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- The owner of a broker-dealer and investment management firm based in Panama and Belize pleaded guilty May 9 to running a \$250 million pump-and-dump scheme where he and co-conspirators convinced U.S. investors to buy stock in over 40 thinly-traded public companies by falsely inflating the share values. – *USA Today* (See item [6](#))
- American Commercial Lines, Inc., and its subsidiary paid \$805,440 in civil penalties to resolve Clean Water Act violations after the company repeatedly discharged sewage and polluted wastewater into the Ohio River. – *KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* (See item [10](#))
- Dominion Virginia Power began a \$35 million project May 9 to release more than 200 million gallons of treated wastewater into Quantico Creek from its ash ponds in Prince William County. – *WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* (See item [14](#))
- Adobe issued 95 fixes for Acrobat, Reader, and ColdFusion addressing use-after-free vulnerabilities and several other flaws that could result in information disclosure or memory leak. – *Threatpost* (See item [22](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Power restored after outage caused by animal in substation.** Seattle City Light crews restored power May 11 to 38,778 customers in the Magnolia, Fremont, Queen Anne, and Ballard areas who lost service after an animal entered a substation and caused a disruption.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/More-than-26K-lose-electricity-due-to-animal-in-7461390.php>
2. *May 10, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Legislation calls for 114 Aliso Canyon natural gas wells to be tested.** The governor of California signed legislation SB 380 May 10, requiring all 114 gas field wells to undergo testing developed by the U.S. Department of Energy Natural Laboratories before Southern California Gas Co. can resume injections of natural gas into the Aliso Canyon storage facility. The legislation also requires the utility and State regulators to adhere to strict safety standards before the facility can be reopened following a months-long gas leak that was capped in February.
Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20160510/legislation-calls-for-114-aliso-canyon-natural-gas-wells-to-be-tested>
3. *May 10, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **ExxonMobil refinery in Torrance resumes operations 1 year after explosion.** ExxonMobil's Torrance facility was brought back online May 10 following a shut down due to a February 2015 explosion at the plant that injured two people and discharged an 80,000- pound piece of equipment within feet of a structure that contained modified hydrofluoric acid. ExxonMobil stated that it will notify the community of the restart and officials will monitor levels of pollutants emitted.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/exxonmobil-refinery-in-torrance-resumes-operations/1331424/>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *May 10, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Davis-Besse nuclear reactor restarted, equipped to handle Fukushima-sized disaster.** FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., restarted its Davis-Besse nuclear reactor May 10 following a 44-day shutdown to inspect, service, and refuel the reactor. The company replaced about a third of the reactor's fuel rod assemblies as well as 2 of the plant's 50-ton electric motors, and completed construction of a new emergency water and power supply building to meet updated Federal and industry standards.
Source: http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2016/05/davis-besse_nuclear_reactor_re.html

Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *May 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Complaint leads OSHA to cite Fort Worth steel fabricator with 11 violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Structural & Steel Products Manufacturing Ltd., with 11 serious violations May 10 after a complaint regarding unsafe working conditions prompted an investigation at the Fort Worth, Texas facility which revealed that the company failed to conduct monthly hook inspections, failed to tag alloy steel slings used with appropriate identification, and failed to remove damaged synthetic web slings, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$40,458.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=31854

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

6. *May 9, USA Today* – (International) **Guilty plea in \$250M pump-and-dump scheme.** The owner of a broker-dealer and investment management firm based in Panama and Belize pleaded guilty May 9 to running a \$250 million pump-and-dump scheme where he and co-conspirators convinced U.S. investors to buy stock in over 40 thinly-traded public companies by falsely touting and inflating the share values, and established shell companies to circumvent U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax reporting requirements from 2010 – 2014. Officials stated that the broker and his co-conspirators dumped their shares at inflated rates and used corrupt law firms to launder the fraudulent proceeds.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2016/05/09/broker-pleads-guilty-250m-pump-and-dump-scheme/84138184/>
7. *May 9, Wall Street Journal* – (New York) **Prominent Manhattan landlord arrested.** A Manhattan landlord was arrested and charged May 9 after he allegedly secured more than \$45 million in fraudulent mortgage loans by inflating rental and other income from his Manhattan residential buildings, and submitting fraudulent mortgage documents to banks. The New York State Attorney General's office also filed parallel civil charges against the landlord after he and his staff drove tenants from their rent-regulated apartments by creating dangerous and unlivable conditions, filing frivolous lawsuits, and offering buyouts.
Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/prominent-manhattan-landlord-arrested-on-criminal-charges-1462810021>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *May 11, WITN 7 Washington* – (North Carolina) **Teen driver charged in fiery crash on Highway 43 in Craven County.** A 2-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck transporting logs and another vehicle shut down Highway 43 in Craven County, North Carolina, for more than 5 hours May 10 while crews worked to clear the wreckage. One driver was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/Fiery-crash-involving-log-truck-SUV-closes-Highway-43-in-Craven-County-378862021.html>
9. *May 10, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Geismar intersection reopened after six hours; 18-wheeler overturns.** A section of Louisiana Highway 73 in Ascension Parish was closed for nearly 6 hours May 10 while HAZMAT crews removed and transferred sulfuric acid from an overturned semi-truck to another semi-truck.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/police/15748125-123/overturned-18-wheeler-shut-down-la-73-in-geismar-hazmat-teams-responding>
10. *May 10, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Illinois) **Barge operator pays more than \$800K for dumping pollutants into Ohio River at Cairo, IL.** American Commercial Lines, Inc., (ACL) and its subsidiary ACBL Transportation Services, LLC paid \$805,440 in civil penalties to resolve Clean Water Act violations after the company repeatedly discharged sewage and polluted wastewater into the Ohio River from two office septic systems and a marine sanitation device from their barge cleaning facility in Cairo, Illinois. An investigation found that on 16 occasions the amount of fecal coliform in ACL's discharges was at least 100 times higher than the permit limit, and on another occasion the total residual chlorine in the wastewater was more than 700 times the permit limit.
Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/31937778/barge-operator-pays-more-than-800k-for-dumping-pollutants-into-ohio-river-at-cairo-il>

Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *May 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **World Class Distribution issues voluntary recall on kale & edamame salad due to possible health risk.** WCD Kitchen, LLC issued a voluntary recall May 10 for 3,763 of its Trader Joe's Kale & Edamame Salad products sold in 10-ounce packages due to a potential Salmonella contamination after the company's kale supplier, Pearson Foods Corporation, notified the firm that the kale tested positive for Salmonella. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed to Trader Joe's stores in 11 States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm500286.htm>
12. *May 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Frontier Co-op initiates voluntary recall of Organic Hojicha Tea due to possible health risk.** Frontier Natural Products Co-op issued a voluntary recall May 10 for its Organic Hojicha Tea products due to a potential Salmonella contamination after the company's supplier recalled a raw material used in the tea products due to the presence of Salmonella. No illnesses have been reported and the products were sold nationwide.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm500342.htm>

13. *May 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **United Natural Trading LLC announces voluntary recall of walnuts.** United Natural Trading LLC issued a voluntary recall May 10 for select lots of its conventional walnuts and walnut-containing products sold in 7 variations due to a possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination after a single sample of a finished product tested positive for *Listeria*. No illnesses have been reported and the products were shipped to retailers and distributors nationwide.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm500345.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *May 10, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Gallons of coal ash water being released into local creek.** Dominion Virginia Power began a \$35 million project May 9 to release more than 200 million gallons of treated wastewater into Quantico Creek from its ash ponds at Possum Point Power Station in Prince William County. The treated wastewater will eventually flow into the Potomac River.

Source: <http://wtop.com/prince-william-county/2016/05/gallons-of-coal-ash-water-being-released-into-local-creek/slide/1/>

15. *May 10, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (South Carolina) **Major sewage spill after officials say pipe incorrectly installed.** Approximately 3,500 of gallons of raw sewage spilled into Long Branch Creek in Indian Land, South Carolina, May 9 after a sewage pipe burst. Crews replaced the sewer main and officials stated that the pipe burst because it was improperly installed against a rock bed instead of in soft soil, causing the rock surface to eventually crack the PVC pipe.

Source: <http://www.wsoc.com/news/local/3500-gallons-of-raw-sewage-spills-from-pipe-into-indian-land-creek/274543254>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

16. *May 11, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Power outage closes Lockport High, Emmet Belknap, Roy B. Kelley Elementary.** A power outage prompted the closure of Lockport High School, Emmet Belknap Intermediate, and Roy B. Kelley Elementary School in New York May 11. New York State Electric & Gas crews worked to restore service.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/lockport/power-outage-closes-lockport-high-emmet-belknap-roy-b-kelley-elementary-20160511>

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Emergency Services Sector

17. *May 10, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Delaware) **Treasurer stole \$200K from Millville Fire Co: State auditor.** The Delaware State auditor released a report May 10 which found that the former treasurer of the Millville Volunteer Fire Company falsified accounting records in order to conceal the theft of over \$190,000 from the fire company. The department stated that the former treasurer admitted to the offense in May 2015 and an investigation is ongoing.
Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/story/news/local/delaware/2016/05/10/treasurer-stole-200k-millville-fire-co-state-auditor/84191722/>

Information Technology Sector

18. *May 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Wi-Fi flaw exposes Android devices to attacks.** Google and the developers of Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) supplicant patched a high severity privilege escalation flaw that is used in the Android operating system (OS) and several other products after SEARCH-LAB researchers determined that the vulnerability can be exploited to write arbitrary values in the wpa_supplicant configuration file, allowing an attacker to execute arbitrary code with elevated privileges or disrupt the device's Wi-Fi functionality. The weakness is exploited through a Wi-Fi Protected Setup (WPS) attack or the wpa_supplicant control interface.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wi-fi-flaw-exposes-android-devices-attacks>
19. *May 11, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Microsoft patches flaws exploited in targeted attacks.** Microsoft released 16 security bulletins patching over 30 flaws exploited via Internet Explorer, Windows, and Office which address JavaScript and Visual Basic Scripting Edition (VBScript) zero-days, several remote code execution (RCE) vulnerabilities in Edge running on Windows 10, and a Transport Layer Security (TLS) vulnerability, among others.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-patches-flaws-exploited-targeted-attacks>
20. *May 10, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Syrian Electronic Army hacker extradited to U.S.** A suspected member of the Syrian Electronic Army hacktivist group was extradited from Germany to the U.S. to face charges that he and two other alleged members took part in a criminal conspiracy related to their campaign which involved targeting and hacking into the systems of government organizations, media companies, and other private-sector entities.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/syrian-electronic-army-hacker-extradited-us>
21. *May 10, Network World* – (International) **DHS moves to bolster intrusion/detection for Federal networks.** DHS released its Privacy Impact Assessment and announced the addition of a new intrusion prevention security service to its National Cybersecurity Protection System (NCPS) dubbed Einstein 3A which is a Web Content Filtering system that provides protection at the application layer for Web traffic by blocking access to suspicious sites, and works to prevent, detect, and block malware from running on systems and networks.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/3068419/security/dhs-moves-to-bolster-intrusion-detection-for-federal-networks.html>

22. *May 10, Threatpost* – (International) **Adobe warns of Flash zero day, patches Acrobat, Reader.** Adobe issued 95 fixes for Acrobat, Reader, and ColdFusion addressing use-after-free vulnerabilities, memory corruption flaws that could lead to code execution, heap buffer overflow vulnerabilities, and several other flaws that could result in information disclosure or memory leak. A patch for a zero day vulnerability in Flash Player which could cause a crash and allow an attacker to take control of the system is expected to be released the week of May 9.

Source: <https://threatpost.com/adobe-warns-of-flash-zero-day-patches-acrobat-reader/117981/>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *May 11, Krebs on Security* – (National) **Wendy's: breach affected 5% of restaurants.** Wendy's announced May 11 that it is investigating and working to identify the source of the malware and extent of the attack after malicious software was found on its point-of-sale (PoS) systems at less than 300 franchised stores nationwide. The malware was removed from all affected systems and the company believes that the intrusive software was installed through the use of compromised third-party vendor credentials.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2016/05/wendys-breach-affected-5-of-restaurants/>

24. *May 11, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **3 killed, including suspect, in Taunton stabbing rampage.** A man was fatally shot by an off-duty sheriff's deputy in Taunton, Massachusetts, May 10 after he crashed a car outside of a home and stabbed two people, killing one, then drove to the Silver City Galleria mall and crashed into a Macy's department store before entering a restaurant and stabbing two others, killing one.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/news/police-on-the-scene-of-an-active-incident-at-taunton-mall2/274845219>

25. *May 10, KPRC 2 Houston* – (National) **Payless pulls light-up shoes family believes caused car fire from shelves.** The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating whether a pair of Payless ShoeSource's Boys' Jake Lighted Runner shoes were

responsible for a May 6 car fire at a home in Katy. Payless ShoeSource announced that it removed the shoes from all stores while it investigates a customer claim regarding the shoes.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/family-believes-light-up-shoes-responsible-for-car-fire>

26. *May 10, Associated Press* – (National) **At least 10 hurt as storms move into Ohio River Valley.** Two people were killed, while at least 10 others were hurt following a series of powerful storms that moved through parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, and Illinois damaging an unknown number of homes and businesses May 9.

Source: <http://www.wbvtv.com/story/31931794/at-least-10-hurt-as-storms-move-into-ohio-river-valley>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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