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- Firefighters reached 35 percent containment of a wildfire May 12 that burned up to 2,200 acres, destroyed several homes, and forced about 2,100 residents to evacuate in Hutchinson County, Texas. – *CNN* (See item [22](#))
- Firefighters worked to contain the 3,000-acre Signal Fire burning in the Gila National Forest reported May 11 near Silver City, New Mexico, which prompted the closure of Highway 15 and evacuation of campsites and private property near Signal Peak. – *KOB 4 Albuquerque* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 11, KSNV 3 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **22,000 lost power during the night; 180 remain without.** NV Energy crews worked to restore power to the remaining 180 customers May 11 after high winds knocked down poles and lines across the Las Vegas Valley causing up to 22,000 customers to lose electricity.
Source: <http://www.mynews3.com/content/news/story/22-000-lost-power-during-the-night-180-remain/jZd78ajln0yK0j18uYAGhA.csp>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *May 12, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Deputies: Acid leak at I-85 weigh station prompts evacuations.** Firefighters and HAZMAT crews responded to a weigh station along northbound I-85 in Anderson County, South Carolina. where a semi-truck was leaking hydrogen chloride May 12. The weigh station and was closed and nearby homes were evacuated while crews cleaned the spill.
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/25490674/leak-at-i-85-weigh-station-prompts-evacuations>
3. *May 10, Anderson Herald Bulletin* – (Indiana) **Officials: Fire at local magnesium plant not toxic.** A fire broke out May 10 in a pit holding a byproduct of magnesium at the Advanced Magnesium Alloys Corporation chemical facility in Anderson, covering nearby homes, vehicles, and yards in a white ash. Crews extinguished the blaze and authorities stated that there was no threat to the public.
Source: <http://www.heraldbulletin.com/crime/x493495473/Firefighters-battle-blaze-at-magnesium-factory>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *May 11, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **PSEG Nuclear's Salem 1 reactor returns to service in Lower Alloways Creek.** PSEG Nuclear-owned Salem 1 in Lower Alloways Creek Township returned to service May 11 after undergoing repairs prompted by an automatic shutdown May 7 due to an electrical short on a transformer connected to the main generator.
Source: http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2014/05/pseg_nuclears_salem_1_reactor_returns_to_service_in_lower_alloways_creek.html
5. *May 9, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **70 gallons of oil spill from Palisades**

plant. Officials were notified May 8 of an oil leak at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Van Buren County after roughly 70 gallons of oil spilled outside the transformer containment berm. The oil did not spill into any surface water or drain path to surface water.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/local/lakeshore/2014/05/09/gallons-oil-spill-palisades/8896721/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

6. *May 9, New Jersey State Police* – (New Jersey) **Five members of Bergen County theft ring arrested for \$100,000 in fraudulent credit card purchases.** New Jersey State Police and partnering agencies arrested and charged 5 individuals May 1 as part of a theft ring believed to have used stolen credit cards to purchase more than \$100,000 in merchandise online and from stores in New Jersey. Authorities seized electronics, credit cards, \$10,000 in U.S. currency, and froze a bank account after learning the suspected ring leader would purchase merchandise online and direct associates to pick up packages at various locations.

Source: <http://www.njsp.org/news/pr050914.html>

7. *May 9, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **Seniors lost millions in investment scams, DA says.** Authorities arrested and charged four individuals for scamming 28 California investors, many of them senior citizens, out of more than \$3 million through two companies, Masters of Retirement and American Equity Direct, by marketing phony investment contracts.

Source: <http://fox5sandiego.com/2014/05/09/seniors-lost-millions-in-investment-scams-da-says>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *May 12, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Troopers: Big rig rear-ends pickup**

- rupturing gas tanks.** Two southbound lanes of Interstate 85 near Greenville were shut down for more than 5 hours May 12 after a semi-truck rear-ended a pickup truck, causing the fuel tanks to rupture and spill gas on the highway. The driver of the pickup truck and a passenger were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/-big-rig-rearends-pickup-rupturing-gas-tanks/25928690>
9. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **FAA OKs \$4.8M for airports in Mississippi.** The Federal Aviation Administration announced during the week of May 5 that 14 Mississippi airports will receive Airport Improvement Program grants totaling more than \$4.8 million to support infrastructure development projects that will improve operational safety and efficiency.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/05/12/6397139/faa-oks-48m-for-airports-in-mississippi.html>
10. *May 12, Reuters* – (Colorado) **Union Pacific line in Colorado operating after derailment.** Union Pacific Corp., reported that a rail line near LaSalle was back in service May 11 after 6 rail cars derailed, including one that spilled 5,300 gallons of oil, May 9. No oil reached the South Platte River, and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/12/us-railways-union-pacific-derail-oil-idUSBREA4B0AP20140512>
11. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Utah plane crashes in Arizona; 1 dead, 5 injured.** A single-engine plane registered to American Aviation Inc., in Utah, was carrying a pilot and six tourists, when it crashed May 10 while attempting to land at an airport in Page, Arizona amid windy conditions. One person was killed and five others were injured during the crash.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57930306-78/varner-plane-aircraft-arizona.html.csp>
12. *May 11, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Emergency closure on Cedar River after mudslide in Maple Valley.** Washington State Route 169 in Maple Valley and a portion of the Cedar River were closed indefinitely by King County officials due to a landslide estimated at about 300 feet high and 300 feet across the base. Six homes were temporarily evacuated after debris temporarily dammed and rerouted the Cedar River through the residents' backyards.
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/crews-respond-report-landslide-maple-valley/nfsrF/>
13. *May 11, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Crashes cause multiple highway closures across Colorado.** Northbound U.S. Highway 285 near Windy Point, Colorado, was closed for nearly 3 hours May 11 due to a 7-vehicle accident involving a Jefferson County deputy's vehicle that was likely caused by inclement weather conditions.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/i-25-closed-north-of-fort-collins-to-the-wyoming-border-due-to-accident-051114>

14. *May 9, KWGN 2 Denver* – (Colorado) **Two killed in Longmont accident; Highway 119 reopened.** Highway 119 in Longmont was closed in both directions for more than 4 hours May 9 due to a 2-vehicle accident that killed 2 people and injured 2 others.
Source: <http://kwgn.com/2014/05/09/two-killed-in-longmont-accident-highway-119-to-be-closed-several-hours/>
15. *May 9, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Ex-Metro contractor pleads guilty to copper thefts.** A former contractor for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Metro system pleaded guilty May 9 to stealing 30,000 pounds of copper wire and cable from Metro facilities and selling it for \$88,000.
Source: <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2014/05/09/ex-metro-contractor-pleads-guilty-to-copper-thefts/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *May 12, KHGI 13 Kearney; KWNB 6 Hayes Center* – (Nebraska) **Severe weather whips the central United States.** Tornado-producing storms passed through south central Nebraska May 11, knocking down grain bins in several counties and destroying a feed mill, while causing damage to area businesses. Sutton Public and Sutton Christian Schools were closed May 12 due to the storms.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/12/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=hp_t2
17. *May 12, WWMT 3 Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Name of man killed in industrial accident released.** Authorities are investigating after a worker died when he became trapped in a conveyor belt at a Hillshire Farms meat processing facility in Ottawa County May 10.
Source: http://wwmt.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wwmt_name-man-killed-industrial-accident-released-20865.shtml#.U3EMDfldU8o
18. *May 11, Bloomington Pantagraph* – (Illinois) **Pontiac fire forces overnight evacuation.** Officials evacuated about 20 individuals from their homes due to concerns of airborne chemicals after a fire destroyed a building holding fertilizer, pesticides, and other chemicals at the Evergreen FS facility in Pontiac May 10. Crews monitored water runoff for contaminants, and the cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/pontiac-fire-forces-overnight-evacuation/article_288bda55-6cb2-55e8-a5fc-963d6a5d1f51.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *May 11, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Sewage spill nets \$7,800 penalty.** The Eugene-Springfield sewage treatment agency was fined \$7,800 by the State Department

of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a sewage spill that leaked 54,000 gallons of treated sewage into a drainage ditch at the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) biosolids treatment facility, which feeds into Flat Creek. The DEQ determined that the MWMC was negligent because it did not take steps to avoid the spill during a power outage caused by an ice storm in February.

Source: <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/31550263-76/sewage-spill-facility-power-deq.html.csp#>

20. *May 10, Huntsville Times* – (Alabama) **MAWSS: More than 280,000 gallons of sewage overflows into Mobile creeks.** An estimated 280,000 gallons of sewer water overflowed from several Mobile area water and sewage systems into multiple creeks in Alabama due to heavy rainfall.

Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2014/05/mawss_more_than_280000_gallons.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

21. *May 9, Becker's Hospital Review* – (Texas) **1,981 Baylor Regional Medical Center patients' information compromised by phishing scheme.** Baylor Regional Medical Center in Plano notified 1,981 patients April 25 that their information was compromised after the medical center discovered some physicians, who had patients' personal information in their email accounts, responded to phishing emails in February.

Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/healthcare-information-technology/1-981-baylor-regional-medical-center-patients-information-compromised-by-phishing-scheme.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *May 12, CNN* – (Texas) **Texas panhandle wildfire 35% contained.** Firefighters reached 35 percent containment May 12 of a wildfire that burned up to 2,200 acres in Hutchinson County, Texas. The fire destroyed several homes, and forced about 2100 residents to evacuate the Texas panhandle-area. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/05/12/us/texas-wildfire/>

23. *May 12, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Signal Fire grows to 3,000 acres near Silver City.** Firefighters worked to contain the 3,000-acre Signal Fire burning in the Gila National Forest reported May 11 near Silver City, New Mexico. Highway 15 from Ben Lilly Monument north to the Gravel Pit near Wildhorse Mesa was closed and campsites and private property near Signal Peak were evacuated.

Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S3432040.shtml>

24. *May 12, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Indiana) **Boonville High School closed on Monday.** A

May 9 storm that damaged the roof along with 12 classrooms at Boonville High School in Indiana prompted officials to close the school May 12 while crews repaired the damage.

Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/25483441/boonville-high-school-closed-on-monday>

25. *May 9, KLTW 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Panola Co. courthouse, sheriff's office evacuated due to gas leak.** The Panola County Courthouse and sheriff's office facilities in Texas were evacuated and closed due to a gas leak May 9. Crews responded and worked to contain the leak.

Source: <http://www.wfla.com/story/25475390/panola-co-courthouse-sheriffs-office-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak>

26. *May 9, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Mercury spill sends 10 East Valley HS students to hospital.** Ten students and four adults at East Valley High School in Spokane were transported to an area hospital after reports of a mercury spill in a classroom May 9. Officials dismissed students and cancelled classes while crews quarantined and removed the mercury.

Source: <http://www.krem.com/news/East-Valley-HS-evacuated-after-mercury-spill-258649411.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *May 9, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Natural gas confirmed as cause in jail explosion.** Investigators announced May 9 that a release of natural gas was the cause of an April 30 explosion at the Escambia County Central Booking and Detention Facility in Florida where two people were killed and 184 others were injured. An investigation into how the gas was released and if jail officials responded appropriately is ongoing.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2014/05/09/natural-gas-confirmed-cause-jail-explosion/8891671/>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *May 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Bitly says hackers breached offsite database backup.** Bitly enabled two-factor authentication for all its accounts on its hosted source code repository after learning hackers gained access to customer accounts from an offsite database backup storage, that was not initiated by the company, through a compromised employee account.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitly-Says-Hackers-Breached-Offsite-Database-Backup-441677.shtml>

29. *May 9, The Register* – (International) **Point DNS blitzed by mystery DDoS assault.** Point DNS reported a high intensity distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack which knocked out all of its domain name system (DNS) servers for several hours May 9. The company believes the attack originated from China and is investigating the size and techniques used.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/05/09/point_dns_ddos/
30. *May 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **Rush to defend against Heartbleed leads to mistakes with certificates, patches.** Netcraft released a report May 9 stating 30,000 sites that revoked their compromised SSL certificates after the Heartbleed vulnerability reissued new ones with the same private keys as the old certificate and that around 57 percent of sites vulnerable have not revoked or reissued their SSL certificates.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/050914-rush-to-defend-against-heartbleed-281465.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

31. *May 11, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Teen killed, 20 displaced in Anaheim apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating a 2-alarm fire at an Anaheim apartment complex that killed one teenager and displaced 20 individuals May 10.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Person-Killed-20-Displaced-in-Anaheim-Apartment-Fire-258757171.html>
32. *May 10, Associated Press* – (California) **Firefighters rescue 22 trapped on stalled Ferris wheel in Palm Desert.** Officials rescued 22 individuals from a Ferris wheel at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert after a drive cable snapped and stranded riders for up to 4 hours May 9.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/05/10/firefighters-rescue-22-trapped-on-stalled-ferris-wheel-in-palm-desert/>

33. *May 9, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **Punctured gas line evacuates homes, businesses in Sandy.** Eleven businesses and 4 homes in Sandy, Utah were evacuated for about 7 hours May 9 after utility crews punctured a 2-inch gas line, sending gas into a nearby storm drain. Questar Gas workers shut off the leak and a vacuum truck cleared the remaining gas that was trapped underground, while crews remained at the scene to repair the broken line.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865602753/Punctured-gas-line-evacuates-homes-businesses-in-Sandy.html>

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