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- Large turbine blades fell in separate events in southern California and Iowa, prompting operators to slow operations at hundreds of wind farms worldwide that are equipped with turbines mounting Siemens B53 blades. – *Associated Press*; *U-T San Diego* (See item [2](#))
- A New York City grocery wholesaler pleaded guilty to running an \$82 million check kiting scheme. – *New York Times* (See item [6](#))
- A New York Police Department (NYPD) detective was charged with allegedly hiring an email hacking service to purchase access to at least 43 personal email accounts and one cellular phone belonging to more than 30 different people, including 21 associated with the NYPD. – *Help Net Security* (See item [31](#))
- Residents of Cavalier, North Dakota, were placed under mandatory evacuation as rain and runoff threatened the capacity of the Renwick Dam, with authorities expecting a breach. – *WDAZ 8 Grand Forks* (See item [42](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 21, IDG News Service* – (National) **U.S. power companies under frequent cyberattack.** A congressional report released May 21 determined U.S. utilities face frequent cyberattacks which could threaten the highly-interdependent power grid. The report was based on the results of a survey that was sent to over 150 utilities, with various levels of response.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/052213-us-power-companies-under-frequent-270022.html>
2. *May 21, Associated Press; U-T San Diego* – (International) **Huge wind turbine blade falls in So. Cal.** Large turbine blades fell in separate events in southern California and Iowa, prompting operators to slow operations at hundreds of wind farms worldwide that are equipped with turbines mounting Siemens B53 blades. The estimated 700 turbines will likely continue operations at slower speeds, while the Ocotillo, California unit was completely shut down.
Source: <http://www.kusi.com/story/22307994/huge-wind-turbine-blade-falls-in-so-cal>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *May 21, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Calvert Cliffs reactor shut down.** The Unit 2 reactor at Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby was manually shut down after a steam generator water pump experienced high levels of vibration. The shutdown was the second reactor shutdown in the past 2 weeks.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-gr-calvert-cliffs-shutdown-20130521,0,1431577.story>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *May 21, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Lack of personal protective equipment among 33 violations cited by US Labor Department's OSHA at A & B Foundry & Machining in Franklin, Ohio.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited A & B Foundry and Machining for 33 health and safety violations at its Franklin facility, including 4 repeat violations, with fines totaling \$170,107.
Source: http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES

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5. *May 21, Meriden Record Journal* – (Connecticut) **Police: Men stole 39,000 pounds of scrap metal from Southington company.** Two Bristol men allegedly responsible for stealing 39,000 pounds of tool grade metal worth \$25,000 from a local machine shop were arrested and charged May 21 for various crimes including larceny.
Source: http://www.myrecordjournal.com/southington/article_bf635d08-c253-11e2-a6a1-001a4bcf887a.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

6. *May 21, New York Times* – (New York) **Staten Island wholesale king pleads guilty to bank fraud.** A New York City grocery wholesaler pleaded guilty to running an \$82 million check kiting scheme.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/22/nyregion/saquib-khan-staten-island-wholesaler-pleads-guilty-to-bank-fraud.html>
7. *May 21, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (National) **Cattle brokerage officials sentenced in fraud.** The former owner and chief operating officer of Eastern Livestock Co. were both sentenced for running a check kiting scheme that induced a bank to provide them to release funds from a \$32 million line of credit. The fraud processed cattle sales in 11 States before it collapsed in 2010.
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20130521/NEWS01/305210094/Cattle-brokerage-officials-sentenced-fraud>
8. *May 21, Threatpost* – (International) **New Citadel malware strain targeting Payza service.** Researchers at Trusteer discovered a new variant of the Citadel banking malware targeting users of the Payza money transfer service. The malware uses a man-in-the-browser technique to obtain users' login information and PIN.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/new-citadel-malware-strain-targeting-payza-service/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *May 22, KWQC 6 Davenport* – (Iowa) **Deadly semi accident on Highway 22.** A tanker carrying liquid fertilizer crashed and flipped while traveling westbound on Highway 22 in Muscatine County, killing the driver and prompting authorities to close a section of the highway for 4 hours.
Source: <http://www.kwqc.com/story/22382710/deadly-semi-accident-on-highway-22>
10. *May 22, Garden City Telegram* – (Kansas) **Several injured in Gray County crash.** Two people were injured in a two-vehicle accident, prompting authorities to close U.S. Highway 50 between Cimarron and Howell in Gray County for several hours.
Source: <http://www.gctelegram.com/news/US-50-multi-vehicle-crash-5-22-13>
11. *May 22, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Gasoline tanker crashes on Western Slope, shuts down U.S. 50.** A gas tanker rolled over on Highway 50 between Montrose and Gunnison, causing a brush fire and prompting authorities to close a section of the highway for several hours.
Source: <http://www.krextv.com/news/around-the-region/Highway-50-Closed-Due-to-Accident-208465241.html>
12. *May 21, KHTS 1220 AM Canyon Country* – (California) **Highway 14 to open at 2 P.M. after overturned big rig cleanup.** A big rig overturned on its side after colliding with another vehicle on Highway 14 just south of Sand Canyon and prompted authorities to close a section of the highway about 10 hours.
Source: <http://hometownstation.com/santa-clarita-news/highway-14-clean-progress-following-big-rig-versus-car-crash-35201>
13. *May 21, Washington Post* – (Washington, DC) **Sinkhole at 14th and F closes downtown D.C. streets.** Streets around the intersection of 14th and F streets in northwest Washington, D.C. may be closed through May 23 due to a sink hole.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2013/05/21/sinkhole-at-14th-and-f-closes-downtown-d-c-streets/?hpid=z6>
14. *May 21, Hagerstown Herald-Mail* – (West Virginia) **Collision between car and tractor-trailer snarls northbound I-81 in W.Va.** Traffic on the northbound lanes of Interstate 81 in Berkeley County was congested for about 6 hours following a collision between a car and a tractor trailer.
Source: <http://www.herald-mail.com/news/local/hm-tractortrailer-accident-causes-traffic-backups-on-northbound-i81-in-wva-20130521,0,655657.story>
15. *May 21, Tillamook Headlight Herald* – (Oregon) **Accident claims life of 20 year-old man.** A fatal accident that resulted in the death of the driver along Highway 101 about 15 miles south of Tillamook prompted authorities to close a section of the highway for about 5 hours.
Source: http://www.tillamookheadlightherald.com/news/article_6e34b3d2-c262-11e2-bf19-0019bb2963f4.html

16. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **I-35 open through Moore but exits restricted to emergency responders, work crews.** Exits along Interstate 35 in Moore were blocked to all but emergency responders and work crews as they continued cleanup efforts following the damage from a May 20 tornado.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e923ce9e70b64e5e9c37ae95e4e59312/OK--Oklahoma-Tornado-Traffic>
17. *May 20, Times Picayune* – (Louisiana) **4th Street Bridge in Harvey faces two-week closure, \$8 million repairs.** The 4th Street Bridge in Harvey has been closed to vehicle traffic for 2 weeks after a mechanical failure prevented it from opening to allow marine traffic to navigate the Harvey Canal. Jefferson Parish officials are seeking the necessary \$8 million for repairs.
Source: http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2013/05/solution_sought_for_4th_street.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

18. *May 21, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **California firm recalls ready-to-eat grilled chicken Strips due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** Approximately 6,165 pounds of ready-to-eat grilled chicken breast strips were recalled by Foster Farms, a California-based firm, because the products contain wheat and soy which are not declared on the product label.
Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_036_2013_Release/index.asp
19. *May 21, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Coco Loco A&M in College Station is likely source of E. coli outbreak.** Health officials announced ground beef served by Coco Loco A&M was the likely source of an April E. coli outbreak that sickened at least 5 people in the College Station/Bryan area.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/coco-loco-am-in-college-station-is-likely-source-of-e-coli-outbreak/#.UZypfrWkr44>
20. *May 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. winery fire prompts school evacuation.** A storage tank fire at the O'Neil Vintners and Distillery winery in Reedley May 20 prompted the evacuation of the neighboring Riverview School elementary school.
Source: http://www.mynews4.com/news/story/Calif-winery-fire-prompts-school-evacuation/upc_8HnFaUONRA9N-tO7pg.csp

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *May 21, KCAL 9 Los Angeles* – (California) **Murrieta water main breaks, creating 20-foot sinkhole.** Rancho California Water District authorities reported that a leaky air valve caused a water main break and a sinkhole. Authorities expected to repair the \$250,000 of damage, including 24 inches of broken pipe and 300 feet of asphalt, within 2 days.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/05/21/murrieta-water-main-breaks-creating-20-foot-sinkhole/>
22. *May 20, Grand Forks Herald*– (North Dakota; Minnesota) **Rains soak, rivers rise across the region.** Several rivers and tributaries throughout northeast North Dakota and parts of Minnesota overflowed, flooding homes and prompting evacuations after heavy rainfall in the region beginning the weekend of May 18-19 saturated the area with up to 6 inches of rain.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/264079/group/homepage/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. *May 22, WFTS 28 Tampa/St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Tampa teen caught with bag of fraudulent credit cards and a list of patients' personal information.** Police arrested and charged a Tampa teen after discovering he was stealing patients' personal information from his mother's Ace Homecare work-issued laptop in order to obtain pre-paid credit and debit cards. Deputies seized 22 Visa debit cards that utilized 41 different victim's personal identification information.
Source: http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_hillsborough/tampa-teen-caught-with-a-bag-of-fraudulent-credit-cards-and-a-list-of-patients-personal-information

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *May 22, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **F-M High School closed due to earlier power outage; power has been restored.** Officials cancelled classes at Fayetteville-Manlius High School after a power outage and lack of water May 22. Power was restored shortly after to the school and district office.
Source: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2013/05/f-m_high_school_closing_due_to.html
25. *May 21, MSN News; Associated Press; Reuters* – (Oklahoma) **Search for Oklahoma tornado survivors nears end.** Search and rescue operations following a devastating tornado that moved through Moore and left at least 24 dead and over 237 injured was

98 percent complete May 21. Cleanup efforts were underway and an estimated 20,000 families may be displaced.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/search-for-oklahoma-tornado-survivors-nears-end>

26. *May 21, Bremerton Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Bomb threat closes Mason County admin building in Shelton.** A bomb threat prompted a 2 hour evacuation of the Mason County Courthouse and its auxiliary buildings in Shelton May 21. The county administration building was evacuated and closed for the day.
Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2013/may/21/bomb-threat-closes-mason-county-admin-building/#axzz2U2Jc42Ec>
27. *May 21, WGEM 10 Quincy* – (Missouri) **Hannibal LaGrange University gets hit hard by storm damage.** At least 8 buildings were damaged by strong winds at the Hannibal LaGrange University campus, prompting officials to cancel classes for the week of May 20 in order to assess the damage.
Source: <http://www.wgem.com/story/22356597/2013/05/21/hannibal-lagrange-university-gets-hit-hard-by-storm-damage>
28. *May 21, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Illinois) **Alexander County Courthouse damaged in overnight storms.** All services were cancelled May 21 at the Alexander County Courthouse in Cairo after the building sustained major damage during a storm. Offices were temporarily relocated to Cairo Junior High but authorities did not have a time frame on when court and board meetings will resume.
Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/22306377/alexander-county-courthouse-damaged-in-overnight-storms>
29. *May 20, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York) **Personal files from Erie County Social Services found discarded.** An ongoing full audit of the county Department of Social Services conducted by the Erie County Comptroller's office has found copies of residents' confidential information left in open areas that are easily accessible to the public. The comptroller uncovered the reported sensitive and secured records left out in the open in the basement of the Rath Building.
Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/215174/37/Personal-Files-From-Erie-County-Social-Services-Found-Discarded>
30. *May 20, WKRC 12 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Suspicious substance sent in mail sends three to hospital.** Authorities are investigating after three government employees at an office in Lebanon were sent to the hospital May 20 after one opened a letter and came in contact with a suspicious substance inside. The building was evacuated and employees were sent home after the employee complained the substance caused her hands to burn.
Source: <http://www.kpvi.com/content/news/story/Suspicious-substance-sent-in-mail-sends-three-to-h/efU9s3GBsEu16t3Zpna4hg.csp>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *May 22, Help Net Security* – (New York) **NYPD detective accused of hiring email hackers.** A New York Police Department (NYPD) detective was charged after an investigation uncovered that from March 2011 through October 2012 he hired an email hacking service to purchase access to at least 43 personal email accounts and one cellular phone belonging to more than 30 different people, including 21 who are associated with the NYPD. The detective also illegally accessed the National Crime Information Center database in order to obtain NYPD officer information.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14946>
32. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **FBI: Agents fell to deaths during training.** The FBI announced the two agents who died while training along the Virginia coastline fell from a helicopter that had trouble during a maritime training exercise. Authorities are still investigating but believe the agents fell while in the process of fast-roping from a helicopter onto a ship and sustained severe injuries.
Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10946547/fbi-agents-fell-to-deaths-during-training>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *May 22, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Apache Darkleech PDF and JavaScript attacks infect hundreds more websites.** Researchers at Zscaler discovered a marked increase in the number of Web sites being infected by Darkleech (a.k.a. Linux Cdorked) JavaScript attacks. The exploit injects malicious redirections that lead to a page hosting the Blackhole exploit kit.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2269775/apache-darkleech-pdf-and-javascript-attacks-infect-hundreds-more-websites>
34. *May 22, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Apple OS X Oslo malware linked to sophisticated ‘Operation Hangover’ gang in India.** Researchers at security firm Norman discovered a large malware and cyber-espionage campaign involving OS X malware recently uncovered at a conference in Norway. The campaign appears related to a non-state group in India.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2269659/researchers-connect-oslo-os-x-malware-to-india-hangover-gang>
35. *May 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researchers find critical vulnerabilities in popular game engines.** Researchers at ReVuln found memory corruption and buffer-overflow issues in four computer game engines that could allow attackers to launch remote code execution or denial of service attacks against clients and servers.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/052113-researchers-find-critical-vulnerabilities-in-270012.html>

36. *May 21, Threatpost* – (International) **IE 8 zero day pops up in targeted attacks against Korean military sites.** A malware campaign targeting South Korean military and political Web sites dubbed the Sunshop Campaign was found to be using two Java exploits and the same Internet Explorer (IE) 8 exploit used recently against the U.S. Department of Labor.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/ie-8-zero-day-pops-up-in-targeted-attacks-against-korean-military-sites/>
37. *May 21, Threatpost* – (International) **Google fixes more than a dozen flaws in Chrome 27.** Google released the newest version of its Chrome browser, addressing 16 vulnerabilities ranging in severity.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/google-fixes-more-than-a-dozen-flaws-in-chrome-27/>

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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *May 22, Wisconsin State Journal and Capital Times*– (Wisconsin) **Water pipe break forces evacuation of North Side apartment building.** A building inspector determined a 33-unit three-story apartment building could not be occupied after a broken water pipe was discovered along with water coming from a closed elevator. Forty-four people were displaced and the cause of the break was being investigated.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/water-pipe-break-forces-evacuation-of-north-side-apartment-building/article_c1bc180b-2ff7-5548-b696-b2167c329dc5.html
39. *May 22, KHBS 40/29 Fayetteville* – (Arkansas) **Bomb squad investigate suspicious device at empty motel.** Suspicious items including a gas can, piping and other items found at the Bentonville Travel Lodge Motel prompted the evacuation of a restaurant and restricted traffic for 3 hours as the items were collected by a bomb squad robot.
Source: <http://www.4029tv.com/news/arkansas/northwest/bentonville-bomb-squad-responds-to-suspicious-device-in-vacant-motel/-/8897460/20251986/-/pbe4ue/-/index.html>

40. *May 21, St. Louis Post Dispatch* – (Illinois; Missouri) **Tornado destroys part of Mount Olive business district.** Hail, high winds, and an EF 2 tornado destroyed four commercial buildings in Mount Olive, Illinois, and caused damage to several other commercial, residential, and communications structures in the town and in Hannibal, Missouri.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10946512/winds-destroy-ill-fire-department-storage-building-businesses>

41. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **4 injured after car crashes into Mesa fabric store.** Mesa police are investigating the cause of a driver crashing into a fabric store May 21, injuring four and leaving an unreported amount of damage.

Source: <http://ktar.com/22/1636105/4-injured-after-car-crashes-into-Mesa-store>

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Dams Sector

42. *May 21, WDAZ 8 Grand Forks* – (North Dakota) **Mandatory evacuation order issued as Cavalier, ND prepares for Renwick Dam failure.** Residents of Cavalier, North Dakota, were placed under mandatory evacuation May 21 as falling rain and runoff threaten the capacity of the Renwick Dam. Makeshift levees were built to prevent spillover from the dam, however officials expected a breach within 12 hours.

Source: <http://www.wdaz.com/event/article/id/17983/>

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