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- A series of small explosions were reported at the Rio Valley Biofuels plant in New Mexico May 27 prompting authorities to evacuate the area for several hours while crews worked to extinguish the fire. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Three New York City men pleaded guilty May 27 to stealing over \$5 million from customers' bank accounts by installing skimming devices and pinhole cameras on various ATMs in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut between June 2012 and July 2013. – *Associated Press* (See item [7](#))
- Authorities are investigating after 13 inmates and 2 guards were injured when a prison-yard riot broke out involving nearly 300 inmates at the Calipatria State Prison in California May 27. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [23](#))
- Authorities are investigating a 4-alarm fire May 27 at an apartment complex in Lorton, Virginia, that damaged or destroyed 24 units and displacing dozens of residents. The blaze killed one individual and injured 4 firefighters. – *WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 27, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **New Mexico biofuel plant catches fire.** A series of small explosions were reported at the Rio Valley Biofuels plant in New Mexico May 27, prompting authorities to evacuate the area which included about 350 homes, for several hours while crews worked to extinguish the fire. Investigators are assessing the site to determine what chemicals may have been affected or released and are working to determine the cause for the explosions.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/manager-burning-biofuel-facility-workers-23885656>
2. *May 27, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **ND inspectors find 2 pipelines leaked oil, gas into Sakakawea tributary last week.** The North Dakota Department of Health reported May 27 that a 420 gallon spill of oil and gas, of which 10 to 20 gallons reached the Sand Creek tributary leading into Lake Sakakawea, was traced to two leaking pipelines located about 10 feet of each other. The spill was contained and officials are still determining the owner of the abandoned oil collection pipeline that leaked near the creek.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/435965/group/News/>
3. *May 27, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland; Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Still more than 1,000 reported power outages in the D.C. metro area Wednesday morning.** More than 40,000 customers lost power in Montgomery County, Maryland, and northern Virginia due to a severe thunderstorm May 27.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2014/05/area-weather-results-in-more-than-40-000-power-outages-103544.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *May 28, Associated Press*– (Connecticut) **Connecticut nuclear plant begins generating power again after weekend outage.** The Unit 2 reactor at the Millstone Power Station in Waterford returned to power May 28 after it and the Unit 3 reactor went offline May 25 due to a power outage caused by a malfunctioning relay. The restart of Unit 3 was postponed after a relief disk gave out and spilled water into the containment building.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/95dd0dd08b4447abada06845ff2b97e1/CT--Millstone-Power-Loss>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *May 27, Truckinginfo.com* – (National) **Recalls issued for Mack, Navistar, Autocar trucks.** Mack Trucks issued a recall for around 44,000 CHU, CXU, MRU, CT, CV, GU, LEU, and TD vehicles from model years between 2007 and 2014 due to an issue with the vehicles' hazard warning lights. Navistar International and Autocar also issued recalls for more than 500 vehicles in total for two respective issues.

Source: <http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/story/2014/05/recalls-issued-for-mack-navistar-autocar-trucks.aspx>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *May 28, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Chesapeake tech company CEO charged with bribery.** The founder of now-defunct ACS Systems and Engineering based out of Chesapeake, Virginia, was indicted May 23 for allegedly paying \$50,000 in bribes to contractors with Military Sealift Command in exchange for more than \$1.1 million in contracts. A second person was charged for allegedly accepting bribes from the former CEO, while five others have already pleaded guilty as part of broader investigation into bribery at the sealift command.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2014/05/chesapeake-tech-company-ceo-charged-bribery>

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Financial Services Sector

7. *May 27, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; New York; Connecticut) **3 men plead guilty in ATM 'skimming' case.** Three New York City men pleaded guilty May 27 to stealing over \$5 million from customers' bank accounts by installing skimming devices and pinhole cameras on various ATMs in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut between June 2012 and July 2013.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/crime/article/3-men-plead-guilty-in-ATM-skimming-case-5507412.php>

8. *May 27, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah; Alabama) **2 men plead guilty to security fraud, money laundering in investment scheme.** A Liberty, Utah man and an Alabama man pleaded guilty May 27 to using their company, the Elva Group, to run a Ponzi scheme that stole millions of dollars from investors over 4 years. The men agreed to pay more than \$9 million in restitution and will be sentenced in July and August.

Source: <http://fox13now.com/2014/05/27/2-men-plead-guilty-to-security-fraud-money-laundering-in-investment-scheme/>

9. *May 27, Arlington Heights Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **St. Charles man charged with tax evasion, wire fraud.** A St. Charles, Illinois businessman and his office manager were indicted and set to be arraigned May 29 on charges that they charged customers' payment cards for services they did not provide, defrauding banks of around \$1.2 million. The two men were also accused of filing fraudulent tax returns that allegedly enabled them to avoid paying \$1.57 million in taxes.
Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140527/news/140528418/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *May 28, Monroe News* – (Michigan) **Trucker injured in I-75 crash.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 75 in Monroe County, Michigan, were shut down for more than 2 hours May 27 after a semi-truck lost control and rolled over in a ditch. The driver of the truck was transported to a local hospital with injuries.
Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/news/2014/may/27/semi-truck-can-loses-control-driver-life-flighted/?top-stories>
11. *May 27, Lafayette Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **FAA investigating fatal crop duster crash.** Authorities are investigating a crop duster plane crash after the plane struck a power line, destroying the aircraft and killing the pilot near Gueydan in Vermillion Parish May 27.
Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/story/news/local/louisiana/2014/05/27/crop-duster-crash-reported-vermilion-parish/9621869/>
12. *May 27, KFGO 790 AM Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Truck hits Fargo underpass.** Railroad traffic was halted in Fargo May 27 after a Minnkota Recycling truck's extended gate struck a Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad overpass, a traffic light, and an overhead powerline, taking out several chunks of concrete on the bridge. The driver and a passenger were transported to an area hospital for injuries.
Source: <http://kfgo.com/news/articles/2014/may/27/truck-hits-fargo-underpass/>
13. *May 27, Reuters* – (Ohio) **Maryland man charged with attempting to hijack bus in Ohio.** A Maryland man was charged after he attempted to hijack a Chicago-bound passenger bus in Columbus, Ohio, May 27 by holding a pellet gun to the driver's head and demanding to go to Indianapolis. Police arrived and fired multiple shots injuring the man and a passenger on the bus.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/27/us-usa-bus-shooting-idUSKBN0E72S920140527>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *May 28, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. salmonella outbreak widens, 574 sick: health agency.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stated May 27 that an

additional 50 cases of Salmonella Heidelberg poisoning linked to Foster Farms chicken have been reported since April, bringing the total number of illnesses in the United States to 574 since the outbreak began in March 2013. Authorities also reported that 37 percent of affected individuals were hospitalized and about 13 percent of the cases developed blood infections.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/us-salmonella-outbreak-widens-574-sick-health-agency>

15. *May 28, Orangeburg Times and Democrat* – (South Carolina) **29 people help rescue man trapped in bin filled with corn.** Crews responded to a farm in Canaan, South Carolina, May 27 and worked for 2 hours to rescue a worker who fell into a 25-foot grain bin that was half-full of corn, burying his lower body.
Source: http://thetandd.com/news/people-help-rescue-man-trapped-in-bin-filled-with-corn/article_3ccd192c-e608-11e3-8299-0019bb2963f4.html
16. *May 27, Meat & Poultry* – (California) **Chaparros launches beef products recall.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported that Chaparros Mexican Foods Inc., of Vista, California, issued a recall for approximately 568,503 pounds of beef products due to undeclared hydrolyzed milk protein. The products were produced between November 2013 and May 2014 and distributed to restaurants in southern California and a federally inspected processing facility.
Source:
http://www.meatpoultry.com/articles/news_home/Food_Safety/2014/05/Chaparros_launches_beef_produc.aspx?ID={D6A7C7BA-48AD-4274-A3B6-11AB556DBAE2}&cck=1

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *May 28, Main Line Media News* – (Pennsylvania) **First test results from PA American Water treatment plant in Norristown ‘clear.’** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection reported May 28 that the first of two bacteria tests indicated no signs of bacteria in the Norristown area water system after 18,000 Pennsylvania American Water customers were placed under a boil-water order after the water company had a loss in pressure in the area’s water distribution pipes that raised the possibility of the growth of bacteria. The results of the second tests were expected May 30.
Source:
<http://mainlinemedianews.com/articles/2014/05/28/region/doc537f662a78f90088349788.txt?viewmode=fullstory>
18. *May 28, Maryland Capital/Gazette* – (Maryland) **Mill and Dividing creeks closed because of waste water spill.** More than 10,000 gallons of wastewater was spilled from the Mill Creek Pump Station into Mill and Dividing creeks in Maryland May 27

due to a power outage. The Anne Arundel County Department of Health placed closure signs in the affected areas until further notice.

Source: http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/environment/spill-dumps-gallons-of-waste-water-into-arnold-s-mill/article_c82c560b-7cda-5d23-a087-f9a36553e0b7.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *May 27, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Computers with patient test data stolen from Denver VA hospital.** The Veterans Affairs hospital in Denver notified about 239 patients after two bio-medical computers containing data from tests were stolen from a pulmonary lab at the hospital the week of May 19. The pulmonary application data was encrypted while the application itself was password protected.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/front-range/denver/computers-with-patient-test-data-stolen-from-denver-va-hospital>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *May 27, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Crews: Arizona fire threat diminishing.** Crews reached 35 percent containment May 27 of the Slide Fire that burned 20,328 acres of land in Oak Creek Canyon near Slide Rock State Park. Firefighters finished creating a perimeter around the blaze and continue to investigate the cause.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/05/27/arizona-slide-fire/9653535/>

21. *May 27, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Bristol Central HS evacuated after bomb threat.** Students and staff were evacuated and classes were dismissed at Bristol Central High School in Connecticut May 27 after a student found a note claiming a bomb would be detonated. Police cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found during a search of the building.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/bristol/hc-bristol-hs-threat-0528-20140527,0,2967476.story>

22. *May 27, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **More than 120 iPads stolen from school in Lawndale.** Police are investigating after thieves stole 123 iPads worth nearly \$50,000 from Charles Hughes Elementary School in Chicago May 26 by smashing windows in the building.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/05/27/more-than-140-ipads-stolen-from-school-in-lawndale/>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *May 27, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Guards fire warning shots in inmate riot at Calipatria State Prison.** Authorities are investigating after 13 inmates and 2 guards were injured when a prison-yard riot broke out involving nearly 300 inmates at the Calipatria State Prison in California May 27. Guards fired warning shots and foam-tipped rubber bullets, and also used pepper spray to help control the inmates who had created weapons used for stabbing.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-inmate-riot-calipatria-state-prison-20140527-story.html>
24. *May 27, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Oregon) **Pendleton prison on lockdown after small riot.** Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton was placed on lockdown and all visitation was cancelled until further notice after multiple fights broke out in the dining area of the prison prompting guards to place 46 inmates into special housing. At least one inmate required medical attention after the fights.
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2014/05/27/2990344/pendleton-prison-on-lockdown-after.html>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *May 28, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Compromised Apple IDs used to hold iPhones for ransom.** Users of Apple mobile devices reported attackers using compromised Apple IDs to enable Lost Mode through Apple's iCloud service, using the service to lock devices and demand a ransom to unlock them. The ransom messages bear the name of an Oracle engineer that was likely chosen at random by the attackers, according to a Symantec researcher.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/compromised-apple-ids-used-hold-iphones-ransom>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *May 28, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **3-alarm blaze tears through New Jersey apartment building: Police.** Firefighters responded to an apartment building in Harrison May 28 to battle a 3-alarm fire that started in the rear of the structure and spread throughout the building. Six families were displaced by the blaze, and some nearby homes suffered heat and water damage.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fire-Apartment-South-Fifth-Street-Harrison-NJ-260892321.html>
27. *May 27, Honolulu Pacific Business News* – (Hawaii) **Hawaii health officials supervise cleanup at Waikiki hotel after norovirus outbreak.** Officials from the Hawaii State Department of Health announced May 26 that sanitation workers were supervising cleanup measures at The Royal Hawaiian hotel in Waikiki, which voluntarily closed its kitchen for 72 hours as a precautionary measure in response to a norovirus outbreak that sickened over 100 guests and workers. One person was hospitalized in connection to the illness.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/blog/morning_call/2014/05/hawaii-health-officials-supervise-cleanup-at.html
28. *May 27, Reuters* – (North Dakota) **Tornado injures nine, one critically, in North Dakota.** A tornado touched down May 26 in McKenzie County, North Dakota, damaging 15 recreational vehicles housed at a trailer park and leaving 9 people injured.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/27/us-usa-weather-tornado-idUSKBN0E720O20140527>
29. *May 27, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **1 dead in 4 alarm apartment fire in Fairfax Co.** Authorities are investigating a 4-alarm fire that broke out May 27 at an apartment complex in Lorton, Virginia, damaging or destroying 24 units and displacing dozens of residents. The blaze killed one individual and injured 4 firefighters.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/lorton/2014/05/27/heavy-fire-at-lorton-virginia-apartments/9635733/>
30. *May 27, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Phoenix apartment fire temporarily displaces 40.** Officials turned off power to 18 units at a Phoenix apartment complex May 27 while they battled and investigated the source of a fire at the building, leaving about 40 residents temporarily displaced.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/05/27/phoenix-apartment-fire-temporarily-displaces-abrk/9647111/>

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Dams Sector

31. *May 28, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Erie, Seneca-Cayuga Canals in Central New York reopened as water levels return to normal.** The Erie Canal

between Baldwinsville and May's Point in New York reopened to boat traffic May 28 as water levels returned to normal after the canal was closed due to high water levels and heavy rain.

Source: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/05/erie_and_seneca-cayuga_canals_in_central_new_york_reopened_as_water_levels_retur.html

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