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- Federal jurors found a St. Louis-area lawyer and religious leader guilty of bilking hundreds of investors out of more than \$50 million in a real estate Ponzi scheme. – *Associated Press* (See item [15](#))
- Seven years after hundreds of people died in nursing homes in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina, nursing homes are still woefully unprepared to protect frail residents in a natural disaster, a new government report found. – *Associated Press* (See item [37](#))
- Two police officers were injured in New York City April 14 when police clashed with anarchists at a local Starbucks in a wild, hours-long spree. – *DNAinfo.com* (See item [57](#))
- The massive storm system that moved through Kansas the weekend of April 14 severely affected many businesses. Most impacted were hospitals, major airplane manufacturers, schools, and a military base. – *Associated Press* (See items [58](#), [10](#), [46](#), [47](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) -

<http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 16, Union City Patch* – (California) **Underground electrical explosion leaves 6,000 without power.** An underground electrical explosion left 6,000 residents without power April 15 in Union City, California, according to the Union City Police Department. The incident occurred when a 600-amp three-way switch exploded and caused a fire underground in the area of Alvarado-Niles and Hop Ranch roads. The fire was contained under four large metal plates bolted to the sidewalk and did not reach the surface. Officers found smoke coming from several metal plates on the sidewalk and notified Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Police said there was no damage to the sidewalk or road. PG&E estimated that 6,000 residents lost power due to the explosion, but all service had been restored within 7 hours.
Source: <http://unioncity.patch.com/articles/underground-electrical-explosion-leaves-6-000-without-power>
2. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Fuel tanker aground off Michigan coast.** The U.S. Coast Guard said its personnel were monitoring a ship carrying 49,000 gallons of diesel fuel that ran aground in Lake Michigan near shore off Manistee, Michigan. The Coast Guard said there were 17 people aboard the Invincible when it became grounded April 14, about 120 miles north of Grand Rapids. A petty officer said the ship was not in danger of tipping over and there was no indication of leakage. The agency said tugs were towing the ship to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.
Source: <http://gazettextra.com/weblogs/latest-news/2012/apr/15/fuel-tanker-aground-michigan-coast/>
3. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Kansas storms knock out power to 26,500 homes, by Sunday 7,300 still without power.** Utility companies were working to restore power to thousands of customers after heavy storms and tornadoes hit Kansas the weekend of April 14. Westar Energy said April 15 that power was expected to be fully restored by April 17. The utility company said heavy sightseeing traffic in hard-hit areas of Wichita has slowed down repairs. The storms and tornadoes hit the Wichita area April 14. Westar said up to 26,500 customers lost power, but by April 15 that number had been reduced to about 7,300 customers in Sedgwick County, and 140 in Butler County. The storms knocked down more than 110 power poles and broke nearly 200 power lines, and also damaged substations.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/249ddec84eef4562b32b522d55a62033/KS--Severe-Weather-Kansas-Outages/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *April 16, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia; Ohio) **C8 linked to kidney, testicular cancer.** A three-person team of experts announced April 16 it has found a “probable link” between exposure to the chemical C8 and the development of kidney and testicular cancer in humans. Members of the C8 Science Panel made those conclusions in the second set of significant findings in their 6-year study of the DuPont Co. chemical plant near Parkersburg, West Virginia. Panel members cited previous studies of DuPont workers, as well as the results of their own still-to-be-published analysis of health data for thousands of Mid-Ohio Valley residents. The findings mean DuPont Co. will have to fund future medical tests for area residents, to help provide early detection of diseases linked to exposure to C8 from its Washington Works plant. Science panel members also said they found no probable link between C8 exposure and other cancers, saying they focused specifically on possible connections with disease of the pancreas, liver, prostate and breast. Panel members also said they found no link between C8 and adult-onset diabetes. The work of this panel is part of the 2005 settlement of a lawsuit filed against DuPont by residents whose drinking water was contaminated. C8 is another name for perfluorooctanoate acid, or PFOA.
Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201204160035>
5. *April 16, CF Industries* – (Oklahoma) **CF Industries announces power outage at Woodward, Oklahoma, nitrogen complex.** CF Industries announced that its Woodward, Oklahoma, nitrogen complex lost its power supply due to tornadoes that passed through the area early April 15, and is temporarily out of service. No direct damage was reported at the complex. Company officials said several employees experienced damage to their homes. They said they plan to make a contribution to the American Red Cross to help fund recovery efforts in the Woodward community. CF Industries manufactures and distributes nitrogen and phosphate products, serving agricultural and industrial customers.
Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/cf-industries-announces-power-outage-at-woodward-oklahoma-nitrogen-complex-2012-04-16>
6. *April 14, Peoria Journal Star* – (Illinois) **Three sent to hospital after chemical plant fire.** A fire April 13 at a chemical manufacturer in Mapleton, Illinois, sent three firefighters to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries. The Timber Hollis fire chief said firefighters responded in the evening to reports of a medium-sized fire at Lonza Inc. He said fire crews got the fire under control within about 30 minutes with the help of fire brigade personnel from Lonza’s emergency response team. Two firefighters from Timber Hollis and one member of Lonza’s team were transported by ambulance to a hospital. A damage estimate was not available, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.
Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1830133388/Three-sent-to-hospital-after-chemical-plant-fire>
7. *April 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Cleanup of chemical spill could take 2-4 weeks.** Officials said it could take 2 to 4 weeks to clean up a hazardous material spill along a highway in Daggett County, Utah, the Associated Press reported April 14. The

Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) said the spill occurred April 12 on state Route 44 near Manila when a tractor-trailer hauling 12 large containers of chlorite solution tipped over and rolled down a ravine. A UHP lieutenant said up to 3,600 gallons of the material spilled from the containers. He said an unknown amount of the chlorite solution leaked into a stream that feeds into Flaming Gorge Reservoir, and it could affect fish there. Crews will remove soil that became saturated with the material.

Source: http://www.abc4.com/content/news/state/story/Cleanup-of-chemical-spill-could-take-2-4-weeks/CwdsN4vFtUi-TO_E5UFMGg.csp

8. *April 13, United Press International* – (National) **EPA mulls new toxic report requirements.** April 13, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule requiring electronic reporting of information to the agency under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Such a requirement would aid the agency in its effort to increase transparency and public access to chemical information, the EPA said in a news release. If the rule is finalized, the EPA said, it will only accept data, reports, and other information submitted through EPA’s Central Data Exchange, a centralized portal that enables streamlined, electronic submission of data via the Internet. The agency said it would be soliciting comments on the proposed rule for 60 days.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2012/04/13/EPA-mulls-new-toxic-report-requirements/UPI-66641334358181/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *April 16, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Illicit strontium 90 deal busted in Armenia.** Two Armenian citizens were detained following an attempted sale of radioactive strontium 90 in their home nation, Agence France-Presse (AFP) reported April 15. “Two residents of Yerevan [...] were arrested while trying to sell a radioactive substance, strontium 90,” the Armenian National Security Service said in a statement. It did not provide specifics on how much material was involved or to whom the suspects allegedly intended to sell the strontium. In 2011, Armenia detained four nationals on suspicion of trying to sell strontium 90, AFP reported. Strontium 90 is considered a potential ingredient for producing a “dirty bomb,” which would use conventional explosives to disperse radioactive material. It is among the highly radioactive materials that “require particular attention for safety and security reasons,” according to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/illicit-strontium-deal-busted-armeniatw/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *April 16, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Spirit AeroSystems, Boeing close temporarily to assess tornado damages.** Aircraft manufacturing facilities operated by Spirit AeroSystems and Boeing in Wichita, Kansas, were closed for at least a day by damage from storms April 15, a disruption that could slow one of the country’s biggest jet programs. All operations were suspended at Spirit AeroSystems and neighboring Boeing while the two companies assessed significant storm damage. Spirit will be closed at least through April 17, and a spokeswoman asked employees not to come to work unless contacted. The work disruption at Spirit could have an impact on Boeing’s 737 program if Spirit’s fuselage construction for the plane is interrupted, according to an aviation analyst. Boeing and Hawker Beechcraft facilities on Wichita’s east side sustained lesser damage. Boeing suspended operations through April 16 due to a power outage in the area. Hawker Beechcraft’s Plant IV manufacturing facility sustained “limited and isolated damage” to its roof, a company spokeswoman said.
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/04/15/2298117/spirit-aerosystems-boeing-close.html#storylink=cpy>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *April 14, Defense News* – (National) **Nuke expert pool shrinking.** Within the next half decade, the U.S. government expects to have lost to retirement all scientists who did hands-on work in the blueprinting and trial explosions of nuclear weapons, Defense News reported April 14. The small cadre of remaining personnel with that experience encompasses anyone who “had a key hand in the design of a warhead that’s in the existing stockpile and who was responsible for that particular design when it was tested back in the early 1990s,” the head of the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration said in March. That loss of expertise is a significant issue for some observers who worry about the state of the nation’s nuclear deterrent. Others say it should be expected given the nation’s longstanding voluntary moratorium on nuclear-weapon trial explosions. It has been two decades since the United States last set off an underground blast. Some believe the United States should reserve the right to test its nuclear weapons not only to keep unique scientific and engineering skills alive, but also because the weapons may require it. However, a new report from the National Academy of Sciences says the country is able to maintain a safe and effective nuclear weapons stockpile without testing. Sustaining a high quality workforce remains one of the most important aspects of maintaining a safe, effective nuclear deterrent, the report says. Much of the scientific work being done on the weapons is called “surveillance,” performing routine checkups on the weapons to make sure the components are still safe and functioning. Advocates of testing say surveillance is not reassurance enough that the warheads, which experience natural degradation over time, are still working.
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120414/DEFREG02/304140002>

12. *April 13, Aviation Week* – (National) **Boeing Wichita closure adds risk to KC-46A.** A senior U.S. Air Force (USAF) official said Boeing’s decision to close its facility in Wichita, Kansas, by the end of 2013 may add risk to its ability to execute the KC-46A aerial refueling contract, *Aviation Week* reported April 13. The Wichita facility was “well-suited” for militarizing the 767-2C aircraft, including adding the refueling equipment, owing to decades of experience, said the USAF’s KC-46A program executive officer. Now, however, that work is being set up between Boeing’s Puget Sound and Everett facilities, both in Washington. This move, announced nearly a year after the company won the contract over an EADS A330-based tanker entry, will introduce risk in three key areas, the program’s executive officer said. They include the transfer of refueling boom assembly work, shifting oversight of the Federal Aviation Administration supplemental type certification (STC), and moving the military modification and finishing center. The government asked for details on how Boeing plans to ensure the STC will be addressed, the executive officer said. Also, “Boeing owes us [a] more detailed report on the Wichita move [and] progressively more details on their plans for integrating the boom and other aspects of the schedule,” according to the Secretary of the Air Force. Boeing opted to close the Wichita facility by the end of 2013 due to a lack of “sustainable business on the horizon,” company officials said.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/awst/2012/04/09/AW_04_09_2012_p29-444556.xml

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *April 15, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **FDIC seeks \$62 million from operators of failed Florida Community Bank.** The former directors of Florida Community Bank (FCB), including its chief executive officer (CEO) and longtime president, face a multimillion-dollar lawsuit brought by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), accusing them of being “grossly negligent” and “reckless” in operating the local bank. The FDIC, which became the receiver for the Collier County, Florida-based bank after it failed in January 2010, seeks damages of more than \$62 million based primarily on losses from eight loans, which it says violated the bank’s own lending rules. One of those was a personal loan to the ex-CEO of the failed Orion Bank in Naples, Florida, who has pleaded guilty to bank fraud. The other problem loans were risky commercial real estate loans, mostly made to borrowers property acquisition and development. In its lawsuit, the FDIC alleges the bank’s former directors “created an environment in which unsafe and unsound lending practices abounded.” By the end of 2006, FCB had an “extreme concentration” of acquisition and development loans “quadruple that of the average bank in its peer group,” the lawsuit said. The loans were risky because they were to developers, builders, and speculators who often have several projects and whose incomes are tied to changing real estate values. “Each of the defendants caused or permitted loans to be made to borrowers who were known to be or should have been known to be not creditworthy, or who had demonstrated a lack of ability to repay,” the

lawsuit states.

Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2012/apr/15/fdic-florida-community-bank-jerry-williams-price/>

14. *April 15, KIMT 3 Mason City* – (Iowa) **Fire destroys Titonka Savings Bank office.** An April 15 fire destroyed the Titonka Savings Bank office in Titonka, Iowa. Although the building has been reduced to rubble, the vault and safety deposit boxes remain unharmed. The cause of the fire is not yet known. No injuries were reported, but a nearby neighborhood was evacuated. The Titonka Fire Department had help from other area fire crews.
Source: <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Fire-Destroys-Titonka-Savings-Bank-Office/TFiqlzJkykOPFehINEzz-w.csp>
15. *April 13, Associated Press* – (Missouri; International) **Missouri lawyer convicted in Ponzi scheme.** Federal jurors found a St. Louis-area lawyer and religious leader guilty April 13 of bilking investors out of more than \$50 million in a real estate scheme. Prosecutors alleged the man was the “life source” behind the largest Ponzi scheme the eastern district of Missouri has seen. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported the fraud, conspiracy, and money laundering convictions against the man capped a 4-week trial in which prosecutors detailed how more than 150 investors were recruited with promises of rich returns through land investments in England. Prosecutors said the money never made it overseas and that more than 30 percent went toward fees. They said the lawyer used the money to fund a lavish lifestyle. Two partners testified against the man as part of plea deals. An assistant U.S. attorney said the three conspired to create the classic Ponzi scheme, where money from new investors was used to pay off old investors over 10 years ending in 2010.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/13/3553173/missouri-lawyer-convicted-in-ponzi.html>
16. *April 13, Gov Info Security* – (National) **GAO: SEC’s financial information at risk.** Government auditors have identified weaknesses in information security controls at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that jeopardize the confidentiality and integrity of the SEC’s financial information, Gov Info Security reported April 13. Government Accountability Office (GAO) auditors uncovered four significant deficiencies in the GAO’s review of 2010 and 2011 commission financial statements, including those involving information systems, according to a letter to the SEC chairwoman dated April 13. The GAO found the SEC had not consistently or fully implemented controls for identifying and authenticating users, authorizing access to resources, ensuring that sensitive data are encrypted or auditing actions taken on its systems. The SEC also had failed to install patch updates on its software, exposing it to known vulnerabilities, which could jeopardize data integrity and confidentiality, the auditors wrote. The SEC also did not configure servers supporting key financial applications to use encryption when transmitting data, resulting in increased risk that transmitted data can be intercepted, viewed, and modified. The GAO recommended the SEC create configuration baselines and related guidance to secure systems and monitor system configuration baseline implementation. Auditors also advised the agemcu to develop and implement a comprehensive vulnerability management strategy that

includes routine scanning of systems and evaluation of such scanning.

Source: <http://www.govinfosecurity.com/secs-financial-information-at-risk-a-4679/op-1>

17. *April 13, Bloomberg* – (New York; Virginia; International) **Ex-Synergy Brands chief charged in \$26 million bank fraud.** The former head of Synergy Brands Inc. was charged with a fraud that led to a \$26 million loss for New York-based Signature Bank. Synergy’s former chief executive officer (CEO) was arrested April 13 and pleaded not guilty in federal court in Brooklyn, New York. The fraud arose from a check-kiting scheme meant to inflate Synergy’s sales, according to a statement from a U.S. attorney. He defrauded Signature and McLean, Virginia-based Capital One Financial Corp., according to the indictment. Synergy Brands filed a Chapter 7 liquidation petition in January 2011. The petition listed assets of \$21.7 million and debt totaling \$44.7 million. The CEO kited about \$750 million worth of checks not backed by sufficient funds through banks in the United States and Canada, according to the indictment. He had those checks deposited into accounts of associated food makers and distributors in Canada, which then sent checks in corresponding amounts back to Synergy in the United States, prosecutors said. Because the funds were immediately available, they artificially inflated Synergy’s bank balances.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-13/ex-synergy-brands-chief-charged-in-26-million-bank-fraud>
18. *April 13, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Ex-CEO of Pa. medical billing firm guilty of fraud.** The former chief executive of World Health Alternatives medical billing and staffing firm pleaded guilty to securities fraud and tax evasion in a scheme that cost shareholders about \$41 million. Federal prosecutors initially claimed the scheme caused a \$200 million loss to World Health Alternatives investors, but they agreed to the \$41 million figure at his guilty plea April 13 to wire, securities, and records-keeping fraud, payroll and income tax evasion charges. The executive resigned just before the firm filed Chapter 11 in 2005. The charges claimed that he siphoned money from the company, manipulated records to hide \$2.3 million in unpaid payroll taxes, and fudged records overstating loans he made to the company as well as financial statements used to fool auditors and shareholders.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9U472GG0.htm>
19. *April 13, Infosecurity* – (National) **Watchdog finds ongoing information security gaps at Federal Reserve banks.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has identified ongoing information security gaps at Federal Reserve Banks, Infosecurity reported April 13. During previous audits, GAO identified information security gaps affecting internal control over financial reporting at the Federal Reserve Banks, which maintain and operate financial systems on behalf of the Bureau of the Public Debt. While GAO’s audit for fiscal year 2011 did not identify any new security vulnerabilities, it found many existing gaps had not been fixed by the banks, although corrective actions are planned or in progress. “Additional actions are needed to fully address the open information systems control recommendations from our prior years’ audits,” GAO noted. “Until these information systems control deficiencies are fully addressed, there will be an increased risk that internal control deficiencies may exist

and remain unidentified and an increased risk of unauthorized access, loss, or disclosure; modification of sensitive data and programs; and disruption of critical operations,” the audit concluded. In response, the Director of the Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems said the banks “intend to implement corrective actions for one of the two remaining [gaps] by September 2012 as part of a transition to a new information security program, and complete actions to address the other [gap] in 2013.”

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/25143/>

20. *April 13, Financial Advisor* – (California) **California advisor charged with stealing \$7.5M.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has charged a financial advisor with stealing more than \$7.5 million from 11 investors in a Ponzi scheme that targeted members of the Persian-Jewish community in Los Angeles. The SEC alleges the advisor in the past 2 years raised more than \$7.5 million from investors who bought into his hedge fund, Neman Financial L.P. He claimed the fund invested in foreclosed residential properties that would be quickly flipped for profit as well as in Facebook shares and other highly anticipated initial public offerings, including Groupon, LinkedIn, and Angie’s List. The SEC claims that essentially all the money he raised was used either to pay existing investors or fund his lavish lifestyle. A federal court in California granted the SEC’s request for a temporary restraining order and asset freeze against the advisor and the entities he controlled.

Source: <http://www.fa-mag.com/fa-news/10613-california-advisor-charged-with-stealing-over-75-million-in-ponzi-scheme.html>

21. *April 13, Pasadena Star-News* – (New York; National) **Pasadena man admits role in insider trading scheme.** A former research analyst at the Whittier Trust Co. pleaded guilty April 13 in a New York City federal court to his involvement in an insider trading scheme. He pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and two counts of securities fraud. The scheme included multiple analysts and portfolio managers at different hedge funds and investment firms and involved inside information about Dell, Inc. and NVIDIA Corporation. Using inside information about Dell, federal officials said the man helped his firm avoid \$78,000 in losses, and the firms where his co-conspirators worked earned profits of more than \$61.8 million. Authorities said he was part of a group of analysts at different investment firms and hedge funds who obtained inside information directly, or indirectly, from employees at publicly traded companies. The group shared the inside information with each other and also with their hedge fund portfolio managers.

Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_20392729/pasadena-man-admits-role-insider-trading-scheme

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Transportation Sector

22. *April 16, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **I-75 reopens after deadly wreck in Bartow Co.** The Georgia State Patrol (GSP) is investigating an accident that shut down southbound lanes of Interstate 75 at mile marker 290 April 15 in Cartersville. The roadway did not reopen until shortly after midnight April 16, more than 9 hours after the crash. According to the GSP, a Ford F-35 pick-up truck traveling northbound crossed the median and hit a tractor-trailer heading southbound. The pick-up struck the left side fuel tank, igniting the fire. Both vehicles caught fire; the flames started a brush fire on the side of the interstate, GSP said. The driver of the pick-up truck was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the tractor-trailer was transported to a local hospital with burns over half of his body.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/238268/8/Accident-closes-SB--I-75-starts-brush-fire-in-Bartow-County>
23. *April 15, White Plains Journal News* – (New York) **Westchester County Airport open after bomb scare forced evacuation; 2 flights diverted, hundreds of passengers delayed.** A suspicious item in checked baggage tripped explosive sensors and caused a nearly 90-minute closure of Westchester County Airport in Harrison, New York, April 15, stranded hundreds of passengers and led to the diversion of two arriving flights. Earlier, the scare led to the closure of the terminal and delayed 13 arriving and departing flights. Of those, four already on the tarmac were evacuated as they prepared to take off. Transportation Security Administration officials then summoned a bomb-sniffing dog stationed at the airport. The dog signaled the bag might contain explosives, and authorities closed the airport, evacuating about 350 people from the terminal. Westchester County’s hazardous-devices unit came to the airport and eventually determined the luggage contained no explosives. The bag belonged to a man traveling to Atlanta. There were no arrests or charges.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20120415/NEWS02/304150125/BREAKING-NEWS-Westchester-County-Airport-closed-over-security-threat?odyssey=nav/head>
24. *April 15, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Official: Acid in tank neutralized.** Emergency officials neutralized a potentially explosive reaction of liquid acrylic acid inside an overseas transport container parked at a hauling business on La. 30 in Ascension Parish, Louisiana April 13, authorities said. The Ascension Parish director of homeland security and emergency preparedness said a liquid inhibitor was added to the cylindrical tank at Trimac Transportation Inc. in Geismar, cooling the reaction. On April 11, the acid began “polymerizing,” which means it began to form solid plastic on the edges of the tank. The incident shut neighboring business Airgas Inc. April 12 and led to the institution of a 1-mile wide, 10,000-foot no-fly zone around Trimac. La. 30 remained open to traffic. Emergency officials monitored the tank and pumped water through coolant lines around the outside of the tank to stabilize the acid. The no-fly zone was lifted April 13. The tank, 18 feet long and 9 feet in diameter, holds about 40,000 gallons and was about three-fourths full of the acid.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/police/2562773-123/official-acid-in-tank-neutralized>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *April 16, KPAX 8 Missoula* – (Montana) **Teens cited in Missoula mailbox bomb incidents.** Police in Missoula, Montana, report that a pair of male juveniles have been cited for their involvement in cases where homemade explosives which were put in several Missoula mailboxes the week of April 9. A Missoula Police sergeant said the case is now in the hands of city investigators. The incidents are believed to have happened April 11-12.
Source: <http://www.kpax.com/news/teens-cited-in-missoula-mailbox-bomb-incidents/>
26. *April 15, Detroit Observer & Eccentric* – (Michigan) **Pair charged in mail fraud case.** A still-unfolding mail fraud investigation by Canton, Michigan police and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service already has led to criminal charges against two suspects arraigned April 13. Charges against the men came after a Canton resident notified police April 3 and reported a suspicious vehicle approaching mailboxes in the Cherry Hill-Beck Road area, a detective sergeant said. Police stopped the vehicle and started questioning the pair, who sped off and led authorities on a chase that ended in a shopping center parking lot. The men were arraigned on many charges, including stealing or retaining without consent a financial transaction device, larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000, and forging a driver's license with the intent to commit a crime.
Source: <http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20120415/NEWS03/204150399/Pair-charged-mail-fraud-case?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Royal Oak|s>
27. *April 14, Park Rapids Enterprise* – (National) **Bogus e-mails sent in postal scam.** Some postal customers are receiving bogus e-mails about a package delivery or online postage charges, the Park Rapids Enterprise reported April 14. The e-mails contain a link or attachment that, when opened, installs a malicious virus that can steal personal information from computers. The e-mails claim to be from the U.S. Postal Service and contain fraudulent information about an attempted or intercepted package delivery or online postage charges. Like most viruses sent by e-mail, clicking on the link or opening the attachment will activate a virus that can steal information — such as user name, password, and financial account information. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is working to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program.
Source: <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/event/article/id/32257/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *April 15, Las Cruces Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Feral hogs may reach Dona Ana County, official says.** Feral hogs, which have spread from 2 New Mexico counties 7 years ago to 17 today, are present along the Rio Grande in Sierra County and are likely on the way to Dona Ana County, said the New Mexico director for U.S. Department of

Agriculture Wildlife Services. They travel along the river because it is a source of water. Feral pigs have been spreading mostly in eastern New Mexico counties. But somehow, likely because humans transported them, they have reached the Rio Grande basin, he said. “Feral hogs are absolutely an environmental and ecological disaster. There will be a lot of property damage and probably some disease issues,” he said. The pigs can eat crops and sometimes young lambs, goats, and calves, and they root up fields. The state’s land office commissioner said he is trying to sound a warning alarm about the growing feral pig problem.

Source: http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_20403970/feral-hogs-may-reach-do-241-ana-county

29. *April 15, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire blisters dairy supply warehouse north of Greensburg.** Sparks from a burn barrel ignited a fire at a warehouse at Graham Dairy Supply in the Hempfield, Pennsylvania, April 14. The owner said he was burning trash in a barrel behind his warehouse when sparks flew and caused nearby plastic containers to catch fire. Within minutes, the fire spread to the large warehouse, he said. Firefighters from at least nine departments doused the blaze. The warehouse contained five antique tractors, plastic containers and products he sells to dairy farmers, such as cleaning supplies, iodine, wash cloths, and milk filters. Two white inflatable medic tents were set up for firefighters to rehydrate and to allow medics to check firefighters’ vital signs and later rinse any chemical residue from clothes and equipment, said the manager of Penn Township Ambulance.

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s_791402.html

30. *April 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dole Fresh Vegetables announces precautionary recall of limited number of salads.** Dole Fresh Vegetables is voluntarily recalling 756 cases of Dole Seven Lettuces salad with use-by date of April 11, 2012, UPC code 71430 01057 and Product Codes 0577N089112A and 0577N089112B, due to a possible health risk from salmonella. Dole Fresh Vegetables is coordinating closely with regulatory officials, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said April 14. No illnesses have been reported. The salads were distributed in 15 U.S. States: Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin. This notification was issued due to an isolated instance in which a sample of Seven Lettuces salad yielded a positive result for salmonella in a random sample test collected and conducted by the State of New York.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm300414.htm>

31. *April 14, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **E. coli in 4 children traced to raw milk.** Lab tests confirmed that four children under the age of 15 have contracted E. coli linked to raw milk from a small Oregon farm, state health officials said April 13. Three of the Oregon children were hospitalized, two of them with kidney failure, and Foundation Farm near Wilsonville has voluntarily stopped distributing milk. Health officials said 11 other customers of the dairy reported recent diarrhea and other symptoms typical of E. coli. State officials said Foundation Farm distributed to 48 households that were part

of a “herd share” — an arrangement in which people own a portion of a herd of cows.
Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/article/20120414/NEWS0107/204140367/>

32. *April 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Moon Marine USA Corporation voluntarily recalls frozen raw yellowfin tuna product.** Moon Marine USA Corporation of Cupertino, California, is voluntarily recalling 58,828 lbs of a frozen raw yellowfin tuna product, labeled as Nakauchi Scrape AA or AAA. Nakauchi Scrape is tuna backmeat, which is specifically scraped off from the bones, and looks like a ground product. The Nakauchi Scrape is associated with an outbreak of 116 cases of salmonella bareilly in multiple states: Alabama (2), Arkansas (1), Connecticut (5), District of Columbia (2), Florida (1), Georgia (5), Illinois (10), Louisiana (2), Maryland (11), Massachusetts (8), Mississippi (1), Missouri (2), New Jersey (7), New York (24), North Carolina (2), Pennsylvania (5), Rhode Island (5), South Carolina (3), Texas (3), Virginia (5), and Wisconsin (12). The product is not available for sale to individual consumers, but may have been used to make sushi, sashimi, ceviche and similar dishes available in restaurants and grocery stores. The product may have passed through several distributors before reaching the restaurant and grocery market, and may not be marked with lot information.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm300412.htm>

33. *April 13, newsplex.com* – (Virginia) **Carbon dioxide leak at Lovington McDonald’s.** A carbon dioxide leak caused an evacuation April 13 at the McDonald’s in Lovington in Nelson County, Virginia. One of the canisters used to make carbonated drinks had a malfunction, leaking carbon dioxide into the air. Several employees said they felt sick after coming into contact with the gas. Crews from the Lovington Fire Department checked the gas meter and determined that no lethal doses of carbon dioxide were in the air. “It just put a lot of CO2 into the building,” said the fire official. “We shut the building to air it out, then we let everybody go back to work.” The employees who complained of nausea were examined on site by rescue crews.

Source:

http://www.newsplex.com/home/headlines/Carbon_Dioxide_Leak_at_Lovington_McDonalds_147341855.html

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Water Sector

34. *April 16, Legal Newsline* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. company to pay \$75K penalty to EPA.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced April 12 that ST Products of Duncansville, Pennsylvania, will pay a \$75,000 penalty for allegedly exceeding permit limits. The EPA’s complaint alleged the company exceeded its pretreatment permit discharge limits for oil, grease, zinc, lead, and copper during a 34-month period. The industrial wastewater pollutants went to the wastewater treatment plant operated by the Borough of Hollidaysburg (BOH) in Frankston Township in Blair

County. The BOH wastewater treatment plant discharges treated wastewater to the Juniata River that flows into the Susquehanna River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. ST Products did not admit liability for the alleged violations, but has certified it is now in compliance with Clean Water Act requirements.

Source: <http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/235835-pa.-company-to-pay-75k-penalty-to-epa>

35. *April 13, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Water line breaks force town of Kemp to issue another boil drinking water advisory.** Multiple water pipe leaks lead to a boil-water advisory for Kemp, Texas, April 13. Officials said both distribution lines failed April 11 and though they were repaired April 13, water was not safe for drinking. Testing results were not expected until April 17. Bottled water was available at Kemp City Hall. Kemp lost water for a few days in August 2011 because of problems with the same antiquated pipes. Government funds were being sought to help pay the estimated \$2.5 million cost to replace the current system.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/74bac4a9690c4fbf971087b5333b8ba4/TX--Kemp-Boil-Water/>

36. *April 13, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Authority fined \$8,500 for January sewage spill.** The North Carolina Division of Water Quality fined the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority April 12 more than \$8,000 for a January sewage spill where 1.4 million gallons of waste spewed into Barnards Creek. The \$8,530.55 penalty was based on many factors, including the amount of sewage spilled and the authority's overall response to the incident. According to the citation, other factors includes "the degree and extent of harm to the natural resources of the State, the effect on ground or surface water quantity or quality or on air quality," and "the cost of rectifying the damage."

Source:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20120413/ARTICLES/120419863?p=1&tc=pg>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *April 16, Associated Press* – (National) **Report: Nursing homes unprepared for natural disasters.** Tornado, hurricane, or flood, nursing homes are woefully unprepared to protect frail residents in a natural disaster, government investigators say. The investigators from the inspector general's office of the Department of Health and Human Services noted that nearly 7 years after Hurricane Katrina's devastation of New Orleans exposed the vulnerability of nursing homes, shortcomings persist. "We identified many of the same gaps in nursing home preparedness and response," they wrote in the report released April 16. "Emergency plans lacked relevant information ... Nursing homes faced challenges with unreliable transportation contracts, lack of collaboration with local emergency management, and residents who developed health

problems.” Emergency plans required by the government often lack specific steps such as coordinating with local authorities, notifying relatives, or even pinning name tags and medication lists to residents during an evacuation, according to the findings. The report recommended that Medicare and Medicaid add specific emergency planning and training steps to the existing federal requirement that nursing homes have a disaster plan. Many such steps are in nonbinding federal guidelines that investigators found were disregarded.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/report-nursing-homes-unprepared-for-natural-disasters/2012/04/15/gIQAhTP7KT_story.html

38. *April 16, Nebraska Radio Network* – (Nebraska) **At least 5 tornadoes rake Nebraska, Norfolk hospital damaged.** The National Weather Service confirmed three twisters touched down April 14 in Harlan County, Nuckolls County, and Thayer County, Nebraska. At least two other tornadoes were not confirmed near Cook and North Platte. There was significant hail and water damage at the Faith Regional Health Services hospital in Norfolk. The emergency department was flooded with at least 4 feet of water that filled the hallways and treatment rooms. When the water receded, large chunks of ice from hail were left behind. Hospital staff members were able to shuffle patients to other areas of the hospital. Damage at the hospital was being assessed. Source: <http://nebraskaradionetwork.com/2012/04/16/at-least-5-tornadoes-rake-nebraska-norfolk-hospital-damaged/>
39. *April 14, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **200 search damaged Creston buildings after tornado, storms.** Nearly 200 emergency workers were sorting through the damage at Greater Regional Medical Center and Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa, April 14 after the hospital sustained “significant damage” when a reported tornado hit the community, the Creston police chief said. There were reports of injuries, but no fatalities. Patients at the hospital were transported to Clarke County Hospital in Osceola, about 25 miles away. The emergency workers combed through wreckage in search of any missing people throughout the night. Firefighters switched to a 12-hour rotation to keep up relief efforts through the night. Rescue workers planned to do a second building-by-building search at the hospital, college, and other buildings, physically marking buildings they have checked. Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120414/NEWS/120414004/Tornado-reported-south-of-Greenfield-Macksburg-residents-seek-shelter?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News>
40. *April 14, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Sheriff: Man brought pipe bomb into upstate hospital.** A pipe bomb was discovered at Wallace Thomson Hospital in Union, South Carolina, April 13. The Union County Sheriff’s Office said a man had checked himself into the hospital April 11 for self-medicating, and nurses became suspicious of him after he became combative when personnel approached him. An on-call deputy from the Union County Sheriff’s Office searched his room and a pipe bomb was found in a bag. Authorities from Union County, Spartanburg County, and the state law enforcement division responded. The explosive was safely removed from the hospital and no other explosives were found on the property. The hospital was not

evacuated.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/apr/13/10/pipe-bombs-reported-found-union-county-home-ar-3599392/>

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Government Facilities Sector

41. *April 16, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Pitt starts week with new round of bomb threats.** The University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh received a bomb threat April 16 for the Barco Law School Building and Holland and Lothrop Halls, according to an Emergency Notification System (ENS) alert sent from the university's Twitter account. The alert asked people in the buildings to evacuate. Authorities cleared the Barco building and restricted access to it to one entrance, the ENS said. Authorities cleared Holland and Lothrop shortly afterwards. The school has received more than 90 bomb threats since February 13.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_791522.html
42. *April 16, Softpedia* – (Arkansas) **Team GhostShell hacks University of Arkansas computer store.** Members of Team GhostShell gained unauthorized access to the official computer store of the University of Arkansas, uarkcomstore.com, Softpedia reported April 16. The breach was a form of protest against the recent law enforcement operations that targeted hackers. The hackers have dumped tens of thousands of records, comprised of names, addresses, phone numbers, departments, zip codes, and local codes. However, they revealed that they possess around 100,000 accounts from the targeted site's databases. "There's something we should probably mention though, this place has been breached more than once," the hackers explained. "So you could say that we've helped you this time, by revealing your vulnerability and exposing the fact that your databases have been spoofed and that you should most likely look into it before it's too late."
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Team-GhostShell-Hacks-University-of-Arkansas-Computer-Store-264675.shtml>
43. *April 15, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Gunman fires shots inside Luke AFB.** A gunman fired shots April 15 inside Luke Air Force Base near Glendale, Arizona after what police believe was a "domestic disturbance". A lieutenant said a man inside the base fired his gun near the housing units for service members. He said the man escaped the base by crashing his vehicle through a steel gate. Witnesses said it looked like the man hit the gate, then backed up and hit it again to escape. The lieutenant said the shooting was not terrorist related. Luke Air Force Base officials were working with the Glendale and Avondale police departments on the investigation.
Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_west_valley/litchfield_park/security-being-increased-at-luke-air-force-base-following-disturbance

44. *April 13, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Security breach, 87,000 exposed.** A security breach into the hard-drive at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Connecticut has affected nearly 87,000 people. College officials said they are taking action to make sure the students, faculty, and anyone on file stays safe. The breach does not just impact students who currently attend the college, it affects anyone who has a file on record in the hard drive. The date of birth and Social Security numbers of tens of thousands of people were exposed. Law enforcement is now involved. The school said even before the breach, the school dealt with on-line security on a daily basis. “For every individual whose record is there, we are providing two years of security insurance, security theft identification, if anything were to occur. Typically if there was to be a malicious attack, it’s done within the two-year period,” said the college president.
Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/fairfield_cty/security-breach-affects-thousands
45. *April 11, myCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Another bomb threat at Union County College.** Cranford, Union County, and Union County College police in New Jersey investigated a bomb threat April 11 at the Cranford campus. County sheriff’s K-9 units also responded. The Cranford campus was shut down and all students and faculty were ordered to evacuate. Police said the school reopened that afternoon. The week of April 2, police investigated but found nothing after a bomb threat was called into the admissions office of the Cranford campus. That threat referenced all of the campuses, located in Cranford, Plainfield, Elizabeth, and Scotch Plains, but nothing exploded.
Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20120411/NJNEWS/304110022/Another-bomb-threat-Union-County-College?odyssey=nav|head>

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Emergency Services Sector

46. *April 16, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; Kansas; Iowa) **Experts: Don’t rely just on tornado warning sirens.** When a tornado dropped quickly from the sky above Woodward, Oklahoma, April 15, the town’s 20 outdoor tornado sirens were nonfunctional due to a lightning strike on the tower used to activate the warning system. The Woodward tornado proved fatal after it hit without warning. While it is unknown whether the disabled sirens contributed to the toll in Woodward, residents and officials in hard-hit areas of Kansas, Iowa, and elsewhere credited days of urgent warnings from forecasters for saving lives. Many residents have grown up counting on tornado sirens to warn them when a twister has been spotted on the ground, but emergency officials say that can be one of the least reliable methods, especially when a tornado hits at night. Emergency management officials urged residents to take advantage of weather radios, smartphones, and television warnings to keep them up to speed when weather turns dangerous. Sirens are not designed to wake residents who are sleeping or to penetrate the thick insulation in modern homes, the director of the

Oklahoma Office of Emergency Management said.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57414503/experts-dont-rely-just-on-tornado-warning-sirens/

47. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa police chief says tornado sirens didn't sound.** The Creston, Iowa police chief said tornado sirens did not sound before a strong storm swept into town April 14, damaging a hospital and community college. He said there was no warning before an apparent tornado hit, and the first notification he received came from a call from Greater Regional Medical Center; the hospital sustained roof damage and had its windows blown out by the storm. He said Creston was “very lucky” that no one was injured.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/17456294/iowa-police-chief-says-tornado-sirens-didnt-sound>

48. *April 15, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Cells inside cells: Kentucky inmates gaining access to more cellphones.** An inmate made and received dozens of cellphone calls from inside Metro Corrections in Louisville, Kentucky, during the 2011-summer as he awaited his murder trial, allegedly telling a person on the other end to kill everybody who was going to testify against him, even children, the Louisville Courier-Journal reported April 15. The cellphone was smuggled to him by a jail employee, according to an internal investigation. Although cellphones are illegal for inmates to possess, the devices are being found in their hands at alarming rates across the country, with this case a prime example of the potential dangers. National officials say inmates are getting more ingenious: Cellphones have been put inside the soles of shoes, thrown over prison walls or launched through a pipe from a device called a potato cannon where inmates can pick them up during exercise periods. In Kentucky, the number of cellphones confiscated from prison inmates climbed to more than 80 in 2011 from only 7 in 2006. The problem has led officials in Kentucky and many other states to try and get phone signals jammed inside prisons, though that movement has repeatedly stalled.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20120415/NEWS01/304160029/Cells-inside-cells-Kentucky-inmates-gaining-access-more-cellphones?odyssey=nav/head>

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Information Technology Sector

49. *April 16, PC World* – (International) **Two more Mac trojans discovered.** Following the outbreak of the Flashback Mac trojan, security researchers spotted two more cases of Mac OS X malware. Both cases are variants on the same trojan, called SabPub, said a Kaspersky Lab researcher. The first variant is known as Backdoor.OSX.SabPub.a. Like Flashback, this new threat was likely spread through Java exploits on Web sites, and allows for remote control of affected systems. It was created roughly 1 month ago. However, the malware is not a threat to most users. It may have only been used in targeted attacks, the researcher said, with links to malicious Web sites sent via e-mail,

and the domain used to fetch instructions for infected Macs has since been shut down. Furthermore, Apple's security update for Flashback helps render future Java-based attacks harmless. In addition to removing the Flashback malware, the update automatically deactivates the Java browser plug-in and Java Web Start if they remain unused for 35 days. Users must then manually re-enable Java when they encounter applets on a Web page or a Web Start application. Instead of attacking through malicious Web sites, the second SabPub variant uses infected Microsoft Word documents as vector, distributed by e-mail. Like the other SabPub variant, this one was used only in targeted attacks.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9226234/Two_More_Mac_Trojans_Discovered

50. *April 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Malicious ‘the Movie’ apps served on Google Play.** A number of 29 Android applications found on Google Play (the new Android Market) were identified as being malicious by Symantec. The pieces of malware, identified as Android.Dougalek, pretend to be popular games or games-related videos. First discovered in February, the elements were advertised as recipe apps, diet assistant apps, content management apps, and adult apps. At the end of March, the same cybercriminals were believed to have launched another series of malicious programs, the names of which all end in “the Movie.” Experts reveal that at least 70,000 users may have installed the pieces of software, but the true number of victims may be as high as 300,000. Initial analysis of the malevolent applications showed they mainly target Japanese Android users. Also, it is likely those who started the campaign are the same cybercriminals that spread the malware known as Android.Oneclickfraud. Once installed, the apps request the rights to access personal data and the phone's identity. While in the foreground it seems as they connect to an external server from which they download the promised videos, but in reality they gather information and send it back to the server. Once the malicious apps are installed, they will appear on the Android device under a different name than the one presented on Google Play. Currently, Google removed the applications from the Play site.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malicious-The-Movie-Apps-Served-on-Google-Play-264672.shtml>

51. *April 16, The H* – (International) **Oracle accidentally release MySQL DoS proof of concept.** Oracle accidentally released a MySQL denial-of-service (DoS) proof of concept in the process of fixing the same problem. In March, the company released updates to MySQL, versions 5.5.22 and 5.1.62, which referred in their changes to “Security Fix: Bug #13510739 and Bug #63775 were fixed” with no other details on the problems. It is a common practice to keep secret details of issues that could be used against older versions of software; even the bug reports for 13510739 and 63775 were not yet publicly available. However, as a security researcher found, Oracle also shipped the new MySQL versions with a development script “mysql-test/suite/innodb/t/innodb_bug13510739.test” in the source that appeared to be not only part of the automated testing for MySQL, but also a proof of concept for the flaw that crashes MySQL 5.5.21 and earlier versions. The researcher posted the script on Pastebin; it requires authenticated access and appropriate privileges to be run, which

mitigates the problem to a certain degree.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Oracle-accidentally-release-MySQL-DoS-proof-of-concept-1526146.html>

52. *April 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Researchers reveal flaws in Microsoft Partner Network Cloud Service.** Experts from Vulnerability Lab have been helping Microsoft patch serious vulnerabilities that affected some services. The most important security hole was a persistent script code inject vulnerability found in Microsoft Partner Network Cloud service. To demonstrate their findings, the researchers made a video proof-of-concept that showed how easily an attacker can leverage the persistent script code injection flaws on a Microsoft Cloud aspx service to execute their own malicious code. Microsoft was notified regarding the presence of medium severity flaws in the Company & Mobile Phone Number (Profile) and the Company Name Profile Listing modules February 11. After collaborating with the Microsoft Security Response Center team and after ensuring the issues were addressed, Vulnerability Lab made available the video and a proof-of-concept in text format.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researchers-Reveal-Flaws-in-Microsoft-Partner-Network-Cloud-Service-264644.shtml>

53. *April 13, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Ransomware infects master boot record, Trend Micro finds.** Researchers at Trend Micro uncovered a piece of ransomware targeting the master boot record (MBR) to take control of a system. The move is a step beyond typical pieces of ransomware, which usually encrypt files or restricts user access to the infected system. In this case, however, the malware copies the original MBR and overwrites it with its own malicious code. “Right after performing this routine, it automatically restarts the system for the infection to take effect,” a threat response engineer at Trend Micro said. When the system restarts, the users are greeted with a message telling them their PC is now blocked and that they should pay 920 hryvnia (UAH) via the QIWI payment service to a purse number. Once that is done, the attacker promises to hand over a code to unlock the system, the researcher added.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/ransomware-infects-master-boot-record-trend-micro-finds>

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Communications Sector

54. *April 16, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Power outage knocks local radio stations off air.** A power outage in Green Tree, Pennsylvania, caused intermittent broadcasts for a number of CBS local stations the morning of April 16, including KDKA 93.7 FM Pittsburgh. The vice president and CBS Pittsburgh market manager said an electrical panel blew out at the station’s facility in Green Tree. The panel included the circuitry that prompts an automatic switch to generator power. Until the power link could be accessed manually, broadcasts on KDKA, WBZZ 100.7 FM New Kensington, and WDSY 107.9 FM Pittsburgh were mostly off the air. The event was resolved in about 2 hours. KDKA 1020 AM Pittsburgh was not affected.
Source: <http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/12107/1224644-67.stm>
55. *April 15, PC World* – (National) **Google hit with \$25K fine, but FCC finds street view data collection not illegal.** Google was issued a \$25,000 fine by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for impeding the agency’s investigation of some of the Internet search leader’s data-gathering practices, PC World reported April 15. At issue is the finding nearly 2 years ago that Google Street View cars were collecting payload data from unprotected Wi-Fi networks via code written for an experimental project. Now, the FCC, which is looking into what happened with the data and why it was gathered, ordered Google to open its checkbook because the company “deliberately impeded and delayed” its investigation, the New York Times reported. Google said it was “profoundly sorry for having mistakenly collected payload data — including personal information such as passwords and emails — from unencrypted networks.” The FCC was initially satisfied with that response, but it said over time Google has repeatedly not responded to requests for information, took the position that searching employees’ e-mails would be burdensome, and would not name the employees involved. Even so, the FCC decided Google’s data collection was not illegal because the information the company gleaned was not encrypted.
Source:
http://www.cio.com/article/704305/Google_Hit_with_25K_Fine_but_FCC_Finds_Street_View_Data_Collection_Not_Illegal?taxonomyId=3234

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *April 16, CNN* – (Oklahoma; Iowa) **Oklahoma tornado claims sixth victim.** Tornadoes and storms that killed 6 people in Oklahoma also destroyed 13 businesses in Woodward, April 15. The storm also took out the transmitter for the tornado warning siren system. The Oklahoma governor declared a state of disaster emergency in 12 counties in order to help expedite resources. Four truckers whose rigs were blown off Interstate 29 by a tornado that struck Thurman were hospitalized with storm-related injuries, the National Weather Service said. Additionally, a tornado

struck a hospital in Creston, Iowa, blowing out windows and damaging the roof. There were no major injuries reported, and patients were relocated to other area hospitals.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/16/us/midwest-storms/index.html>

57. *April 16, DNAinfo.com* – (New York) **Anarchists attack NYPD, Starbucks in East Village: police.** Two police officers were injured April 14 when police clashed with a throng of anarchists, who attacked them with metal pipes and wreaked havoc at a New York City Starbucks in Manhattan during a wild, hours-long spree, police said. Earlier, members of the group, some wearing masks, had attended an anarchist book fair at Judson Memorial Church and then took to the streets around Washington Square Park, marching against traffic and shouting anti-police slogans. According to police, some members of the group of 150 tipped over garbage cans and spray-painted anarchist symbols on nearby businesses.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/16/anarchists-attack-nypd-starbucks-east-village_n_1428018.html
58. *April 15, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Kansas hit by more than month's worth of tornadoes.** The massive storm system that moved through Kansas the weekend of April 14 damaged businesses, uprooted trees, caused power outages, and upended about 100 homes in a Wichita mobile home park. The storms hit the Kansas counties of Sedgwick and Rice especially hard. The Pinaire Mobile Home Park in southeast Wichita sustained major damage, but there were no major injuries. Several of the mobile homes were demolished, others were heavily damaged. A reported tornado also damaged McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita. Officials relocated 16 KC-135 Stratotankers to Grand Forks Air Force Base as a precaution. There were no reports of injured service members or aircraft damaged, but the 184th Intelligence Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard building sustained some damage. Storm damage was also reported at the nearby Kansas Aviation Museum. Six buildings at Spirit AeroSystems were significantly damaged and four others had major damage. Both the Hawker-Beechcraft plant and a Wichita elementary school sustained roof damage.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/kansas-hit-by-more-than-month-s-worth-of-tornadoes/article_f7fa755b-9490-5eae-a427-b9ba7c7bba28.html
59. *April 14, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Car crashes into Publix store, injures 10.** At least 10 people were injured when a car crashed into a Publix store in Palm Coast, Florida, April 14. Investigators said a 74-year-old woman drove through the sliding-glass doors of the supermarket and about 125 feet into the store, hitting several people. One man was found underneath the vehicle and was transported by helicopter to a hospital in critical condition. Other victims suffered minor injuries. The store was expected to reopen April 15.
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/hometest/30893298/detail.html>
60. *April 13, Santa Monica Patch* – (California) **Downtown blaze: Red Cross shelters 53 tenants.** More than 50 tenants of a Santa Monica, California apartment building that caught fire April 13 were being sheltered by the Red Cross during the weekend of April 14. The city yellow-tagged the building because of electrical issues and other safety

concerns, limiting access for emergencies only. The fire in the 53-unit building was contained to 1 unit, but smoke spread to the second and possibly third floors. The cause of the fire was under investigation, but some residents said they heard popping sounds before it broke out, possibly from exploding oxygen tanks.

Source: <http://santamonica.patch.com/articles/downtown-fire-hits-2nd-street>

61. *April 13, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Gas line struck at Easton; several stores evacuated.** A gas leak at the Easton Town Center shopping center in Columbus, Ohio, prompted an evacuation April 13. A construction crew struck a gas line near a department store while digging a trench for a new parking garage. According to a spokeswoman for the shopping center, the east parking garage and buildings 5 and 6 were also evacuated. Customers and employees were allowed to return to the stores after about 4 hours.

Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2012/04/13/easton-gas-leak-evacuation.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

62. *April 15, Associated Press* – (South Dakota; Nebraska; Iowa) **Corps reducing releases at Gavins Point Dam into Missouri River after heavy rain in Neb., Iowa.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reduced releases from Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, South Dakota, from 28,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 22,000 cfs April 16 after a weekend of heavy rains. Similar reductions were under way at other upstream reservoirs. The chief of the Corps' Missouri River Basin Water Management Division said reductions were needed to prevent flooding along the Missouri River in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. The river was expected to temporarily fall below the navigation target of 31,000 cfs in Sioux City.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b8d6df31ce7a47d3baf174509bbb1a6a/NE--Severe-Weather-Missouri-River/>

63. *April 15, Associated Press* – (National) **More flood storage has limited benefit to Missouri River.** More flood storage space in the Missouri River's reservoirs would have reduced, but not prevented, the devastating floods of 2011, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said in a report released April 13. The Corps said there still would have been widespread flooding damage in 2011 because of the massive volume of water that moved through the river. It also noted that any increase in the amount of flood storage

space in the reservoirs would reduce the economic benefits the river offers through barge traffic, recreation, and hydropower. Reducing flood risk along the Missouri River over the long run might require changing the way communities and states think about development in the flood plain and widening the levee system to allow for more room in the channel, the commander of the Corps' Northwestern Division said. In 2011, flooding caused at least \$630 million of damage to flood control structures along the 2,341-mile-long river. Hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland also were damaged along the river, which flows from Montana through North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Missouri. The latest report is part of the analysis being done to determine whether the Corps needs to increase the 16.3 million acre-feet of space that is normally cleared out each spring for flood-control purposes.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/13/3555630/more-flood-storage-in-reservoirs.html>

64. *April 15, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Repair work starts on Griswold, Voluntown flood-damaged dams.** Repair work began on the Ashland, Glasgo, and Pachaug dams in Griswold, Connecticut and the Beachdale dam in Voluntown through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the Norwich Bulletin reported April 15. The dams were damaged in the March 2010 floods. According to the 2010 FEMA report on the storm damage, floods caused \$11.57 million in damage to public structures statewide, mostly roads and bridges. The damage in New London County equates to \$27 per county resident.
Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/newsnow/x1221870967/Repair-work-starts-on-Griswold-Voluntown-flood-damaged-dams#axzz1sCuXrH5F>
65. *April 14, Associated Press* – (Washington; Nevada; Arizona) **Lake Mead tests anti-mussels plan.** Researchers in the Pacific Northwest plan to test whether a chemical coating they hope prevents invasive mussels from clogging dams will work on Lake Mead at the Arizona-Nevada border, the Associated Press reported April 14. Invasive zebra and quagga mussels are not in the Pacific Northwest yet, but hydropower managers on the Columbia River fear that if they reach the area, they will spread uncontrollably, filling dam pipes and crowding out other wildlife. The Columbian of Vancouver, Washington, reported that later in 2012, researchers at a Washington state port will bring panels coated with a chemical solution to Lake Mead to see how the mussels themselves react to the coating. The researchers hope the force of water current alone will be enough to dislodge them.
Source: http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/local/flagstaff/apx-RInvasive-Mussels_08668911-04142012

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