investigation.** A May 14 fire at a Williams Partners LP gas compressor station in Brooklyn Township is still under investigation and officials said the station will remain in complete shutdown until operations can resume safely.
Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/fire-possible-explosion-at-susquehanna-gas-compressor-station-thought-to-be-accidental-remains-under-investigation-1.1489789>
3. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas tornado winds believed to be up to 200mph.** Around 20,000 homes and businesses in Granbury lost power after tornadoes formed in the area, destroying structures and leaving at least 6 dead and dozens injured.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/22266798/at-least-6-confirmed-dead-in-texas-tornado>
4. *May 15, Easton Express-Times – LehighValleyLive.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Portland Generating Station to shut down coal-fired units several months early after lawsuit is settled, owner says.** The Portland Generating Station in Upper Mount Bethel Township will shut down their coal-fired units 6 months early after NRG Energy settled a lawsuit with New Jersey and Connecticut regarding an alleged lack of compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. The lawsuit settled accusations that the plant was giving off pollutants at levels that were unhealthy for residents.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/index.ssf/2013/05/portland_generating_station_to.html
5. *May 15, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency News* – (Washington) **EPA issues order to protect Yakama Nation drinking water.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, protected the drinking water on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington by ordering two gas stations in Wapato and White Swan to properly shut down their underground injection wells by June 30 and July 31. The two gas stations also face penalties for violating the Safe Drinking Water Act.
Source: <http://www.kimatv.com/news/local/EPA-issues-order-to-protect-Yakama-Nation-drinking-water-207587331.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *May 16, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Richland nuclear plant oversight returns to routine level.** The Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant near Richland exited a period of increased U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspections that began in 2011 after faulty radiation dosage calculations were discovered.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2013/05/16/2396679/richland-nuclear-plant-oversight.html>

7. *May 15, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Regulators: Minor tritium leak at SC nuclear plant.** The Catawba Nuclear Station in York County reported a minor leak of contaminated water from a pipe carrying water from a turbine pump. The level of tritium released was less than half the safe drinking water limit.

Source: http://www.heraldstandard.com/united_states_ap/regulators-minor-tritium-leak-at-sc-nuclear-plant/article_950f4fa2-5e3d-5475-a844-09c5ea13b7eb.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

8. *May 16, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Feds: Detroit business paying with crack instead of cash.** The owners of the Big C Tire Shop in Detroit were charged with cashing \$100,000 in counterfeit Post Office paychecks. Federal investigators also reported that the shop distributed drugs to employees.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/feds-detroit-business-paying-with-crack-instead-of-cash/-/1719418/20163870/-/1uof01/-/index.html>

9. *May 15, IDG News Service* – (International) **Mt. Gox accused of violating US money transfer regulations.** The U.S. District Court in Maryland ordered the seizure of funds

tied to Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox for allegedly engaging in currency trading without being registered as a money transmitting business.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/051613-mt-gox-accused-of-violating-269824.html>

10. *May 15, KESQ 2 Palm Springs* – (California) **Hundreds of Valley customers' banking information compromised.** A man was arrested for allegedly installing a skimming device at an ATM in La Quinte and creating fraudulent access cards with the data.

Source: <http://www.kesq.com/cbs/hundreds-of-valley-customers-banking-information-compromised/-/10886692/20169668/-/jvu8qez/-/index.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

11. *May 16, WBAL 1090AM Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Man finds explosive in his mailbox.** Bomb technicians spent nearly 5 hours determining how to safely remove a pipe bomb found May 15 in a mailbox in Taneytown.

Source: <http://www.wbal.com/article/99841/3/template-story/Man-Finds-Explosive-In-His-Mailbox>

12. *May 16, Livingston County News* – (New York) **6 injured in Route 63 crash.** A head-on collision prompted authorities to close a 10 mile stretch of Route 63 between Livingston and Genesee counties for nearly 2 hours.

Source: <http://thelcn.com/2013/05/15/route-63-reopens-after-serious-crash/>

13. *May 15, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Eastbound lanes of I-64 reopen in South Charleston after accident.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 64 in South Charleston were closed for nearly 3 hours after a motorcycle crashed into two vehicles.

Source: http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Eastbound-Lanes-of-I-64-in-Charleston-Closed-After-Accident-207528891.html#.UZTV_rWkr44

14. *May 15, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Northbound M-53 reopens in Sterling Heights after semi rollover accident.** A rollover accident involving a semi-truck closed a stretch of northbound M-53 in Sterling Heights for several hours.

Source: http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/region/macomb_county/northbound-m-53-closed-in-sterling-heights-because-of-a-rollover-accident

15. *May 15, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **N. Aurora woman died after crash with garbage truck: Geneva police.** A fatal accident in which a car collided with a dump truck closed Fabyan Parkway between Raddant Road and Route 25 in Geneva for about 5 hours.

Source:

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/suburbs/batavia_geneva_st_charles/chi-woman-killed-in-collision-with-garbage-truck-in-batavia-20130515,0,3313454.story

16. *May 15, KPVI 6 Pocatello* – (Idaho) **ISP identifies woman killed in Power Co. crash.** Traffic was diverted off Idaho Highway 39 in Power County for several hours after a semi-truck collided with another vehicle.
Source: http://www.kpvi.com/content/news/local/story/Update-ISP-Identifies-Semi-Truck-Driver-Woman/5foIFFW0-UuZs_gDaA0JGA.csp
17. *May 15, Davidson County Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **Interstate 85 North reopens after tanker accident.** An accident involving a tanker truck closed all lanes of Interstate 85 North in Thomasville near Exit 104 for about 3 hours.
Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130515/NEWS/130519973/-1/sports?Title=Tanker-accident-closes-lane-of-Interstate-85-in-Thomasville>
18. *May 15, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Highway 19 reopened after storm damage.** Westbound lanes of Highway 19 between Thompson Road and Charlotte's Way in Dane County were closed for nearly 24 hours after a storm damaged numerous utility poles which briefly knocked out power to around 1,800 Alliant Energy customers.
Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/highway-reopened-after-storm-damage/article_bc8ac92c-31bf-58e5-b3c2-778d11dfe161.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

19. *May 15, WTVD 11 Raleigh-Durham* – (North Carolina) **Salmonella outbreak spreads in Fayetteville.** The Cumberland County Health Director reported close to 100 people may have been exposed to salmonella from restaurants in the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=9102354>
20. *May 14, Mason City Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **Liquid Nitrogen spill reported at Coulter ag supply business.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources reported an estimated 800 gallons of 28 percent liquid nitrogen fertilizer spilled at a Franklin County farm supply facility in Coulter. Around 650 gallons reached a tile inlet that drains into Maynes Creek, a drainage ditch on the south side of town.
Source: http://globegazette.com/news/local/liquid-nitrogen-spill-reported-at-coulter-ag-supply-business/article_cc329d08-bcd3-11e2-a766-0019bb2963f4.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *May 15, Fallbrook Village News* – (California) **33,000 gallons of sewage spill into Fallbrook's Ostrich Creek.** Officials reported an estimated total of 33,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Ostrich Creek in Fallbrook from a lift station over several hours after a force main ruptured May 15.

Source: <http://www.thevillagenews.com/story/71068/>

22. *May 15, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Water main break floods busy Tulsa intersection.** Repairs to a water main break at a busy intersection in Tulsa were expected to be completed May 16, after thousands of gallons of water spilled per minute and covered the road.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/22265142/water-main-break-floods-busy-tulsa-intersection>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. *May 15, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **LSU Health: Personal information of 8,300 patients unintentionally released.** A database error on Siemens Healthcare, of Malvern, Pennsylvania's computer led to the disclosure of personal health information of 8,330 Louisiana State University (LSU) Health patients. LSU Health notified patients May 15 of the contractor's slip and assured that no Social Security numbers or financial information was disclosed.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/22265674/lsu-health-personal-information-of-8300-patients-unintentionally-released>

24. *May 15, WSOC-TV 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Hospital says credit card information for 2K patients possibly compromised.** Piedmont HealthCare in Statesville will notify close to 2,000 patients of a potential data breach after they discovered E-dreamz, a Web site hosting company they utilized for bill payments online, was compromised. The hospital said credit card information may have been exposed as well as patients' personal information but not medical information.

Source: <http://www.wsoc.tv/news/news/local/hospital-says-credit-card-information-2k-patients-nXsCT/>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *May 16, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Grand Fire burns 3,500 acres in Frazier Park.** Firefighters reached 15 percent containment May 16 of the Grand Fire that burned over 3,500 acres in the Frazier Park area. Hungry Valley Park and Piru Creek Campground were evacuated and the Frazier Mountain High School was closed.

Source: <http://ktla.com/2013/05/16/brush-fire-burning-in-frazier-park-evacuations-ordered/#axzz2TSx3c9hD>

26. *May 16, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Township's fifth bomb threat this year**

- causes Alexandria Middle School evacuation.** Alexandria Middle School in Alexandria Township was evacuated for nearly 3 hours after a bomb threat was written on a bathroom wall. The threat, the fifth in the township for 2013, was unfounded after police conducted a search.
Source: http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2013/05/second_bomb_threat_at_alexandr.html
27. *May 16, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Power outage closes West Bloomfield schools today.** West Bloomfield District schools were closed May 16 after a power outage. DTE Energy Co. crews were working on restoring service.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20130516/NEWS05/305160123/Power-outage-West-Bloomfield-schools-closed>
28. *May 16, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Multiple Center High School employees placed on administrative leave during embezzlement investigation.** School district officials confirmed multiple employees at Center High School in Antelope were placed on administrative leave during an ongoing investigation for possible embezzlement of money raised by students and managed by staff.
Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/245287/2/School-employees-accused-of-embezzling-student-funds>
29. *May 16, Zanesville Times Recorder* – (Ohio) **Meadowbrook High School evacuated for bomb threat.** Students and staff were evacuated from Meadowbrook High School in Byesville for 4 hours after a student turned in a handwritten bomb threat. Police searched the school and gave the all-clear after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20130515/NEWS01/305150020/Meadowbrook-High-School-evacuated-bomb-threat>
30. *May 15, Miami News Record* – (Oklahoma) **Power outages hit NEO campus.** Offices were closed at Oklahoma's Northeastern A&M College May 15 and May 16 for repairs after an aging feeder gave out, resulting in a power failure.
Source: http://www.miamiok.com/news/article_539b0de3-c439-5fa1-9031-a85896c4a1b4.html

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *May 15, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **13 Cleveland firefighters indicted for theft, soliciting.** Thirteen Cleveland firefighters were charged after an investigation uncovered they were paying co-workers to work unauthorized shifts that were assigned to them from 2006 through 2010. At minimum each firefighter failed to work 2,000 hours of their scheduled time, while still accumulating sick leave, vacation time, clothing allowance, and pension money.
Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/299756/33/13-Cleveland-firefighters-indicted-for-theft-soliciting>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *May 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **Researchers reveal OpUSA attackers' MO.** Trend Micro researchers analyzed attacks in the recent OpUSA campaign and found that attackers compromised some sites ahead of time with compromised URLs.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14918>
33. *May 16, The H* – (International) **Exploit for local Linux kernel bug in circulation.** A Linux kernel bug not previously addressed as a security issue affects some versions of Linux by allowing access to almost any memory area.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Exploit-for-local-Linux-kernel-bug-in-circulation-Update-1863892.html>
34. *May 15, Threatpost* – (International) **PushDo malware resurfaces with DGA capabilities.** The PushDo trojan associated with the Cutwail botnet was found to now incorporate a domain generation algorithm (DGA) to avoid detection and increase resiliency.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/pushdo-malware-resurfaces-with-dga-capabilities/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

35. *May 16, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Cell phone service outages reported across eastern Iowa.** Service was partially restored to people that experienced Internet and/or cell phone service outages in several Iowa cities. A cut fiber optic cable in central Iowa was the cause of the outages and impacted customers with Mediacom telephone and Internet service as well as U.S. Cellular customers.
Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Some-Cedar-Rapids-area-Cell-Phone-Towers-Offline-207645021.html>
36. *May 15, WFMY 2 Greensboro* – (North Carolina) **Phone outages might affect 911 service in SE Alamance County.** AT&T customers in southeastern Alamance County experienced phone outages which affected emergency services for landline customers. Authorities are investigating the cause of the outage and do not have an estimated time for restoration of services.
Source: <http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/284872/57/SE-Alamance-Co->

Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *May 16, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **\$4 million in structure damage after Forest Place Apts. fire.** Firefighters are still investigating the cause of a fire at the three 3-story Forest Place Apartments in Little Rock which led to \$4 million in structural damage and \$600,000 in content damage.
Source: <http://www.thv11.com/news/article/265278/2/Early-morning-fire-at-Forest-Place-Apartments>
38. *May 16, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (West Virginia) **Fire engulfs apartment building in Martinsburg.** A short circuit in electrical wiring caused a May 15 apartment fire at the Fairlawn Garden Apartments in Martinsburg, which left 16 apartments damaged and sent two people to the hospital.
Source: http://your4state.com/fulltext?nxd_id=308832
39. *May 15, MyCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Woodbridge Center security guard charged with bomb threat to mall's kiddie play area.** A security guard was arrested and charged May 15 after making a bomb threat which targeted the Woodbridge Center Mall's children's play area where he worked, prompting the mall's evacuation May 14.
Source:
http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20130515/NJNEWS14/305150036/Woodbridge-Center-security-guard-charged-bomb-threat-mall-s-kiddie-play-area?nclick_check=1
40. *May 15, Associated Press* – (California) **Los Angeles Apt. evacuated after explosives found.** A traffic stop which resulted in the discovery of a gun, narcotics, and explosive materials in a man's car led to a consented search of the man's Los Angeles apartment and the discovery of potentially explosive devices prompting an evacuation of four buildings and the sealing off of several blocks as the bomb squad conducted an investigation.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10943511/los-angeles-apt-evacuated-after-explosives-found>
41. *May 15, WLUK 11 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Candle causes Sheboygan apartment fire.** A Sheboygan apartment was destroyed and 3 others suffered smoke damage after a candle caused a fire and \$100,000 in estimated damages.
Source: <http://www.fox11online.com/dpp/news/local/lakeshore/candle-causes-sheboygan-apartment-fire-tuesday-may-14-2013>
42. *May 15, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Apartment fire on North Third Street in Bismarck.** An 18-unit apartment fire at the Norma in downtown Bismarck caused the evacuation of surrounding buildings along with \$500,000 of estimated damages to units on two floors. Ten residents were temporarily displaced while authorities worked to repair damages.

Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/bismarck/apartment-fire-on-north-third-street-in-bismarck/article_36a3eeb4-bd81-11e2-9880-0019bb2963f4.html

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