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- More than 60 percent of energy security experts said current smart meters are not secure enough against false data injection attacks, according to a new survey. – *Homeland Security Newswire* (See item [2](#))
- Updated data shows about 780,000 people had personal information stolen by hackers who breached Utah health department computers. Approximately 280,000 people had their Social Security numbers taken. – *Utah Department of Health* (See item [30](#))
- Twelve people were evacuated from a Boston apartment building, and four police officers and an ambulance crew were hospitalized after a woman committed suicide by ingesting a toxic chemical. – *Boston Globe* (See item [44](#))
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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 10, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Tanker truck spills gasoline into Dacula creek.** Authorities said a tanker truck overturned in Dacula, Georgia, spilling thousands of gallons of gasoline into a creek. Authorities said the incident happened April 10 along U.S. 29 when a car crossed the center line. The tractor-trailer was carrying about 8,500 gallons of gas. Authorities were working to remove the fuel from the water. Police said two people were taken to the hospital, where they were listed in stable condition. The incident shut down the highway for hours.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/237447/3/Tanker-truck-spills-gasoline-into-Dacula-creek>
2. *April 10, Homeland Security Newswire* – (International) **Industry insiders: Insufficient security controls for smart meters.** False data injection attacks exploit the configuration of power grids by introducing arbitrary errors into state variables while bypassing existing techniques for bad measurement detection; experts say the current generation of smart meters are not secure enough against false data injection attacks, Homeland Security Newswire reported April 10. nCircle recently announced results of a survey of 104 energy security professionals. The survey was sponsored by nCircle and EnergySec, a Department of Energy-funded public-private partnership that works to enhance cyber security of electric infrastructure. The online survey was conducted March 12 to 31. When asked, “Do smart meter installations have sufficient security controls to protect against false data injection?” 61 percent of respondents said “no.”
Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20120410-industry-insiders-insufficient-security-controls-for-smart-meters>
3. *April 10, CNNMoney* – (National) **Refinery closures risk Northeast gas price spike.** While gas prices soar to record levels, many U.S. refineries that make and sell gasoline are going broke. Nearly 50 percent of the refining capacity on the East Coast has either shut down or may shut down within the next few months, CNNMoney reported April 10. If gas shortages develop due to the closed refineries, East Coast drivers could face higher prices than they otherwise would later in 2012. Sunoco, which closed its Philadelphia-area Marcus Hook refinery in December and is trying to sell another facility nearby, said its refining businesses has been losing \$1 million dollars a day for 3 years running. In fall 2010, ConocoPhillips closed its Trainer refinery, also in the Philadelphia area. If all three refineries were closed, that would leave just six operating refineries in the northeast. The refineries are losing money because they are old and cannot process the cheaper, heavier types of oil that are increasingly in supply from Canada’s oil sands, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and elsewhere.
Source: http://money.cnn.com/2012/04/10/news/economy/refineries-gas-prices/?source=cnn_bin

4. *April 9, Oil & Gas Journal* – (National) **DOJ, EPA reach refining flare gas settlement with Marathon.** Marathon Petroleum Corp. has reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) after developing and installing equipment to cap waste gases at its refinery flares, Oil & Gas Journal reported April 9. They said the Findlay, Ohio, refining and marketing company spent more than \$45 million to develop the equipment for use at its 6 refineries' 22 flares, but expects to save \$5 million per year from reduced steam use and product recovery while cutting air pollution by 5,400 tons per year. The DOJ and EPA said that Marathon, under EPA direction and oversight, spent more than \$2.4 million to develop and conduct pioneering combustion efficiency testing of flares and to advance the understanding of the relationship between flare operating parameters and flare combustion efficiency. Beginning in 2009, they added, Marathon installed flow monitors, gas chromatographs, and other equipment to improve combustion efficiency. Marathon also agreed to pay a \$460,000 fine under a consent decree filed in federal court, the DOJ and EPA said. The decree is subject to a 30-day comment period and court approval before it becomes final.
Source: <http://www.ogj.com/articles/2012/04/doj-epa-reach-refining-flare-gas-settlement-with-marathon.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *April 10, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids; KFXA 28 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Second ammonia spill in a week cleaned up.** For the second time in a week, hazardous materials crews in Iowa had to handle an anhydrous ammonia leak — this time in Allamakee County. Sheriff's deputies got a call April 9 that a truck pulling two tanks of the fertilizer had turned over. Deputies had to close part of Highway 16 for about 4 hours while crews allowed the gas to vent out of the tank, then carefully righted it.
Source:
http://www.kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kgan_vid_10703.shtml
6. *April 10, HealthDay* – (National) **EPA rejects petition to ban 2,4-D weed killer.** An environmental group's petition to ban the widely used herbicide 2,4-D was rejected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), HealthDay reported April 10. The agency said the petition from the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) did not adequately show 2,4-D was harmful under the conditions in which it is used, the New York Times reported. The herbicide, first approved in the late 1940s, is one of the most widely used weed killers in the world. It is used by farmers and is an ingredient in many home lawn-care products. In its petition, the NRDC cited studies suggesting that exposure to 2,4-D could cause problems such as cancer, genetic mutations, and hormone disruption, the Times reported. While some of the studies did suggest high doses of the herbicide could be harmful, they did not establish lack of safety, the EPA said in its ruling.

Source: <http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2012/04/10/health-highlights-april-10-2012>

7. *April 9, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (Ohio) **Truck hauling hazardous materials overturns on interstate, snarls traffic.** A tanker truck carrying a hazardous chemical overturned in Belmont County, Ohio, April 9, closing an interstate on-ramp and snarling traffic for hours. The crash happened on the ramp to Interstate 470 near state Route 7. Officials with the Ohio State Highway Patrol said only diesel fuel spilled after the crash, but it was contained. The truck, owned by Quality Carriers out of Tampa, Florida, was hauling 4,000 gallons of sodium hydroxide, also known as caustic soda. It is a highly corrosive chemical used for various industrial products like textiles, soaps, bleach, and cellophane. The truck was traveling from a PPG plant in West Virginia to Kentucky when it crashed. About 15 hours after the crash, Ohio EPA officials said all of the sodium hydroxide was removed from the truck and the vehicle was turned upright. Transportation and police officials and a private environmental firm all helped with the clean-up. Officials said the truck would be removed and the roadway reopened by the early evening of April 9.

Source: <http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/local/tanker-truck-overturns-closes-interstate-ramp/nMTdS/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Federal regulators confirm finding that Nebraska nuke plant fire was a serious safety threat.** Federal regulators confirmed their preliminary finding that a June 2011 fire at an idled Nebraska nuclear plant presented a serious safety threat. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) released its final determination April 10, saying the small fire at the Fort Calhoun plant 19 miles north of Omaha merited the NRC's most serious "high safety significance." The finding mirrored the commission's preliminary conclusion announced March 12. The fire briefly knocked out the cooling system for used fuel. The NRC said the plant was shut down at the time and that temperatures never exceeded safe levels. However, it also said the fire was a major concern because it could have happened when the plant was operational, and that workers did not fully investigate an unusual smell in the area 3 days earlier.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/federal-regulators-confirm-finding-that-nebraska-uke-plant-fire-was-a-serious-safety-threat/2012/04/10/g1QA3JYT8S_story.html

9. *April 10, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Turkey Point nuclear power plant fined \$140,000 for violations.** April 10, federal regulators announced they fined Florida Power & Light (FPL) \$140,000 for violations in the maintenance of its emergency response facility at its Turkey Point nuclear power plant in Homestead, Florida. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said FPL failed on two occasions to maintain a

fully functional Technical Support Center because workers disabled parts of the ventilation system, meaning “response personnel may not have been protected from radiological hazards in the manner for which the facility was designed.” The NRC also criticized FPL for failing to report the support center was “not fully functional during a seven-month period in 2010-2011.” They said the violations were considered “of low to moderate safety significance” that might require additional inspections and oversight. Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/04/10/2740867/turkey-point-fined-140000.html>

10. *April 9, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Leak fixed, Oconee reactor returned to full power.** A South Carolina nuclear reactor that operators shut down for about 2 hours the week of April 2 to fix a coolant pipe is back up to full power, the Anderson Independent Mail reported April 9. In late February, operators at the Oconee Nuclear Station noticed a small amount of nonradioactive water pooling in a sump-pump area in a containment building, said the site vice president. Duke Energy operates three reactors, each with its own cylindrical, cement containment buildings, at the plant outside Seneca. Operators traced the leak to a flexible metal pipe that had been rubbing up against another pipe since the plant’s second reactor was shut down in November 2011, a senior site inspector for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said. The pipe is part of a safety system that carries cooling water to a motor that runs a reactor pump, he said. By February, the rubbing of pipes caused a tiny separation that allowed about 4 gallons of water an hour to trickle into the containment building’s sump pump, which collects all of the condensation, he said. Containment buildings are by nature warm, humid places. By the week of April 2, the leak had grown to about 6 gallons an hour, he said, and the utility decided to turn off the reactor and fix it. Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/apr/09/leak-fixed-oconee-reactor-returned-to-full-power/>
11. *April 9, CNN* – (Michigan) **Troubled Michigan nuclear plant shut down for maintenance.** A troubled Michigan nuclear power plant cited for safety violations has been taken off line for maintenance and refueling, the plant’s owner said April 9. Palisades Power Plant, a 39-year-old facility located near Kalamazoo, has been under increased scrutiny from inspectors after the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) cited the plant for three violations. The plant is owned and operated by Entergy Corporation. Officials are bringing in 1,165 additional workers to complete the scheduled maintenance, according to a plant spokesman. Repairs include replacing 64 fuel assemblies, inspecting the reactor vessel head, replacing 5 control rod drive seals, and inspecting steam generators, moisture separators, and heat exchangers. Entergy also said it plans to rebuild the main feed pump seals. Violations at the plant included a September 25, 2011, incident in which half of the control room indicators were lost because of an electrical fault “caused by personnel at the site,” according to the NRC. A special inspection “determined the plant failed to have adequate work procedures for the electrical panel maintenance work to ensure the job was done successfully,” the NRC report said. Additionally, the NRC cited Palisades and Entergy for an October 2010 incident in which an operator left his post unattended in the nuclear reactor’s control room without permission. The Palisades spokesman declined to provide a

timetable for when the work will be completed.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/09/us/michigan-nuclear-plant/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *April 9, Flight International* – (International) **Firescout flights suspended due to crash.** After two incidents resulting in crashes, Northrop Grumman MQ-8B Fire Scout operations are on an “operational pause” for the indefinite future, Flight International reported April 9. One of the drone aircraft was damaged March 30 after landing in the ocean. The second drone crashed in Afghanistan April 6, according to an International Security Assistance Force press release.

Source: http://www.flightglobal.com/news/articles/firescout-flights-suspended-due-to-crash-370520/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *April 10, Reuters* – (New York) **President of First Class Equities pleads guilty to \$66 million mortgage fraud.** The president of a New York brokerage firm pleaded guilty April 9 to conspiracy in a \$66 million mortgage fraud scheme. The president of First Class Equities pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud in a New York federal court, the U.S. attorney’s office said. It said the former president and his firm recruited “straw buyers” — people who posed as home buyers to purchase distressed properties, but who had no intention of paying the mortgages. Instead, the bank loans to buy the properties were transferred to the president and his co-conspirators. Court papers said the Long Island-based firm ran the fraud from 2004 to 2009. The president was charged in August 2011, along with 13 others.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/09/gerard-canino-mortgage-fraud_n_1413697.html

14. *April 10, FBI* – (Minnesota) **Federal jury convicts bank officer and customer in connection with multi-million-dollar check-kiting scheme.** A federal jury found a former Minnesota bank officer and a bank customer guilty of fraud April 10. Their crimes were related to the customer’s multi-million-dollar check-kiting scheme and a loan scheme orchestrated in an effort to conceal the check-kiting from the bank’s board. The jury convicted the former president of Pinehurst Bank in St. Paul with five

counts of misapplication of bank funds. The bank customer was convicted on two counts of bank fraud and one count of theft from an employee benefit plan. The bank's former chief credit officer and senior vice president was acquitted on all counts. Evidence presented at trial showed that from March 6, 2009 through January 29, 2010, the former president concealed the customer's check-kiting scheme by putting in place a series of fraudulent loans. The five loans, totaling \$1.9 million, were issued to straw borrowers for the purpose of covering \$1.85 million in overdrafts resulting from bad checks written by the customer as part of his check-kiting scheme. The customer kited increasingly larger-dollar bad checks between Pinehurst and another bank, not named in the charging documents, until late February 2009, when the second bank discovered the scheme and returned over \$1.8 million in bad checks to Pinehurst.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/409853/federal_jury_convicts_bank_officer_and_customer_in_connection_with_multi_million_dollar_check_kiting_scheme.html

15. *April 9, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (California) **SEC settles fraud charges against Silicon Valley man.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) April 9 charged a San Jose, California man who raised millions for two Internet start-ups by falsely promising investors his companies were on the verge of undergoing successful initial public offerings (IPO). The SEC says he lured investors into Web-based start-ups hereUare, Inc. and eCity, Inc. by falsely telling them the firms would go public within a matter of months and generate millions in quick returns. In truth, he had no plans to take the companies public and relied solely on investor funds to stay in business. Ultimately, when investor funds ran out by the end of 2008, he was forced to shut down operations. According to the SEC's complaint, he raised more than \$6.2 million from investors for hereUare in 2007 and 2008, and raised \$880,000 in investor funds for eCity in 2008. In presentations to prospective investors, he held himself out as a wealthy venture capitalist with prior IPO experience. He told prospective investors the companies had lucrative deals and patents, and that he had retained Goldman Sachs and an international law firm to help take the companies public within 6 months. According to the SEC, all of these representations were false.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-57.htm>

16. *April 9, Darien Times* – (Connecticut; Massachusetts; Rhode Island) **ATM skimmer pleads guilty; Darien Police commended for work in case.** The Connecticut U.S. Attorney's Office specifically recognized the efforts of the Darien Police and other local departments for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution of a Turkish citizen who pleaded guilty April 9 to bank charges that involved automated teller machine skimming across three states. According to court documents and statements made in court, between February and July 2011, the defendant and others conspired to install skimming devices on automated teller machines at 11 banks and 1 credit union in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. As a result of this scheme, more than 250 bank accounts were victimized, and financial institutions have suffered losses of about \$336,057.64, according to the courts.

Source: <http://www.darientimes.com/news/darien-features/local-news/5002793.html>

17. *April 9, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Seven Falls developer, others indicted in Asheville on bank fraud charges.** The developer of the stalled Seven Falls luxury community in Henderson County, North Carolina, and four other people were indicted on criminal charges they broke banking laws while trying to keep the project afloat, the Asheville Citizen-Times reported April 9. Bank of Asheville and Pisgah Community Bank made \$4.6 million in loans to fake borrowers who then gave the money to participants to provide funds for Seven Falls or to benefit the participants directly, the indictment says. The scheme occurred from August 2006 to April 2010. In addition, the indictment says the developer stole more than \$4 million from a fund set up by an Ohio investor to pay for roads and utilities in a Rutherford County development, Queens Gap, that he had an ownership interest in. He spent very little of the funds on Queens Gap and used the money instead to make payments on loans taken out as part of the scheme and for personal uses. According to the indictment, after obtaining a \$25 million development loan, the Seven Falls Golf and River Club LLC sold about 70 lots at prices between \$250,000 and \$650,000. Sales stalled in 2008 and the developer and two accomplices generated money for the development by recruiting “straw” borrowers to borrow money to buy lots at Seven Falls. Straw buyers got kickbacks for their participation and loan settlement statements were falsified. The indictment says participants used loan proceeds in part to repay other loans that were coming due, for personal use, and to temporarily get troubled loans off bank books to evade detection by bank regulators. The indictment lists 21 counts of wire fraud, misapplication of bank funds, conspiracy to commit money laundering, and money laundering.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20120410/NEWS/304100006/Seven-Falls-builder-indicted?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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Transportation Sector

18. *April 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Connecticut; Massachusetts; Rhode Island) **School bus company to implement anti-idling program penalties under the Clean Air Act.** As part of a settlement for alleged excessive diesel idling in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, Durham School Services will commit to reduce idling from its school bus fleet of 13,900 buses operating in 30 states, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported April 10. The project is the result of an EPA New England enforcement action to address excessive school bus idling and reduce school children’s exposure to diesel pollution. Durham will pay a \$90,000 penalty and perform environmental projects valued at \$348,000. In the fall of 2010, an EPA inspector observed Durham school buses idling for extended periods of time in lots in Storrs, Connecticut, Worcester, Massachusetts, and Johnston, Rhode Island. The inspector observed some buses idling for close to 2 hours before departing the bus lot to pick up school children. Under the settlement, Durham will implement a national training and management program to prevent excessive idling from its entire fleet of school buses.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/62196f9b584b436c852579dc00599928!OpenDocument>

19. *April 9, Associated Press* – (California) **Damage from S. Calif. tanker fire put at \$250K.** Highway and bridge damage from a fiery gasoline tanker crash in Los Angeles the weekend of April 7 was estimated at \$250,000, officials said April 9. The crash caused damage to asphalt, guard, and bridge rails at the junction of Interstate 5 and State Highway 134 near Griffith Park, said a spokeswoman for the California Department of Transportation. Investigators said a car struck the double-tanker rig from behind, splitting open the rear tank containing 6,000 gallons of gas. Flaming rivers of gas flooded freeway gutters. About 150 firefighters aided by 2 water-dropping helicopters put out the fire. Portions of the roadway were shut down for nearly 24 hours. Cleanup crews unloaded about 3,000 gallons of gasoline left in the front tank of the big-rig.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/04/09/4401139/calif-tanker-fire-freeway-damage.html>

20. *April 9, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Tractor-trailer hits train in Masardis, snarls traffic on Route 11.** Maine State Police were on the scene of an accident April 9 in which a tractor-trailer collided with a train. A state police sergeant said the truck driver suffered only a minor injury. The driver was heading south on Route 11 in a tractor-trailer owned by McGary Forestry of Linneus when the crash occurred. He was unable to stop the tractor-trailer loaded with tree-length logs as he approached the railroad crossing in Masardis where a train owned by Maine Northern Railway was passing through with cars also loaded with tree-length logs. The tractor-trailer struck the side of the train, knocking one of the cars off the track and spilling the car's load of logs. The truck was totaled in the crash and the train had significant damage, police said. The train operator was not injured. Route 11 remained closed as heavy equipment and local crews were brought to the site to remove the logs and clear the roadway.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/04/09/news/aroostook/tractor-trailer-hits-train-in-masardis-snares-traffic-on-route-11/?ref=mostReadBoxNews>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *April 9, GateHouse News Service* – (Massachusetts) **Minnesota man charged with hacking into Marlborough server.** A man was charged April 6 in federal court with hacking a protected Marlborough, Massachusetts company's server and obtaining personal information of his co-workers, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). According to court documents, between May 3 and June 6, 2011, the man launched a "brute force attack" against the servers of Workscape Inc., a Marlborough company. Workscape hosted an employee benefits site for employees of FedEx Ground. The man, himself a FedEx Ground employee, allegedly created a

computer program to hack into the Workscape system and obtain personal information about other FedEx Ground employees, including their names, addresses, and Social Security numbers. Based on information obtained during the investigation, it appears that he never used or released this information, according to the ICE. If convicted, the man faces a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x168224807/Minnesota-man-charged-with-hacking-into-Marlborough-server>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *April 10, Food Safety News* – (Wisconsin; Iowa; Minnesota) **Allergen alert: Donuts with traces of egg.** Kwik Trip of La Crosse, Wisconsin, is recalling certain Glazers Donuts because they may contain undeclared traces of egg, Food Safety News reported April 10. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the company's supplier had added egg to a key ingredient. The company said the problem has been corrected. The recalled Glazers Donuts were sold in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/allergen-alert-donuts-with-traces-of-egg-1/>
23. *April 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Fed evaluation: 3 more pesticides may harm salmon.** A draft federal evaluation found that three more common pesticides used on home lawns and agricultural crops jeopardize the survival of West Coast salmon, the Associated Press reported April 10. The evaluation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Service is the latest one resulting from lawsuits filed by conservation groups and salmon fishermen demanding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) enforce restrictions on pesticides around salmon streams. This one looked at the pre-emergent herbicides oryzalin, pendimethalin, and trifluralin. They are used to control weeds in lawns, on road shoulders, in orchards, vineyards, and farm fields growing soybeans, cotton, corn, Christmas trees, and other crops. The herbicides are ingredients in more than 100 commercial products made by dozens of manufacturers. NOAA Fisheries informed the EPA that they are likely to jeopardize half the 26 salmon populations on the West Coast protected by the Endangered Species Act and suggested restrictions like no-spray buffers to keep them out of salmon streams. The agency has 11 more pesticides to evaluate from the original list of 37, and should be done by the end of June 2013, said the deputy director of NOAA Fisheries for the Endangered Species Act division. The most dangerous chemicals were evaluated first.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/id/47003301>
24. *April 10, Bloomberg* – (International) **Beijing toughens food safety rules.** Beijing plans to ban people convicted of food-safety crimes from investing in and operating related businesses as China's government steps up action against such violations, Bloomberg reported April 10. The city will better regulate the use of edible additives in

the catering industry and crack down on the illegal use of inedible substances and the mislabeling of production and sell-by dates, according to a draft amendment to rules published on the municipal government's Web site. Beijing's government will seek the public's opinion until April 25, it said in an April 6 statement. The rules reflect China's efforts to improve regulation after a string of problems, including tainted milk, added to public concern about food safety. Six infants died and 300,000 were sickened in 2008 by formula milk containing melamine, a chemical used to make plastics and adhesives, in China's most severe food scandal.

Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/business/2012/04/09/beijing-toughens-food-safety-rules/hgCGpFB6df29hbduB8WfrK/story.html>

25. *April 9, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Raw milk possible source of E. coli bacteria outbreak in central Missouri.** A toddler from Boone County, Missouri, was hospitalized April 9 with an E. coli bacterial infection that may have been caused by drinking raw milk, health officials said. Five people from central Missouri were sickened by the same E. coli bacterial strain in late March and early April, the state health department reported in an alert to doctors April 5. All three patients from Boone County, including the toddler, reported consuming raw dairy products, according to a county health spokeswoman. The other cases are in Cooper and Howard counties, state health officials said. It is unknown if raw milk was tied to those cases. Besides the toddler, a 17-month-old also developed life-threatening complications affecting the kidneys. Several more cases are considered suspected E. coli infections and may be added to the total after further testing.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/09/3545675/raw-milk-possible-source-of-e.html>
26. *April 9, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **Listeria problem shuts down a Washington cheese company.** A Washington state cheese maker plagued with Listeria problems, including a link to a case of listeriosis in 2010, agreed to keep its products off the market until it can clean up its processing facility and prove its cheeses are safe to eat, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said April 9. As part of a consent decree, the Del Bueno owner agreed to a permanent injunction entered by the Eastern District Court of Washington April 3. Under the agreement, according to the FDA, Del Bueno cannot process or distribute food until it demonstrates it has a control program underway to eliminate *Listeria monocytogenes* from its production facility and products. The Grandview company, which makes pasteurized milk cheeses, must: hire an independent laboratory to collect and analyze samples for the presence of Listeria; retain an independent sanitation expert; develop a Listeria-control program for all employees in both English and Spanish; and destroy all food items currently in the facility. In April 2010, Del Bueno recalled packages of queso fresco cheese after state officials found contaminated cheese during routine sampling, and then linked it to the illness. Another recall in November 2010 involved queso fresco, queso panela, and ricotta cheeses after test results revealed they were contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes and inspectors found the same strain of the bacteria in the processing facility. An April 2011 warning letter to Del Bueno from the FDA suggested Listeria may have established “niche areas” in the cheese-making plant.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/listeria-problems-shuts-down-a-washington-cheese-company/>

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Water Sector

27. *April 9, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Boil water advisory in Henryville.** The Rural Membership Water Corp. in Henryville, Kentucky, declared a boil water advisory April 9 after a water main break. The water cooperative expected the break to be repaired April 9, however, the advisory could remain in place until April 12 to allow for testing after repairs.
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20120409/NEWS02/304090039/Boil-water-advisory-Henryville?odyssey=nav|head>
28. *April 9, San Bernardino Sun* – (California) **Pacific Gas & Electric Co. proposing to provide clean water to some 300 homes.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) announced April 9 it will provide whole household replacement water to more than 300 households in Hinkley, California, due to chromium 6 contamination. PG&E used chromium 6 at its natural gas pumping station in Hinkley to control algae and protect metal against rust, a common practice before cancer-causing side effects were known. In 2011, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, which is overseeing the cleanup in Hinkley, required San Francisco-based PG&E to develop replacement water for all needs. Residents will choose from two options for obtaining their uncontaminated water. Either PG&E will drill their existing well deeper, to get below the level of the plume and tap pure water, or it will install a system to remove chromium 6 from the water before the water leaves the tap, a spokesman said. The whole household replacement system will be offered until the state of California develops a standard for chromium 6 in drinking water, which is anticipated to be in 2 or 3 years, he said. If no standard is developed, the replacement systems will be kept up for 5 years, and at that time scientific developments in the area of chromium 6 will be evaluated. A timetable for the implementation of these water replacement systems will be developed later. The chromium 6 plume is thought to be 5 miles long and just under 3 miles wide. The company will offer whole household water to all homes within a mile of the plume for any detectable amount of chromium 6.
Source: http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_20359721/pacific-gas-amp-electric-co-proposing-provide-clean
29. *April 6, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Michigan City wastewater treatment plant superintendent admits Clean Water Act violations.** The former superintendent of the Michigan City, Indiana wastewater treatment plant admitted charges he falsified reports to make it appear the facility was within water pollution limits. The Post-Tribune of Northwest Indiana reported the man plead guilty April 5 to three counts of violating the Clean Water Act. The man admitted he knew at times that some water had bypassed parts of the treatment plant but never reported them to the Indiana Department of

Environmental Management, as required by a permit. Under terms of a plea agreement, he could face up to 2 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0af7500cd88446f6830d7b7cc99d6f40/IN--Wastewater-Charges/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *April 9, Utah Department of Health* – (Utah) **Data breach expands to include more victims.** The Utah Department of Technology Services (DTS), along with the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) announced April 9 that up to 255,000 additional people had their Social Security numbers listed in data stolen by thieves from a computer server the week of April 2. These latest victims are people whose information was sent to the state by their health care provider through a Medicaid Eligibility Inquiry to determine status as possible Medicaid recipients. The DTS has started identifying additional victims, and the state will send letters directly to them. Some of the 255,000 Social Security numbers were not accompanied by any other identifying information (such as names and addresses), so DTS will likely need to coordinate with other agencies to identify and notify these individuals. As many as 350,000 additional people may have had other, less-sensitive information, such as their names, birth dates, and addresses accessed through eligibility inquiries. These people will also receive a letter alerting them to the situation. However, priority will be placed on alerting those who had their Social Security numbers stolen first. It is now believed that about 280,000 victims had their Social Security numbers stolen, and about 500,000 other victims had less-sensitive personal information stolen.
Source: <http://udohnews.blogspot.com/2012/04/data-breach-expands-to-include-more.html>
31. *April 9, Quincy Patriot-Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **\$1.7 million in damage but no injuries in Braintree senior home fire.** Fifteen residents of an assisted-living center in Grove Manor Estates in Braintree, Massachusetts were displaced April 8 after a four-alarm fire caused nearly \$2 million in property damage. The displaced residents were taken to a nearby gymnasium and given cots to sleep on while waiting for family members or friends to pick them up, said the Braintree deputy fire chief. The fire was extinguished in about 30 minutes and caused about \$1.7 million in property damage. The state fire marshal's office was investigating the fire's cause. The people who were sent to the gymnasium received assistance from the American Red Cross and the Braintree Emergency Management Agency.
Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/mobile/x221043755/No-injuries-in-fire-at-Braintree-seniors-residence>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **2 suspects plead guilty in Georgia militia plot.** Two Georgia men pleaded guilty to conspiring to get an unregistered explosive and an illegal gun silencer in what prosecutors describe as a plot to attack government targets. The suspected ringleader of the group and another man entered their pleas April 10 in federal court in Gainesville, about 55 miles northeast of Atlanta. They could face up to 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. They also agreed to cooperate with authorities. They are among four men arrested in November 2011.
Source: http://www.wgme.com/template/news_wire/wires.national/3242bd64-www.wgme.com.shtml
33. *April 9, South Jersey Local News* – (New Jersey) **Second forest fire in Burlington County reported at military base.** Firefighters were battling another forest fire in Burlington County, New Jersey. By April 9, about 300 acres of wooded area were burned at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL). The New Jersey Forest Fire Service, JBMDL Fire and Emergency Services, and the New Egypt Fire Department were working to contain the fire. The fire was first located on the base's training ranges, officials said. It moved in an easterly direction where previous controlled burns were conducted. According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the fire danger level is listed as extreme in Burlington, Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem, Monmouth, and Ocean counties, as well as Middlesex County south of the Raritan River. In the rest of the State, the fire danger level is high.
Source:
<http://www.southjerseylocalnews.com/articles/2012/04/09/region/doc4f8399b8cb22c355113162.txt?viewmode=fullstory>
34. *April 9, Nextgov* – (International) **State-sponsored cyber spies want your Facebook status, researchers say.** According to security researchers, Facebook frequently takes flack for privacy invasions, but the next controversial byproduct of the social network may be cyber espionage, Nextgov reported April 9. Status updates on Facebook posted by friends and family of government officials or the officials' own unencrypted Facebook activities can be used to gather intelligence such as U.S. troop movements, said the security strategy director for cybersecurity firm Imperva. While data brokers profit by collating social communications for advertisers, spies and hackers on government payrolls can profit by parsing the same information. Government-sponsored hackers and spies may use tactics such as eavesdropping on a Facebook member's activities through unencrypted Wi-Fi connections. Facebook uses a secure connection to read users' log-in credentials but all other data is sent back and forth in an unprotected format. Responding to this potential vulnerability, Facebook in January allowed users to opt into a setting that secures all Facebook activities. Imperva recommends users enable that option.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20120409_3435.php

35. *April 9, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Judge targeted in white powder letter scare.** A Dallas County official said a white powder letter sent to a judge was threatening but contained only baking soda. The powder was found inside an envelope early April 9 after the letter was opened by a clerk on the sixth floor of the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building. Dallas-Fire Rescue determined the material was not toxic. A Dallas County judge told KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth the envelope contained a threatening letter and baking soda. He added the letter was sent by someone in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system and that officials know who sent the letter and where it came from. There were no evacuations, though four people who were in the immediate area of the letter when it was opened were isolated until the material could be analyzed and they could be examined by medical personnel. The FBI is assisting in the investigation.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/White-Powder-Envelope-Received-at-Crowley-Courts-Building-in-Dallas-146657255.html>

36. *April 9, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **City of Topeka Internet service restored.** Topeka, Kansas' city government regained Internet service early afternoon April 9 when its Web site also became available once again. Both had not been working since at least 6:30 a.m., a city spokesman said. He said service was restored after the city's Internet service provider worked with upstream Internet service carriers to resolve it. He said the city during the outage continued to have Intranet service, which enabled its employees to communicate internally.
Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/2012-04-09/city-topeka-internet-service-restored>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *April 9, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **U.S. to offer anthrax vaccine to first responders on trial basis.** The U.S. Presidential administration is preparing to make unused federal stocks of anthrax vaccine available to certain nonmilitary emergency personnel in a trial effort that could lead to wider distribution of the countermeasure to first responders. The initiative would offer certain state and local officials the option to accept a federally funded course of anthrax vaccination doses and would consider broader distribution in part through demand from individual response personnel, senior medical officials with the Homeland Security Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told Global Security Newswire April 6. The program would draw from inventory that is within months of expiration in the U.S. Strategic National Stockpile of medical countermeasures. The federal government formally deems stockpiled anthrax vaccine to be unusable once it ages beyond its 4-year shelf life, but officials have not ruled out the possibility that some lapsed material could remain sufficiently potent to distribute to the public if a shortage of unexpired stocks develops following an outbreak.
Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/us-offer-anthrax-vaccine-first-responders-trial-basis/>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *April 10, Bloomberg* – (International) **Anonymous blamed for attacks on technology group websites.** Two technology trade associations said they were targeted by the hacker-activist group Anonymous as it singled out supporters of proposed legislation to improve U.S. cybersecurity. Anonymous claimed credit for denial-of-service assaults on the TechAmerica and USTelecom Web sites, according to the associations representing companies including IBM, Apple, and AT&T. Such offensives typically involve flooding a Web site with traffic, causing it to crash. The organizations said the attacks amount to reprisal for supporting the legislation, among cybersecurity bills under consideration by Congress, designed to encourage companies and government agencies to voluntarily share information about cyber threats. Users could not connect to the Web site for USTelecom, which represents telephone companies led by AT&T, Verizon, and CenturyLink, starting April 8 and the site was “up and down” April 9 as technicians worked to restore service, said a spokeswoman. The Web site of TechAmerica, whose members include IBM, Microsoft, and Apple, was not loading April 9. The attack began April 8 and the association was working April 9 to get the site back up, a TechAmerica spokeswoman said. The trade groups support cybersecurity legislation introduced by the chairman and ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-09/anonymous-blamed-for-attacks-on-ustelecom-group-websites.html>
39. *April 10, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement* – (California; International) **California man charged with trafficking counterfeit computer software.** A Lakewood, California, man made his initial appearance in federal court April 9 following his arrest by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations special agents for importing more than 1,000 counterfeit Microsoft Office CD-ROMs and selling them to unsuspecting customers over the Internet. The man is charged in a four-count federal indictment following the seizure of two shipments of Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2007 software CD-ROMs. Specifically, the indictment charges the man with two counts of trafficking counterfeit goods and two counts of smuggling. If convicted of all charges, he faces a maximum sentence of 60 years in federal prison.
Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/west/2012/04/10/204645.htm>
40. *April 9, Ars Technica* – (International) **Rise of ‘forever day’ bugs in industrial systems threatens critical infrastructure.** The number of security holes that remain unpatched in software used to control refineries, factories, and other critical infrastructure is growing. These holes are becoming so common that security researchers have coined the term “forever days” to refer to the unfixed vulnerabilities, Ars Technica reported April 9. The latest forever day vulnerability was disclosed in robotics software marketed by ABB, a maker of industrial control systems for utilities

and factories. According to an advisory issued the week of April 2 by the U.S. Cyber Emergency Response Team, the flaw in ABB WebWare Server will not be fixed even though it provides the means to remotely execute malicious code on computers that run the application. “Because these are legacy products nearing the end of their life cycle, ABB does not intend to patch these vulnerable components,” the advisory stated. The notice said the development of a working exploit would require only a medium skill level on the part of the attacker. Forever day is a play on “zero day,” a phrase used to classify vulnerabilities that come under attack before the responsible manufacturer has issued a patch. Also called iDays, or “infinite days” by some researchers, forever days refer to bugs that never get fixed — even when they are acknowledged by the company that developed the software. In some cases, rather than issuing a patch that plugs the hole, the software maker simply adds advice to user manuals showing how to work around the threat.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2012/04/rise-of-ics-forever-day-vulnerabilities-threaten-critical-infrastructure.ars>

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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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

41. *April 9, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin; Michigan) **Verizon explains outage.** Verizon Wireless customers were out of luck in parts of Wisconsin and Michigan April 9, waiting for service. A Verizon statement explained the outage: “Due to a network issue impacting our switch operations in the Appleton/Green Bay area, customers in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan experienced a disruption in voice and text messaging service from approximately 12:45 – 3 p.m. central time [April 9]. Data services were also temporarily impacted as operations were restored. Verizon is working diligently to identify the root cause of the issue.”
Source: <http://www.weau.com/news/headlines/146713415.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *April 10, Springfield State Journal-Register* – (Illinois) **Fire damages Pana business.** Authorities in Pana, Illinois, suspect an electrical problem sparked a fire

April 8 that caused extensive damage at a downtown auto repair and body shop business. The Pana fire chief said a passer-by noticed smoke coming from Cherry's Auto Repair. When firefighters arrived, the smoke was so thick that neighboring buildings were barely visible. Fighting the fire was complicated by the fact the fire spread to a storage area above the office that contained 5-gallon cans of paint thinner. "We couldn't send anybody into the office area because we knew those cans were up there," the fire chief said. The building sustained extensive damage.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x1047086525/Fire-damages-Pana-business>

43. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Arson charge pending in Vegas Golden Nugget fire.** A man who was rescued by Las Vegas firefighters from a smoke-choked hotel room is facing arson and attempted murder charges in a March fire that caused minor damage on an unfinished floor but forced the evacuation of dozens of guests from upper floors at the Golden Nugget casino, a fire official said April 9. The suspect was in custody under guard at a Las Vegas hospital, but a fire spokesman said he will face charges that could get him decades in state prison.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10690558/arson-charge-pending-in-vegas-golden-nugget-fire>
44. *April 10, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Police officers, ambulance crew taken to hospital after toxic suicide in South End.** Twelve people were evacuated from an apartment building in the South End area of Boston, and four police officers and an ambulance crew were taken to a hospital after a woman committed suicide April 9 inside an apartment by ingesting a toxic chemical, fire officials said. The Boston deputy fire chief said at the HAZMAT scene that the woman ingested the chemical on the first floor and was later pronounced dead at the hospital. He said four police officers and the ambulance team of two EMS workers were quarantined at the hospital to determine whether they were affected by the substance. He said the woman is believed to have ingested sodium azide, a chemical used to make airbags. "But it can metabolize into some kind of cyanide," he said. He said April 10 crews were preparing to reenter the apartment building to see if it presented a safety risk, a process expected to take a few hours. He also said the officers and EMS workers who were quarantined did not appear to be showing signs of being adversely affected by the chemical.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/Boston/metrodesk/2012/04/police-officers-ambulance-crew-taken-hospital-after-suicide-sparks-hazmat-scene-south-end/da0IFfoxlNkIAWwHXzJ9TK/index.html>
45. *April 9, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Beach Haven fire damages Gables Bed and Breakfast, upper apartments in Surfflight Theatre's ice cream parlor.** A fire ripped through the Gables Bed and Breakfast in Beach Haven, New Jersey, April 8, and it took more than 2 hours for volunteer firefighters from 14 local departments to put out the the fire. The Beach Haven Volunteer Fire Department chief said two buildings were partially destroyed in the fire: the Gables and upper-level apartments in the Surfflight Theatre's Showplace Ice Cream Parlor.
Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/beach-haven-fire-damages-gables-bed-and-breakfast-upper-apartments/article_32836daa-81c8-11e1-ade7-0019bb2963f4.html

46. *April 9, Manhattan DNAinfo* – (New York) **Columbus Circle office tower evacuated by fire.** A fire broke in a wall between a Daffy’s department store and a Bank of America in New York City April 9, forcing the 26-story office tower to be evacuated, fire officials said. Firefighters battled the fire for nearly an hour. A deputy fire chief on the scene said the fire may have been electrical. The store was expected to reopen about 2 hours after the fire sparked.
Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/20120409/midtown/columbus-circle-office-tower-evacuated-by-fire>
47. *April 9, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Three killed at Minn. day care; suspect sought.** Three adults were killed April 9 at an in-home day care in a suburb northwest of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a nearby college was locked down as police searched for a suspect who fled on a bicycle. Police released few details about the deaths. They would not say whether any children were present during the attack in Brooklyn Park. Neighbors of the day care center said police warned them to stay home because a gunman was on the loose. Officials locked down the nearby Hennepin Technical College after police said there had been a shooting. Students were allowed to leave a few hours after the shooting, although the campus remained closed.
Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10690144/three-killed-at-minn-day-care-suspect-sought>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *April 10, Associated Press* – (New York) **Rangers battle brush fire in NY state park.** New York State park rangers, firefighters, and volunteers were battling a large brush fire in Harriman State Park, which erupted April 9 near Stony Point. A New York State Parks Department spokesman said nearly 100 acres on West Mountain burned. Vehicles could not get near the fire because of the rocky and steep terrain.
Source: <http://www.njherald.com/story/17371477/rangers-battle-brush-fire-in-ny-state-park>
49. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **State park forest fire continues to burn out of control.** A large forest fire is still burning in the area of a southeastern Pennsylvania state park, prompting nearby homes to be evacuated, the Associated Press reported April 10. Emergency officials in Berks County said no injuries were reported in the fire at French Creek State Park near Birdsboro. Dozens of state and local agencies were working to contain the fire. Officials hoped to have the fire under control by April 10. Residents of five roads near the park were evacuated. An emergency shelter was set up at a nearby social hall. Emergency crews spent part of April 9 trying to protect a fireworks factory not far from the fire, determining what explosives were inside and preparing a plan of action, but later said the factory was no longer in danger.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_790637.html

50. *April 10, Waynesboro News Virginian* – (Virginia) **Wildfires a concern in Virginia, and in the valley.** Waynesboro, Virginia, spent much of April 9 under a Red Flag Alert for forest fires because of conditions that included extreme dryness, high winds, and low humidity. A deputy Waynesboro fire chief said it was important for residents to be careful of any kind of outside fire because of the weather conditions. Meanwhile, April 9, wildfires were burning hundreds of acres of national forest land in five Virginia counties. Media outlets reported fires burned more than 1,100 acres in the George Washington-Jefferson National Forest in Botetourt, Craig, and Alleghany counties. Fire officials said at least 50 acres burned in Shenandoah County. A wildfire in Page County burned 621 acres. Authorities said the fires do not threaten any structures, and no injuries were reported. Several roads and trails were closed in the forest in Shenandoah County. The Potts Mountain Jeep Trail in Botetourt County also was closed.
Source: <http://www2.newsvirginian.com/news/2012/apr/10/wildfires-concern-virginia-and-valley-ar-1830082/>

51. *April 10, South Jersey Local News* – (New Jersey) **Wildfire in Tabernacle and Woodland townships is mostly under control, officials say.** A wildfire in Tabernacle and Woodland townships that burned 1,000 acres since April 9 was about 75 percent under control as of April 10, according a spokesman for the New Jersey Environmental Protection Department (NJDEP). The origin of the fire is considered suspicious, according to the spokesman, and is being investigated the New Jersey Forest Fire Service. A particular concern was embers from trees heavily damaged by gypsy moths. The fire was discovered just after midnight April 9, when a resident called 9-1-1 to report the smell of smoke, officials said. About 25 homes in the wooded area were threatened and backfires were used in an effort to protect the isolated homes, officials said. According to the NJDEP, about 60 Forest Fire Service personnel and dozens of Burlington County volunteers battled the blaze. The forest fire danger level is still listed as extreme in Burlington County and its surrounding counties of Camden, Atlantic, Ocean, and Monmouth, according to the NJDEP.
Source:
http://www.southjerseylocalnews.com/articles/2012/04/10/medford_central_record/news/doc4f8316ef14ef4770156581.txt

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Dams Sector

52. *April 10, GateHouse News Service* – (Kansas) **Corps intends to fix breached levee.** The Leavenworth County Commission was told by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers April 9 that the private levee at Hildebrandt Road in Leavenworth, Kansas is expected to be fixed in 2012. The levee, left heavily damaged by the 2011 flood, is private but is part of the Corps' system and has a county road on top of it.
Source: <http://www.leavenworthtimes.com/news/x1047086112/Corps-intends-to-fix-breached-levee>

53. *April 9, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Arkansas) **Corps of Engineers releases more water from Beaver Dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers increased releases from Beaver Dam in northwest Arkansas April 10 as part of the ongoing effort to evacuate water captured in the flood pools of the White River lakes during heavy March rains. A total of about 8,000 cubic feet per second will be released through the 2 turbines at full power generation. The lake is more than 5 feet above the top of its conservation pool. Barring additional heavy rain, the lake level is expected to drop about half a foot a day for about 10 days until it reaches elevation 1,120.4 feet. The releases are being made in accordance with the White River Water Control Plan.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=629302
54. *April 9, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Dallas officials correct all of 198 Trinity levee maintenance issues.** Dallas officials announced April 9 that all of the Trinity levee maintenance failures identified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during their devastating 2009 inspection had been corrected. The inspection rated Dallas’ primary source of flood protection unacceptable, naming 230 deficiencies, of which the city was responsible for correcting 198. Maintenance issues such as controlling vegetation and taking care of eroded slopes, were a focus of the Corps’ 2009 report. The city had to fix the issues or risk losing its eligibility for a federal program that reimburses cities for repair damages in the event of a major flood. City officials awarded a contract for the construction of about 3.5 miles of underground “cutoff walls” along the levees to keep water from seeping through the soil underneath them. Construction is expected to begin in June and be completed by the end of 2012.
Source: <http://cityhallblog.dallasnews.com/archives/2012/04/dallas-officials-correct-all-o.html>

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