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- The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York announced charges May 3 against 9 people for defrauding investors into purchasing \$131 million worth of ForceField Energy Inc., stocks from December 2009 – April 2015. – *Reuters* (See item [7](#))
- The National Transportation Safety Board issued a report May 3 faulting the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) for failing to properly install and maintain third-rail power cables, among other charges, regarding a January 2015 Metro fire. – *Associated Press* (See item [9](#))
- The World Organization for Animal Health announced May 3 that U.S. officials destroyed 39,000 turkeys in Jasper County, Missouri, due to an outbreak of a mild form of H5N1 avian bird flu that was first detected in April. – *Reuters* (See item [12](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *May 4, St. Louis Business Journal* – (Illinois) **Dynegy to shutter Illinois coal plants.** Dynegy Inc., announced May 3 that it plans to cease operations at two coal-fired units at its Baldwin Power Station and one unit at its Newton Power Station in Illinois due to failure in recovering the plants' basic operating costs in the most recent Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) electricity auction.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2016/05/dynegy-to-shutter-illinois-coal-plants.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *May 4, Fulton Sun* – (Missouri) **Nuclear plant to be inspected.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported May 4 that it will be conducting a baseline inspection at the Callaway Nuclear Generating Station's Unit 1 nuclear reactor from June 13 – July 1 to ensure the Callaway County plant adheres to all State regulations.
Source: <http://www.fultonsun.com/news/2016/may/04/nuclear-plant-be-inspected/>
3. *May 3, New York City PR Newswire* – (New York) **Unit 1 at Susquehanna Nuclear Plant returns to service.** Talen Energy officials reported May 3 that its Unit 1 nuclear reactor at its Susquehanna Nuclear Plant in Luzerne County resumed its functions after being shut down for a scheduled refueling and maintenance outage. Crews replaced more than one third of the unit's uranium fuel as well as conducted maintenance and upgrades during the outage.
Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/unit-1-at-susquehanna-nuclear-plant-returns-to-service-300262275.html>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *May 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Samsung smart home platform exposes door lock codes.** Researchers from the University of Michigan and Microsoft discovered two security flaws within Samsung's SmartThings smart home management platform including a flaw which allowed SmartApps to access more operations on devices than the apps' functionality requires, and a flaw in SmartThings event subsystem which did not sufficiently protect events that carry sensitive information such as lock pincodes, allowing attackers to open locks on command. Officials from SmartThings reported the flaws have been patched.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/samsung-smart-home-platform-exposes-door-lock-codes-503643.shtml>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *May 2, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (International) **GAO: Delayed ship maintenance**

threatens Navy's ability to meet operational demands. A report released May 2 by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found that the U.S. Navy bypassed some ship maintenance since 2001 to keep pace with demands of several wars, which led to a backlog in work needed to keep the fleet going, the reduction of predictability of ship deployments for sailors and for the ship repair industrial base, and declining ship conditions across the fleet. The report also determined that a number of factors led to the delays including workforce inexperience, staffing shortages, and unanticipated repairs.

Source: http://pilotonline.com/news/military/local/gao-delayed-ship-maintenance-threatens-navy-s-ability-to-meet/article_f2be76bb-2af5-5dce-9828-c35854b714e3.html

Financial Services Sector

6. *May 4, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **New York man pleads guilty to role in ATM skimming scam.** A New York man pleaded guilty May 3 to Federal charges for his alleged role in a \$709,000 ATM skimming scheme where the man installed skimming devices on ATMs at banks across Rhode Island in order to steal account information from 1,329 victims' credit cards, and encoded the data onto counterfeit credit cards which were used to make fraudulent purchases.
Source: http://www.wacotrib.com/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-to-role-in-atm-skimming/article_1fc1f499-a961-5593-ac6b-7f6b59ed1a94.html
7. *May 3, Reuters* – (National) **9 accused of losing investors \$131M in ForceField Energy scheme.** The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York announced May 3 charges against 9 stock promoters, brokers, and investor relations officials for defrauding investors into purchasing worthless ForceField Energy Inc., stock from December 2009 – April 2015 by secretly trading the stock in undisclosed accounts, inflating trading volume to create a false sense of demand, and concealing kickbacks to stock promoters and brokers, causing investors \$131 million in losses. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission also filed related civil charges against the defendants.
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/05/03/9-accused-of-losing-investors-131m-in-forcefield-energy-scheme.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

8. *May 4, KRDO 1240 AM Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **State Patrol investigating deadly crash that closed Highway 50.** A fatal 2-vehicle crash May 3 involving a semi-truck and another vehicle killed one driver, sent another driver to the hospital with minor injuries, and caused officials to shut down Highway 50 in Chaffee County, Colorado, for 6 hours while they worked to clear more than 150 gallons of diesel that spilled onto the roadway due to the collision.
Source: <http://www.krdo.com/news/State-Patrol-investigating-deadly-crash-that-closed-Highway-50/39372166>
9. *May 4, Associated Press* – (Washington, D.C.) **Feds: Poor maintenance led to fatal DC subway fire.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued its final

report May 3 faulting the Washington Metropolitan Area transit Authority (Metro) for failing to properly install and maintain third-rail power cables, failing to install smoke detectors in tunnels, and failing to train its employees on how to use fans, among other violations, regarding a January 2015 Metro fire incident where a subway train filled with smoke inside an underground tunnel and killed one passenger while sickening a dozen others. In addition, the NTSB faulted Metro for failing to make meaningful safety improvements following a 2009 deadly collision, as well as failing to address various safety issues in relation to the first fatal accident in 1982.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/feds-poor-maintenance-led-to-fatal-dc-subway-fire/ar-BBsAtdF>

10. *May 3, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Video shows bus hijacker arrest after hitting, killing man.** A man was charged with second-degree murder May 3 after attacking a Washington, D.C. Metrobus driver, hijacking the vehicle, and killing a gas station worker when the criminal veered off the roadway and crashed into a gas station parking lot.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Metrobus-Attack-Hijacking-Pedestrian-Killed-377976341.html>

11. *May 3, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **I-40 reopens after truck wreck.** Officials shut down eastbound lanes of Interstate 40 in Little Rock for more than two hours May 3 following a single-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck that crashed into a bridge support and sent the driver to the hospital with undisclosed injuries.

Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2016/may/03/traffic-alert-18-wheeler-accident-closes-part-i-40/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *May 3, Reuters* – (Missouri) **U.S. kills 39,000 turkeys in outbreak of mild bird flu - OIE.** The World Organization for Animal Health announced May 3 that U.S. officials destroyed 39,000 turkeys in Jasper County, Missouri, due to an outbreak of a mild form of H5N1 avian bird flu that was first detected in April. State authorities instituted a quarantine of the farm and have taken surveillance measures to watch for other cases of the virus.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-birdflu-missouri-idUSKCN0XU1US>

13. *May 3, WDTN 2 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Ammonia leak evacuates Vandalia plant.** Around 60 employees were evacuated from the White Castle production facility in Vandalia, Ohio, May 3 after an unknown amount of anhydrous ammonia leaked. HAZMAT teams, police, and fire crews from seven districts responded and worked to determine how much ammonia was leaked and how to clean up the spill.

Source: <http://wtdn.com/2016/05/03/chemical-leak-evacuates-vandalia-plant/>

14. *May 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Frontera Foods issues allergy alert for undeclared soy allergen in original taco skillet sauce with a “best by” date of “13 Apr 17.”** Frontera Foods Inc. issued a voluntary recall May 3 for 720 of its Frontera Texas Original Taco Skillet Sauce sold in 8-ounce packages due to

mislabeling and undeclared soy after it was discovered that the product label did not accurately reflect the ingredients in the sauce products. The company has corrected the labeling error and no illnesses have been reported in connection with the products which were distributed to 11 States and Washington, D.C.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm499069.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *May 4, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Yonkers sewage plant to get \$6.8 million improvement.** Westchester County legislators approved a \$6.8 million rehabilitation plan for the Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant May 4 to reduce the infiltration of storm water into the water system by replacing 450 linear feet of corrugated iron pipe within the Hutchinson River. The improvements will be conducted at several sites along the trunk lines which carry sewage through seven York sewer districts to the plant.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/yonkers/2016/05/04/yonkers-sewage-plant/83887718/>
16. *May 3, Associated Press* – (California) **\$3.2 million grant to help cut uranium in trailer park drinking water.** The California Water Resources Control Board approved a \$3.2 million grant May 3 to bring clean water to the Double L Mobile Rand Park located outside Fresno, where 36 households had received contaminated tap water for several years after officials found dangerous levels of uranium in the water. The grant will pay to install lines from a new well in a nearby town to the trailer park.
Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2016/05/03/3-2-million-grant-to-help-cut-uranium-in-trailer-park-drinking-water/>
17. *May 2, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **WRA invest \$19 million in phosphorus removal.** The Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority announced May 2 that it will invest \$19 million in new equipment for its largest plant in Iowa that will reduce the quantity of harmful contaminants normally found in the State's water by converting the chemicals into fertilizer pellets. Officials reported the fertilizer pellets will be packaged and sold to farmers.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/local/des-moines/2016/05/02/des-moines-wastewater-treatment-plant-investing-phosphorus-removal/83391456/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *May 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Doctor charged with stealing medical equipment from NorthShore hospitals.** A physician at Evanston NorthShore Hospital in Illinois turned himself in May 2 after he was charged with allegedly stealing about \$200,000 worth of equipment from the NorthShore Medical Group's Evanston and Skokie hospitals between January 23 and April 22.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/evanston/crime/ct-evr-north-shore-doctor-charged-with-stealing-medical-equipment-tl-0505-20160503-story.html>

Government Facilities Sector

19. *May 2, New York Times* – (New Jersey) **Governor orders lead tests for all New Jersey public schools.** The governor of New Jersey ordered mandatory testing for lead at all 3,000 public schools in New Jersey May 2 following a March incident where water at 30 Newark schools was shut off due to high levels of lead. Testing is scheduled to begin before the start of the next school year.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/03/nyregion/christie-orders-lead-tests-for-all-new-jersey-public-schools.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

20. *May 4, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Attackers exploit critical ImageMagick vulnerability.** Two security researchers discovered a remote code execution (RCE) vulnerability dubbed, “ImageTragick,” was leveraged in the wild and found in the open-source software, ImageMagick. Attackers could exploit the flaw to gain access to the victim’s server by creating an exploit file and assigning the file an image extension to bypass the security check, which tricks ImageMagick into converting the malicious file and activating the malicious code.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/attackers-exploit-critical-imagemagick-vulnerability>

21. *May 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Stored XSS bug affects all bbPress WordPress Forum versions.** Automattic released its newest version of its WordPress forum plugin, bbPress 2.5.9 that patched a stored cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability after a security researcher from Sucuri found attackers could use the bbPress user mention (@username) system to store malicious code inside forum posts, allowing skilled attackers to craft malicious code to steal cookies from forum admins and impersonate them with elevated privileged on the WordPress backend.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/stored-xss-bug-affects-all-bbpress-wordpress-forum-versions-503646.shtml>

22. *May 3, Softpedia* – (International) **MosQUito exploit stealing legitimate traffic from WordPress and Joomla Websites.** eZanga.com, Inc., published a list that revealed 9,285 Web sites were affected by a malicious campaign dubbed, MosQUito after discovering that hackers were searching for Web sites where the jQuery JavaScript library was loaded and replaced with a malicious PHP file, jQuery.min.php, to steal paid traffic from legitimate businesses and to redirect victims to another Web site

controlled by the attacker.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/mosquito-exploit-stealing-legitimate-traffic-from-wordpress-and-joomla-websites-503647.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *May 4, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Crews extinguish 4-alarm fire at restaurant in Garden Grove.** A 4-alarm fire May 3 at the Claws Restaurant in Garden Grove caused extensive damage to the restaurant and prompted about 55 firefighters to remain on site for over 2 hours to contain the incident. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/05/04/garden-grove-restaurant-fire/>
24. *May 4, WILX 10 Onondaga* – (Michigan) **Food contamination suspect arrested, admits spraying mouse poison on food at Michigan grocery stores.** The FBI reported May 3 that they arrested a man after he confessed to intentionally spraying food with a mixture of Tomcat mice, poison, hand-sanitizer, and water for two weeks at several Michigan grocery stores including Whole Foods stores and Kroger stores from March – April. The Michigan Department of Agriculture advised customers to dispose of any ready-to-eat items purchased at the stores.
Source: <http://www.wilx.com/home/headlines/Food-contamination-suspect-arrested-378083431.html?ref=431>
25. *May 3, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Fire displaces 24 in Yonkers.** An apartment building in Yonkers, New York, sustained heavy damage May 3 and displaced 24 residents due to a 2-alarm fire that began from an alleged electrical malfunction. Two firefighters sustained minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/yonkers/2016/05/03/fire-displaces-24-yonkers/83886368/>
26. *May 2, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Fire ruins kitchen of Mexican restaurant in Southwest Houston.** The Taqueria Mexico Lindo restaurant sustained major damage May 2 due to a kitchen fire. The restaurant's kitchen was considered a total loss and investigators were working to determine the cause of the incident.
Source: <http://abc13.com/news/fire-ruins-kitchen-of-mexican-restaurant/1318380/>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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