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- The Mine Safety and Health Administration announced new rules April 23 requiring miners to wear real-time dust monitors, expand dust sampling, and institute quicker enforcement against violations. – *Louisville Courier-Journal* (See item [2](#))
- An April 23 explosion at the Williams Gas Plant in Opal, Wyoming, prompted the evacuation of the plant and nearby town as a precaution while crews shut off gas at the facility and worked to contain the fire. – *KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* (See item [5](#))
- A man believed to be the “Rabid Fan Bandit” was arrested April 21 in Des Moines, Washington, and charged for allegedly robbing eight banks in the State and instructing and aiding a bank robbery gang known as the “Buddy Bandits” in eight additional bank robberies. – *Tacoma News Tribune* (See item [12](#))
- A former Kentucky U.S. postal worker was sentenced and ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution after storing at least 44,900 pieces of mail at his deceased mother’s home, as well as at storage facilities from March 2011 to March 2013. – *CNN* (See item [14](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 24, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Equipment failure causes power outage that leaves 30,000 in the dark.** About 30,000 Entergy customers in Baton Rouge lost electricity for 2 hours April 23 after a sudden power outage due to equipment failure on a major transmission line.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/25325795/30k-residents-suddenly-without-power-in-the-br-area>
2. *April 23, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (National) **MSHA issues new coal dust limits for miners.** The Mine Safety and Health Administration announced new rules April 23 requiring miners to wear real-time dust monitors, expand dust sampling, close sampling loopholes, and institute quicker enforcement against violations while increasing medical surveillance of miners. The rules will help reduce the amount of coal dust underground miners can be exposed to by enforcing that concentration limits for breathable coal mine dust be cut by 25 percent to 1.5 milligrams per cubic liter of air.
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/23/msha-issues-new-coal-dust-limits-miners/8051623/>
3. *April 23, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP: No harmful pollutants emitted from Greene County well fire site.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection released a report April 23 stating that pollutants emitted from a February Chevron-owned gas well explosion in Greene County did not pose a health risk for residents or emergency responders. The agency tested several locations on and around the explosion site from February 12-20.
Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/energy/dep-no-harmful-pollutants-emitted-from-greene-county-well-fire/article_7b3ef63b-7d00-54d9-925d-ebc841b62de7.html
4. *April 23, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Greenfield Shell station fined \$10K by Massachusetts DEP for gasoline leak that spilled into nearby brook.** The owner of a Shell station in Greenfield and its operator, Lipton Inc. of Pittsfield, were fined \$10,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for violations stemming from a 2012 accidental discharge of a large amount of gasoline into a nearby brook. The leak was traced to a failed pipe underneath one of the gas pumps at the station, which inspectors determined was not being maintained according to State requirements.
Source:
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/04/greenfield_shell_station_fined.html
5. *April 23, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming town evacuated after explosion at gas plant.** An April 23 explosion at the Williams Gas Plant in Opal, Wyoming, prompted the evacuation of the plant and nearby town as a precaution while crews shut off gas at the facility and worked to contain the fire. Traffic was also diverted as U.S. 30 was closed in the area.
Source: <http://fox13now.com/2014/04/23/wyoming-town-evacuated-after-explosion-at-gas-plant/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *April 24, Reuters* – (New Mexico) **Managers mishandled radiation leak at New Mexico nuclear site - official.** Preliminary findings assembled by the U.S. Department of Energy found that the managers of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico mishandled a leak that exposed 21 workers to low levels of radiation when delays and confusion caused the managers to initially fail to report the incident as required. The findings also said that the facility conducted ineffective emergency drills and had inadequate management and oversight.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/24/us-usa-nuclear-newmexico-idUSBREA3N0GQ20140424>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *April 23, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Workers exposed to amputation and other serious hazards at Metal & Wire Products Co. in Salem, Ohio.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited metal parts manufacturer Metal & Wire Products Co. Inc., with 25 safety and health violations, 21 of them serious violations, at its Salem, Ohio, facility. Proposed fines totaled \$72,800.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25887

8. *April 23, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Summer Infant expands recall to replace video monitor rechargeable batteries due to burn hazard.** Summer Infant expanded a recall of rechargeable batteries used in several models of the company's video monitors to include 800,000 batteries due to the potential for the batteries to overheat and rupture, posing a burn hazard.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Summer-Infant-Expands-Recall-to-Replace-Video-Monitor-Rechargeable-Batteries/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

9. *April 24, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **SEC accuses jailed broker of real estate scam.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged a currently-imprisoned stock promoter for allegedly using false and misleading statements to raise \$8.7 million from investors through Realty Acquisitions and Trust between 2004 and 2010. The SEC alleges that the man failed to register as a stock broker and did not inform investors that he was barred from acting as a broker after a 2006 settlement.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/blog/morning-edition/2014/04/sec-accuses-jailed-broker-of-real-estate-scam.html?page=all>
10. *April 24, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Former credit union CEO and 2 employees charged in \$500K embezzlement case.** The former CEO and two others who worked at the OTS Employees Federal Credit Union were charged by federal authorities April 23 with allegedly embezzling nearly \$500,000 from the credit union that serves Honolulu city bus system employees. The alleged embezzlement occurred when the former employees manipulated credit union records in order to pay their own personal credit card balances and falsified records to hide unrepaid loans.
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/25326587/former-credit-union-ceo-and-2-employees-charged-in-500k-embezzlement-case>
11. *April 23, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (National) **Prosecutor: ID theft scheme cost US Treasury \$10M.** A U.S. Attorney announced the indictments April 23 of five men accused of running an identity theft and fake tax return scheme that defrauded the U.S. government of around \$10 million. The men are accused of obtaining stolen driver's licenses and Social Security cards and using the information to open bank accounts in several States and filing around 2,400 fraudulent tax returns.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/details-of-massive-fraud-scheme-released-in-pittsburgh/25616320>
12. *April 23, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **FBI says Rabid Fan Bandit behind 16 bank robberies in Puget Sound area.** A man believed to be the “Rabid Fan Bandit” was arrested April 21 in Des Moines, Washington, and charged for allegedly robbing 8 banks in the State and instructing and aiding a bank robbery gang known as the “Buddy Bandits” in 8 additional bank robberies.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2014/04/23/3162315/fbi-says-rabid-fan-bandit-behind.html>
13. *April 23, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **2 poker buddies, ex-Nvidia worker cited**

in insider trading scheme. A former accounting manager at Santa Clara-based Nvidia Corporation agreed to a settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over providing insider information to another man who relayed the information to the manager of a hedge fund that used the information to make \$16.5 million in illicit profits. The two others involved in the insider trading were previously charged by the SEC.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-tn-insider-trading-tip-funneled-through-poker-players-feds-say-20140423,0,4920214.story#axzz2zoQorqr3>

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Transportation Systems Sector

14. *April 24, CNN* – (Kentucky) **Kentucky postal worker jailed for stashing 44,900 pieces of mail.** A former Kentucky U.S. postal worker was sentenced and ordered to pay \$15,000 in restitution after storing at least 44,900 pieces of mail at his deceased mother's home, as well as at storage facilities from March 2011 to March 2013. Inspectors stated that the former worker's motive was to pick up his children after school.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/23/justice/postal-worker-jailed-missing-mail/>
15. *April 22, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Thieves steal thousands of feet of copper from Lexington street lights.** Police are searching for an individual that stole about 4,000 feet of copper wire from about 20 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet luminaries at the 120 mile marker on Interstate 75 in March. Crews have since replaced the wiring.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Thieves-steal-thousands-of-feet-of-copper-from-Lexington-street-lights-256193631.html?ref=631>
16. *April 22, Eagle County Vail Daily* – (Colorado) **Highway 24 reopens after rockslide.** U.S. Highway 24 between Minturn and Red Cliff in Eagle County was shut down for about 17 hours April 22 after an estimated 150 tons of rock crashed into the roadway, causing holes to form. One driver was injured after her car fell into a hole on the highway.
Source: <http://www.vaildaily.com/news/11136030-113/tuesday-cliff-red-slide>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *April 24, Wisconsin Ag Connection* – (Wisconsin) **Two farm workers fined in hidden video abuse case.** Two workers from the Weise Brothers Farm in Brown County were found guilty April 22 on animal abuse charges. An undercover investigation revealed the men and two other employees at the farm whipping cows and jabbing them with

needles.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=489&yr=2014>

18. *April 24, Reuters* – (International) **Bird flu found on California quail farm; Russia bans import of state's poultry.** Bird flu, or low-pathogenic avian influenza, was detected on a quail farm in Stanislaus County, California, April 18, leading Russia to announce a 90-day ban on poultry imports from the State. Federal and State agriculture officials are conducting epidemiological investigations, while the affected farm was quarantined and birds from the farm were euthanized.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/24/us-usa-california-birdflu-idUSBREA3N18820140424>

19. *April 23, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas quarantine expanded for citrus disease.** The Texas Department of Agriculture expanded a citrus greening quarantine in south Texas to include Hidalgo and Cameron counties, marking the agency's fifth expansion of the quarantine since it was declared in January 2012 near San Juan. The quarantine restricts the movement of citrus plants and plant materials in an effort to slow the spread of the disease which causes trees to produce smaller fruit that drops to the ground prematurely, and results in the trees dying.

Source: <http://kxan.com/2014/04/23/texas-quarantine-expanded-for-citrus-disease/>

20. *April 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Miravalle Foods, Inc. recalls Ground Annato because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Miravalle Foods, Inc., issued a voluntarily recall on its 0.75-ounce packages of Miravalle brand Achiote Molido Ground Annato spice due to possible Salmonella contamination.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm394670.htm>

21. *April 23, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Montana) **Cenex Harvest States Inc. cited for repeat, serious safety and health violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Cenex Harvest States Inc., for 19 violations of workplace safety and health standards at four of the company's grain-handling facilities in Montana and fined the company \$211,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25890

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

22. *April 23, Corvallis Gazette-Times* – (Oregon) **Water main burst floods part of downtown Corvallis.** A 20-inch water main burst in Corvallis April 22, causing thousands of gallons of water to flood downtown streets and leading to traffic delays and a reduction in water pressure citywide for several hours. A number of properties were without water while crews worked to dig up and repair the damaged water main.

Source: <http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/water-main-burst-floods-part-of->

downtown-corvallis/article_31659432-ca70-11e3-bf9a-0019bb2963f4.html

23. *April 23, WSIL 34 Harrisburg* – (Illinois) **Water line break impacts Herrin.** A Rend Lake Conservancy District water line broke due to rusting April 22, causing the city of Herrin to run on reserves for about 24 hours while crews worked to repair the pipe. Residents were asked to continue conserving water April 23 to allow reserves to fill back up.
Source: <http://www.wsilv.com/news/local/Water-Line-Break-Impacts-City-of-Herrin--256441381.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *April 23, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Daly City police make arrest in medical center shooting.** Daly City police arrested a suspect at his home after a shooting at Seton Medical Center in California April 23. Patients and staff were evacuated for 3 hours while authorities searched the building and found bullet fragments after a doctor reported seeing a man with a gun.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=9514277>
25. *April 23, Marco Island Eagle* – (Florida) **Chemical spill at East Naples CVS sends six to hospital.** Six employees were sent to area hospitals for respiratory difficulties after a chemical spill in an East Naples CVS pharmacy occurred when compounds used to make antibiotics spilled. The store was closed while a HAZMAT crew responded and cleaned up the scene.
Source: <http://www.marconews.com/news/2014/apr/23/chemical-spill-east-naples-cvs-sends-six-hospital/>

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *April 24, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Downe Township forest fire 55 percent contained.** Firefighters reached 55 percent containment April 24 of a 1,500-acre forest fire burning in the Bevans Wildlife Management Area in Downe Township that ignited April 23.
Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/press/cumberland/downe-township-forest-fire-percent-contained/article_1f362700-cb19-11e3-9ed3-001a4bcf887a.html
27. *April 23, Glades County Democrat* – (Florida) **Wildfire burns 4,000 acres in Glades County; firefighters use fire to fight fire.** Crews reached full containment April 22 of a 4,000-acre wildfire burning in Glades County in the area of Indian Prairie Canal that was apparently caused by agricultural equipment in contact with dry grass.
Source: <http://florida.newszap.com/gladescounty/131497-113/wildfire-burns-4000-acres-in-glades-countyfirefighters-use-fire-to-fight-fire>

28. *April 23, WCTV 6 Thomasville* – (Florida) **FCAT testing resumes in wake of “network outage.”** FCAT testing in 26 Florida school districts resumed April 23 after a computer glitch forced some schools to halt testing April 22. The administrator of the tests, Pearson Education, blamed intermittent disruptions on a network outage at CenturyLink.
Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/Server-Issues-Impacting-FCAT-Testing-256183571.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

29. *April 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Mobile bad bots running across most top mobile operators.** Distil Networks released a report on harmful bot traffic and found that harmful bots increased their share of Web traffic in 2013 from 12.25 percent of traffic to 23.6 percent. The report also found that the financial services industry had more organizations contributing a high percentage of harmful bot traffic than other industries, and that mobile harmful bots are running across nine of the world’s top ten mobile operators, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16732>
30. *April 24, The Register* – (International) **Cisco: Hey, IT depts. You’re all malware hosts.** Cisco released its latest security survey and found that 100 percent of companies in the survey sample show malicious traffic calling to malware hosts and that the length of time that the activity persists suggests that network penetrations are ongoing and undetected, among other findings.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/04/24/cisco_youre_ialli_malware_hosts/
31. *April 24, SC Magazine* – (International) **Major Twitter spam attack ‘traced’ to fellow social media site.** We Heart It disabled its sign-in and sharing via Twitter April 23 after it appeared to be the source of thousands of spam messages being sent out over Twitter. We Heart It stated that they are investigating the cause of the spam.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/major-twitter-spam-attack-traced-to-fellow-social-media-site/article/344020/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *April 24, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Explosive thrown into Brooklyn mini-mart, setting clerk on fire.** Police are searching for a man who threw an explosive device into a mini-mart in the Borough Park area of the Brooklyn neighborhood of New York City April 23. A clerk inside was set on fire by the explosion and suffered minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Man-Throws-Molotov-Cocktail-Brooklyn-Mini-Mart-Clerk-Caught-Fire-256436551.html>
33. *April 24, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Concession fire at Miami Beach movie theater causes evacuation.** A fire that started in the concession area of the Regal South Beach movie theater prompted an evacuation and closure of the building April 23. The theater was expected to reopen April 24 after crews completed cleaning the scene.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/story/25326153/concession-fire-at-miami-beach-movie-theater-causes-evacuation>
34. *April 24, Indianapolis Business Journal* – (Indiana) **City cites apartments for hundreds of violations.** Five Indianapolis apartment complexes were cited by the city of Indianapolis April 24 with public nuisance charges for allegedly consuming an unreasonable amount of city, public, and law enforcement resources dating back to 2005 related to instances involving narcotics, arson, armed robbery, and homicide. The city is seeking an unspecified amount of financial restitution for damages, and plans to aid property owners in reaching regulatory compliance.
Source: <http://www.ibj.com/city-cites-apartments-for-hundreds-of-violations/PARAMS/article/47333>
35. *April 23, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Firefighters battle blaze at motel in Muhlenberg.** Firefighters responded to a 5-alarm fire at the Klein's Motel in Berks County April 23 that badly damaged or destroyed the office and maintenance areas of the motel and the owner's home. Traffic on nearby roadways was blocked due to strong

winds spreading thick, black smoke in the area.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/firefighters-battle-blaze-at-motel-in-muhlenberg/25618596>

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