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- Students, public officials, and shoppers in Arlington, Texas, took cover April 3 as a large tornado touched ground, part of a huge complex of storms that was wreaking havoc across North Texas. The storms caused severe damage and delayed flights. – *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (See item [40](#))
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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 3, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Tanker aground near Port Arthur, may leak fuel, filing shows.** A tanker ran aground in the Sabine River near Port Arthur, Texas, and may leak fuel, according to a filing with the National Response Center. Two tug boats were on hand to help the Eagle Kinabalu, a double-hulled tanker registered in Singapore, which “suffered a steering casualty” April 2, the filing showed. U.S. companies must notify the response center if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-03/tanker-aground-near-port-arthur-may-leak-fuel-filing-shows.html>
2. *April 3, UPI* – (National) **EPA holds off on oil, gas proposals.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it was delaying air pollution standards for hydraulic fracturing while it weighed thousands of public comments. The EPA had until April 3 to finalize air pollution standards for oil storage tanks, compressors, and natural gas wells developed by hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. It opted to delay the rules for 2 weeks. “EPA and parties have agreed to a two-week extension on a consent decree to issue final air emission rules for the oil and natural gas industry,” the agency said in a statement. “The agency requested the additional time to fully address the issues raised in the more than 156,000 public comments we received on the proposed rules.” The EPA said the new rules would decrease by more than 90 percent the emissions of volatile organic compounds from hydraulically fractured natural gas wells. Volatile organic compounds are tied to cancer and smog formation.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2012/04/03/EPA-holds-of-on-oil-gas-proposals/UPI-63471333454233/

3. *April 2, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (Ohio) **Copper thefts on rise in Carroll County, arrests made.** A man accused of stealing thousands of dollars worth of copper in Carroll County, Ohio, was arrested April 2. Sheriff's deputies said they caught the man stealing about 250 feet of copper wire from a property in Malvern, estimated to be worth over \$1,500. The recent arrest was part of an ongoing investigation into copper thefts around the county, with recent thefts of over \$14,000 worth of heavy duty copper wire from oil field industrial areas.
Source: <http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/copper-thefts-rise-carroll-county-arrests-made/nMHrb/>
4. *April 2, KWGN 2 Denver* – (Colorado) **Suncor fined \$2.2 million for leaking cancer-causing chemical.** The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) fined Suncor Energy \$2.2 million for leaking unsafe amounts of benzene, a cancer-causing chemical, into the environment, KWGN 2 Denver reported April 2. State inspectors discovered violations of state and federal requirements during an inspection of the Commerce City refinery in the summer of 2010. Among the state's findings was Suncor's failure to properly inspect and maintain equipment vital to the handling of benzene in process wastewater, CDPHE officials said. In December 2011, a massive cleanup effort was initiated after an oily black sludge containing benzene leaked into the Sand Creek waterway, which feeds the South Platte River. Suncor also was cited for failure to conduct periodic equipment inspections, implement an annual training program for employees, and complete the development of standard operating procedures for certain control equipment.
Source: <http://kwgn.com/2012/04/02/suncor-fined-2-2-million-for-leaking-cancer-causing-chemical/>
5. *April 2, Grand Forks Herald* – (Minnesota) **Crash spills 30,000 gallons of fuel.** State officials were trying to determine the environmental threat posed by 30,000 gallons of petroleum product spilled into a ditch March 31 near Plummer, Minnesota, the result of a rail accident. A semi-trailer struck a Canadian Pacific Railway train, killing the driver and releasing the petroleum product. A spokesman for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in Detroit Lakes said the liquid spilled into a ditch along the highway, spreading about a quarter of a mile. Pollution Control inspectors tested the liquid April 2 to determine the contaminants it contained and in what amount. The substance could be a pyrolysis gasoline, a product with a high benzene content that could make it a hazardous material and create a strong odor, according to the spokesman. Plummer was evacuated for 2 hours March 31, but the spokesman said the fumes were not a threat to residents.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/233647/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *April 3, Metro West Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **State DEP fines Framingham firm \$30,000.** The State of Massachusetts fined General Chemical Corp. nearly \$30,000, following the firm’s recent announcement that it will close its southside Framingham, Massachusetts hazardous waste-handling facility, the Metro West Daily News reported April 3. The fine stems from various violations, including the facility’s failure to notify the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) of a late-August 2011 fire, which was extinguished by employees. The General Chemical president signed an administrative consent order March 21 agreeing to a \$29,575 fine, of which the DEP will suspend \$5,000. Violations dating to September 2010 included a 4-by-4-foot oily waste spill that state inspectors watched a General Chemical forklift truck drive through, and the firm’s failure to inspect the facility and to set aside enough money to clean up a plume of contaminated groundwater surrounding the site. In the final version, the state ordered General Chemical to close its facility at 133 Leland Street, per the company’s March 2 letter that provided 45 days notice of the closure. The Board of Health at the time was scrutinizing the firm’s operations in light of waste-handling violations and public health concerns.
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/framingham/news/x121058411/State-DEP-fines-Framingham-firm-30-000#axzz1qz5g9uxw>
7. *April 2, Daily Republican Register* – (Illinois) **Anhydrous tank tips; highway briefly closed for cleanup.** A Princeton, Indiana man was cited by local police after the anhydrous tank he was pulling turned over on Illinois Route 15 April 2. Police and firefighters responded after receiving a report that anhydrous ammonia had been spilled on the local highway. According to Mt. Carmel police, a truck was pulling the tank when it tipped over “and began leaking a small amount of anhydrous on the roadway.” Once the leak was stopped, a contractor provided the equipment needed to turn the tank and trailer back onto its wheels. Both lanes of traffic were closed for 20 minutes while the spill was addressed.
Source: http://tristate-media.com/drr/news/local_news/article_50895666-7d09-11e1-b059-001a4bcf887a.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *April 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Maine) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites Bath Iron Works for safety violations.** According to an April 2 news release, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Bath Iron Works, a General Dynamics company, for alleged repeat and serious violations of workplace safety standards at its shipyard in Bath, Maine. The shipbuilder faces a total of \$171,300 in proposed fines following a safety inspection by OSHA’s Augusta Area Office. The inspection, conducted under OSHA’s Site-Specific Targeting Program and a local emphasis program focusing on hazards in ship- and boat-building and repair, identified a variety of fall, mechanical, and electrical hazards. These included workers exposed to falls from a lack of fall protection, as well as unguarded roof edges and floor holes and openings; tripping and fall hazards from walkways obstructed by materials, equipment, hoses, and service cords; an unqualified employee operating an overhead crane; defective and uninspected lifting slings; uninspected lift trucks; unguarded electrical equipment; exposed and damaged electrical sheathing; and the improper storage of flammable chemicals.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22095

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *April 3, Bloomberg* – (National; International) **RBC sued by U.S. regulators over wash trades.** Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) was sued April 2 by U.S. regulators over claims that the Toronto, Canada-based lender engaged in illegal futures trades worth hundreds of millions of dollars to garner tax benefits tied to equities. Canada’s biggest bank made false and misleading statements about “wash trades” from 2007 to 2010 in which affiliates traded among themselves in a way that undermined competition and price discovery on the OneChicago LLC exchange, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) said in a complaint filed in a New York federal court. Royal Bank enlisted affiliates to help carry out hundreds of futures transactions that were done off-exchange and then reported to OneChicago as block trades between independent affiliates, according to the CFTC. The trades, which resulted in Royal Bank not having a financial position in a market, were conducted for Canadian tax benefits tied to holding certain stocks, the CFTC said. The transactions, involving single-stock futures and narrow-based indexes, were used to hedge the risk of holding the equities, according to the statement. Between 2006 and 2010, the narrow-based index

trades between a Toronto-based bank account and RBC Europe Ltd., a London-based bank subsidiary, represented all of the narrow-based index volume on OneChicago, the CFTC said in the complaint. Senior members of the bank's central funding group determined the prices and contracts traded. From 2005 to 2010, RBC concealed material information and made false statements about the trades to CME Group Inc., which had regulatory oversight of the exchange, according to the CFTC. RBC's responses to CME questions about the trades "concealed information concerning the central role" of the central funding group and the bank's single-stock futures trades, CFTC said. The CFTC is seeking monetary penalties and an injunction against further violations, the agency said. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-04-02/rbc-sued-by-u-dot-s-dot-regulators-over-wash-trades-seeking-tax-benefit>

10. *April 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake US Airways emails lead to Zeus variant.** A US Airways-themed spam campaign aiming at infecting users with a variant of the Zeus banking trojan has been hitting inboxes for the last 2 weeks, according to a Kaspersky Lab researcher. This particular spam e-mail purportedly contains the confirmation code and the online reservation details needed for the users to confirm their flight reservation. However, the offered links take users to one of a number of compromised domains containing malicious javascripts that perform a number of redirections and finally land the victims on a domain hosting the BlackHole exploit kit. Once the kit exploits a vulnerability in Java, Flash Player, or Adobe Reader, a downloader that ultimately connects to a command and control server and downloads and runs the GameOver Zeus variant is installed on the machine. "At all the stages of this attack, every object — domains, links to javascripts, files with exploits, the downloader and Zeus — was frequently replaced with a new one," the researcher said. "The domains remained 'alive' for nearly 12 hours, while the Zeus samples were replaced more often." Given that the exploits, downloaders, and Zeus modifications used by the cybercriminals in this attack were detected mostly by Russian, U.S., Italian, German, and Indian Kaspersky users, the researcher speculates the spam campaign is not the only method used by these cyber crooks to spread Zeus. Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2054&utm
11. *April 2, Citybizlist Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Maryland attorney pleads guilty in \$14M construction investment scheme.** An attorney pleaded guilty April 2 in Maryland, to conspiring to commit wire fraud arising from an investment fraud scheme. According to his plea agreement, the attorney and his co-conspirators targeted individuals seeking investment opportunities or commercial real estate development lending in Maryland and elsewhere, including a Bowie, Maryland hotel project. Victim investors were instructed that in order to obtain loans for commercial real estate projects, they were required to deposit large sums of money in an escrow bank account to show "liquidity." All of the escrow agreements used to defraud the investors provided that no person other than the victims had the ability to remove the escrowed funds without permission. From at least August 2009 to August 2011, the attorney and his co-conspirators defrauded investors by removing the funds. Typically, within 1 or 2 weeks after the deposit,

they withdrew the victim's funds to pay their business and personal debts or to make "lulling" payments to other investors. They attempted to cover up the fraud by issuing false verifications of deposits and false bank statements regarding the amount of escrowed funds; falsely representing in e-mails and by phone the balance of escrow funds and the date when the investors' money would be returned; and returning part of the victims' investments using funds from other investors. They improperly obtained funds from investor victims in excess of \$14 million.

Source: <http://baltimore.citybizlist.com/1/2012/4/2/Maryland-Attorney-Pleads-Guilty-in-14M-Construction-Investment-Scheme.aspx>

12. *April 2, KLEW 3 Lewiston* – (Idaho) **Nearly 300 people fall victim to credit card fraud.** Nearly 300 people in and around the Orofino, Idaho area have fallen victim to credit card fraud since the first week of February, KLEW 3 Lewiston reported April 2. According to the Orofino police chief, the victims have reported fraudulent usage, or attempted usage, of their credit card accounts with unauthorized purchase attempts. The Orofino Police Department has been working with a number of banking institutions and the U.S. Secret Service to determine the source of fraud. Together, the three departments determined Orofino's Glenwood IGA was the common point of purchase for the compromised accounts. The police chief said IGA has been fully cooperating with law enforcement to determine the compromise.

Source: <http://www.klewtv.com/news/local/Nearly-300-people-fall-victim-to-credit-card-fraud--145859385.html>

13. *April 2, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New Hampshire; Massachusetts) **New Hampshire and Massachusetts residents convicted for promoting and using tax defier schemes.** A federal jury in Worcester, Massachusetts, convicted three defendants for conspiracies to defraud the United States through the promotion and use of multiple tax fraud schemes, the Justice Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced April 2. According to the evidence presented at trial, the three promoted a payroll scheme to employers and individuals who wanted to avoid payment of employer payroll taxes and individual payroll taxes. Approximately 150 individuals subscribed to the payroll scheme and in excess of \$2.5 million in unreported wages and compensation were paid through the system. The evidence at trial also proved two of the defendants conspired to defraud the United States by promoting and operating an "underground warehouse banking" scheme which helped subscribers conceal income and assets from the IRS. As part of the banking scheme, the defendants maintained accounts at several banks and used the accounts to deposit and commingle business receipts and other funds received from subscribers in order to mask the true ownership of the funds. According to evidence presented at trial, more than \$28 million in deposits were made into the various bank accounts used in the scheme.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/tax/2012/txdv12418.htm>

14. *April 2, KIVI 6 Boise* – (Idaho) **Boise transient arrested for making fake money in Boise hotel room.** Police in Boise, Idaho, were called April 1 by the clerk of a

motel. Motel employees told officers they were concerned about the welfare of a guest who missed the checkout time and appeared unresponsive when a motel employee entered to check the room. Boise Police knocked and announced themselves, and a man answered the door. Inside the room, officers saw in plain sight a printer and a trash can with what looked like paper copies of money. Also, the motel clerk previously told officers they were holding what appeared to be a fake \$5 bill the man used to pay for the room. Detectives with the Boise Police Financial Crimes unit and the U.S. Secret Service were called to the scene. The motel guest was found to be using the room and printer to manufacture counterfeit U.S. currency. It appeared to officers the suspect was making the counterfeit bills, mainly in the denominations of \$5 and \$20, for the last 2 to 3 days. Officers also found the fake bills were recently passed at two nearby convenience stores by the suspect. The suspect was booked on the charge of forgery.

Source: <http://www.kivity.com/news/local/145813915.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *April 3, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Train leaking diesel fuel for miles stops in Maplewood for cleanup.** A hazardous materials team was putting a chemical retardant along Union Pacific railroad tracks after a train leaked diesel fuel for miles April 3 as it passed through several St. Louis County municipalities. No one was injured in the fuel spill, and it never caught fire, said a Maplewood fire captain. The fuel presumably had been leaking for miles, through towns that included Kirkwood and Webster Groves, although the fire captain said he did not know how far back the fuel spill began. The fuel was leaking from a rear engine. Union Pacific called a HAZMAT team to clean up the spill, and they managed to stop the leak.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/train-leaking-diesel-fuel-for-miles-stops-in-maplewood-for/article_fc660c8e-7d88-11e1-b2e8-001a4bcf6878.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *April 3, Associated Press* – (New York) **3 accused of damaging Long Island mailboxes.** Police in Long Island, New York, arrested three men accused of damaging three mailboxes with fireworks. Nassau County police said all three incidents occurred in Elmont April 3. The owner told police he heard an explosion outside his house and discovered that his detached mailbox was destroyed along with the mail inside. All three defendants are charged with criminal mischief.

Source:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/APf2e488bd554f0facda80be451a0631.html>

17. *April 2, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Suspicious powder found in nearly a dozen mailboxes.** A possible April Fool’s joke had several state and local authorities responding to nearly a dozen calls of white powder in mailboxes in Hubbardston, Massachusetts, April 1. Police said they received a 9-1-1 call from a resident who claimed to have a bag of white powder in her mailbox. When officers arrived and began to inspect, more than a dozen other mailboxes on the street were discovered with the same contents. The Massachusetts State HAZMAT Team arrived and carefully secured the bags. It was later determined that the substance inside was harmless.
Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/30812974/detail.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *April 3, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **5 hurt when plane crashes into DeLand Publix.** Police and sheriff’s officials in Volusia County, Florida, said a single-engine plane crashed into a Publix in DeLand April 2. The crash occurred at the Northgate Shopping Center, a half-mile from the DeLand Municipal Airport. DeLand fire officials said five people were injured, including three shoppers and the two people on board the plane. Two shoppers were taken to the hospital and were expected to be released April 2. The third shopper suffered burns and was taken to a different hospital, where he was listed in stable condition. The pilot and passenger on board the plane also suffered burns and were taken to the hospital. The pilot of a medical transport helicopter used at the scene said the plane was an amphibious experimental aircraft that took off from DeLand and suffered engine failure. Witnesses at the scene described seeing the plane sputter, hit the building, and burst into flames. The plane crashed in the back of the store, near the meat department, but those up front said they could still feel the heat from the fire. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration were notified about the crash.
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/30820882/detail.html>
19. *April 3, Food Safety News* – (International) **Quebec sausage recalled due to Listeria risk.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is warning the public not to consume certain La Vecchia Fattoria brand Cacciatore Dry Cured Sausages because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported April 3. The sausages were distributed in Quebec. The CFIA is working with the manufacturer to have the affected product removed from the marketplace.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/quebec-sausage-may-be-listeria-risk/>
20. *April 3, WHPT 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Salmonella found in raw milk products at Kutztown dairy farm.** Pennsylvania’s Department of Agriculture and Department of Health April 3 advised consumers and retailers who purchased raw milk and raw milk cheese from a dairy in Kutztown, to discard or return the

products immediately. April 1, an independent lab confirmed the products tested positive for Salmonella. It was found in raw milk sold in a plastic bottle and raw milk cheese with a date code of March 25. Raw milk and raw milk cheese sales have been suspended at the facility until additional testing is completed. Before sales can resume, samples must be free of Salmonella and other pathogens and the farm must also pass a state inspection.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Salmonella-found-in-raw-milk-products-at-Kutztown/WSjoz-rMPUeB6fC8LFTp-A.csp>

21. *April 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites Pittsburgh chocolate company for 16 workplace safety violations, proposes more than \$84,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Tsudis Chocolate Co. for 2 repeat and 14 serious safety violations at its Pittsburgh candy manufacturing facility, the U.S. Department of Labor reported April 2. OSHA opened an inspection after a worker sustained head injuries while setting up operations on a machine that started up inadvertently. The repeat violations involve failing to provide workers with adequate training in safe energy control and electrical work practices. Similar violations were cited in October 2010. The serious violations involve deficient energy control procedures, improper storage of materials, inadequate machine guarding, electrical hazards, and failing to provide proper exits/means of egress. Proposed penalties total \$84,150.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22092

22. *March 29, US Food Safety* – (California) **Vagabundo Paletas candy recall.** The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) warned consumers not to eat Vagabundo Paletas candy imported from Mexico after tests conducted by CDPH found unacceptable levels of lead, US Food Safety reported March 29. Recent chemical analysis of this candy by CDPH’s Food and Drug Laboratory determined it contained as much as 0.61 parts per million of lead. California considers candies with lead levels in excess of 0.10 parts per million to be contaminated. Vagabundo Paletas candy is imported and distributed by Crown Wholesale, in Paramount, California, which initiated a recall. CDPH is currently working with the distributor to ensure that the contaminated candies are removed from the market place.

Source: <http://www.usfoodsafety.com/zr120060.aspx>

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Water Sector

23. *April 3, Eugene Register Guard* – (Oregon) **Heavy rainfall causes sewage spills.** A sewer line backed up April 2 in Springfield, Oregon, pushing an

unknown amount of sewage out of a manhole and into gutters. Springfield Public Works crews cleaned the area and were tracing further downstream for contamination, the director of Eugene's wastewater division said. In Sutherlin, the city's sewage treatment plant could not handle the water from the recent heavy rains that filled sewer pipes and flowed into the facility. The extra water led to an overflow of sewage into Sutherlin Creek, city officials said. The state Department of Environmental Quality and state emergency response experts were notified of the spill.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/27859402-41/sewage-sewer-overflows-plant-treatment.html.csp>

24. *April 3, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **6 water main breaks flood streets in Fairfax District.** California's Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) responded to at least six water main breaks in the Fairfax District April 3. Approximately 130 customers were experiencing service interruptions or lowered pressure due to the leaks, the LADWP said. An 8-inch water main broke at 3rd Street and Fairfax Avenue causing the pavement to buckle. Another break caused flooding that shut down Vista between Beverly Boulevard and Oakwood. In Hollywood, a 6-inch water main ruptured and caused the some pavement to buckle, according to reports from the scene. The LADWP stated account that crews were working to get the breaks fixed as quickly as possible. It also said the main breaks followed changes made to the water system served by the Franklin Canyon Reservoir as part of an inspection April 2.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-west-hollywood-water-main-break,0,5157137.story>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Ex-nurse kills patients with bleach; sentenced to life in prison.** A former Texas nurse was convicted of capital murder March 30 after killing five dialysis patients by injecting them with bleach at a clinic run by Denver-based health care giant DaVita Inc. in Lufkin, Texas. The jurors recommended a life sentence with no chance of parole April 2. She also received three 20-year terms for aggravated assault in the cases of 5 other patients who were deliberately injured at the facility. The nurse was fired in April 2008 after a rash of illnesses and deaths at the clinic.

Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/30823162/detail.html>

26. *April 2, CNN* – (Wisconsin) **Homemade bomb causes fire outside Planned Parenthood clinic.** A Planned Parenthood clinic in Wisconsin was closed after a homemade bomb was placed outside the building April 1, the state organization said. The explosive device caused a small fire by the time Grand Chute fire officials arrived, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin said

in a statement. No patients or staff members were at the health care center at the time. Police in Grand Chute are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2012/04/02/justice/wisconsin-planned-parenthood/index.html>

27. *April 2, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Additional charges likely in clinic case.** Federal prosecutors said more charges are likely in the case of three people charged in an alleged health care scheme involving diluted cancer drugs and old syringes at a now-closed Mississippi clinic, the Associated Press reported April 2. The charges include conspiracy, fraud, and witness tampering related to Rose Cancer Center in Summit. Authorities said the clinic made millions of dollars while diluting drugs and billing Medicaid, Medicare, and insurance companies for more chemotherapy than patients received. The clinic also used old syringes on multiple patients while billing for new ones, court records said. The clinic billed Medicaid and Medicare for about \$15.1 million during the alleged scheme. The state Department of Health closed the Rose Cancer Center in July 2011 because of “unsafe infection control practices” and tested hundreds of patients for viral diseases like HIV over concerns about dirty needles after 11 patients went to hospitals with the same bacterial infection.

Source:

<http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20120403/NEWS/204030331/Additional-charges-likely-clinic-case?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *April 3, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb threat empties Pitt dorms at 4 a.m.** University of Pittsburgh officials evacuated the Litchfield Towers residence halls on the Oakland campus in Pittsburgh April 3 for a bomb threat, the 10th threat made at a university building since mid-February. Pitt is offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone responsible for the rash of bomb threats on the Oakland campus. The reward, previously \$10,000, was increased April 2 after two more bomb threats forced authorities to evacuate David Lawrence Hall and the Cathedral of Learning. Students were allowed back into the Litchfield Towers after couple of hours.

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_789612.html

29. *April 3, CNN* – (California) **Police: California shooting suspect shows no remorse.** The man accused of killing seven people execution-style at a small religious college in Oakland, California, “does not appear to be remorseful at all,” the city’s police chief said April 3. The former student, told authorities he was upset at being expelled from Oikos University, the police chief said. He was upset

with some administrators and students and said he had been “picked on” and “wasn’t treated fairly,” he said. Investigators believe the suspect walked into the single-story building housing the university April 2, took a receptionist hostage, and went looking for a particular female administrator, who was not there. After the shooting, the man left the classroom, reloaded his semi-automatic weapon, and returned, firing into several classrooms, the police chief said. He ended his rampage by driving off in a victim’s car. In all, seven people were killed and three were wounded. “This happened within minutes,” the police chief said. “We don’t think the victims had any opportunity to resist, any opportunity to surrender.” The suspect was arrested a short time after the shooting, when he surrendered to police at a grocery store in the Oakland suburb of Alameda, police said. Police expect to present the case to the district attorney for possible charges later in the week of April 2.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/03/us/california-shooting/>

30. *April 2, Prescott Daily Courier* – (Arizona) **7 hospitalized in Prescott Valley HAZMAT incident.** Seven Prescott Valley, Arizona students and staff were taken to Yavapai Regional Medical Center April 2 after a chemical smell apparently sickened them and led to a partial evacuation. Students were evacuated April 2 from Prescott Valley Charter School after students and staff smelled a “strong odor in the boys’ bathroom,” said a Central Yavapai fire captain. Firefighters from Central Yavapai Fire District, Prescott Fire, Prescott Valley Police, and Life Line Ambulance responded to a call about a chemical odor at the school. As the hazardous materials team used their monitors to determine there were no chemicals present and that oxygen levels were all right, the students were moved to another school building. After the building was aired out for a couple of hours, students and staff returned to their rooms and classes continued, he said.

Source:

<http://www.dcourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=105030>

31. *April 2, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Bomb squad called to UD dormitory.** About 100 University of Dayton (UD) students were evacuated from a campus residence hall while university police investigated a suspicious package that was found in the building April 2. UD police said the package was found on the ground floor of the Virginia W. Kettering Hall in Dayton, Ohio. The Dayton Bomb Squad was called and the package was removed from the university about 2 hours later. Authorities revealed little about the package itself. The executive director of public safety and UD’s chief of police, said the package was wrapped in duct tape and placed in a location near mechanical rooms and meeting areas — places packages are not normally delivered. The fear was that the device may be explosive.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/bomb-squad-called-to-ud-dormitory-1354040.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *April 2, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **Driver loses control of fire training SUV, hits instructor.** A Maryland Fire Rescue Institute training instructor suffered critical injuries during a training exercise April 1, according to Charles County Sheriff's Office authorities. A driver practicing maneuvers with a fire department training SUV on a cone course apparently lost control and hit the instructor. Authorities are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/199914/158/Driver-Loses-Control-Of-Fire-Training-SUV-Hits-Instructor>
33. *April 1, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Calif. man arrested for impersonating a firefighter.** A man is facing charges after he allegedly used real but stolen law enforcement badges to lure and then rob women at a nightclub in San Bernardino, California, KTLA 5 Los Angeles reported April 1. He was known to frequent nightclubs and tell women he worked for a fire and police department in Riverside County. He reportedly showed them a California Department of Forestry badge that he unlawfully obtained. On one occasion in February, he allegedly was able to convince a woman that he was a firefighter and then took her to a local motel where he stole items from her purse while she slept. He also reportedly used her credit card shortly after leaving the motel. He is also accused of another incident March 16 where he forced himself into a woman's car outside the nightclub and would not exit or let her in until after he stole her wallet. He was arrested March 27 after sheriff's officials were able to obtain a warrant to search his home. Evidence found included two real law enforcement badges and property belonging to the victims.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-indio-man-impersonating-firefighter,0,1983912.story>

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Information Technology Sector

34. *April 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Mozilla adds vulnerable Java plug-in versions to Firefox blacklist.** Mozilla blacklisted unpatched versions of the Java plug-in from Firefox on Windows in order to protect its users from attacks that exploit known vulnerabilities in those versions. Mozilla can add extensions or plug-ins to the Firefox add-on blacklist if they cause significant security or performance issues. Firefox installations automatically query the blacklist and notify users before disabling the targeted add-ons. "The February 2012 update to the Java Development Kit (JDK) and Java Runtime Environment (JRE) included a patch to correct a critical vulnerability that can permit the loading of arbitrary code on an end-user's computer," Mozilla's channel manager said April 2. "This vulnerability — present in the older versions of the JDK and JRE — is actively

being exploited, and is a potential risk to users,” he said. “To mitigate this risk, we have added affected versions of the Java plugin for Windows (Version 6 Update 30 and below as well as Version 7 Update 2 and below) to Firefox’s blacklist.” He did not specify the vulnerability being actively exploited, but security companies have warned during the past several weeks that exploits for the CVE-2010-0507 Java vulnerability were being used in widespread attacks and have been incorporated into the popular Blackhole exploit toolkit.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225800/Mozilla_adds_vulnerable_Java_plugin_in_versions_to_Firefox_blocklist?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+\(Computerworld+Security+News\)&utm](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225800/Mozilla_adds_vulnerable_Java_plugin_in_versions_to_Firefox_blocklist?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+(Computerworld+Security+News)&utm)

35. *April 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Adobe releases open source malware classification tool.** Adobe Systems released a malware classification tool in order to help security incident first responders, malware analysts, and security researchers more easily identify malicious binary files. The Adobe Malware Classifier tool uses machine learning algorithms to classify Windows executable and dynamic link library files as clean, malicious, or unknown, a Adobe security engineer said. When run, the tool extracts seven key attributes from every analyzed binary file and compares them to data obtained by running the J48, J48 Graft, PART, and Ridor machine-learning algorithms on a set of 100,000 malicious programs and 16,000 clean ones, he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225778/Adobe_releases_open_source_malware_classification_tool

36. *April 3, The Register* – (International) **Facebook logins easily slurped from iOS, Android kit.** Facebook’s iOS and Android clients do not encrypt users’ logon credentials, leaving them in a folder accessible to other apps or USB connections. A rogue application, or 2 minutes with a USB connection, is all that is needed to steal the temporary credentials from either device. In the case of iOS, someone can even take the data from a backup, enabling the hacker to attach to a Facebook account and access applications. This exploit comes from a reader of The Register, who came across the file and tested it to see if it was easy enough to pretend to be someone else. After developing a proof-of-concept, which lifted “several thousand” IDs, the reader deleted the collected data and reported the matter to Facebook. It appears Facebook is already aware of the problem and working on a fix — though it will not say how long it is going to take or what users should do in the meantime.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/04/03/facebook_security_weak_logon/

37. *April 2, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Anonymous and Lulzsec hackers evolving to target corporate data to cause financial pain.** Hacker groups Anonymous and LulzSec are changing tactics to target firms’ corporate data in order to hurt them financially, rather than cause embarrassment by affecting Web sites, according to new research from security firm Imperva. In its latest Hacker Intelligence

Initiative report, Imperva researchers said they saw a marked change in hackers' behavior, with groups moving away from defacing Web sites or knocking them offline to stealing data. Specifically, Imperva researchers reported discovering that 21 percent of all recorded incidents from June to November 2011 saw hackers mounting local and remote file inclusion (RFI/LFI) attacks. The statistic was widely attributed to hackers, such as the Anonymous collective and LulzSec group. A form of attack that targets PHP coding, the use of RFI/LFI techniques allows hackers to steal data by manipulating the company's Web server, and indicates a step away from their usual tendency to target companies' Web sites with distributed denial-of-service assaults.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2165469/anonymous-lulzsec-hackers-evolving-target-corporate-cause-financial-pain>

38. *April 2, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Dozens of Alexa top 25,000 domains serving malware to millions, firm says.** An analysis of the Alexa top 25,000 most popular domains revealed 58 were serving malicious content during the month of February — translating to more than 10.5 million users being targeted by malware, according to research by Barracuda Networks. The firm also found that on average, 2 of the Alexa top 25,000 domains serve malicious content each day. In addition, Alexa top-ranked domains served malicious content 23 of the 29 days in February, underscoring that the problem is persistent, Barracuda Networks argued. Almost all of the sites hitting visitors with malicious content were a year or more old, and more than half of the sites were older than 5 years. That means attackers were specifically utilizing well-established, long-lived sites for their drive-by download operations.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/dozens-alex-top-25000-domains-serving-malware-millions-firm-says>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

39. *April 2, WMBD 31 Peoria* – (Illinois) **Cell tower outage has Bradley students searching for connection.** Sprint customers on Bradley University's campus in Peoria, Illinois, were having trouble making phone calls April 2. A cell tower outage in Peoria was causing Sprint customers to lose service. A Bradley spokesperson said the problem started the week of March 26. He said Sprint told him the problem is affecting various areas across central Illinois. A Bradley

spokesperson said that Sprint has told him the tower would be fixed April 6.
Source: http://centralillinoisproud.com/fulltext?nxd_id=237632

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *April 3, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Students, public officials, shoppers take cover as tornado touches down in Arlington.** Students, public officials, and shoppers in Arlington, Texas, were taking cover April 3 as a large tornado touched ground, part of a huge complex of storms that was wreaking havoc across North Texas. The Parks at Arlington mall was shut down and management ordered shoppers and others into the basement. Employees at Cowboys Stadium were moved into the tunnels. Damage was also reported at nearby apartments. The Arlington Fire Department reported heavy damage near Lake Arlington and damage to the Green Oaks Nursing Home. Dallas/Fort Worth Airport told passengers to move away from glass windows and to take cover in its storm shelters. The Federal Aviation Administration also issued a ground stop for flights coming in and out of the airport. The first tornado was spotted near Joshua, causing damage according to a county sheriff's department officer. Students in Burleson and Arlington were moved to safety zones. The National Weather Service said a tornado touched down in Kennedale, and media reported "extreme damage." A funnel touched down about 2 miles east of Spinks Airport in south Tarrant County without causing damage, according to the airport manager. A second tornado warning was issued for Dallas and Ellis counties after a tornado was confirmed on the ground in Ellis County. A tornado near Lancaster in Dallas County reportedly caused power flashes and sent debris flying.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/04/03/3856093/rainstorms-expected-in-dfw-by.html>
41. *April 3, KSWB 5 San Diego* – (California) **Church fire causes \$1M in damage.** A fire broke out at the offices of a Kearny Mesa, California church April 2, causing an estimated \$1 million in damage, but no one was hurt, authorities said. The structure houses the church's office but its Sunday services are held at Kearny Mesa High School, according to the church's Web site. The cause of the fire was under investigation.
Source: <http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/kswb-flood-church-church-fire-causes-1m-in-damage-in-kearny-mesa-20120403,0,1649260.story>
42. *April 3, Fond du Lac Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Man suffers extensive burns in downtown Fond du Lac apartment fire.** A man suffered extensive burns and smoke inhalation, and a business was a loss, following a fire at a second-story apartment in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, April 3. More than 100 firefighters from 14 departments responded to assist. A fire prevention officer said JJC Interiors, located under the apartment, was a loss. The second-story floor collapsed onto the business in addition to smoke and water damage. A neighboring Gallery&Frame Shop likely sustained smoke damage, according to the fire prevention officer.

Source:

<http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20120403/APC0101/304040012/Fond-du-Lac-fire-downtown-apartment-man-burned?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

43. *April 2, LongBranch-Eatontown Patch* – (New Jersey) **Fire, gas leak prompt evacuation at W. Long Branch Shop Rite.** A gas leak and fire caused authorities to evacuate a Shop Rite store in West Long Branch, New Jersey, April 2. A gas leak was reported and fire department personnel were called to the scene for a fire in the bakery area of the store. The fire was extinguished, but fire crews remained on the scene and were on the roof of the store to check for extension. The store remained closed April 2 as fire crews continued operations.
Source: <http://longbranch.patch.com/articles/fire-gas-leak-causes-evacuation-of-west-long-branch-shop-rite>
44. *April 2, WDM 7 Laurel* – (Mississippi) **Five shot at Hattiesburg restaurant, HPD makes arrest.** Police have arrested a man and charged him with five counts aggravated assault after allegedly shooting several people at a Cuco's restaurant in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2. The injured were transported to a local hospital where three were listed in critical condition. An employee chased the shooter out of the restaurant and kept the suspect in view until police apprehended him.
Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/17314760/four-shot-at-hattiesburg-restaurant-suspect-in-custody>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

45. *April 3, Dredging Today* – (North Dakota) **Army Corps, Valley City begin flood risk management study.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in both Valley City, North Dakota, and Saint Paul District, Minnesota, entered into a formal agreement to partner in a flood risk management study, Dredging Today reported April 3. The Valley City, Sheyenne River Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study will identify measures to reduce average annual flood damages and to reduce flood-related risks to public safety in Valley City. The study partners will evaluate alternatives for flood damage reduction and flood risk management. The study plans to identify an implementable project that will reduce the overall risk of flooding. The study will be developed in coordination with the public and a

number of local, state, and federal agencies. The complete study is estimated to cost \$1.5 million and take 2 and a half years to complete.

Source: <http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2012/04/03/army-corps-valley-city-begin-flood-risk-management-study-usa/>

46. *April 2, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **Western Sugar pays \$20,000 fine for clean water violations.** The State Department of Environmental Quality officials declared Western Sugar Cooperative pay a \$20,000 fine April 1 for water quality violations stemming from a 15-million gallon holding pond breach that flooded south Billings, Montana, in 2011. The agency said Western was taking steps to better handle water from its Billings sugar refinery. Farmer-owned Western refines sugar from beets. For decades, the extracted water was discarded without incident into above ground holding ponds at the State Avenue refinery. However, a portion of the holding pond wall collapsed January 2, 2011, flooding neighboring properties and sending millions of gallons of beet water into a ditch feeding the Yellowstone River. Months of cleanup of gray foul-smelling sludge followed.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/western-sugar-pays-fine-for-clean-water-violations/article_4f4d7141-e221-57ad-ad77-fad08d62c192.html

47. *April 2, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Georgia Dam explosive device suspect released on bond.** A man caught with explosives near the Georgia Power Dam in Albany, Georgia, April 1, was released on bond the following day. The man was arrested after police got a tip that someone had explosives near the dam. Dougherty County Police found five explosive devices in the man's car. The Dougherty County police captain said, "Right now we don't have anything to indicate that he is some kind of terrorist, but we really don't know for sure, and that's why we are continuing to look into him and his background." Samples of the explosive device and the chemicals used were sent to the FBI while the rest were destroyed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/17314884/georgia-dam-explosive-device-suspect-released-on-bond>

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