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- A man pleaded guilty to stealing confidential data from Internet users and then using it to drain more than \$1.3 million from bank accounts. – *Federal Bureau of Investigation* (See item [6](#))
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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 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Interior sets new drilling rules on public land.** The U.S. Presidential administration said May 4 it will require companies drilling for natural gas on public and Indian lands to publicly disclose chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations. The proposed “fracking” rules also set standards for proper construction of wells and wastewater disposal. The Department of Interior secretary said the long-awaited rules will allow continued expansion of natural gas drilling while protecting public health and safety. The government maintains the new rules, which have been under consideration for a year and a half, reflect industry concerns. For instance, the rule on disclosure of chemicals used in fracking was softened to allow companies to file reports after drilling operations are completed, rather than before they begin, as initially proposed. Industry groups said the earlier proposal could have caused lengthy delays.
Source: <http://www.kgwn.tv/story/18146854/interior-sets-new-drilling-rules>
2. *May 3, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Explosions, fire at Sterling Heights substation.** A fire followed a series of explosions May 3 at a DTE Energy substation in Sterling Heights, Michigan. A spokesman for DTE said the blasts knocked out power to about 1,600 homes and businesses in the area. DTE officials were still trying to determine what caused the problem. Some traffic lights were out in the area, some at major intersections including 18 Mile Road and Van Dyke.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2012/05/03/explosions-fire-at-sterling-heights-substation/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *May 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Oregon) **Portland chemical manufacturer failed to publicly disclose data on chemical use.** Kanto Corporation, a Portland, Oregon chemical manufacturer, failed to report the use of toxic chemicals at its facility in violation of community right-to-know laws, according to a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The firm has agreed to correct violations of the federal Toxics Release Inventory Program and pay a fine of \$58,200. Kanto makes products primarily used in the manufacture of semiconductors. EPA found the company used more than 25,000 pounds each of ammonia, hydrogen fluoride and nitric acid in 2009, and failed to report information on its use of those chemicals. These toxic chemicals can affect the eyes, skin and respiratory system.
Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/f39de86462eed483852579f3006da01d?OpenDocument>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *May 4, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire prompts New Holland factory to evacuate.** The New Holland Agriculture Haytools plant in New Holland, Pennsylvania, evacuated its employees, May 3, after a fire started in an air circulation unit. The filters inside the units are highly flammable. Firefighters said the fire could have been much bigger, but the building was spared by a sprinkler head installed inside the unit itself. The sprinkler system held the fire in check until firefighters arrived to completely extinguish it. Employees were allowed to go back inside after waiting about 2 hours. Source: <http://www.wgal.com/news/susquehanna-valley/lancaster/Fire-prompts-New-Holland-factory-to-evacuate/-/9704306/12559854/-/tmdn4f/-/>
5. *May 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **Byron, Ga., metal fabricator cited by U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA for combustible residue and other hazards; proposed fines exceed \$54,000.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), May 3, cited Southern Perfection Fabrication Holdings Inc. with 15 serious safety and health violations at its Byron, Georgia facility. The violations included exposing workers to combustible residues and flammable liquids in the spraying and power coating areas without adequate precautions to prevent fires and explosions. An inspection of the metal fabrication shop was initiated in November 2011 based on a complaint. Source: http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22326

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *May 3, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **Man admits role in \$1.3 million phishing fraud scheme.** A man admitted his role in an Internet fraud ring that stole more than \$1.3 million after “phishing” confidential account information from Internet users, a New Jersey U.S. attorney announced May 3. The man pleaded guilty to one count each of wire fraud conspiracy, wire fraud, aggravated identity theft, and conspiracy to gain unauthorized access to computers. The ring employed phishing attacks using fraudulent Web pages that mimicked the legitimate Web pages of e-commerce companies such as banks and payroll processors. Stolen identifiers were then used to make unauthorized withdrawals from victims’ accounts. Some of the stolen data was used to create fake driver’s licenses for the conspirators to use to impersonate victims at bank branches. The man admitted he worked with others to hire “soldiers” to go into banks and impersonate real customers using fake licenses made with the soldiers’ pictures. The ring also used the information to gain access to online accounts, where they could view victim signatures on check images to forge them on checks and withdrawal slips. The man admitted he used stolen identifiers to intercept and respond to e-mails to impersonate real account holders. He also admitted he impersonated company payroll officers in conversations with ADP, a national payroll processing company. Chase Bank, Bank of America, ADP, and Branch Bank & Trust Co. together lost about \$1.3 million to the fraud ring.
Source: <http://www.aherald.com/newsbrief-mainmenu-2/law-and-order/13094-man-admits-role-in-13-million-phishing-fraud-scheme>
7. *May 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Justice Department indicts seven on mortgage fraud.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced indictments May 3 against seven people, including a Chicago police officer who allegedly committed mortgage fraud involving Chicago condominium buildings between 2006 and 2008. The alleged fraud involved illegally obtaining 35 mortgages that totaled more than \$8.8 million from various lenders. According to the indictment, one of the men purchased four condo units in the city’s Bronzeville neighborhood, and with help from other defendants, allegedly fraudulently qualified to receive mortgage loans from four different banks that totaled almost \$622,000. He then received payments from another man indicted in the scheme, the indictment stated. Two of the conspirators allegedly were each involved in the separate, fraudulent purchase of eight condo units. Two other were charged with allegedly helping the buyers secure the fraudulent loans. In 2010, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation announced a series of disciplinary actions against many companies and individuals, some of whom are named in the indictment, related to a mortgage fraud investigation involving a 27-unit building. At the time, all of the units were in foreclosure.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-05-03/business/chi-justice-department-indicts-7-on-mortgage-fraud-20120503_1_mortgage-fraud-straw-buyers-mortgage-loans
8. *May 3, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois) **‘InvestForClosures’ operator pleads guilty to \$7 million mail fraud scheme.** A man pleaded guilty May 3 in federal court in Rockford, Illinois, to conducting a \$7 million mail fraud scheme. The

defendant co-owned and operated a business, known as InvestForClosures, with his business partner. In his plea, the man admitted he fraudulently obtained more than \$7 million from investors. According to the plea agreement, he represented to potential investors that the business bought distressed houses, rehabilitated those houses, and sold them for a profit. He admitted in his plea that he and his employees made various representations to potential investors, including: their investments would be safe because they would be backed by real estate; InvestForClosures used the majority of investors funds to purchase real estate; and because of the business' efficient cash flow from buying and selling houses, InvestForClosures Financial never failed to make an interest payment on time or return an investor's principal when requested. He admitted that each of these representations was false. About \$1,711,711.18 of the approximately \$7,238,506.40 fraudulently obtained from investors was paid back through Ponzi-type payments.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/investforclosures-operator-pleads-guilty-to-7-million-mail-fraud-scheme>

9. *May 3, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Builder pleads guilty in investment scheme.** A Baltimore home builder pleaded guilty May 3 in connection with a construction investment scheme that defrauded victims of more than \$14 million, the Maryland U.S. attorney's office said. The defendant spent at least 2 years — from 2009 to 2011 — targeting people with money to invest in construction projects or who needed financing for their own projects, including a hotel in Bowie, Maryland. The defendant told the investors to put “large sums of money” in an escrow bank account to prove liquidity for purposes of getting financing, and that they would receive a high rate of return for their efforts, according to his plea agreement. Instead, the defendant and co-conspirators “fraudulently” removed the money — typically within 2 weeks — to pay off debts or to make “lulling” payments to other victims. A co-defendant, an attorney from Phoenix, also pleaded guilty. The defendant operated several companies, including the McCloskey Group LLC and Kellen Property & Investment LLC.

Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-05-03/business/bs-bz-construction-investment-scheme-20120503_1_investment-scheme-lulling-payments-home-builder

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Transportation Sector

10. *May 4, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **SFO: Terminal 3 cleared due to unauthorized access.** Terminal 3 at San Francisco International Airport was cleared after an unauthorized access to the terminal, an airport spokesman said. A person gained access to the terminal because of a “procedure breakdown,” May 4. Everyone in the United Airlines domestic terminal was cleared, and had to go through security screenings again to reenter the terminal. The evacuation caused long lines at security checkpoints. The spokesman said airport officials were interviewing the person who entered the terminal.

Source: http://www.marinij.com/ci_20547963/sfo-terminal-3-cleared-due-unauthorized-access

11. *May 4, Gonzales Cannon* – (Texas) **Bomb threat derails train in Harwood.** A bomb threat was called in to the Gonzales County, Texas, Sheriff’s Office by a passenger on Amtrak train #213, which had departed from San Antonio and was bound for New York City, May 4. The man said he had a bomb in his possession and authorities stopped the train near the intersection of Lockhart Street and Highway 90 near the Harwood community. The man was taken into custody and transported to a county jail. Authorities made a check of his luggage where there was reportedly a large bag of medications, including several generally prescribed for psychotics, and a 4-page manifesto. After a search of about 1 hour, the passengers were allowed to return to the train. Several law enforcement agencies responded to the scene including the department of public safety, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the DHS, and the FBI.
Source: <http://www.gonzalescannon.com/node/9402>

12. *May 3, WJHG 7 Panama City* – (Florida) **Port Panama City fire contained.** While there were no open flames in the building at Port Panama City in Florida, which caught fire May 2, fire officials were still working to completely extinguish all the hot spots May 3. The Panama City Port Authority owns the building but it is used by Green Circle Energy Plant, of Cottondale, where it manufactures and ships wood pellets. The pellets are extremely flammable and fire officials believed the blaze started on the conveyor belt used to move the pellets from one building to another. Fire officials quickly contained the blaze, but the building was not considered fire-free as of late the afternoon of May 3. The building and equipment inside were estimated to be worth \$13 million. Fire officials said the building appeared structurally sound.
Source:
http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/Port_Panama_City_Fire_Contained.html?ref=735

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Postal and Shipping Sector

13. *May 3, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Teens charged for Chesterfield mailbox bombs.** Four teens face charges for blowing up mailboxes in Chesterfield County, Virginia. The event happened early May 3 in the Brandy Oaks neighborhood. Neighbors reported hearing loud explosions about 2:30 a.m. Police responded and stopped a car with four teens in it. Police said the teens had what looked like materials to make bottle bombs. After driving through the neighborhood, the officers found 13 mailboxes damaged and multiple bottle bombs that exploded.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/18132738/teens-charged-for-chesterfield-mailbox-bombs>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

14. *May 4, Food Safety News* – (South Carolina; National) **Tainted dog food sickens 14 people.** Fourteen people were sickened with Salmonella Infantis infections in a 9-state outbreak linked to dog food, Food Safety News reported May 4. At least five of the individuals were hospitalized, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC reported May 3 that multiple brands of Diamond Pet Foods dry dog food — including several recalled the week of April 30 — were the likely source of the human illnesses, either through contact with the contaminated food or through handling an animal that ate the tainted kibble. The dog food was produced at a single manufacturing plant in South Carolina. Routine tests by the Michigan Department of Agriculture first detected Salmonella in an unopened bag April 2. PulseNet then spotted several cases of human Salmonella Infantis infections with a genetic fingerprint identical to that found in the dog food. Missouri and North Carolina each confirmed three cases related to the dog food outbreak. Ohio reported two cases while Alabama, Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia each reported single cases.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/salmonella-tainted-dog-food-sickens-14-people/>
15. *May 4, Food Safety News* – (North Carolina; National) **Rare Salmonella Paratyphi outbreak grows as investigation continues.** The outbreak of a rare, typhoidal Salmonella strain that originated in North Carolina’s Buncombe County grew to 40 confirmed illnesses May 3 as the State and county health departments continued their investigation and anticipate additional infections will surface. According to a Buncombe County Department of Health spokeswoman, many of those sickened contracted their infections through person-to-person contact. April 30, Smiling Hara recalled 12-ounce packages of unpasteurized tempeh as a cautionary measure after a sample of the company’s soybean tempeh tested positive for Salmonella. The tempeh remains a potential outbreak source until further tests. More than half of the cases involve individuals who said they did not consume tempeh during the outbreak window, the health spokeswoman said. The health departments continue to investigate other potential sources, she said, though it is clear that infections have come from “several different routes of transmission.” Illnesses were reported in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and New York.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/rare-salmonella-paratyphi-outbreak-grows-as-investigation-continues/>
16. *May 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Texas) **H-E-B issues a precautionary recall for Asian Ready-to-Eat meals due to possible health risk.** H-E-B issued a voluntary and precautionary recall for certain Asian Ready-to-Eat meals due to the possibility of undercooked chicken in those meals, U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 2. The recall involves 19 Ready-to-Eat entrees and meals sold in 40 stores in Texas.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm302903.htm>

17. *May 3, FoodQualityNews.com* – (International) **PepsiCo recalls Tropicana OJ after ‘microbiological contamination’ dispatch error.** PepsiCo UK initiated a recall of Tropicana Kids Orange Juice Drinks over fears the cartons contain potentially hazardous water rather than the typical orange juice blend, Food Quality News reported May 3. Nearly 300 units of Tropicana Kids Orange Juice Drinks multi-packs were recalled by the firm after it emerged that water in the packs was of an “unsatisfactory quality due to microbiological contamination.” In a statement sent to Food Quality News, a PepsiCo spokesperson attributed the error to the accidental dispatch of samples from a production test procedure using water that was not up to the firm’s usual standards.

Source: <http://www.foodqualitynews.com/Food-Alerts/PepsiCo-recalls-Tropicana-OJ-after-microbiological-contamination-dispatch-error>

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Water Sector

18. *May 4, Harrisburg Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Pohatcong Valley Superfund site water could increase cancer risk.** The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services said May 3 that groundwater at the Pohatcong Valley Groundwater Contamination Superfund Site is safe for people who use public or treated water, however, untreated private water could increase the risk of cancer and birth defects. The aquifer that supplies Washington and Franklin townships in Warren County, is contaminated with tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene, according to a state health department news release. The impact of that contamination differs depending on treatment of the water. Public water sources and private wells filtered with a point-of-entry treatment system are safe, but unfiltered water in the region could have risks. There are about 48 homes in the three townships that used private wells exposed to trichloroethylene before connection to public water services in 1981 or installation of point-of-entry systems in 2002. The Franklin Township mayor said the oversight from the state and federal governments has been very responsible. She noted that part of the township is hooked up to New Jersey American Water, meaning those residents are safe from the problem.

Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/warren-county/express-times/index.ssf/2012/05/warren_county_superfund_site_w.html

19. *May 3, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Baldwin County sewage spills reported.** The Baldwin County, Alabama Health Department reported May 3 that two sewage spills occurred in the county due to heavy rainfall. Officials said a lift station in Robertsdale overflowed and resulted in an estimated 30,000 gallons of sewage discharging into Rock Creek. Reports indicate a lift station overflow in Daphne, resulting in 2,000 gallons of sewage being discharged into Yancey Branch.

Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2012/05/sewage_spills_reported_in_robe.html

20. *May 3, WTMJ 4 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **DNR warns water is unsafe to drink near power plant.** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sent two dozen families in Caledonia, Wisconsin, letters saying the water from their well was not safe for drinking, WTMJ 4 Milwaukee reported May 3. Testing of samples from the fall 2011 revealed high levels of boron and molybdenum. A DNR hydrogeologist said the molybdenum could be naturally high in the area, however, the agency is investigating the We Energies plant as a possible source of the contamination. They are also looking at an old landfill which, by federal standards, is filled with hazardous chemical waste and has been designated as EPA superfund site. It was the target of much environmental concern November 2011 after it collapsed into Lake Michigan. We Energies is paying for bottled water to be delivered to residents but said that is not an acknowledgment that its plant is polluting the water. We Energies paid for a study that found the groundwater flows away from the neighborhoods with the problems. The DNR expects test results back from its water samples in May. The agency plans to release its findings late summer.
Source: <http://www.todaystmj4.com/features/iteam/150093905.html>
21. *May 2, ClimateWire* – (Connecticut) **Rising groundwater may flood underground infrastructure of coastal cities.** Pipes, sewers, and basements beneath the coastal city of New Haven, Connecticut, could be flooded by rising groundwater by the end of the century, according to a preliminary study from Yale University and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) released May 1. Much of the city’s downtown is less than 30 feet above sea level, and advancing waters in the Atlantic could raise groundwater levels as much as 3 feet near the shoreline, the report said, with the potential to “inundate underground infrastructure.” Groundwater has risen by as much as 4 feet over the past 100 years in the region, partially because the waters are no longer being used for industrial purposes as they were in the early 1900s. Impacts of another 3- to 4-foot rise in groundwater level is unclear, but many of the city’s water mains are below the water table, said the vice president of water quality and outreach for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority. Because groundwater near the coast is salty, it speeds up pipe corrosion. “Rising groundwater levels are expected to be a chronic problem and will likely be a major issue for all large cities along the coast in the future,” said a USGS hydrologist and lead author of the report.
Source: <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=rising-groundwater-may-flood-underground-infrastructure-of-coastal-cities>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *May 4, McKnight’s Long-Term Care News* – (West Virginia) **Gun-toting clown robs nursing home.** Two Hurricane, West Virginia nursing home nurses were safe May 4 after being held up at gunpoint by a man dressed as a clown. The man broke into the Teays Valley Center, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility owned by Genesis HealthCare May 2. He demanded prescription drugs from the nurses and left quickly.

Police were still looking for him as of May 3. A Genesis spokeswoman said all residents were in their rooms during the break-in, and none were involved in the incident. She said the company was “extremely concerned” and studying extra measures to try to prevent a similar incident.

Source: <http://www.mcknights.com/gun-toting-clown-robs-nursing-home/article/239599/>

23. *May 4, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wash. uses emergency cash to curb whooping cough.** The governor of Washington opened an emergency fund May 3 to help contain a spreading whooping cough epidemic, and officials urged residents to get vaccinated against the illness that particularly threatens infants. He was making \$90,000 in crisis cash available to help strengthen a public awareness campaign about the need for the pertussis vaccination. The State health department is already looking to spend about \$200,000 on the effort. The State has also received approval from the federal government to divert some federal cash toward the purchase of 27,000 doses of the whooping cough vaccine. Those will be available for uninsured residents. Washington has already recorded 1,132 cases of whooping cough in 2012 — about 10 times more than the same time last year, according to disease investigators at the health department. The State is recording more than 400 cases of pertussis each month — four times more than the threshold that State officials consider “epidemic” levels — and Washington is on pace for as many as 3,000 cases in 2012.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/story/2012-05-04/whooping-cough-Washington/54743924/1>

24. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Connecticut; Florida; New Jersey) **Feds break up major Florida-based drug theft ring.** A Florida-based crime ring that stole at least \$80 million worth of prescription drugs, including pulling off one of the nation’s biggest heists in Connecticut in 2010, was broken up following a 3-year undercover FBI probe, federal authorities said May 3. A total of 22 people were charged by federal authorities in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Miami, where the group was based, a Miami U.S. attorney said. The thieves hit warehouses and stole tractor-trailers around the country, often from highway rest stops, and brought the drugs to South Florida and New Jersey in an attempt to sell them. The medications included antidepressants, anti-psychotics, and treatments for cancer, acne, epilepsy, arthritis, and autoimmune disorders, and even aspirin and Flintstones children’s vitamins, authorities said. “This investigation represents the largest takedown in U.S. history involving cargo theft,” the chief of the Miami FBI office said. Besides the drugs, the U.S. attorney said the ring stole more than \$20 million in other goods, including thousands of bottles of Johnnie Walker Scotch whiskey, thousands of cases of cigarettes from an Illinois warehouse, 64,000 cell phones, and 200 inflatable boats.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/18115300/feds-break-up-major-florida-based-drug-theft-ring>

25. *May 3, Reuters* – (National) **FDA says number of new drug shortages down.** Health officials said the number of new shortages of crucial drugs used to treat cancer and other illnesses had been halved compared to a year ago, and they attributed the improvement to earlier notice from drugmakers about looming supply issues. There

have been 42 newly scarce drugs so far in 2012, compared to 90 in the same period a year ago, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner said May 3 on the agency's Web site. Efforts to combat shortages escalated in 2011 when 250 medicines were in short supply, up from 56 in 2006. Some doctors have had to postpone care or use second-best drugs or more costly alternatives to compensate for shortages. According to an FDA list, which is updated daily, there are currently about 120 drugs regarded as being in short supply.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/health/sns-rt-us-fda-shortagesbre8421hg-20120503,0,3898795.story>

26. *May 3, San Bernardino County Sun* – (California) **Man arrested after bomb scare at Loma Linda hospital emergency room.** Security officers at Loma Linda University Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, contacted the sheriff's department after a man walked into the emergency room claiming he had an explosive device attached to his body and asked for help. At that time, hospital security escorted the man out of the hospital. He was taken to a nearby enclosed concrete parking structure. The device, which had wires, was X-rayed and removed from the man. Sheriff's bomb and arson personnel determined it was not an explosive. Five agencies responded. The hospital had a plan in place for handling patients when a significant incident occurs, officials said. It followed the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency's master plan for San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The hospital's ER was closed while clinical areas remained open to staff, said a hospital spokesman. ER patients were moved to the front of the hospital, and new ER patients were diverted to other hospitals. The lobby was partially evacuated, though all floors of the hospital remained open. Authorities closed nearby Barton Road and Campus Street. Fire trucks and police vehicles lined the street in front of the ER.

Source: http://www.sbsun.com/ci_20538539/deputies-assist-possible-suspicious-device-at-llumc

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *May 4, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Exeter Twp. School district, police dealing with rash of bomb threats.** A bomb threat May 3 disrupted the school day for Exeter Township Senior High School students and teachers in Exeter Township, Pennsylvania, for the third time in the past week. The school's 1,400 students were evacuated from the building to the nearby football stadium while township and state police swept the building, said the school's principal. The May 3 bomb threat was discovered written on a desk in black magic marker, investigators said. Police explained the pranks are draining their resources. They said the person or people behind the bomb threats will face a list of charges, including risking a catastrophe and making terroristic threats.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/Exeter-Twp-School-district-police-dealing-with-rash-of-bomb-threats/-/121418/12540418/-/e17a58/-/>

28. *May 3, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **2 arrested after 2 bottles explode at high school.** Police in Memphis, Tennessee, said two students were taken into custody May 3 after two chemical-filled bottles exploded at a Memphis high school. Memphis police said in a news release that two students of Craigmont High School were charged with aggravated assault, felony reckless endangerment, and possession of a prohibited weapon. The high school was evacuated earlier May 3 in what school authorities called a prank explosion. Officials said an assistant principal with asthma went to the hospital after inhaling smoke produced by the mixture. Police said a bomb threat was called in to the school beforehand.
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/05/03/1926671/prank-explosion-clears-memphis.html>
29. *May 3, Vermont Public Radio* – (Vermont) **Suspicious package turns out to be musical greeting card.** Police said a suspicious package that prompted the evacuation of hundreds of workers May 3 at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services building in St. Albans, Vermont, was a musical greeting card. Mailroom employees found the package and deemed it suspicious after it was X-rayed. Officials said the package appeared to be wire-like. About 800 employees were evacuated, as well as a nearby day care. A bomb squad robot was sent into the building to inspect the package. Police said normal operations resumed later the same day.
Source: http://www.vpr.net/news_detail/94385/suspicious-package-turns-out-to-be-musical-greetin/
30. *May 3, WABC 7 New York* – (New Jersey) **3 students, 2 teachers sickened at NJ Islamic school.** Authorities were unable to determine what sickened two teachers and three students May 3 at an Islamic school in South Brunswick, New Jersey. The approximately 200 students at Noor-Ul-Iman were evacuated after the students suddenly fell ill. “They complained about stomach and turned blue,” said a South Brunswick police sergeant. The school closed for the day. The police sergeant said the school has hired an air quality company to check the building.
Source:
http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_jersey&id=8646926
31. *May 3, Casper Star Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Fire closes Midwest School.** A fire May 3 in a classroom at Midwest School in Natrona County, Wyoming, injured one student and forced officials to close the school for the remainder of the day. Officials evacuated students to a nearby church and the town hall. A media release from the Natrona County School District noted that one student was “being treated for a chemical burn.”
Source: http://trib.com/news/local/casper/fire-closes-midwest-school/article_78a8976a-0117-5235-9521-c25fa0f6fa0c.html

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32. *May 3, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Two men face charges in theft of copper from police phone lines.** State police troopers arrested two men May 1 who allegedly stole copper from a State police detachment in Boone County, West Virginia. A State police sergeant said troopers began investigating a copper theft from phone lines at the State Police detachment in Whitesville. The investigation led troopers to the two suspects, he said. Police charged the men with interruption of telephone service, grand larceny, and conspiracy to commit a felony. The theft caused about \$25,000 in damage and disrupted phone service for the detachment and community for nearly 2 days, the sergeant said.

Source: <http://sundaygazette.com/News/201205030129>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *May 4, H Security* – (International) **PHP patch quick but inadequate.** The updates to PHP versions 5.3.12 and 5.4.2 released May 3 do not fully resolve the vulnerability accidentally disclosed online, according to the flaw's discoverer. The bug in the way CGI and PHP interact with each other leads to a situation where attackers can execute code on affected servers. The issue remained undiscovered for 8 years. Currently, the best protection requires setting up filter rules on the Web server. However, the RewriteRule workaround described on PHP.net is also inadequate. The discoverer suggests a slightly modified form of the rule as an alternative. Because the PHP interpreter for CGI does not comply with the specifications laid out in the CGI standard, URL parameters can, under certain circumstances, be passed to PHP as command line arguments. Servers which run PHP in CGI mode are affected; FastCGI PHP installations are not. The PHP patch is supposed to ensure parameter strings beginning with a minus sign, and which do not contain an equals sign, are ignored. According to the discoverer, this can be bypassed easily. A new, slightly modified patch which uses query_string instead of decoded_query_string for one comparison was already submitted to the bug tracking system. Users can determine whether they are affected by the bug by appending the string ?-s to a URL. If the server returns PHP source code, rapid action is required. A Metasploit module that opens a remote shell for executing arbitrary code on vulnerable servers is already available.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PHP-patch-quick-but-inadequate-1568454.html>

34. *May 4, H Security* – (International) **VMware address critical issues in Workstation, Player, ESXi and ESX.** VMware has published a security advisory that addresses critical security flaws in the company's Workstation, Player, Fusion, ESXi, and ESX products. There are five flaws detailed in the advisory. ESX 3.5 to 4.1 and ESXi 3.5 to 5.0 are affected by a host memory overwrite vulnerability in the handling of RPC

commands and data pointers that means a guest user could crash a VMX process. VMware notes the issue can be worked around by configuring virtual machines that use less than 4GB of memory. The workaround though is not an effective remedy for a similar issue with RPC and function pointers. Both issues could be exploited without root/administrator access. Another issue, again only affecting ESX and ESXi, means a flaw in the handling of NFS traffic can overwrite memory and can be used to execute code on an ESX/ESXi system without authentication; however the issue only occurs with NFS traffic. A floppy device out-of-bounds memory write and an unchecked SCSI device memory write issue both affect Workstation 8.x, Player 4.x, and Fusion 4.x, as well as ESXi and ESX; removing the virtual floppy drive or SCSI device from virtual machines will work around the problem. Both issues require root/administrator access to exploit.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VMware-address-critical-issues-in-Workstation-Player-ESXi-and-ESX-1568119.html>

35. *May 4, H Security* – (International) **Adobe Flash Player update closes critical object confusion hole.** Adobe released a security advisory relating to an object confusion vulnerability that allows an attacker to crash its Flash Player or take control of an affected system. Adobe said there are reports of this vulnerability being exploited in the wild as part of targeted e-mail-based attacks that trick the user into clicking on a malicious file; this exploit only targets Flash Player on Internet Explorer on Windows, though the vulnerability exists on Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and Android versions of the player. An update to Adobe Flash Player 11.2.202.235 on Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux should be applied by any user running version 11.2.202.233 or earlier.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-Flash-Player-update-closes-critical-object-confusion-hole-1568704.html>

36. *May 3, Government Computer News* – (International) **105 Top Level Domain applicants had info exposed.** The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) began notifying 105 applicants for new generic Top Level Domains (gTLDs) that some of their information was exposed through a glitch in the online application system. The system was taken offline April 12, which was to be the closing day for applying for new gTLD names, and remained offline for 3 weeks. At some point after the notifications are complete, ICANN will announce the reopening of the system and a new deadline for filing applications. ICANN's chief security officer said there is no indication the problem was the result of a malicious intrusion or that any information other than some user names and file names was exposed. The system was taken offline through an abundance of caution, he said.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/05/03/icann-new-gtld-105-applicants-info-exposed.aspx>

37. *May 3, ZDNet* – (International) **Microsoft kicks Chinese company out of vulnerability sharing program.** Microsoft removed a Chinese security company from its Microsoft Active Protections Program (MAPP) vulnerability information sharing program following a recent leak of proof-of-concept code for a serious security hole in all versions of Windows. Microsoft identified the company as Hangzhou DP Tech Technologies Co., Ltd, a Chinese outfit that describes itself as a “high-tech company

integrating research and development, manufacturing and sales in the network security industry.” After an investigation into the proof-of-concept leak, Microsoft said Hangzhou DPTech Technologies breached the strict non-disclosure agreement meant to ensure sensitive data does not fall into the wrong hands.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/microsoft-kicks-chinese-company-out-of-vulnerability-sharing-program/11853>

38. *May 3, MSNBC* – (International) **Infected users get legit warning about July 9 ‘Internet Doomsday’**. Two companies, OpenDNS and CloudFlare, have put together a message alert system to help more than a half-million U.S. users who are believed to have the DNSChanger malware on their computers and do not know it, and who may not have heard about it in recent weeks. Infected users will see a message appear on their computer screen. The message says, in part, that the user’s Domain Name Server settings suggest “you probably have the DNSChanger malware.” Users are then directed to an OpenDNS Web site which has instructions on how to switch DNS to OpenDNS’s trusted servers. The message also has a link to the FBI’s Web site for more information.

Source: <http://www.technolog.msnbc.msn.com/technology/technolog/infected-users-get-legit-warning-about-july-9-internet-doomsday-751078>

39. *May 3, InformationWeek* – (International) **Anonymous, LulzSec case in U.S. expanded by feds**. A federal grand jury handed down a superseding indictment in the case against alleged LulzSec and Anonymous leaders that adds a sixth person to the list of people charged, InformationWeek reported May 3. The revised indictment now lists a man, known as Anarchaos, burn, POW, ghost, and anarchaker, amongst other aliases, as a defendant, and accuses him of participating in LulzSec and Anonymous hacks involving the Web sites of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and Stratfor.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/government/232901400>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

40. *May 4, Aspen Times* – (Colorado) **Major phone problems hit Pitkin County**. Land-based phone lines and some cellphone services went down across Pitkin County, Colorado, May 3. The extent of the outage, which started around 9:30 p.m., was unknown, according to a statement from the county. All non-emergency and 9-1-1 lines for the 9-1-1 Center in Aspen were down. Emergency calls were rerouted to Vail Public

Safety Communications. Century Link was aware of the problem and worked to resolve the issue late May 3.

Source:

<http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20120504/NEWS/120509946/1077&ParentProfile=1058>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *May 4, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Flooding in Flint area forces residents from homes.** Firefighters in the Flint, Michigan area used a boat to get people out of apartments and townhouses after floodwaters following heavy rains left people trapped in their homes May 4. The Flint Journal reported buildings were evacuated in Grand Blanc Township following heavy rains May 3-4. Flooding also caused problems for motorists, closing some roadways in the Detroit and Flint areas. Nearly a dozen cars were stranded and northbound Interstate 75 was closed May 4 in Flint Township, with up to 4 feet of water on the roadway.
Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/flooding-in-flint-area-forces-residents-from-homes/967cceb222b34d6c897cca05138e4697>
42. *May 4, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Emeryville: Fuel leak at AC Transit yard forces evacuations at Pixar, school.** Several businesses and a high school were evacuated as a precaution, May 4, following a hydrogen fuel tank leak at an AC Transit bus yard in Emeryville, California. Pixar Studios, Emery Bay Village, and Emery Secondary School were among the buildings evacuated after a pop and large fireball was reported. After the report, the Emeryville Fire Department ordered an immediate evacuation of businesses in the area. An AC Transit spokesman said a hydrogen storage tank began venting for an unknown reason and that technicians were working to determine the cause.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_20548592/emeryville-emergency-crews-respond-possible-fuel-tank-leak
43. *May 4, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Two women found shot inside church.** Police were investigating the shootings of two women inside an Ellicott City, Maryland church, May 3. Police responded to St. Peter's Episcopal Church when a church custodian called 911 to report that he found two women who had appeared to have been shot inside an office at the church. One woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The other was taken to a hospital. Police found a man's body in the woods close to the church. The man was dead – from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A gun was also located near the body.
Source:
http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/crime_checker/howard_county_crime/two-women-found-shot-inside-church

44. *May 4, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Blacksburg Country Club to pay \$19,000 over spill, fish kill.** The Blacksburg Country Club in Blacksburg, Virginia, agreed to pay nearly \$19,000, in addition to financing an environmental restoration project, to make amends for a chemical spill that killed thousands of fish, the Roanoke Times reported May 4. The agreement reached in federal court was the latest regulatory action to come from a 2007 accident that dumped herbicides into the North Fork of the Roanoke River, killing about 10,000 fish. In July 2007, a club employee was mixing three herbicides with water to treat the golf course when he briefly walked away from a 150-gallon sprayer that was being filled with a water hose. When he returned, he found the water and chemicals had overflowed onto a concrete pad. Workers sprayed the equipment and concrete pad down with water to clean it, unaware that a drainage pipe was dumping the mixture directly into the river.
Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/308349>
45. *May 3, Pekin Daily Times* – (Illinois) **Meth lab prompts motel evacuation.** Reports of a domestic disturbance led East Peoria, Illinois police to a motel, May 3, which they evacuated when a methamphetamine lab was found in one of the rooms. Police arrested a man and a woman in connection with the meth lab at the Super 8 Motel. The meth lab prompted the city fire department and a special meth response team with the Illinois State Police to respond and assist police in evacuating the motel, according to a news release.
Source: <http://www.pekintimes.com/news/x1018079982/Meth-lab-prompts-motel-evacuation>
46. *May 3, Columbia Patch* – (Maryland) **Fire breaks out near Sears at mall in Columbia.** A fire broke out in a trailer located near the Sears at a mall in Columbia, Maryland, May 3, according to Howard County fire officials. Smoke poured into the interior of Sears causing extensive damage. The trailer was reportedly attached to a loading dock. The fire was under control after about 2.5 hours. An airboat from Montgomery County was requested to assist with ventilating the mall to remove smoke. A mall spokesperson said the mall would open at its normal opening time.
Source: <http://columbia.patch.com/articles/fire-breaks-out-near-sears-at-columbia-mall>
47. *May 3, WHP 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Man seals off hotel room, mixes chemicals to commit suicide.** Police in Swatara, Pennsylvania, were called to a Super 8 motel on the report of a suspicious odor, May 3, and discovered a room sealed shut with duct tape. When officers were unable to contact the occupant, they feared toxic materials were used in the room. Officers evacuated the motel and requested fire, EMS, and HAZMAT crews. After entering the room, officers discovered the room's occupant had mixed several chemicals to create toxic fumes to commit suicide. The man did not survive. The scene was decontaminated, as were members of the responding agencies.
Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Man-seals-off-hotel-room-mixes-chemicals-to/oIpnx8LYpEC6nRaVIFcrIQ.csp>
48. *May 3, Northwest Cable News* – (Washington) **Tacoma day care arson draws federal investigators.** Investigators from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were looking into a fire at a day care center in Tacoma,

Washington, May 3. The fire came a day after a van was rammed into the building by someone who put a rock on the gas pedal of the vehicle. The fire at Pathways to Learning Child Care was put out quickly by the sprinkler system and damage was minor. Firefighters at the scene found a broken window and a gas can inside. The day care was closed for the rest of the day. It is affiliated with the Church of God in Christ International, which is located in the same building.

Source:

<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=149996665&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10212>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

49. *May 3, Kent Reporter* – (Washington) **Kent hearing examiner approves two Green River levee projects.** The Kent, Washington land use hearing examiner approved two Green River levee projects proposed by the city public works department, according to the Kent Reporter May 3. The projects include the State Route 516 to South 231st Way Levee, and the Boeing Levee. The projects are part of a larger effort by the city to have the entire levee system within city limits accredited by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to remove properties behind the levee from FEMA flood maps, and to reduce development restrictions and flood insurance requirements in the Kent Valley.

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