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Top Stories

- Officials reported May 14 that Duke Energy Corporation pleaded guilty to 9 criminal violations at several of its North Carolina facilities, and will pay over \$102 million in fines, community service payments, and restitution. – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (See item [1](#))
- Nebraska declared a state of emergency May 14 after agriculture officials confirmed the presence of H5N2 avian flu on a second farm in Dixon County. – *Reuters* (See item [8](#))
- The U.S. Department of Justice unsealed an indictment May 14 charging former Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department personnel for allegedly plotting to sabotage an FBI investigation into corruption and civil rights abuses at County jails. – *KTLA 5 Los Angeles* (See item [13](#))
- Approximately 100,000 Comcast customers in Boulder, Colorado lost internet and cable service for about 8 hours May 14 after a work crew inadvertently cut a fiber cable. – *KUSA 9 Denver* (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 15, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (North Carolina) **Duke Energy subsidiaries plead guilty and sentenced for Clean Water Act crimes/the companies will pay a fine and conduct community service and wetlands mitigation.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, and 3 U.S. Attorney's offices in North Carolina announced May 14 that 3 subsidiaries of Duke Energy Corporation pleaded guilty to 9 criminal violations at several of its North Carolina facilities, 4 of which involve the 2014 massive coal ash spill from the Dan River steam station into the Dan River. The companies will pay a \$68 million fine, a \$24 million community service payment, and provide \$10 million to an authorized wetlands mitigation fund, in addition to paying restitution to the Federal, State, and local governments.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/12ec4eca30be9a5d85257e45006b4215>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *May 14, Associated Press* – (Texas) **US cites DuPont for 11 safety violations in gas leak that killed 4 workers at La Porte works.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited DuPont May 14 for 11 health and safety violations including failure to properly train employees or assess potential dangers involved in a faulty ventilation system, following an investigation into a toxic gas leak in November 2014 at its La Porte chemical plant that killed 4 workers. Proposed fines total \$99.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/c0b9ec66a49546efa78a26c282bee996/US--Chemical-Leak>

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Financial Services Sector

3. *May 15, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **FBI hunts for serial bank robber dubbed ‘Lucky Bandit’**. The FBI is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect dubbed the “Lucky Bandit”, who is wanted in connection to 8 robberies in Pembroke Pines, Cooper City, and Hollywood in a 6 month span.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fl-lucky-bandit-fbi-hunt-20150514-story.html>
4. *May 14, The Oregonian/OregonLive* – (Oregon; Washington; Nevada) **Theft ring accused of using Oregon data breach to help steal \$2 million in tax refunds**. Five suspects from Georgia and Maryland were indicted May 7 for their roles in an identity-theft ring which they allegedly mined the personal information of over 125,000 people to file \$6.6 million in false tax returns from 2013 – 2014, \$2 million of which they successfully collected. Four of the suspects have been arrested while one remains at large.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2015/05/alleged_thieves_accused_of_usi.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *May 14, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **I-40 westbound reopened in Jefferson Co. after fatal crash**. All lanes of Interstate 40 in Jefferson County reopened May 14, nearly 12 hours after a fatal crash involving 3 semi-trucks that killed 1 driver and left 2 others injured May 13.
Source: <http://www.wbir.com/story/news/local/hamblen-jefferson-cocke-greene/2015/05/14/fatal-crash-shuts-down-i-40-west-in-jefferson-county/27284697/>
6. *May 14, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Man charged with reckless homicide in deadly Shelby Co. crash**. One person was killed and 3 others were transported to an area hospital with injuries following a chain-reaction crash involving 5 vehicles that shutdown Interstate 64 in Shelby County for more than 6 hours May 13.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/I-64-shut-down-near-Shelbyville-after-deadly-accident-involving-semi-303638401.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

7. *May 14, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Bird flu found on South Dakota egg-**

laying chicken farm. South Dakota State and farm officials confirmed the presence of H5N2 avian flu in a 1.3 million egg-laying chicken farm May 14, representing the first case of the flu detected in the State's chicken population. U.S. Department of Agriculture officials were on site to assess the situation.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/bird-flu-found-south-dakota-egg-laying-chicken-31044275>

8. *May 14, Reuters* – (Nebraska) **Nebraska declares state of emergency in bird flu outbreak.** The governor of Nebraska declared a state of emergency May 14 after federal agriculture officials confirmed the presence of H5N2 avian flu on a second farm in Dixon County, which contains 1.8 million egg-laying hens.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/14/us-health-birdflu-usa-idUSKBN0NZ29S20150514>

9. *May 14, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **State poultry process company recalling 2,000 pounds of chicken.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced May 14 that Ridgeland-based AA Poultry Processing, LLC is recalling 2,191 pounds of chicken and 21 pounds of turkey products that may have been contaminated with trichloro-s-triazinetriene, an industrial disinfectant that is not approved for use in poultry processing. The product was returned to its original owners in Wisconsin.

Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/state-poultry-process-company-recalling-pounds-of-chicken/article_76e218c7-0da1-5020-a4d0-51f14e30382f.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

10. *May 14, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (New Hampshire) **Boil-water order issued in Lebanon.** Lebanon City officials issued a boil order May 14 until further notice for nearly 15,000 residents after monthly tests at four sites in the city showed the presence of coliform and E.coli bacteria that may have come from contamination by human or animal waste. Officials are evaluating the water system and will continue to testing.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/health/boil-order-issued-in-lebanon/33025968>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

11. *May 14, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Westchester Med Center pays \$18.8M in Medicare case.** State officials announced May 14 that Westchester Medical Center in New York agreed to pay \$18.8 million to settle allegations accusing the Valhalla hospital of improperly charging Medicare, violating Stark Law, and committing other misconduct, by submitting cost reports to Medicare seeking reimbursement for wrongful charges related to an agreement with Cardiology Consultants from 2000-2007.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/2015/05/14/westchester-medical->

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Emergency Services Sector

12. *May 14, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Suspicious substance found at SE police station.** The Houston Police Department’s southeast substation and the attached city court building were evacuated May 14 while 18 inmates were transported to other locations after 2 individuals brought in a mattress cover coated with a noxious substance which caused 7 people to be transported to area hospitals for examination and 3 people to be treated on site after reporting symptoms of watery eyes and burning throats. Health officials will determine when the building will reopen after crews disinfect and clean affected areas.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/houston/article/Suspicious-substance-found-at-SE-police-station-6263815.php>

13. *May 14, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Former L.A. County undersheriff indicted, suspected of impeding FBI jail abuse investigation.** The U.S. Department of Justice unsealed an indictment May 14 charging the former Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department undersheriff and the former undersheriff’s captain for allegedly plotting to sabotage an FBI investigation into corruption and civil rights abuses at county jails, after authorities discovered that an inmate was an FBI informant. A total of 21 sheriff’s officials were charged in the scheme that began in 2011.

Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/05/14/before-surrendering-ex-undersheriff-tanaka-calls-indictment-in-l-a-county-jail-corruption-scandal-baseless/>

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Information Technology Sector

14. *May 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Apache fixes vulnerability affecting security manager protections.** The security team responsible for Apache Tomcat discovered a vulnerability in multiple versions of the software’s open-source web server and servlet container that could allow an attacker to bypass protections for the Security Manager component and run malicious web applications.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Apache-Fixes-Vulnerability-Affecting-Security-Manager-Protections-481312.shtml>

15. *May 14, CNN* – (International) **Washington Post mobile site temporarily shut down in apparent hack.** The Washington Post confirmed that it was the victim of an

apparent hack May 14 after the paper's mobile Web site was blocked and redirected users to a site claiming to be run by the Syrian Electronic Army. No customer information was impacted.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/14/politics/washington-post-mobile-website-hacked-syrian/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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>

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Communications Sector

16. *May 14, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **100,000 customers lose Comcast services.** Approximately 100,000 Comcast customers in Boulder lost Internet and cable service for about 8 hours May 14 after a work crew inadvertently cut a fiber cable.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2015/05/15/100000-customers-loose-comcast-services/27353549/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

17. *May 14, State College Centre Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Pepper spraying empties Waffle Shop.** A Waffle Shop in Ferguson Township was evacuated and closed for 2 hours May 14 after a customer released pepper spray into the air, which caused several patrons to begin coughing. The restaurant was aired out and authorities are searching for the individual who released the spray.
Source: http://www.centredaily.com/2015/05/14/4749225_pepper-spraying-empties-local.html
18. *May 14, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Sally Beauty confirms data breach.** Texas-based Sally Beauty Holdings Inc., confirmed May 14 an illegal disturbance into its payment card systems affecting an unreported amount of customers. The company stated that its investigation is ongoing and that it is working with law enforcement and financial and forensic experts to address the issue and to provide care to customers who may have been affected.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-sally-beauty-breach-20150514-story.html>

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