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- Sallie Mae reached two settlements with the U.S. Department of Justice May 13, agreeing to pay $60 million to resolve excessive interest rates charged to military members and $30 million to settle allegations that it maximized consumer late fee charges. – *Associated Press* (See item **4**)

- Authorities are investigating a fire that started May 12 that caused about $1.4 million in damage at Robert Mann Packaging in Watsonville, California destroying thousands of cardboard boxes and containers. – *Santa Cruz Sentinel* (See item **8**)

- Two healthcare workers in Orlando fell ill and 20 others are being monitored after exposure to a Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) patient, the second case in the U.S. – *Reuters* (See item **13**)

- Officials lifted an evacuation for more than 20,000 residents in and around San Diego, and 1,200 homes and businesses in Santa Barbara County due to two wildfires that broke out in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego May 13. – *Associated Press* (See item **21**)

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Energy Sector

1. *May 14, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Winds knock out power to thousands in San Diego.** Strong winds in San Diego County caused around 12,946 customers to be without power May 13 due to downed power lines. Downed lines also caused three spot fires that also resulted in power outages.
Source: http://www.10news.com/news/winds-knock-out-power-to-thousands-in-san-diego

2. *May 13, WRCB 3 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **EPB power outage from Hixson north into Graysville.** Around 32,000 EPB customers in Hamilton County, Tennessee, lost power after a TVA circuit that supplies EPB lost power and caused two outages. Power was restored later that day.
Source: http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/25505603/epb-power-outage-from-hixson-north-into-graysville

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *May 13, Reuters* – (New Mexico) **Kitty litter eyed as possible culprit in New Mexico radiation leak.** A New Mexico environmental official stated that a February 14 radiation release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant may have been caused when kitty litter used as an absorbent may have caused a chemical reaction that melted seals on waste containers. Federal and State officials are continuing to investigate.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/14/us-usa-nuclear-newmexico-idUSKBN0DU04220140514

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to Report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to Report

Financial Services Sector

4. *May 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Sallie Mae reaches nearly $100M settlement with feds over costly loans to military members.** Student loan lender Sallie Mae reached two settlements with the U.S. Department of Justice May 13, agreeing to pay $60 million to resolve charges that it charged military members excessive interest rates and agreeing to pay $30 million to settle allegations that it maximized consumer late fee charges. Sallie Mae also agreed to pay $6.6 million in civil penalties as part of the settlement.
Source: http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/05/13/sallie-mae-reaches-60m-settlement-with-justice-department-over-costly-loans-to/

For additional stories, see items **14** and **17**

Transportation Systems Sector

5. *May 14, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Truck crash spills animal parts on highway, forcing closure.** Highway 26 in Fond du Lac County was closed for several hours May 14 after a truck carrying cattle parts lost control going around a curve and tipped over, spilling the waste onto the roadway. The driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.
Source: http://www.jsonline.com/news/traffic/truck-crash-spills-animal-parts-on-highway-forcing-closure-b99270005z1-259223911.html

6. *May 13, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **11 injured in crash involving tour bus on SR-520 bridge.** All eastbound lanes of SR-520 near Montlake were shut down for more than 90 minutes when a charter bus rear-ended a car and caused a chain reaction involving 2 additional vehicles, injuring 11 people.
Source: http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Serious-crash-blocks-all-lanes-of-EB-SR-520-near-Montlake-259118691.html

Food and Agriculture Sector

7. *May 14, WSTM 3 Syracuse; WTVH 5 Syracuse* – (New York) **Chemical spill in Cortlandville sends six to the hospital.** HAZMAT crews decontaminated six workers at the Buck Environmental Labs facility in Cortlandville after they were exposed to an unknown chemical spill inside the building May 13. Crews cleaned the spill and cleared the scene several hours later.
Source: http://www.cnycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=1044104

8. *May 13, Santa Cruz Sentinel* – (California) **Watsonville fire destroys home, more than $1 million in packing material.** Authorities are investigating a fire that broke out May 12 at Robert Mann Packaging in Watsonville, destroying thousands of cardboard boxes and plastic clam shell produce containers and causing about $1.4 million in damage.
Source: http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/watsonville/ci_25753831/large-watsonville-fire-destroys-home-1-million-packaging

9. *May 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **US Trading Company voluntary recall of crushed chili powder because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced May 13 that US Trading Company of Hayward, California, issued a nationwide recall for 6.3 ounce plastic tubs of its Dragonfly Brand Crushed Chili Powder, a product of Thailand, due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recall was initiated as a result of routine sampling by the FDA.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm397234.htm

10. *May 13, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **Star Snacks Co. LLC fined $180,000 by US Department of Labor's OSHA for willfully exposing employees to carbon monoxide and dangerous noise levels.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Star Snacks Co. LLC for two willful and six serious safety violations, including willfully exposing workers to high levels of carbon monoxide and dangerous noise levels at the company's Bayonne facility. Proposed penalties total $180,000.
Source:https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25989

For another story, see item **5**

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *May 14, Ann Arbor News* – (Michigan) **29,000 gallons of partially treated sewage enters Saline River during overflow.** A contractor error while making improvements at the City of Saline Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) caused a total of 146,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater to be released from WWTP, of which 29,000 gallons emptied into the Saline River via a storm water collection system.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/05/29000_gallons_of_partially_tre.html

12. *May 13, Eastern Wake News* – (North Carolina) **Spill sends 76,000 gallons of sewage toward Mingo Creek.** The Raleigh Department of Public Utilities is investigating a sewage overflow of 76,200 gallons into a tributary of Mingo Creek May 12 after an inoperable valve caused the line to spill for 5 days. Cleanup was expected to be completed May 13.
Source: http://www.easternwakenews.com/2014/05/13/3857907/sewer-cleanup-near-

mingo-creek.html

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

13. *May 13, Reuters* – (Florida) **Two U.S. health workers ill after MERS exposure; World Health body meets in Geneva.** Two healthcare workers in Orlando fell ill and 20 others are being monitored after exposure to a Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) patient, the second case in the U.S.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/14/us-usa-health-mers-idUSBREA4C0JG20140514

Government Facilities Sector

14. *May 13, Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle* – (Tennessee) **Former Fort Campbell assistant IG pleads guilty to ID theft, bank fraud.** A former assistant inspector general with the U.S. Army Office of Inspector General at Fort Campbell pleaded guilty May 13 to committing bank fraud and obstructing justice by stealing the identities of other soldiers, obtaining bank loans in their names for his own personal use, and attempting to hide his fraud and cast the blame on a deceased officer.
Source: http://www.armytimes.com/article/20140513/NEWS06/305130064/Former-Fort-Campbell-assistant-IG-pleads-guilty-ID-theft-bank-fraud

15. *May 13, Newsplex.com* – (Virginia) **Another bomb threat to Greene Co. School.** Classes at the William Monroe Middle School in Greene County, Virginia, were disrupted May 13 after a bomb threat was received that morning. The bomb threat was the sixth threat in a week and the sixteenth so far in 2014.
Source: http://www.newsplex.com/news/schools/headlines/Another-Bomb-Threat-at-Greene-Co-School-259083441.html

For another story, see item **21**

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

16. *May 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Adobe fixes Flash Player and Reader vulnerabilities reported at Pwn2Own 2014.** Adobe released a total of 17 security

updates for its Adobe Reader, Acrobat, and Flash Player, including 6 vulnerabilities in Flash deemed critical. Users are advised to update their installations as soon as possible.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Adobe-Fixes-Flash-Player-and-Reader-Vulnerabilities-Reported-at-Pwn2Own-2014-442054.shtml

17. *May 14, The Register* – (International) **Dogevault praying backups work after confirming attack.** Virtual currency wallet service Dogevault reported that it was compromised by attackers May 11 and had the data on its hosted virtual machines destroyed. The service reported that it was attempting to restore its data from an off-site backup.
Source:http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/05/14/dogevault_praying_backups_work_after_confirming_attack/

18. *May 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Microsoft releases eight security updates.** Microsoft released its monthly Patch Tuesday round of updates, containing eight advisories, two of which were rated as critical. The critical updates close a vulnerability in the Internet Explorer browser and one in SharePoint.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16847

19. *May 12, Help Net Security* – (International) **Google account passwords stolen in phishing attack.** Researchers at Bitdefender identified a new phishing campaign targeting Chrome and Firefox users that attempts to steal users' Google login credentials. The phishing campaign attempts to use the way Chrome displays data Uniform Resource Identifiers (URIs) to trick users in to logging into a fake Google login page.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16835

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: http://www.it-isac.org

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Communications Sector

20. *May 13, WNEW 99.1 Bowie; Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Man charged with attempted murder after bizarre TV station standoff.** Police arrested and charged a man May 13 after he rammed a truck into the lobby of the WMAR-TV 2 Baltimore station causing the staff to evacuate the building as a standoff between the man and local police ensued for about 4 hours. An area school was locked down as a precaution.
Source: http://washington.cbslocal.com/2014/05/13/possibly-armed-man-rams-abc2-tv-station-with-dump-truck/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *May 14, Associated Press* – (California) **California firefighters gain ground on wildfires.** Officials lifted an evacuation for more than 20,000 residents in and around San Diego, and 1,200 homes and businesses in Santa Barbara County after weather conditions allowed firefighters to battle two wildfires that broke out in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego May 13. At least 2 high schools and three elementary schools were evacuated May 12 as a result of the fires.
Source: http://news.msn.com/us/california-firefighters-gain-ground-on-wildfires

22. *May 14, WSYX 6 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Gas leak forces road closures, evacuations in OSU-area.** At least 150 residents were evacuated from apartment and condominium buildings in Columbus May 14 after workers accidentally struck a 2-inch gas main and caused a leak. Columbia Gas crews capped the leak over 2 hours later and deemed the evacuated buildings were safe for occupation.
Source: http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wsyx_gas-leak-forces-road-closures-evacuations-osuarea-31416.shtml

23. *May 14, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **Fire evacuates The Plaza in Downtown Orlando.** A movie theater and offices inside The Plaza in downtown Orlando were evacuated May 13 after fire started on top an elevator in the south tower when its lift got stuck. Firefighters cleared ventilated the building and expected operations to resume May 14.
Source: http://www.wesh.com/news/officials-elevator-fire-forces-evacuation-at-plaza-in-downtown-orlando/25964812

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Dams Sector

24. *May 13, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Engineers tell Bend Mirror Pond dam needs to be replaced or rebuilt if the lake is to be kept.** Bend, Oregon officials are discussing the purchase of the Mirror Pond Dam from PacifiCorp, while an Arizona engineering company reported the dam needs to be renovated for between $2 million and $3.7 million or the dam will eventually fail.
Source:http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/a8789a8e77524eb1bd58a71235c92c9c/OR--Bend-Mirror-Pond

25. *May 13, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Emergency repairs under way at Haddonfield dam.** The Camden County Department of Public Works received approval from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct emergency repairs on Evans Pond Dam for damage that occurred May 5 after heavy and rapid rainfall. Repairs are scheduled for the week of May 12, but completion is dependent on weather and other factors.
Source:http://www.nj.com/camden/index.ssf/2014/05/emergency_repairs_under_way_at_haddonfield_dam.html

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