



Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 20 May 2013

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- A resident of Canby, Oregon, was charged with allegedly operating a \$50 million securities fraud scheme involving a property under development. – *Associated Press*(See item [9](#))
- A multi-agency investigation led to 33 suspects being charged with running an accident staging fraud ring in the West Palm Beach, Florida area that billed insurers for more than \$20 million. – *WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* (See item [10](#))
- Preliminary results indicated that two letters sent to a downtown Spokane, Washington Post Office were laced with ricin. – *Northwest Cable News* (See item [16](#))
- The Wisconsin governor declared a state of emergency following the Germann Road Fire, which burned over 9,000 acres in Bayfield and Douglas counties. – *Eau Claire Leader Telegram* (See item [30](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 17, Towanda Daily Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Penelec investigates outages.** Penelec officials released a statement highlighting their full-scaled investigation into the cause and effect of recent power outages which had been caused by equipment malfunctions or a switch failure which affected over 20,000 customers in several counties May 8 and May 14.
Source: <http://thedailyreview.com/news/penelec-investigates-outages-1.1490620>
2. *May 16, Legal Newsline Legal Journal* – (Connecticut; New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Conn. AG announces settlement with coal-burning plant.** The owners of a Pennsylvania power plant reached a settlement with the Connecticut Attorney General's office and will pay \$1 million in environmental mitigation in Connecticut and New Jersey after a lawsuit challenged the emissions from two coal-fired generating units at an eastern Pennsylvania generating station which allegedly violated the federal Clean Air Act.
Source: <http://legalnewsline.com/issues/global-warming/241625-conn-ag-announces-settlement-with-coal-burning-plant>
3. *May 16, Santa Barbara Independent* – (California) **EDC reaches major clean water settlement targeting pollution from oil and gas field in coastal Ventura County.** A subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation reached an agreement with the Environmental Defense Center to improve stormwater runoff from the Rincon Grubb oil field as well as provide warning and additional water quality testing for hydraulic fracturing. The settlement also requires a dedication of \$95,700 to the Northern Ventura County Coast Watershed Fund for the mitigation of pollutants to coastal watersheds.
Source: <http://www.independent.com/news/2013/may/16/edc-reaches-major-clean-water-settlement-targeting/>
4. *May 16, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana, Texas) **South Shreveport area residents cope with damage, no power post-storm.** High winds and storms in parts of northwest Louisiana and Texas left nearly 20,000 without power with some areas receiving power within hours of the outage.
Source: http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20130516/NEWS01/305160029/South-Shreveport-area-residents-cope-damage-no-power-post-storm&utm_source=feedly
5. *May 16, Fort Bragg Patch* – (North Carolina) **Two men arrested in Duke Energy copper wire theft.** Cumberland County Sheriff's detectives arrested two men and charged them with stealing 150 feet of copper grounding wire with a value of \$10,000 after the two men allegedly removed the wire from a substation owned by Duke Energy.
Source: <http://fortbragg.patch.com/articles/two-men-arrested-in-duke-energy-copper-wire-theft>

6. *May 16, Annapolis Patch* – (Maryland) **1,200 feet of copper wire, chainsaws stolen from construction sites.** Two roles of copper wire totaling approximately 1,200 feet and with an unreported value were stolen from a construction site May 14.
Source: <http://annapolis.patch.com/articles/annapolis-crime-1-200-feet-of-copper-wire-chainsaws-stolen-from-construction-sites>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *May 16, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Shearon Harris nuclear plant shut down because of cracking.** The Shearon Harris nuclear power plant in Wake County shut down May 15 after its operators discovered early indications of corrosion and cracking in a reactor vessel.
Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/05/16/2897074/shearon-harris-shut-down-because.html>
8. *May 16, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Reactor shutdowns prompt inspection at Turkey Point.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that the Turkey Point nuclear power plant will undergo additional oversight after three unplanned reactor shutdowns in February and March.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/05/16/3400867/reactor-shutdowns-prompt-inspections.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

9. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Man charged in \$50M securities fraud case.** A resident of Canby was charged with allegedly operating a \$50 million securities fraud scheme where he promised a lien on a property with the option to foreclose, but instead conveyed a lesser interest.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_23258714/man-charged-50m-securities-fraud-case
10. *May 16, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Insurance fraud ring busted, Operation Sledgehammer leads to dozens of arrests.** A multi-agency investigation led to 33 suspects being charged with running an accident staging fraud ring in the West Palm Beach area that billed insurers for more than \$20 million.
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/insurance-fraud-ring-busted-operation-sledgehammer-leads-to-dozens-of-arrests>
11. *May 16, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **‘Mesh Mask Bandit’ strikes again, at a bank in Garland.** The man known as the “Mesh Mask Bandit” was suspected of robbing a bank in Garland May 15, the 19th robbery attributed to the suspect.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/05/16/4863448/mesh-mask-bandit-strikes-again.html>
12. *May 15, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **FDIC sues CEO of failed bank over \$48M in losses from risky loans.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation filed a lawsuit against the former executives and directors of the failed Peninsula Bank. The lawsuit seeks \$48 million for their alleged negligence that led to the bank’s collapse.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/news/2013/05/16/fdic-sues-ceo-of-failed-bank-over-48m.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

13. *May 17, WRC-TV 4 Washington, DC* – (Virginia) **Interstate 95 reopens in Stafford County.** An accident involving an overturned tractor-trailer which resulted in a chemical spill prompted authorities to shut down a section of Interstate 95 southbound in Stafford County for about 6 hours.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Four-Interstate-95-Lanes-Shut-Down-in-Stafford-County-207846131.html>
14. *May 17, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **1 charged with DWI in South Boulevard.** Downed power lines snarled traffic and closed lanes on South Boulevard at Hebron Street in Charlotte for several hours.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/05/17/4046871/traffic-snarled-lanes-closed-on.html>
15. *May 17, News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Woman killed after getting hit by truck on**

Orange Blossom Trail. A fatal accident involving a pedestrian prompted authorities to close the Orange Blossom Trail highway at the intersection of Winifred Avenue in Orange County for several hours.

Source:

http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2013/5/17/deadly_accident_on_o.html

16. *May 16, Northwest Cable News* – (Washington) **Suspicious letters mailed to Spokane post office laced with Ricin.** Preliminary results indicated that two letters sent to a downtown Spokane Post Office were laced with ricin. The ricin was not in a form that could be ingested or inhaled.

Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/news/207748981.html>

17. *May 16, KOAA 5 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Highway 47 is now open.** An accident involving a semi-truck and a car closed the westbound lanes of Colorado Highway 47 near Dillon Drive in Pueblo for several hours.

Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/update-highway-47-is-now-open/#>

18. *May 16, Reuters* – (California) **Los Angeles ranked worst U.S. city for dog attacks on mail carriers.** According to the U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles was ranked as the U.S. city with the most dog attacks on mail carriers for the second year in a row.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-rt-usa-postaldogsl2n0dx2ra-20130516,0,1376410,full.story>

19. *May 16, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Kentucky) **Highway 41A in Henderson back open.** A three-car accident shut down Highway 41-A just south of Cairo Elementary School in Henderson County for several hours.

Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/22277465/accident-closes-all-lanes-of-highway-41a-in-henderson>

20. *May 16, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Mechanical problem puts 4th Street Bridge in Harvey out of service.** The 4th Street Bridge in Harvey was out of service due to a mechanical problem which blocked maritime traffic for several hours. The bridge was also closed to vehicle traffic as officials worked to resolve the problem.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2013/05/mechanical_problem_puts_4th_st.html

21. *May 16, Geneseo Republic* – (Illinois) **Chemical spill closes I-80 between Atkinson and Annawan.** A semi-truck tanker combination rolled over and spilled a small amount of chemicals on Interstate 80 prompting authorities to close a section of the highway between the towns of Atkinson and Annawan for several hours.

Source: <http://www.geneseorepublic.com/article/20130516/NEWS/130519474/-1/Columns>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

22. *May 16, Food Safety News* – (Georgia) **7 E. coli cases in Stephens County, GA.** Approximately 7 people in Stephens County have fallen ill with E. coli in the last several weeks, prompting health officials in the area to begin investigating the source of the outbreak.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/7-e-coli-cases-in-stephens-county-ga/#.UZYXRLWkr44>
23. *May 16, Food Safety News* – (North Carolina) **NC Holiday Inn Salmonella outbreak climbs to 44 cases.** Cumberland County health officials have updated the case count from 18 to 44 confirmed cases of people who have fallen ill with symptoms of Salmonella infection connected to the Fayetteville Holiday Inn Bordeaux outbreak.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/nc-holiday-inn-salmonella-outbreak-climbs-to-18-cases/#.UZYW9LWkr44>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

24. *May 16, Annapolis Patch* – (Maryland) **120,000 gallons of wastewater spills into Weems Creek.** A force main break caused 120,000 gallons of sewage to spill into Weems Creek May 15, prompting Anne Arundel County health officials to warn swimmers to stay out of the creek until further notice despite a cleanup of the affected area.
Source: <http://annapolis.patch.com/articles/120-000-gallons-of-wastewater-spills-into-weems-creek>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

25. *May 17, WTTE 28 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Health care company shuts down amid investigation.** Officials from Healthy Solutions Home Health Care Services suspended services and laid off workers after a lack of Medicaid funding due to an ongoing investigation by the Ohio Attorney General's office into the company's practices.
Source: http://www.myfox28columbus.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wsyx_washington-ch-health-care-company-shuts-down-amid-investigation-23899.shtml
26. *May 16, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Prineville hospital locked down over caller's threats.** Prineville's Pioneer Memorial Hospital was locked down for several hours and remained under heightened security after a recently released patient allegedly made threats to the hospital via telephone.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/threat-triggers-prineville-hospital-lockdown/-/413192/20177228/-/3h7pwtz/-/index.html>
27. *May 15, Jamestown Sun* – (Minnesota) **Evacuated nursing home residents hold**

sleepover in Sebekka school, then return to Menahga. School board officials permitted between 100 to 125 residents of the Green Pine Acres Nursing Home and other Menahga area residents to spend the night in Sebekka School as firefighters battled nearby a wildfire May 14 that prompted evacuations. Classes were canceled May 15 as a result but were scheduled to resume May 16.

Source:

http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/186444/group/News/&utm_source=feedly

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Texas) **No school Friday in tornado-damaged Cleburne.** The Cleburne Independent School district canceled classes for a second day after a tornado moved through the area May 15, which damaged buildings and cut power.
Source: http://www.burlesonstar.net/texasnews/ci_23265167
29. *May 16, Alamosa Valley Courier* – (Colorado) **Forest Service considers beetle epidemic options.** A spruce beetle epidemic in Rio Grande National Forest has left at least 70 per cent of spruce trees dead or dying, posing threats from water runoff, fires, habitat degradation, and campground safety.
Source: http://www.alamosanews.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=72&story_id=29778
30. *May 16, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* – (Wisconsin) **Governor declares state of emergency for Germann Road fire.** The Wisconsin governor declared a state of emergency following the Germann Road Fire, which burned over 9,000 acres in Bayfield and Douglas counties.
Source: http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/daily_updates/article_01268268-be23-11e2-a38f-001a4bcf887a.html
31. *May 16, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Arrest made in Clinton High School bomb threat.** A student was arrested for allegedly making a series of bomb threats to Clinton High School over 3 days.
Source: <http://www.wjtv.com/story/22276600/arrest-made-in-clinton-high-school-bomb-threat>
32. *May 16, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Threat puts entire district on lockdown all day.** Schools in the Southwestern Community Unit School District 9 in Piasa, Illinois, were put on lockdown all day May 16 after a threatening note was found in a high school.
Source: <http://fox2now.com/2013/05/16/southwestern-illinois-school-campuses-placed-on-lockdown/>

33. *May 16, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **L.A.-area schools return to normal after gun threat.** East L.A. College and the city of Monterey Park’s public schools were evacuated and Santa Monica College put on lockdown May 16 after reports of a gunman on campus. An unarmed suspect was found in class at Santa Monica College and questioned.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-elac-smc-gunman-threat-20130516,0,6530662.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *May 17, Champaign News-Gazette* – (Illinois) **Phone outage at Urbana City building fixed.** The phone services for the Urbana City building and non-emergency phone lines for the Urbana Police and Fire Departments were restored after an overnight outage.

Source: <http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2013-05-17/phone-outage-urbana-city-building-fixed.html>

35. *May 16, Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Cell tower fire unrelated to Middletown police communication interruption.** Middletown police determined that a cell tower fire on Normandy Road was unrelated to the police department’s main radio channel going down. Authorities were using a secondary channel while investigating the main radio channel’s malfunction.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/monmouth/index.ssf/2013/05/cell_tower_fire_knocks_out_main_middletown_police_communications.html

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Information Technology Sector

36. *May 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **Ransomware adds password stealing to its arsenal.** Microsoft researchers found a new variant of the Reveton malware that downloads a password-stealing component after it infects a victim’s computer.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2497

37. *May 17, The Register* – (International) **Mac malware found with valid developer ID at freedom conference.** A security researcher participating in the Oslo Freedom Conference discovered a piece of malware for Apple OS X that takes regular screenshots from a victim’s computer and then sends them to two servers.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/05/17/mac_malware_steals_screenshots/

38. *May 17, The H* – (International) **ownCloud fixes critical security vulnerabilities.** The developers of the ownCloud cloud storage and collaboration software released an update that closes security vulnerabilities that allowed SQL injection, PHP code

execution, and the downloading of others' calendars.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/ownCloud-fixes-critical-security-vulnerabilities-1865334.html>

39. *May 17, Threatpost* – (International) **Pakistan hit by targeted attack out of India.** Researchers at Eset discovered a cyberespionage campaign targeting Pakistani users via phishing emails, and appears to return sensitive information to India.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/pakistan-hit-by-targeted-attack-out-of-i/240155117>
40. *May 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **Four former LulzSec members sentenced to prison in the UK.** Four U.K. nationals associated with the LulzSec hacking group were convicted and sentenced in the U.K. for their role in attacks on Web sites in 2011.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/051613-four-former-lulzsec-members-sentenced-269856.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

41. *May 16, Lawrence Journal World* – (Kansas) **Cable outage reported in West Lawrence.** A cut cable is believed to be the cause of a cable service outage for parts of West Lawrence May 16, with no information about when services will be restored.
Source: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2013/may/16/cable-outage-reported-west-lawrence/>
42. *May 16, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Internet outage affects FOX 4.** FOX 4 news station suffered an internet outage May 16 which impacted station email, video upload, and live-stream capabilities. Engineers expected to have the issue resolved May 17.
Source: <http://olathe.fox4kc.com/news/news/195443-internet-outage-affects-fox-4>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *May 17, WABC 7 Passaic* – (New Jersey) **2 firefighters injured battling Passaic blaze.** Two firefighters were hurt while battling a 3-alarm fire at a large apartment building which displaced 22 people. Cause and damage estimates were not released.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=9105783

44. *May 16, KARK 4 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Apartment fire displaces 130 people.** An apartment complex fire destroyed part of the Forest Place Apartment Complex and displaced more than a hundred residents including retirees and the elderly.
Source: http://arkansasmatters.com/fulltext?nxd_id=663982
45. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Brothers arrested in Mother's Day parade shooting.** Police have not established motive, but have arrested two brothers with a history of drug arrests and suspected ties to a neighborhood gang in connection to the Mother's Day parade shooting.
Source: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/22266158/police-suspect-arrested-in-la-parade-shooting>
46. *May 15, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Fire at South Miami senior center leads to evacuation of 73 residents, rescue of dog.** A candle fire at the South Miami Senior Center May 14 led to the evacuation of the apartment complex's 73 residents. The fire damaged nine apartments, eight with smoke damage.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/05/15/3399288/fire-at-south-miami-senior-center.html>
47. *May 15, KABB 29 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Several injured in convention center escalator accident.** Investigators are looking into an escalator at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center that malfunctioned May 15 causing injuries to twenty people riding the escalator. The second escalator-related accident in a year, the escalator will remain shut down until a full inspection is done by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.
Source: http://www.foxsanantonio.com/newsroom/top_stories/videos/vid_15505.shtml
48. *May 15, News 12 Long Island* – (New York) **Cops find bomb-making materials in Roselle Park apartment.** Authorities found bomb-making materials, disassembled firearms, ammunition, and high-capacity magazines when they conducted a consented initial search of a man's apartment after he was arrested at a traffic stop allegedly with a handgun, hollow-point ammunition and possession of cocaine and narcotics. Police are continuing the investigation into other criminal activity.
Source: <http://longisland.news12.com/news/cops-find-bomb-making-materials-in-roselle-park-apartment-1.5265477>

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