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- A Bakersfield, California man pleaded guilty April 21 to conspiring to damage energy facilities by stealing programmable logic controllers and other equipment from oil field facilities of several companies during 2011 and 2012. – *KERO 23 Bakersfield* (See item [3](#))
- U.S. Chemical Safety Board officials reported April 22 that an April 2013 explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, was preventable and resulted from the owner's failure to take necessary steps to avert a preventable fire and explosion, and from government regulators' failure to identify the hazard. – *CNN* (See item [4](#))
- Authorities are investigating after nearly 120 New Hampshire physicians and medical personnel had their Social Security numbers stolen and used to file fake tax returns, with similar issues also reported in other States. – *New Hampshire Union Leader* (See item [16](#))
- Iowa State University notified 29,780 students April 22 after the discovery of a data breach that compromised servers containing Social Security numbers and university ID numbers. – *Iowa State University* (See item [21](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 23, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Workers recovering from 3rd-degree burns after explosion, fire.** Two Fuels, LLC workers were offloading used motor oil into a semi-truck when they had a spontaneous combustion causing at least six to eight explosions at the company's Phoenix site. Several surrounding motels were evacuated, a portion of the nearby light rail service was halted, and traffic was rerouted while crews responded to the scene.
Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/25314068/workers-recovering-from-3rd-degree-burns-after-explosion-fire>
2. *April 22, Chicago Tribune* – (International) **NTSB head: Oil tanker rail 'safety has been compromised.'** The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board released a report April 22 stating that older train cars used to transport crude oil and ethanol are not safe for carrying hazardous materials and their design make them susceptible to damage and loss of hazardous material. Regulators are recommending updating the federal design and setting new standards.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-ntsb-oil-tanker-rail-safety-20140422,0,1439467.story>
3. *April 21, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Bakersfield men enter guilty plea to damaging oilfield facilities.** A Bakersfield man pleaded guilty April 21 to conspiring to damage energy facilities by stealing programmable logic controllers and other equipment from oil field facilities of several companies during 2011 and 2012. The total loss of equipment by the oil companies exceeded \$200,000.
Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/bakersfield-men-enter-guilty-plea-to-damaging-oilfield-facilities>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *April 22, CNN* – (Texas) **West, Texas, fertilizer plant blast that killed 15 'preventable,' safety board says.** U.S. Chemical Safety Board officials reported April 22 that an April 2013 explosion that killed 15 workers at a West Fertilizer Co. facility in West, Texas, was preventable. The board's report claimed that the explosion resulted from the owner's failure to take the necessary steps to avert a preventable fire and explosion, and from government regulators' failure to identify the hazard.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/22/us/west-texas-fertilizer-plant-explosion-investigation/index.html>
5. *April 22, Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Anhydrous ammonia leak reported on tanker truck.** A semi-truck that was leaking anhydrous ammonia was pulled over by authorities on U.S. Highway 20 near Gilbertville April 22 after motorists reported

that fumes from the passing truck began irritating their eyes. Traffic was briefly re-routed while authorities worked to determine the extent of the release and capped the leak.

Source: http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/anhydrous-ammonia-leak-reported-on-tanker-truck/article_98f541f2-b69e-59c5-8b38-6f08749d9646.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *April 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds investigating brakes on Chevrolet Impala.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened an investigation into around 60,580 model year 2014 Chevrolet Impalas due to reports of the vehicles' emergency braking system activating without warning.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/story/25317094/feds-investigating-brakes-on-chevrolet-impala>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *April 23, Leesburg Today* – (Virginia) **Man arrested for 'skimming' thousands of credit cards at South Riding restaurant.** A New York man was arrested after being confronted by a customer April 8 at the Moca Asian Bistro restaurant in South Riding for allegedly using a skimming device. Police then found a skimming device with data from over 1,000 payment cards stored on it that were stolen between March 11 and April 8.

Source: http://www.leesburgtoday.com/news/man-arrested-for-skimming-thousands-of-credit-cards-at-south/article_50b558ae-caf2-11e3-b174-001a4bcf887a.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *April 23, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **10 Freeway in Pomona reopens after double-trailer truck crash.** Westbound 10 Freeway in Pomona was closed for about 4 hours April 23 after a semi-truck overturned spilling rocks and gravel when it crashed into a stopped vehicle that has lost control and hit the center divider.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Overturned-Double-Trailer-in-Pomona-10-Freeway-Closure-256326181.html>
9. *April 23, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Pedestrian killed in Fresno HWY 99 hit and run.** Three people were detained by the California Highway Patrol in connection to a fatal hit and run accident where a woman was killed, causing the shutdown of 2 southbound lanes of Highway 99 in Fresno April 23.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=9513530>
10. *April 22, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Fuel cleanup keeps Cheatham road closed.** The Tennessee Department of Transportation closed Highway 41A near the Davidson-Cheatham County line in both directions for 11 hours April 22 after a semi-truck overturned and spilled about 850 gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline. The driver was transported to an area hospital while one home was evacuated and 150 others had their power cut-off.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/cheatham/2014/04/22/flipped-fuel-tanker-blocking-cheatham-line/8014195/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *April 22, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota potato growers accused of spoiling crops, insurance fraud.** Federal prosecutors filed an indictment against two Northwood men who own Johnson Potato Co., for allegedly adding chemicals to potato seeds to cut production and fraudulently obtain crop insurance benefits from an insurance company and the Risk Management Agency/Federal Crop Insurance Corp. Prosecutors allege that between 2002 and 2006 the suspects received indemnity payments exceeding \$2 million, in addition to crop disaster payments.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_25613166/north-dakota-potato-growers-accused-spoiling-crops-insurance
12. *April 18, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dominex Natural Foods, LLC, issues voluntary recall due to possible undeclared nut allergen in AngelBowls brand of Corkscrew Pasta & Creamy Tomato Vodka Sauce Pasta Bowl.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Dominex Natural Foods, LLC, voluntarily recalled its AngelBowls Corkscrew Pasta and Creamy Tomato Vodka Sauce due to undeclared pine nuts.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm394346.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *April 22, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **East Bay to tap Sacramento River water.** The East Bay Municipal District voted April 22 to begin diverting water from the Freeport Regional Water Project on the Sacramento River due to the drought across the State. The district will take 16,000 acre-feet of the water supply for May and June in order to help supply the 1.3 million people it serves in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/04/22/6345332/east-bay-to-tap-sacramento-river.html>
14. *April 22, Kennebec Journal* – (Maine) **Water shut off to Richmond mobile home park to prevent contamination.** A sewage overflow from a private pumping station at Meadowbrook Trailer Park flowed into Mill brook, which empties into the Kennebec River. The Maine Department of Environmental Protection found high levels of E. coli in the river from the waste and the Richmond Utilities District shut off water at the trailer park to prevent possible contamination of the town's drinking water until repairs are made.
Source: http://www.kjonline.com/news/Water_shut_off_to_Richmond_mobile_home_park_to_prevent_contamination_.html
15. *April 22, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Baby ravens nesting on water tower costing Fair Lawn \$20,000, stalling project.** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection notified the town of Fair Lawn to hold off painting the water tower for several weeks until baby ravens, found nesting in the rusting structure, can fly. The delayed work schedule added an additional \$20,000 to the \$1.5 million project.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/baby-ravens-nesting-on-water-tower-costing-fair-lawn-20-000-stalling-project-1.1000287>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *April 22, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (National) **More than 110 NH doctors defrauded through filing of fake tax returns.** Authorities are investigating after nearly 120 New Hampshire physicians and medical personnel had their Social Security numbers stolen and used to file fake federal tax returns. The New Hampshire Medical Society stated that similar issues were also reported in other States.
Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20140423/NEWS03/140429663>
17. *April 22, SC Magazine* – (New York) **Three laptops stolen from New York podiatry office, 6,475 at risk.** Three laptops containing patient data were stolen from the Sims and Associates Podiatry office in New York in January, potentially affecting 6,475 patients. Authorities do not believe any personal and medical information was misused

and continue to investigate the theft.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/three-laptops-stolen-from-new-york-podiatry-office-6475-at-risk/article/343644/>

18. *April 22, Enfield Patch* – (Connecticut) **Indictment brings 3 more arrests in \$80 million theft.** Three more men were charged in an indictment unsealed April 21 in connection with a March 2010 theft of approximately \$80 million in pharmaceuticals from the Eli Lilly Co., warehouse and storage facility in Enfield in Connecticut.
Source: <http://enfield.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/indictment-brings-3-more-arrests-in-80-million-theft>
19. *April 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Hospira announces voluntary nationwide recall of one lot of 0.25% Marcaine (Bupivacaine HCl Injection, USP), 10 ml, Single-dose, Preservative-Free Vial due to visible particulates.** Hospira, Inc., announced April 21 a voluntary recall for one lot of 0.25% Marcaine (Bupivacaine HCl Injection, USP), 10 mL, Single-dose Vial – Preservative Free due to a confirmed consumer report of discolored solution with visible particles embedded in the glass, caused by a glass defect. If administered, the particles could either block the passage of the solution to the patient and delay therapy or pass from the catheter into the patient, causing local inflammation.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm394340.htm>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *April 23, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Gurley City Hall airs out following gas leak.** Gurley City Hall in Alabama was evacuated April 22 and three employees were transported to an area hospital after a chlorine cylinder leaked in an attached fire truck bay, causing a gas leak. The building was safe to reopen April 23 after crews cleared the facility and sealed the leak.
Source: <http://www.waff.com/story/25316751/gurley-city-hall-airs-out-following-gas-leak>
21. *April 22, Iowa State University* – (Iowa) **Iowa State IT staff discover unauthorized access to servers.** Iowa State University notified 29,780 students April 22 after the discovery of a breach affecting 5 department servers on campus. The compromised servers contained Social Security numbers and the university notified an additional 18,949 students whose university ID numbers were also located on the servers.
Source: <http://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2014/04/22/serverbreach>
22. *April 22, Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* – (Pennsylvania) **Arrest made in bomb threat.** Police arrested a man in connection to calling in a bomb threat to Cambria County Courthouse in Ebensburg prompting an evacuation that lasted more than 3 hours April 22. Authorities responded and searched the scene, deeming it safe after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.tribune-democrat.com/local/x360410029/Arrest-made-in-bomb->

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23. *April 22, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Quintin school bus accident injures 2 students, state police say.** An accident involving a school bus left two students injured April 22 after the bus struck a utility pole in Quinton Township.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2014/04/2_student_taken_to_hospital_after_quinton_school_mini-bus_accident.html

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *April 22, San Fernando Valley Post-Periodical* – (California) **LAPD station closed for suspicious briefcase.** The Los Angeles Police Department's West Valley station in Reseda was evacuated for 2 hours April 22 after a suspicious package was found near the building's entrance. Authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.postperiodical.com/lapd-station-closed-for-suspicious-briefcase/>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *April 23, The Register* – (International) **AOL Mail locks down email servers to deal with spam tsunami.** AOL confirmed that their AOL Mail email servers were under an intensive spoofing attack beginning April 20 that has sent large volumes of spam emails to users' inboxes. AOL stated that they changed their DMARC policy in order to prevent unauthorized use, but the change may affect some email-forwarding services and listservs.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/04/23/aol_mail_locks_down_email_servers_to_deal_with_tsunami_of_spam/

26. *April 23, Help Net Security* – (International) **Amazon Cloud IaaS Service servers riddled with vulnerabilities.** Researchers at Bkav found in the course of a customer-prompted investigation that several servers for Amazon's Cloud infrastructure as a service (IaaS) Service and HP's Public Cloud service contain several vulnerabilities due to the servers' Windows Server installations not being updated for several months.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16731>

27. *April 23, Softpedia* – (International) **SMS trojan FakeInst targets users in 66 countries.** Researchers at Kaspersky analyzed the FakeInst trojan for Android and found that attackers have added capabilities since it first appeared in February 2013, allowing it now to target users in 66 countries. The trojan is disguised as an app and can

send SMS messages to premium rate numbers as well as intercept text messages.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/SMS-Trojan-FakeInst-Targets-Users-in-66-Countries-438976.shtml>

28. *April 23, Softpedia* – (International) **DDoS attacks increasingly used as a smokescreen for data theft.** Neustar released its DDoS Attacks and Impacts Report for 2014 which found that distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks are increasingly used by attackers as cover for more damaging compromises. Around half of organizations that reported suffering a breach or DDoS attack in 2013 also had malware installed on their systems, with 55 percent of those hit by DDoS attacks losing data or funds, among other findings.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DDOS-Attacks-Increasingly-Used-as-a-Smokescreen-for-Data-Theft-438873.shtml>

29. *April 22, The Register* – (International) **Patch iOS, OS X now: PDFs, JPEGs, URLs, Web pages can pwn your kit.** Apple released updates for its OS X and iOS operating systems, closing 19 security issues including a “triple handshake” error in iOS Secure Transport that could allow an attacker to inject data into secure connections.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/04/22/apple_ios_7_1_1_os_x_security_updates/

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *April 23, ArkansasMatters.com* – (Arkansas) **One killed, 40 displaced in Jonesboro apartment fire.** A fire broke out at the Aspen Garden Apartments in Jonesboro April 22, leaving 1 person dead and more than 40 residents displaced.

Source: http://www.arkansasmatters.com/story/d/story/one-killed-40-displaced-in-jonesboro-apartment-fir/22405/8IFCdM4MEEOo4f1SX_R0ww

31. *April 22, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Underground fire forces evacuation of Milwaukee Public Market.** The Public Market in Milwaukee was evacuated and closed April 22 while authorities investigated an underground fire that

they believe was caused by a piling being driven into the ground by construction crews. The fire burnt itself out and crews determined the fire did not involve the facility or pose any threat to the area.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/milwaukee-public-market-evacuated-after-underground-explosion-reported-b99253676z1-256208111.html>

32. *April 22, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **Gas leak boots out residents.** Residents from 6 of 10 buildings at the Valle de Merced apartment complex in Durango were evacuated for over 3 hours April 21 after construction workers accidentally struck a 3-inch gas line. Crews shut off the flow of gas in the area and cut power to the entire apartment complex while they worked to cap the leak.

Source: <http://durangoherald.com/article/20140421/NEWS01/140429944/-1/Real/Gas-leak-boots-out-residents-->

33. *April 22, BethesdaNow.com* – (Maryland) **Gas leak in downtown Bethesda leaves worker in serious condition.** A 1.5-inch gas line that was ruptured during construction work in downtown Bethesda April 22 forced nearby commercial and residential buildings to evacuate for about 2 hours and prompted the closure of Wisconsin Avenue. One construction worker was transported to an area hospital after he was found unconscious in an excavation hole.

Source: <http://www.bethesdanow.com/2014/04/22/developing-gas-leak-in-downtown-bethesda/>

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