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- A U.S. soldier sold stolen arms and other sensitive military technology to buyers on eBay while he was deployed in Iraq in 2010, according to DHS investigators. – *Orlando Sentinel* (See item [7](#))
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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. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Exxon Mobil cleaning up oil spill in Rural La.** Exxon Mobil Corp. was cleaning up about 80,000 gallons of oil that spilled from a pipeline in rural Louisiana. The company said the pipeline was shut down April 28 after a loss of pressure. The spilled oil was discovered April 29 in Pointe Coupee Parish, northwest of Baton Rouge. Exxon Mobil said vacuum trucks were cleaning up the site, and air was being monitored for quality. The oil came from a 22-inch pipeline that originates in St. James Parish southeast of Baton Rouge and carries crude oil to northern Louisiana. Exxon Mobil said federal regulators were informed, and that the cleanup was being coordinated with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
Source: <http://www.local15tv.com/news/local/story/Exxon-Mobil-Cleaning-Up-Oil-Spill-in-Rural-La/K7KM-qs2GkO-T4on5z-LPA.csp>
2. *April 30, Manassas News & Messenger* – (Virginia) **Transformer fails, knocks out power to 14,500 in eastern Prince William.** More than 14,500 Dominion Virginia Power customers lost power April 30 from Lake Ridge to Dale City, Virginia. A Dominion spokeswoman said a transformer failed at the Lake Ridge substation, impacting four circuits delivering power to eastern Prince William County. “We were able to restore 8,600 customers within the first 30 minutes through remote rerouting of electricity,” she said. Crews worked to restore the remaining 9,500 and expected everyone to have lights 2 hours after the power initially went out.
Source: <http://www2.insidenova.com/news/2012/apr/30/8/thousands-without-power-lake-ridge-ar-1880732/>
3. *April 30, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **NH fuel biz fined \$192,000, biz says it complied.** A northern New Hampshire fuel dealer that filed for bankruptcy was fined \$192,000 for failing to close its above-ground oil storage tanks, the Associated Press reported April 30. The attorney general’s office said in 2010, Munce’s Superior Petroleum in Gorham agreed to a preliminary injunction requiring it to bring the tanks into compliance with state laws. The tanks needed containment walls to protect the Androscoggin River from oil pollution in the event of a leak. In September 2011, a Coos County judge ordered Munce to close its tanks. In 2012, the judge held a hearing and determined Munce had not taken care of the tanks and issued the fine.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9UFD7R00.htm>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 1, Central Valley Business Times* – (California) **Pesticide probe results in fines.** Two Central Valley, California pesticide dealers were fined \$105,000 for knowingly selling a pesticide product for a use not allowed by the label — controlling mites on peaches, said the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) director. The product was propargite, which uses the trade name Comite. It is used in California on field and vegetable crops. Under the settlement, Gar Tootelian Inc. of Reedley in Fresno County paid \$60,000 for selling Comite in Fresno and Tulare counties from 2008 through 2010. Britz-Simplot Grower Solutions LLC of Traver in Tulare County paid \$45,000 for selling Comite in Fresno and Tulare counties from 2009 through 2010. Both companies agreed to implement control measures to ensure the violations do not occur again, the DPR said. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency canceled the use of the pesticide on peaches in 1996. Although the uses were illegal in these cases, residue found on peaches was at such a low level it did not pose a health risk to farm workers or consumers, said the DPR. The agency did direct removal of the peaches from the market. More than 2.4 million pounds of peaches with an estimated value of more than \$1.1 million were affected.

Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=20954>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *May 1, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Plant fire near Joliet causes more than \$20 Million in damages.** Investigators estimated a fire at the AZZ Galvanizing plant near Joliet, Illinois, April 29, resulted in more than \$20 million in damages. The factory was “a total loss,” according to a statement released by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which was investigating the fire. It took 6 fire departments 5 hours to get the fire under control. The Illinois State Fire Marshal, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the East Joliet Fire Protection Agency, and the Will County Emergency Management Agency’s HAZMAT Technicians were also investigating.

Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/fire-at-azz-galvanizing-plant-near-joliet-causes-more-than-20-million-dollars-damage-atf-20120430-->

6. *May 1, U.S. Department of Labor* – (South Dakota) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Adams Thermal Systems for safety violations after worker fatally**

crushed at Canton, SD, manufacturing plant. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), May 1 issued Adams Thermal Systems Inc. of Canton, South Dakota, three citations for willful safety violations that exposed workers to unsafe conditions at the engine cooling systems manufacturing facility. The OSHA inspection was initiated after an employee was fatally crushed while operating equipment November 7, 2011. The violations were for failing to develop energy control procedures, provide machine guarding, and effectively train employees on recognizing hazardous energy and taking safety precautions.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22293

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *April 30, Orlando Sentinel* – (International) **Feds: Soldier sold stolen arms on eBay.** A U.S. soldier with connections to Orlando, Florida, sold stolen arms to buyers on eBay while he was deployed in Iraq in 2010, according to DHS investigators. The man is accused of violating federal law regarding the export of sensitive technology such as night-vision equipment, rifle scopes, and high-powered infrared lasers not intended for the public, according to an affidavit filed in federal court in Orlando. The man told buyers he was retired from the military and based in Orlando selling surplus equipment, investigators said. His listing touted the arms as being extremely rare and “impossible to find on the international market,” the affidavit said. He shipped lasers to buyers in Japan and Nevada, a high-tech satellite phone was sent to Kuwait, and other equipment was shipped to California. The items were sold for a few thousand dollars each. eBay eventually took down the postings because they violated its policies. Investigators tracked down some recipients and recovered stolen items. The man told investigators that while he was in the military guarding non-combat envoys, he came across a container with the items and brought them all back to Orlando. He claimed he did not know civilians were prohibited from possessing the equipment, but knew it was wrong to sell them. However, the man's e-mails with a buyer in Japan show he knew he was violating international arms trafficking regulations and falsified shipping documents to conceal the items as “auto parts.”

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/feds-soldier-sold-stolen-arms-on-ebay.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *May 1, Fairfax News* – (Virginia) **Ashburn realtor convicted in \$7 million mortgage fraud scheme.** A man was convicted April 27 by a federal jury for his role in fraudulent mortgage loan transactions involving at least 25 homes in northern Virginia and more than \$7 million in losses to lenders. The man is a Washington, D.C. real estate developer and was formerly a realtor with Monorom Realty and Fairfax Realty. He was convicted of conspiracy, nine counts of wire fraud, and two counts of mail fraud. According to court records and evidence at trial, from 2006 to 2008, the man used his position as a realtor and the owner of a title company to engage in a scheme to defraud mortgage lenders and profit from loan proceeds, commissions, and bonus payments. He and other members of the conspiracy recruited unqualified buyers — usually individuals with good credit but insufficient assets or income to qualify for a particular loan — and used them as nominal purchasers in real estate transactions. As part of the conspiracy and fraud scheme, the man and others falsified mortgage loan applications, created fake documents to support the fraudulent applications, and added the unqualified buyers as signatories on their bank accounts to make it appear to lenders as though the buyers possessed sufficient assets to qualify for the loans. When his promise of flipping the properties to other purchasers failed to be fulfilled, and when the kickbacks given to the buyers to fund payments were exhausted, the unqualified buyers promptly defaulted on their loans and the properties went into foreclosure.
Source: <http://fairfaxnews.com/2012/05/ashburn-realtor-convicted-in-7-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme/>
9. *May 1, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* – (National) **FINRA sanctions four firms \$9.1 million for sales of leveraged and inverse exchange-traded funds.** May 1, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) announced it sanctioned Citigroup Global Markets, Inc; Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC; UBS Financial Services; and Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC \$9.1 million for selling leveraged and inverse exchange-traded funds (ETFs) without reasonable supervision, and for not having a reasonable basis for recommending the securities. The firms were fined more than \$7.3 million and are required to pay \$1.8 million in restitution to certain customers who made unsuitable leveraged and inverse ETF purchases. FINRA found that from January 2008 through June 2009, the firms did not have adequate supervisory systems in place to monitor the sale of leveraged and inverse ETFs, and failed to conduct adequate due diligence regarding risks and features. As a result, the firms did not have a reasonable basis to recommend ETFs to customers. The firms’ registered representatives also made unsuitable recommendations of leveraged and inverse ETFs to some customers with conservative investment objectives and/or risk profiles. Each of the four firms sold billions of dollars of these ETFs to customers, some of whom held them for extended periods when the markets were volatile.
Source: <http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2012/P126123?utm>
10. *April 30, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Another Desert Sun fraud defendant pleads guilty.** Another defendant in the massive fraud case involving defunct Bend, Oregon-based Desert Sun Development (DSD) pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of

conspiracy to commit bank and loan application fraud, prosecutors said April 30. He appeared April 23 before a judge and pleaded guilty to the two charges that arose out of the collapse of Desert Sun, a development and construction company. As part of his guilty plea, the defendant admitted he caused financial institutions to lose more than \$6 million. According to court documents, the defendant owned and operated Advanced Steel Systems, Inc., a corporation in Bend that sold steel building kits for commercial construction projects. In court, the defendant admitted that he, at the request of DSD principals, provided fictitious contracts and invoices for steel building kits and related costs that DSD principals used to obtain financing and loan proceeds for some of DSD's commercial projects. He knew DSD principals were submitting these fake contracts and invoices to financial institutions to obtain financing and loan proceeds, prosecutors said. To keep track of the fake invoices, the defendant maintained an invoice log in which many of these false invoices were labeled "dummy" or "dummy invoice." Three co-defendants previously pleaded guilty and are pending sentencing. This case was investigated by the FBI, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations, and the Oregon Division of Finance and Corporate Securities. Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/30979081/detail.html>

11. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Virginia; National; International) **Va. jury convicts Costa Rican man in \$485M fraud.** April 30, a federal jury in Virginia convicted a former Costa Rican insurance executive of all counts in a \$485 million fraud scheme in which he was accused of lying to clients and investors about the financial stability of his company. The defendant was president of Provident Capital Indemnity Ltd. Provident sold bonds guaranteeing funding for life settlement companies, which buy life insurance policies from insured people at less than face value and collect the benefits when those people die. The government originally claimed Provident sold \$670 million in bonds based on fraudulent financial statements, but an accounting done by an Internal Revenue Service investigator verified only \$485 million. Prosecutors said the executive misrepresented the company's assets, and lied when he told clients, investors, and regulators that Provident was protected by reinsurance agreements with major companies. The jury found him guilty of one count of conspiracy and three counts each of mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering. A U.S. attorney said in a written statement that the fraud affected thousands of victims worldwide. One of Provident's major customers was Houston-based, life settlement company A&O. Seven people affiliated with A&O, including its three principals, were convicted in jury trials or pleaded guilty to a \$100 million fraud that claimed 800 victims in three dozen states and Canada. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-04/D9UFGV100.htm>

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Transportation Sector

12. *May 1, Reuters* – (Ohio) **Five arrested in Cleveland plot to blow up bridge.** U.S. authorities arrested five self-described anarchists in the Cleveland, Ohio area for

allegedly plotting to blow up a four-lane highway bridge over Cuyahoga Valley National Park, but they had no ties to foreign terrorism, the U.S. Department of Justice said May 1. The group was arrested by the FBI after planting the explosives on the bridge. Three were charged already with conspiracy and attempting to use explosive materials and the other two are expected to be charged later May 1. The FBI said the five arrested were under continuous watch as part of an undercover operation and therefore the public was never in danger. The explosives, supplied by an undercover FBI agent, were inert. The bridge is about 15 miles south of Cleveland in an area popular with hikers and joggers. The group considered a variety of targets for attacks including the Group of 8 leaders meeting in Chicago and the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, according to the FBI affidavit. They also considered igniting smoke grenades off one bridge while they tried to knock large bank signs off the top of big office buildings in downtown Cleveland and even setting off a car bomb outside the Federal Reserve Bank there, the court papers said. Late in April, the group settled on trying to blow up the four-lane Brecksville-Northfield High Level Bridge by placing explosives on some of the columns in hopes of the entire bridge collapsing. The men were expected to appear in federal court.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/01/us-usa-security-cleveland-idUSBRE8400UY20120501>

13. *May 1, Muncie Star-Press* – (Indiana) **All students released from hospital after school bus crash.** Twenty-three students and a bus driver were taken to a hospital, May 1, after a Muncie Community Schools bus crashed into a light pole in the Northside Middle School parking lot in Muncie, Indiana. A Muncie police sergeant said 15 of the children were complaining of pain — either to their necks and/or with various bumps or bruises — but all 23 students on board were hospitalized as a precaution. The driver was also taken to the hospital and was not seriously injured. Six Northside students remained at the hospital by mid-morning, where they were undergoing further testing. By noon, all the students were released from the hospital. The cause of the crash remained under investigation. A crew from the Indiana State Police was to determine whether the bus struck the pole because of mechanical problems.

Source:

<http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20120501/NEWS01/120501004/UPDATED-All-students-released-from-hospital-after-school-bus-crash?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

14. *April 30, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Two Marin ferries cancelled due to worker strikes.** Ferry service between the North Bay and San Francisco was suspended May 1 due to a workers' strike. As a result of the strike, the district, which runs a transit service along with maintaining bridge operations, planned to cancel morning ferry routes from Larkspur and Sausalito to San Francisco. More than 6,500 passengers use the two ferry lines daily.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/transportation/2012/04/two-marin-ferries-cancelled-due-worker-strikes>

15. *April 30, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **BNSF chemical fire does \$75,000 damage.** A fire that ignited accidentally as a chemist was testing diesel fuel did an estimated \$75,000 in damage, April 30, in a laboratory on BNSF Railway property in

Topeka, Kansas, authorities said. A shift commander of the Topeka Fire Department said firefighters were called to the scene, which an investigator identified as being in a ventilation hood within the BNSF Rail Yard Chemical Testing Lab. The fire originated in a fuel testing containment area and occurred because of a failure of the ventilation system, the investigator said. He said no hazardous or volatile chemicals posed any risk to the public as a result of the fire. He said estimated damages amounted to \$15,000 to the building, and \$60,000 to its contents.

Source: <http://cjonline.com/news/2012-04-30/bnsf-chemical-fire-does-75000-damage>

16. *April 30, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Northbound I-35 shut after cattle hauler flips.** Crews shut down both lanes of I-35 northbound at mile marker 40 near Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 30, due to an overturned cattle hauler. Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers initially closed the inside lane of the highway when the vehicle flipped in the center median. Several hours later, both lanes were shut so crews could clean up an oil spill and safely offload the cattle. It was not clear what caused the accident.
Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/17929739/northbound-i-35-shut-after-cattle-hauler-flips>
17. *April 30, KWTV 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Flooding closes roads, forces evacuations across northeastern Oklahoma.** Severe storms hit northern Oklahoma April 30 and May 1, producing heavy rains that led to flooding across wide stretches of Nowata and Craig counties. The storms also produced several tornadoes. A tornado caused minor damage to rural areas southwest and northeast of Nowata. The Nowata County Sheriff's Office said there were no injuries from the storm as it moved across the county. The National Weather Service said a flash flood warning remained in effect for Craig, Nowata, and Ottawa counties. Several highways remained closed May 1 because of flooding.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/17966489/severe-weather-moves-across-ne-oklahoma>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *May 1, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **500,000 chickens killed in egg farm fire.** Roughly half a million chickens perished in a fire at a Weld County, Colorado egg farm April 30, authorities said. The fire sparked at Moark Hatcheries in Roggen. Aerial footage showed several buildings on fire and a large plume of smoke was visible from several miles away. According to the Weld County undersheriff, three buildings

housing chickens used for egg production were destroyed. The owner of the company that delivers eggs from the egg farm to local stores said the egg farm supplies many Wal-Marts, King Soopers, and other stores in metro Denver. Firefighters were hampered by limited water supplies. Tankers carrying water transported it from nearby water sources to the fire all afternoon and into the evening hours.

Source: <http://kdvr.com/2012/04/30/large-fire-burning-at-weld-county-chicken-farm/>

19. *May 1, Reuters* – (Oklahoma) **Tornado hits small Oklahoma town, knocks out power.** A tornado hit a small Oklahoma town April 30, knocking out power to the community of 1,000 residents and damaging a farm just 2 weeks after a tornado elsewhere in the state killed at least 6 people, the National Weather Service said. In Deer Creek, Oklahoma, authorities began evacuating residents late April 30 when a leak was discovered in a 30,000-gallon tank of volatile anhydrous ammonia at the farmer's grain co-op, a spokeswoman for the Grant County Sheriff's Department said. It was unclear if the leak was caused by the tornado, high winds, and hail that swept through the area, said an official with the sheriff's department.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/01/us-usa-tornado-oklahoma-idUSBRE84009E20120501>
20. *May 1, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Company recalls tempeh after salmonella detection.** An Asheville, North Carolina company voluntarily recalled 12-ounce packages of unpasteurized soybean tempeh because of possible contamination with salmonella, WYFF 4 Greenville reported May 1. More than two dozen people were ill in a salmonella outbreak in western North Carolina, according to the Buncombe County Department of Health. Confirmatory lab results were expected later in the week of April 30 and should confirm whether the tempeh is a match to the type of Salmonella associated with the current outbreak. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs said Smiling Hara is recalling tempeh manufactured January 11 and April 11. "Anyone with this product in their possession should not eat it," the agriculture commissioner said. He said the firm launched the recall after a samples collected during a routine inspection tested positive for salmonella.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/north-carolina-news/Company-recalls-tempeh-after-salmonella-detection/-/9695846/12276286/-/irunxkz/-/>
21. *April 30, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Michigan) **Warm weather and cold snap damages crops across the state.** The unseasonably warm temperatures that settled into mid-Michigan in March significantly impacted fruit crops across the area, WLNS 6 Lansing reported April 30. The higher temperatures caused many fruit trees to blossom ahead of schedule. However, the recent cold snap damaged many blooms, leaving farmers unsure about the success of the 2012 crop. According to recent reports, between 80 and 90 percent of the tart cherry crop across the state was decimated by the cold temperatures. Michigan produces about 75 percent of all tart cherries in the country. Experts at the Michigan Farm Bureau said while it may take farmers a little more time to know for sure how much of their crop they lost, most farmers who grow cherries, grapes, apples, and even peaches will see some damage.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/story/17945698/warm-weather-and-cold-snap-damages-crops-across-the-state>

22. *April 26, US Food Safety* – (National) **Cafe-Tasse Noir (Dark) Belgian chocolate bar allergy alert and recall.** Cafe-Tasse recalled its 1.58-ounce Cafe-Tasse Noir (Dark) Belgian chocolate bar because it may contain undeclared traces of a milk food allergen, US Food Safety reported April 26. The product was distributed in Virginia, Massachusetts, Washington, and California from January through mid-April, and was sold in retail stores. The recall was initiated by Cafe-Tasse in Belgium after it was discovered that product containing milk traces was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of milk. All remaining inventory of this item was destroyed.
Source: <http://www.usfoodsafety.com/zr120094.aspx>
23. *April 26, US Food Safety* – (New York) **Fatima Brothers Shad Javantri (Whole Mace) allergy alert and recall.** Fatima Brothers of Maspeth, New York, recalled Shad Javantri (Whole Mace) because it contains undeclared sulfites, US Food Safety reported April 26. Additionally, the product contains un-allowed dyes Rhodamine B (Basic Violet 10) and Malachite Green (Basic Green 4) and undeclared allowed color FD&C Yellow #5. The recalled Shad Javantri came in an un-coded 3.5-ounce plastic bag and was sold in New York City. The recall was initiated after a routine sampling by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets food inspector and subsequent analysis by food laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites that were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics.
Source: <http://www.usfoodsafety.com/zr120093.aspx>

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Water Sector

24. *May 1, Escondido North County Times* – (California) **March chemical spill may cost city \$2M.** The Escondido, California utilities director said the city spent more than \$1 million on the cleanup of a March 26 chemical spill that damaged soil and plants near Dixon Lake in the city's northeastern corner, the North County Times reported May 1. The city council approved a contract April 25 with a San Diego environmental company that authorizes up to \$2 million in expenditures. The director was optimistic final cleanup costs would not be that high despite costs that go beyond the cleanup. Those include roughly \$350,000 to repair the ruptured storage tank responsible for the 4,000-gallon spill, and an unknown amount to upgrade the city's water treatment equipment to avoid a recurrence. The director said water division staffers were examining every storage tank in the city to detect similar vulnerabilities. The spill happened when a rupture occurred in one of two tanks holding a highly corrosive solution that included sodium hydroxide. Because of a design flaw, the second tank also discharged its contents. None of the chemicals reached Escondido Creek or entered the city's water supply, the director said.
Source: http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/escondido-march-chemical-spill-may-cost-city-m/article_f4e7a53a-a3d0-514a-aa05-dc69d6beb0c1.html

25. *April 30, Everett Daily Herald* – (Washington) **Everett stream nearly back to normal after sewage spill.** The water in a south Everett, Washington stream inundated by raw sewage earlier in April 2012 was almost back to normal, according to water quality tests April 30. The city's estimate of costs from the spill was \$250,000. About 1 million gallons of sewage flowed into North Creek after a 30 year old pipe ruptured April 12 and officials were still unsure of the cause, the public works director said. In recent years, the same section of pipe leaked at least twice. Plans to replace 1,000 feet of pipe in that area are set for later in 2012. The damaged pipe was being tested, but city workers noted it contained wear unusual for its age.
Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20120430/NEWS01/704309952>
26. *April 30, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Sewer repairs cause Taft Street detours and closures.** Drivers were urged to avoid traveling along Taft Street west of Interstate 95 in Hollywood, Florida, over the next 2 months as the city strengthens a 48-inch sewer pipe that ruptured November 16, 2011, the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reported April 30. Taft Street was completely closed April 30 through May 2. During the remainder of the project, the east and west thoroughfare of Taft will be passable, but lanes will be narrowed in the construction zone. The pipe rupture caused tens of millions of gallons of raw sewage sludge to be dumped into the C-10 canal. By inserting 1,300 feet of lining into the pipe, the city hopes to safeguard against future breaks in other sections of the pipe that may have been weakened when pressure built up before the rupture. The pipe normally delivers 10 to 15 million gallons of untreated sewage each day to the Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment plant. A bypass pipe will run above ground so untreated waste water can continue to flow to the treatment plant during construction.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fl-hollywood-road-closures-20120429,0,3710432.story>
27. *April 27, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Partially treated wastewater reaches Sugar Creek.** Thousands of gallons of wastewater that were not completely treated were discharged from a south Charlotte, North Carolina plant April 27, according to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD). Officials said a short circuit tripped an electrical breaker at the Sugar Creek Wastewater Treatment plant during routine maintenance, causing a power outage to one channel. The gates to the channel were immediately closed, but more than 24,000 gallons of sewage were estimated to have reached Sugar Creek. The wastewater that escaped had not undergone ultra violet (UV) disinfection, however, UV disinfection was back in service at the plant within minutes of the power outage, according to the CMUD. The Sugar Creek plant treats an average of 13 million gallons of wastewater every day.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/04/27/3203903/wastewater-reaches-sugar-creek.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *May 1, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **FDA formally endorses plague treatment.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave formal approval to a new medical countermeasure for preventing and treating infection by plague bacteria, a potential bioterrorism weapon, the Associated Press reported April 29. The regulatory agency said it endorsed the antibiotic Levaquin following trials in which 94 percent of 17 African green monkeys lived through plague infection after receiving the Johnson & Johnson product. Roughly 1,000 to 2,000 global cases of human infection by plague-causing *Yersinia pestis* bacteria occur annually.
Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/fda-formerly-endorses-plague-treatment/>
29. *April 28, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Feds: Serious violations at Raleigh health center.** A Raleigh, North Carolina health care center for the elderly lost its Medicaid and Medicare funding after federal authorities found serious violations with patient care. State officials April 27 ordered Blue Ridge Health Care Center to stop admitting patients. Authorities said the center was having problems monitoring patients on ventilators. Records showed a woman was found dead in a recliner in March with her tracheotomy tube lying on her chest rather than being connected to her throat. She had pulled the tube from the throat more than a dozen times. Officials said the center also failed to make changes recommended after the woman died. The 134-bed center currently has 81 patients who receive either of the government insurance programs.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/health&id=8640377>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *May 1, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **School, road closed after water main break.** Imagine Schools of Dayton, Ohio, was closed May 1 due to a water main break near the school. Klepinger Road was closed between Siebenthaler Avenue and Evansville Avenue while crews repaired the break. The closure was affecting Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority routes and Montgomery County water customers in that area.
Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/local/water-main-break-klepinger-road/nNNYz/>
31. *April 30, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Sussex County school fire caused by accidental chemical mix, officials confirm.** Water from wet paper towels that accidentally mixed with a chemical compound used during a chemistry experiment at the Sussex County Technical School was determined to be the cause of a fire at the Sparta, New Jersey school in March, the county prosecutor's office said April 30. Zinc metal powder was being used in electroplating experiment when it was mixed in a 30-gallon plastic trash container with wet paper towels used by students during the cleanup of the experiment, said the first assistant prosecutor. The fire broke out in a science lab on the second floor of the school March 14 when a fire alarm was activated by smoke alarms, police said. The Sparta school was closed from March 15 to March 26,

postponing graduation until June 21. The fire caused heavy damage to the lab while seven other rooms sustained smoke and water damage. The damage was estimated at “over \$500,000,” said the Tech business administrator/board secretary.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/04/sussex_county_school_fire_caus.html

32. *April 30, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Accused Oikos University shooter pleads not guilty.** The man accused of killing six students and a receptionist in what police described as a revenge mass killing pleaded not guilty April 30 to multiple special circumstances murder charges which make him eligible for the death penalty. The April 2 shooting spree began inside the small university in Oakland, California, when, police said, the suspect walked into a classroom and started shooting students. Police said the suspect was upset the university refused to refund his tuition after he dropped out of school. In interviews with Oakland police, the suspect admitted he went to the college with a .45-caliber handgun and four loaded magazines, that he kidnapped a woman in an office and took her to a classroom, that he shot several people, and that he took the car keys of one of his victims and left in the victim’s vehicle, according to the affidavit.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_20518435/accused-oikos-university-shooter-pleads-not-guilty

33. *April 27, Los Angeles City News Service* – (California) **Riverside Hall of Justice bomb scare prompts evacuation.** A bomb threat that triggered the evacuation of the Riverside Hall of Justice in downtown Riverside, California, April 27 was a hoax. An anonymous caller contacted the sheriff’s department and said a device was left somewhere in the courthouse. An hour later, court personnel, jurors, attorneys, and others were ordered out of the 6-story structure, and a 300-foot perimeter was established around the building as a safety precaution. According to a sheriff official, members of the agency’s hazardous devices team searched the courthouse with their explosives-sniffing dogs, and no threatening objects were found. The building was reopened 4 hours after the threat was received.

Source: <http://www.mydesert.com/article/20120427/NEWS08/120427002/Riverside-Hall-of-Justice-courthouse-bomb-scare-evacuation?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *April 30, U-T San Diego* – (California) **DEA ‘accidentally’ left forgotten suspect in cell.** A drug suspect was taken to a federal holding facility and “accidentally left in one of the cells” until he was found 5 days later with methamphetamines and then taken to the hospital, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said April 30. The suspect was “left” April 21, according to the agency. The paramedics were called April 25, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department confirmed. An agency spokeswoman said the incident is under investigation. The DEA said the suspect was one of nine people

detained April 21 following a drug raid that yielded 18,000 ecstasy pills, marijuana, hallucinogenic mushrooms, a Russian rifle, two handguns, and thousands of rounds of ammunition. The spokeswoman said seven suspects were brought to the county jail, one was released “and the individual in question was accidentally left in one of the cells.”

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/apr/30/dea-abandoned-suspect-custody-5-days/>

35. *April 30, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Police used excessive force with rubber bullets, court rules.** A federal appeals court found Waukesha, Wisconsin police used excessive force when they shot a suspected drunken driver four times with rubber bullets in 2005, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported April 30. One of the shots caused a 6-inch gash in the driver’s ankle that required 30 stitches. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in a 2-1 decision that a trial judge should have granted the victim motion for judgment as a matter of law, despite a jury’s verdict in favor of the police. The case now heads back to federal district court in Milwaukee for a hearing on the extent of the driver’s damages and attorney fees.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/waukesha/waukesha-police-used-excessive-force-with-rubber-bullets-court-rules-cc57pue-149604155.html>

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Information Technology Sector

36. *May 1, IDG News Service* – (International) **Skype investigates tool that reveals users’ IP addresses.** May 1, Skype said it was investigating a new tool that collects a person’s last known IP address, a potential privacy-compromising issue. Instructions posted on Pastebin April 26 show how a person’s IP address could be shown without adding the targeted user as a contact by looking at the person’s general information and log files. In October 2011, Skype acknowledged a research paper that showed how a Skype user’s IP address can be determined without the user knowing. It also demonstrated that more than half the time the IP address could be accurately linked to sharing content using the BitTorrent file-sharing protocol. Skype uses a peer-to-peer system to route its data traffic, which is also encrypted. However, the program’s encryption system is proprietary and not been open for scrutiny, which has prompted caution from security experts.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/254763/skype_investigates_tool_that_reveals_users_ip_addresses.html

37. *May 1, Help Net Security* – (International) **Incessant Blackhole spam runs likely made by same group.** An incessant string of spam e-mail campaigns leading to Web sites hosting the Blackhole exploit kit are hitting inboxes around the world in waves. The latest and most prominent ones consisted of the fake Facebook, LinkedIn, U.S. Postal Service, and US Airways notifications, while the most recent one spotted

masquerades as an e-mail from employment Web site CareerBuilder.com, indicating the recipient might find a job opening appealing. The offered link takes the recipient through many redirections and lands the user on a compromised site. According to a recent analysis by Trend Micro researchers, these spam messages are mostly targeting U.S. users, and are often realistic spoofs of the companies' original and legitimate e-mails. "We found clear evidence that all these attacks were linked. In many cases, the same sets of compromised URLs by multiple spam runs," the researchers said. "This suggests that at least some of the parties responsible for these attacks were identical, if it was not the same group altogether." The ultimate goal of these attacks is the same: the exploit kit is used to allow installation of malware — predominantly Zeus trojan variants — onto users' computers.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2089&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2089&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

38. *May 1, H Security* – (International) **Chrome 18 update closes high-risk security holes.** Google released a new update April 30 to the stable 18.x branch of its Chrome Web browser to close a number of security holes found in the application. The update, labelled 18.0.1025.168, addresses five vulnerabilities, three of which are rated as "high severity" by the company. These include use-after-free problems in floating point handling and the XML parser; all of these bugs were detected using the AddressSanitizer. Two medium risk problems related to IPC validation and a race condition in sandbox IPC were also corrected.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Chrome-18-update-closes-high-risk-security-holes-1564337.html>

39. *May 1, Government Computer News* – (International) **Targeted attacks, mobile vulnerabilities on the rise, report states.** The findings of the latest "Internet Security Threat Report" from Symantec can be summed up as: "Attacks are rising, but the number of new vulnerabilities is decreasing." This describes the threat landscape in 2011 in which hackers continued to exploit known vulnerabilities through new vectors as enterprises and end users failed to keep up with the flood of security updates from vendors patching their software. "The old vulnerabilities still work," said the manager of Symantec's security technology and response product group and a contributor to the report. Malware variants are being packaged in attack toolkits that effectively circumvent signature-based defenses. The data in the report is gathered from the company's Global Intelligence Network monitoring activity in more than 200 countries. The total number of vulnerabilities reported in 2011 dropped 20 percent, from a high of 6,253 in 2010 to fewer than 5,000. Over the same time, the number of unique variants of malware identified in the wild increased 41 percent and the number of attacks blocked by Symantec tools jumped 81 percent to 5.5 billion in 2011. The vectors for delivering the malware are shifting, with Web attacks and social engineering through social networks replacing e-mail as the method of choice. This is due in part to successful law enforcement campaigns against command-and-control systems for spam-spewing botnets in 2011, and also because the Web offers a good alternative. Targeted attacks, which have proven to be effective in breaching high-value

organizations through carefully crafted social engineering, increased during 2011, from 26 such attacks identified in January of that year to 154 in December. At the same time, the attacks are now targeting smaller organizations and lower-level employees.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/05/01/internet-threat-report-targeted-attacks-mobile-vectors.aspx>

40. *April 30, H Security* – (International) **VMware patches vulnerabilities in ESX 4.1.** Virtualization specialist VMware is warning customers about multiple security holes in versions 4.0 and 4.1 of its ESX enterprise-level computer virtualization product. According to the company, the Service Console in ESX 4.1 on unpatched systems can be exploited by a local user in a guest virtual machine to gain escalated privileges, or by a malicious remote user to cause a denial-of-service condition or compromise a victim's system. In its advisory, VMware notes that some of these holes, found in previous versions of the libxml2 XML C parser and toolkit used by the ESX Console Operating System (COS), were closed by updating libxml2 to a newer release. Versions 4.0 and 4.1 of ESX are affected; vCenter, ESXi, and ESX 3.5, as well as hosted products such as VMware Workstation, Player, ACE, and Fusion, are not vulnerable. Patches are available for ESX 4.1 that correct these problems, while patches for version 4.0 are listed as "pending."

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VMware-patches-vulnerabilities-in-ESX-4-1-1564129.html>

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Communications Sector

41. *May 1, WJON 1240 AM St. Cloud* – (Minnesota) **Cell tower outage affecting Sprint customers.** Sprint customers trying to use their cell phones in parts of Waite Park and west St. Cloud, Minnesota, found themselves still without service May 1. Sprint officials said they experienced a cell site outage in west St. Cloud since April 29. A Waite Park Sprint store manager said a cell site team was on site working to restore service. She said a T-1 circuit was malfunctioning at the site. There was no time estimate for repairs as of May 1.

Source: <http://wjon.com/cell-tower-outage-affecting-sprint-customers/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *May 1, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Protesters vandalize police station in Mission.** A large group of protesters marched from Dolores Park in San Francisco, April 30, and vandalized parts of the Mission District, including several businesses and the San Francisco Police Department’s Mission station. At least a dozen businesses had their windows broken out and were splattered with paint and food. Vehicles along Valencia and Guerrero streets also had windows broken out.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/04/30/BA2U1OBG3L.DTL>
43. *May 1, KRON 4 San Francisco* – (California) **Early morning apartment blaze kills one, injures several others.** One person died and seven others were hospitalized May 1 following a fire at an apartment building in San Jose, California. Firefighters continued to investigate the three-alarm fire, and investigators believed it began in the garage of the complex before quickly spreading.
Source: <http://www.kron4.com/Article.aspx?ArticleID=4005>
44. *May 1, Monterey County Herald* – (California) **Calif. two-alarm hotel fire injures 17 people.** Seventeen people were injured, five critically, in a two-alarm blaze April 30 at the Stag Hotel in Watsonville, California. The neighboring Discount Mall closed and was evacuated in case the fire spread. The cause of the fire was under investigation. The building, constructed in 1927, had no sprinklers.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10707912/video-calif-two-alarm-hotel-fire-injures-17-people>
45. *May 1, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Smoke from fire at Glenstone Block Co. building seen for miles.** Dozens of firefighters, along with HAZMAT crews, were on the scene of a building fire in Springfield, Missouri, April 30. Firefighters were called to the Glenstone Block Co. building, which was vacant. Traffic was shut down in both directions along East Grand Street for a few hours during the response. There were concerns about chemicals like chlorine in the vacant building, prompting evacuations of nearby properties.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=639552
46. *May 1, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **150 people evacuated as Hudson brush fire swallows 100 acres.** Authorities suspect an arsonist set the fire that caused an April 30 fire that quickly swallowed 100 acres and was still burning late that night. “Our biggest concern is the smoke,” said a public information officer for the Florida Forest Service, the State agency working with Pasco firefighters to battle blazing palmettos and grass flats. U.S. 19 became so choked with smoke that Pasco sheriff’s deputies closed the highway between Hudson and New York avenues. The flames licked the edge of a mobile home park filled with retirees, prompting the evacuation of about 150 residents. About 15 people had gone to a shelter the American Red Cross opened at a church. Fire crews had dug “containment lines” around the fire and planned to set a backfire to burn off any available fuel before the wildfire could get to it and spread further. No homes were damaged by the fire, he said, and one commercial building had only slight

damage to its roof.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/fire/150-people-evacuated-as-hudson-brush-fire-swallows-100-acres/1227786>

47. *April 29, Imperial Beach Patch* – (California) **Authorities lift water contamination advisory.** The County of San Diego lifted the general advisory for possible water contamination caused by recent rainfall in local coastal waters April 29, including Mission Bay and San Diego Bay, according to county officials. However, the ocean shoreline from the U.S.-Mexico border to the north end of Silver Strand remained closed to water contact due to sewage-contaminated runoff from the Tijuana River. The advisory stated that rainfall could have caused elevated bacteria levels in ocean waters, especially near outlets that discharged urban runoff. Activities such as swimming and surfing should have been avoided for 72 hours following rain, however the advisory was lifted for all San Diego County coastal waters, according to county officials.
Source: <http://imperialbeach.patch.com/articles/authorities-lift-water-contamination-advisory-beach-coronado-imperial-beach>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

48. *May 1, Montrose Daily Press* – (Colorado) **Major repair project slated for Crystal Lake Dam.** Critical safety augmentations will occur at the Crystal Lake Dam above Ouray, Colorado, starting in July. The dam will be closed for most of the summer months. “Probably about 50 percent of the dam will be removed and taken off-site. They’ll install a new outlet works,” said the engineering and minerals staff officer with the U.S. Forest Service. The dam provides water storage for the Uncompahgre River headwaters.
Source: http://www.montrosepress.com/news/major-repair-project-slated-for-crystal-lake-dam/article_79494600-931c-11e1-be48-001a4bcf887a.html
49. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **State stops funding removal of ‘low-head’ dams In Iowa.** Iowa has eliminated funding for the removal of small dams that are in place on rivers throughout the state and have been blamed for the deaths of 18 people since 1998, the Associated Press reported April 30. The Des Moines Register reported that since 2008, the state has spent from \$200,000 to \$1.8 million a year to replace or lower such dams, but the governor vetoed a spending measure in 2011 and lawmakers have not approved any money for the task in 2012. Iowa has 246 of the dams, which had uses including flood control and generating power. They are deemed dangerous

because they churn up water below the structures and can trap swimmers or boaters. One Des Moines senator said he planned to keep pushing to allocate money, calling it a safety issue.

Source:

http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/State_Stops_Funding_Removal_Of_Low-Head_Dams_In_Iowa_149559965.html?ref=965

50. *April 29, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Minnow discovery will delay repairs to SD dam.** The planned rebuilding of the Rosehill dam in Hand County, South Dakota will be delayed by the discovery of an endangered minnow. The dam failed in July 2010 during heavy rains. The endangered Topeka shiner minnow was recently discovered in Sand Creek, near the dam. The minnow's presence means South Dakota's Game, Fish, and Parks Department has to consult federal agencies to make sure the dam project does not affect the population. The regional South Dakota agency manager said the dam's reconstruction will probably be delayed until the fall of 2013.

Source:

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/usatoday/article/39166023?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

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