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- An underground equipment fire in South Bend, Indiana, May 15 led to a power outage affecting large areas of the city's downtown area, with power not expected to be completely restored until May 18. – *WBND 57 South Bend* (See item [1](#))
- Six workers at the Gerdau Ameristeel Mill steel plant in Knoxville, Tennessee, were injured May 15 after an explosion at the facility's furnace area. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- Several farm buildings were damaged and a silo was destroyed May 14 when a tornado touched down in Cedarville, Ohio, spreading debris as far as four miles long and 200 to 300 yards wide. – *Dayton Daily News* (See item [8](#))
- Stamford city officials reported that 25 million gallons of partially treated sewage spilled into a local harbor May 15 due to a mix of outdated infrastructure and heavy rains. – *Wateronline* (See item [11](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 16, WBND 57 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Major power outage in downtown South Bend.** An underground equipment fire in South Bend May 15 led to a power outage affecting large areas of the city's downtown area, with power not expected to be completely restored until May 18. The outage affected government buildings, businesses, and a hospital and closed or delayed some services.
Source: <http://www.abc57.com/news/local/Major-Downtown-South-Bend-power-outage-259506741.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *May 15, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Fire Extinguished at Ellis County Chemical Plant.** Firefighters spent over 3 hours May 14 battling a fire that broke out inside a ferrous sulfate storage tank at a Pencco chemical facility in Bardwell. All workers were accounted for with no injuries reported.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Explosion-Reported-in-Ellis-County-Town-of-Bardwell-259249651.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *May 15, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **FirstEnergy officials: Static the cause of unexpected shutdown at nuke plant.** FirstEnergy, operators of the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport, stated May 15 that they determined that a January transformer issue that led to an unexpected shutdown of the Unit 1 reactor was caused by static electricity. The company stated that procedures at the time did not provide proper guidance for operating oil pumps at low temperatures, and that the procedures were updated to ensure the issues does not occur again.
Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/energy/firstenergy-officials-static-the-cause-of-unexpected-shutdown-at-nuke/article_a4f0710b-e7c4-5aeb-9425-da62792fe9a2.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *May 16, USA Today* – (National) **GM to pay maximum \$35 million fine for recall delay.** General Motors announced that it will pay a record \$35 million fine to the U.S. Department of Transportation for illegally delaying the recall of model year 2003-2011 vehicles that had an ignition switch defect linked to deadly accidents. General Motors must also submit to increased oversight by the U.S. government as part of the settlement.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2014/05/16/gm-recall->

[probe/9169355/](#)

5. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **6 injured in explosion at Tennessee steel mill.** Six workers at the Gerdau Ameristeel Mill steel plant in Knoxville were injured May 15 after an explosion at the facility's furnace area. One worker was critically injured while the others sustained less serious injuries.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/6-injured-in-explosion-at-tennessee-steel-mill>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *May 15, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (California) **SEC charges unregistered securities salesman for selling millions of dollars in oil-and-gas investments.** A Tiburon, California man was charged May 15 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for allegedly acting as an unlicensed securities salesman for two oil and natural gas companies. The man agreed to pay disgorgement of his commissions and a penalty of over \$22 million to settle the charges.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370541837538>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *May 15, XETV 6 Tijuana* – (California) **New Camp Pendleton fire scorches more than 500 acres.** A series of fires that burned more than 6,000 acres around Camp Pendleton, California, was responsible for shutting down Interstate 5 in both directions near Las Pulgas Road for several hours May 14 while fire crews and base officials battled the fire on the ground and from firefighting aircraft.
Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/New-fire-in-Las-Pulgas-area-of--259453541.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

8. *May 15, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **7 rescued after twister hits houses, barn in Cedarville.** Several farm buildings were damaged and a silo was destroyed May 14

when a tornado touched down in Cedarville, spreading debris as far as four miles long and 200 to 300 yards wide. Seven individuals were rescued from the basement of a home after the tornado trapped them inside.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/local/house-barn-cedarville-destroyed-storm/nfw6B/>

9. *May 15, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (Ohio) **Ohio E. coli cases may be linked to MI outbreak.** An Ohio Department of Health spokesperson stated May 15 that the agency is investigating four cases of E. coli 0157 that are a genetic match to an outbreak in Michigan that has sickened five individuals who ate tainted ground beef served at restaurants between April 22 and May 1. Officials are working to identify the source of the meat and determine if it was contaminated prior to arriving at the restaurants.
Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/ohio-e-coli-cases-may-be-linked-to-mi-outbreak/>
10. *May 15, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming officials cite violations over workplace fatality at Western Sugar Cooperative.** Western Sugar Cooperative was cited by the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services for 12 workplace safety violations related to a January 4 fatality at its Lovell facility when a worker fell into a piece of equipment used for sugar beet processing. Proposed penalties total \$71,000.
Source: http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming-officials-cite-violations-over-workplace-fatality-at-western-sugar/article_76db8ed2-daad-5a8d-9c94-1ae062a0781c.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *May 15, WaterOnline* – (Connecticut) **25 million gallons of sewage spilled in Connecticut.** Stamford city officials reported that 25 million gallons of partially treated sewage spilled into a local harbor May 15 due to a mix of outdated infrastructure and heavy rains. Authorities posted signs prohibiting recreational use of beaches and marinas in the area.
Source: <http://www.wateronline.com/doc/million-gallons-of-sewage-spilled-in-connecticut-0001>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

12. *May 15, Trenton Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Owner of Cranford home health aide agency indicted for insurance fraud.** A Sea Girt, New Jersey owner of a home health aide agency was charged with fraud for allegedly billing Medicaid and the U.S. Department of Veterans for more than \$100,000 of services that were never performed between July 2011 and August 2013.
Source: http://www.nj.com/union/index.ssf/2014/05/owner_of_cranford_home_health_aide_agency_indicted_for_insurance_fraud.html

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Government Facilities Sector

13. *May 15, SC Magazine* – (California) **Keylogger malware found on three UC Irvine health center computers.** Unencrypted personal information belonging to over 1,800 students and non-students at the University of California Irvine may have been compromised after investigators discovered keylogging malware on three Student Health Care computers. The information that could have been compromised included names, addresses, student ID numbers, phone numbers, check numbers, medical insurance data, and other information.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/keylogger-malware-found-on-three-uc-irvine-health-center-computers/article/347204/>

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Emergency Services Sector

14. *May 16, Reuters* – (Texas) **Report says firefighters killed at Texas plant explosion were unprepared.** The Texas State Fire Marshal's Office released a line-of-duty report May 15 examining the deaths of 12 firefighters who responded to an explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, and found that the firefighters were unprepared for the intensity of the fire and should have focused on evacuating the facility rather than extinguishing the fire. The Fire Marshal's Office recommended more training for Texas first responders for incidents similar to the April 17, 2013 explosion.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/16/us-usa-texas-blast-idUSBREA4F02320140516>

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Information Technology Sector

15. *May 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **'Elderwood' hackers continue to set pace for zero-day exploits.** Symantec released research into the Elderwood hacking platform showing that the attackers using it may be more numerous and diverse than previously thought, with several groups or subgroups using that platform to attack defense, IT, supply chain, and human rights organizations. The Elderwood platform is linked to several cyberespionage campaigns including the Operation Aurora and Icefog attacks, among others.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/051614-39elderwood39-hackers-continue-to-set-281662.html>

16. *May 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Filenames used by VOBFUS malware change depending on victim's language.** Researchers at Trend Micro identified a new variant of the VOBFUS worm that changes the filenames of its malicious files depending on the victim's operating system language. The new variant is able to choose appropriate filenames for 21 languages.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Filenames-Used-by-VOBFUS-Malware-Change-Depending-on-Victim-s-Language-442575.shtml>
17. *May 15, CNET News* – (International) **Adobe restores Creative Cloud login service after day-long outage.** Adobe restored service to users of its Creative Cloud service May 15 after a 24-hour outage that left users unable to use some aspects of the service and unable to use the service if not already logged in.
Source: <http://www.cnet.com/news/adobe-restores-creative-cloud-login-service-after-day-long-outage/>
18. *May 15, Threatpost* – (International) **Five year old security vulnerability patched in Linux kernel.** A patch was issued for a serious vulnerability in the Linux kernel that could allow attackers to cause denial of service issues or obtain administrator privileges. The vulnerability has reportedly been present for 5 years, and a proof-of-concept exploit was made available.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/five-year-old-security-vulnerability-patched-in-linux-kernel/106104>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

19. *May 16, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Santa Monica transformer explosion fire leaves dozens displaced.** Up to 20 residents were displaced May 14 after a transformer exploded in an alley behind a Santa Monica apartment building and caught the structure on fire. One person was treated for smoke inhalation related injuries.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/transformer-explosion-causes-santa-monica-fire/63196/>
20. *May 16, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **2 hurt in Indianapolis apartment complex**

blast. A May 15 explosion at the Pangea Riverside Apartments complex in Indianapolis injured 6 residents and caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140516/NEWS/140519730>

21. *May 15, KCAL 9 Los Angeles* – (California) **2 firefighters injured in three-alarm fire at San Gabriel business.** A 3-alarm fire at a San Gabriel strip mall gutted at least three businesses and injured two firefighters May 15.

Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/05/15/fire-tears-through-cell-phone-store-in-san-gabriel/>

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Dams Sector

22. *May 14, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Lock and dam closing Thursday.** The New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam was closed May 15 and deemed unsafe by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after an assessment revealed the concrete and wood structure has deteriorated and poses potential safety hazards. The Corps is planning to build a \$30 million fish passage structure, but will not renovate the locks due to a lack of funding.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2014-05-14/lock-and-dam-closing-thursday?v=1400097988>

23. *May 14, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Second dam to be checked after mistake cracks Columbia River dam.** The Grant County Public Utility District will pay \$61 million to reinforce 13 spillways at the Wanapum Dam in Vantage due to an engineer's miscalculation of the amount of concrete and steel needed to hold back the Columbia River during the design of the dam over 50 years ago. The utility district is inspecting a second dam at Priest Rapids for similar errors.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/second-dam-be-checked-after-mistake-cracks-columbi/nfxB4/>

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