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- Interstate 15 in Hesperia, California, was expected to remain closed in both directions for about 2 days after a construction worker accidentally ignited the wooden supports of the Ranchero Road overpass bridge with a blow torch May 5. – *Associated Press* (See item [7](#))
- More than 300,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the Bush River in Harford County, Maryland, after heavy rains April 30 caused the Bill Bass pumping station and the East Baker Avenue pumping station to overflow. – *WBAL 11 Baltimore* (See item [15](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *May 6, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Martin Drake Power Plant in Colorado Springs closed after fire.** A 4-alarm fire at the Martin Drake Power Plant in Colorado Springs May 5 left 1 contract employee with minor injuries, prompted the evacuation of employees, and the voluntary evacuation of residents in a 3-block radius, while firefighters worked to contain the blaze. The plant is closed indefinitely while authorities investigate the incident and determine the extent of damage.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_25699171/martin-drake-power-plant-has-heavy-fire-burning

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *May 5, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Beaver nuclear reactor repairs ordered.** The operators of the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in Shippingport discovered a weak weld in the Unit 2 reactor vessel during an ultrasonic examination as part of a maintenance outage. The weld will have to be patched before the reactor can return to service.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/05/06/Nuclear-reactor-repairs-ordered/stories/201405060110>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *May 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Casino operator Affinity Gaming hacked again.** Casino operator Affinity Gaming reported that their systems were compromised in a data breach that allowed attackers to access the company's system for processing credit and debit cards at its casinos. The company was investigating and was unsure of how many customers were impacted or for how long attackers had access to the systems. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Casino-Operator-Affinity-Gaming-Hacked-Again-440724.shtml>
4. *May 5, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges Toronto-based consultant and four others in reverse merger schemes involving China-based companies.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged a Toronto, Canada-based consultant and four associates May 5 with conducting illegal reverse mergers in order to bring two China-based companies into U.S. markets and manipulate trading in order to make millions of dollars in illicit profits. The consultant and two associates agreed to settlements with the SEC and to pay over \$9 million, while litigation continues against the other two associates. Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370541731661>
5. *May 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Man suspected of hacking Swiss banks arrested in Thailand.** A Moroccan citizen was arrested by authorities in Thailand on suspicion of working with 10 others to compromise the accounts of several Swiss bank customers and steal around \$18 million. The suspect is pending extradition to Switzerland. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Man-Suspected-of-Hacking-Swiss-Banks-Arrested-in-Thailand-440641.shtml>
6. *May 2, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Granite Bay man arrested, accused of \$6.8M fraud.** A Granite Bay man who owned and operated National Credit Acceptance Inc., was arrested May 2 and charged with 6 counts of bank and wire fraud for allegedly defrauding a bank of \$6.8 million by misleading the bank regarding a line of credit that he used for business expenses and to acquire additional funds from the bank. Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/local-news/news-sacramento/granite-bay-man-arrested-accused-of-68m-fraud/25784918>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *May 5, Associated Press* – (California) **I-15 closes NE of Los Angeles after bridge fire.** Interstate 15 in Hesperia was expected to remain closed in both directions for about 2 days after a construction worker accidentally ignited the wooden supports of the Ranchero Road overpass bridge with a blow torch May 5. Officials recommended alternate routes until bridge repairs are complete. Source:

<http://news.msn.com/us/i-15-closes-ne-of-los-angeles-after-bridge-fire>

8. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Officials announce agreement to resolve years-long dispute preventing Philly airport expansion.** Local leaders in Philadelphia announced a \$6.4 billion modernization project for the Philadelphia International Airport by adding a runway, an automated people mover, and a new ground transportation center to reduce delays and add capacity and services.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f5fe7f5e1e67457280e0ba44cbb244a9/PA--Philadelphia-Airport-Expansion>
9. *May 5, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Michigan) **Tanker spills 10,000 gallons of asphalt on I-96 near US-127.** A semi-truck crash on Interstate 96 one mile east of the U.S. 127 interchange spilled about 10,000 gallons of liquid asphalt May 5, injuring 2 people and causing officials to shut down I-96 westbound for over 2 hours and I-96 eastbound for more than 9 hours.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/story/25427241/asphalt-tanker-spill-closes-i-96-eastbound-near-us-127>
10. *May 5, Associated Press*– (California) **FAA says data from U-2 spy plane caused air-traffic computer outage.** The Federal Aviation Administration reported May 5 that a conflict between the flight plan of a U-2 spy plane flying at high altitude and the use of visual flight rules confused the air traffic control system software April 30, causing hundreds of flights headed for southern California to be delayed while the system rebooted.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/05/06/pentagon-says-u-2-spy-plane-was-in-area-during-la-airports-problem-but-flight/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *May 5, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **DeKalb County farmer dies in grain-bin accident.** An Illinois man working on a farm in Genoa in DeKalb County died May 5 after becoming trapped in a grain bin when he entered the silo to try to clear a crust that formed on the corn pile and fell into the estimated 10,000 to 12,000 bushels of corn. Responders attempted to rescue the man by cutting holes in the bin to help empty the grain.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/05/05/farmer-dies-in-grain-bin-accident-in-dekalb-county/>
12. *May 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Pacific Organic Produce announce voluntary recall of mangos due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced May 5 that Pacific Organic Produce voluntarily recalled a limited number of cases of its organic Tommy Atkins mangos sold under the

Purity Organic brand due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. The products were shipped to retailers and distributors in 5 States and sold between April 14 and May 2.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm396074.htm>

13. *May 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Texas fertilizer operator cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA for safety and health hazards following serious injury.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited American Plant Food Corp., for 12 safety and health hazards after a worker's leg was entangled in an auger at its Bartlett facility in Austin in November 2013. Proposed penalties totaled \$181,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25941

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *May 5, York County Coast Star* – (Maine) **Chemical spill triggers explosion at Maine sewage plant.** A small explosion occurred at the Kennebunk Sewer Department May 5 after bioxide and chlorine bleach inadvertently mixed and were exposed to oxygen. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard hazmat team conducted a cleanup, and the problem was contained with no interruption to service.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2014/05/05/news/portland/chemical-spill-triggers-explosion-at-maine-sewage-plant/>

15. *May 5, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Sewage spills in Bush River in Harford County.** More than 300,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the Bush River in Harford County after heavy rains April 30 caused the Bill Bass pumping station and the East Baker Avenue pumping station to overflow.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/sewage-spills-in-bush-river-in-harford-county/25822146>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *May 6, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon; Washington) **Possible hep C exposure at Vanc. hospital.** The Clark County Public Health Department and PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington, began a joint investigation May 5 after learning patients and staff may have been exposed to hepatitis C by a former medical center employee. Investigators are awaiting test results and notifying all patients who may have received care from the former employee from May 2012 through April.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/Possible-Hepatitis-C-exposure-in-Clark-Co-hospital-257990171.html>

17. *May 6, Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire forces evacuation of**

nursing home patients. Forty-seven patients at the Nanticoke Villa Personal Care Home in Pennsylvania were evacuated May 6 due to a fire that broke out in an apartment. The fire was contained and patients should be able to return to the facility after crews clean the smoke and water damage.

Source: <http://www.timesleader.com/news/local-news-news/1375027/Fire-forces-evacuation-of-nursing-home-patients>

18. *May 5, Worcester Business Journal* – (Massachusetts) **Medical center probes possible data breach.** UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester notified approximately 2,400 patients May 5 whose information was accessed by a former employee after learning March 6 that the former employee may have accessed and misused personal information on up to 4 patients. Officials are investigating but believe the information that was allegedly taken may have been used to open credit cards and cell phone accounts.

Source: <http://www.wbjournal.com/article/20140505/NEWS01/140509978/1002>

19. *May 5, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Former employee in custody after shooting at Dayton VA Medical Center.** The Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dayton remained closed while authorities investigate an incident where a former worker entered the facility and shot and injured an individual May 5. The former worker was taken into custody while the building was locked down and employees were evacuated.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/Former-employee-in-custody-after-shooting-at-Dayton-VA-hospital/25817022>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *May 6, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Suspect held, student critical in Paine shooting.** Police took a suspect into custody after a shooting at Paine College in Augusta that left one student critically injured May 5 when the suspect opened fire after an alleged altercation. Authorities are still searching for two suspects involved in another shooting at Gray Hall, one of the college's dormitories, May 4 that left two students with minor injuries.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/crime-courts/2014-05-05/update-person-interested-questioned-paine-shooting>

21. *May 5, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Walnut Creek Elementary will reopen on Tuesday.** Classes will resume May 6 at Walnut Creek Elementary School in Austin after a May 5 fire caused by an accidental power strip failure forced the cancellation of classes. The fire caused an estimated \$125,000 in damage.

Source: <http://kxan.com/2014/05/05/fire-breaks-out-at-walnut-creek-elementary/>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *May 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Windows flaw allows access to data after accounts are revoked.** Researchers at Aorato found that disabled, deleted, expired, or locked-out accounts in Microsoft Windows networks can remain valid for up to 10 hours after being revoked, potentially allowing attackers to use the accounts to gain access to company data.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16805>
23. *May 6, Softpedia* – (International) **DrawQuest shut down after hackers gain access to Amazon servers.** DrawQuest shut down its free drawing community service following a compromise of its systems where attackers used the service's Amazon account to order hundreds of expensive servers. There was no indication that users' encrypted passwords were stolen, though users were advised to change their passwords as a precaution.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DrawQuest-Shut-Down-After-Hackers-Gain-Access-to-Amazon-Servers-440758.shtml>
24. *May 5, Reuters* – (Arizona) **Workers exposed to chemical leak at Intel plant in Arizona.** Two workers at an Intel Corp. plant near Phoenix were taken to a hospital for observation after a spill of around 100 gallons of ammonium hydroxide caused by a construction crew that accidentally cut into a pipe.
Source: <http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2014/may/05/seven-workers-exposed-in-hazmat-situation-at-intel-plant-in-arizona/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *May 6, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Crews battle large fire at Hollywood commercial building.** Firefighters responded May 6 to a commercial building in Los Angeles that housed several businesses after a fire began in an electrical room and spread through the rest of the structure. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/05/06/fire-burning-in-attic-of-hollywood-commercial-building>
26. *May 6, Salem News* – (Massachusetts) **Fire in Salem displaces 70.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a 2-alarm fire that broke out at an apartment building in the Point neighborhood of Salem, Massachusetts, May 6. About 70 residents were displaced by the blaze and one individual was transported to an area hospital with injuries. Source: <http://www.salemnews.com/local/x493491562/Fire-in-Salem-displaces-70>
27. *May 6, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Construction collapse triggers mall evacuation.** The Karmel Mall and surrounding buildings in Minneapolis were evacuated May 6 due to a construction collapse caused by roof trusses that were not secured properly at the site of a two-story addition project at the mall. Officials stated that the buildings appeared to be structurally sound, but crews shut off gas and electricity in the area as a precaution. Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2014/05/06/construction-collapse-triggers-mall-evacuation/8760221/>
28. *May 6, WABC 7 New York City* – (New Jersey) **5-alarm Union City fire tears through 5 buildings.** A 5-alarm fire broke out in one building and spread to 4 other commercial and residential structures in Union City overnight May 5-6, leaving between 25 and 30 residents displaced. Firefighters contained the blaze and determined several of the buildings would likely be uninhabitable. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=9528621

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Dams Sector

29. *May 6, WJHG 7 Panama City* – (Florida) **Intracoastal waterway shut-down results in empty gas pumps.** The Intracoastal Waterway levee at the Bay-Walton County line in Panama City was breached due to heavy rains the week of April 28, causing officials to shut down barge traffic which transports gasoline to the local market, in turn creating a gas shortage at several stations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimated the cost to completely repair the levee at up to \$5 million. Source: <http://www.wjhg.com/home/headlines/258031171.html>

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