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- Three former General Electric Co. bankers were convicted May 11 of defrauding cities and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in a bid-rigging scheme involving hundreds of millions of dollars in municipal bonds. – *Bloomberg* (See item [10](#))
- Police arrested three high school students accused of setting a massive fire that destroyed part of a high school in Woodburn, Oregon. – *Associated Press* (See item [38](#))
- DHS issued a bulletin May 10 warning about a previously undisclosed, critical vulnerability in Movicon 11, software used to manage machines used in the manufacturing, energy, and water sectors. – *Threatpost* (See item [52](#))
- Sheriff's detectives in Fresno County, California, arrested a man they believe is responsible for stealing miles of phone wire that caused phone service to cut out for many customers. – *KSFN 30 Fresno* (See item [54](#))
- Authorities were trying to trace the source of a food-borne outbreak that sickened up to 150 people who attended a party and food fair at a Buddhist monastery in Carmel, New York. – *Melville Newsday* (See item [56](#))
- Seven businesses in downtown Mariposa, California, burned to the ground the weekend of May 12 in a fire that caused about \$1 million in structural damage. – *Bellingham Herald* (See item [60](#))
- Firefighters battled several wildfires in Arizona, May 14, including one that was human-caused, more than 4.5 square miles in size, and forced residents from their homes. – *Associated Press* (See item [61](#))

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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 13, Wyoming Tribune-Eagle* – (Wyoming) **Wyo. fire departments battle oil well fire.** A fire with flames 100 to 200 feet high erupted May 11 at an oil well east of Cheyenne, Wyoming, owned by SM Energy. The fire started in an oil treater containing 20 to 250 gallons of an oil and water mixture, a Laramie County Fire District 2 spokesman said. The treater overflowed and was ignited. About 60 firefighters responded to the scene from several agencies, including 6 Laramie County fire districts, the Torrington Fire Department, and F.E. Warren Air Force Base. Firefighters from the local Frontier Oil refinery also helped. The fire was extinguished in about an hour. Source: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-attack/articles/1286166-Wyo-fire-departments-battle-oil-well-fire/>
2. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyo. oil refinery where 3 hurt was cited recently.** State regulators recently issued three safety citations, including fire prevention and fire equipment maintenance violations, against the Sinclair oil refinery in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where a flash fire the week of May 7 injured four workers. Two fires occurred at the refinery while a routine safety inspection was being conducted in 2011, a compliance supervisor with the State Occupational Safety and Health Administration said May 11. The three citations issued in March listed serious violations with paperwork, maintenance, training, and fire prevention. The State proposed more than \$45,000 in fines, which Sinclair can appeal and negotiate. The citations resulted from inspections of preventive maintenance operations and procedures at the refinery. Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505244_162-57433027/wyo-oil-refinery-where-3-hurt-was-cited-recently/

3. *May 10, Walnut Creek Patch* – (California) **Failed switch blamed for May 1 power outage.** A failed switch in a Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) substation was the cause of a power outage the week of April 30 that affected 29,000 homes and businesses in Walnut Creek, California. A PG&E spokeswoman said the switch failed May 1 in the utility's substation near Walnut Creek Intermediate School. She said since the switch was in a substation, the power outage was more widespread than if there had been a problem elsewhere on the utility's system. Power was routed around the switch and electricity was restored about an hour after the blackout. The switch has since been replaced.
Source: http://walnutcreek_patch.com/articles/failed-switch-blamed-for-last-week-s-power-outage

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Utah; International) **Man pleads guilty to stealing company's formulas.** A scientist accused of stealing secret formulas from a Utah chemistry company pleaded guilty to a federal computer charge May 11. He entered the plea in U.S. District Court to one count of unlawful access to a protected computer, in exchange for prosecutors dropping 25 other charges against him. He had worked for North Logan-based Frontier Scientific Inc. from 2009 to 2011. He admitted to accessing a company chemical resource notebook and emailing the formula for meso-Tetraphenylporphine, or TPP, to his brother-in-law in India. Investigators say that relative was setting up a competing company to undercut Frontier Scientific on prices it charges for pharmaceutical chemicals. Frontier Chemical, which supplies chemicals for research and drug discovery, says no other company in the world produces TPP in such large quantities.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/05/12/man-accused-taking-trade-secrets-pleads-guilty/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *May 14, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Regulators question Columbia nuke factory safety.** Federal regulators said a Columbia, South Carolina plant that makes nuclear reactor fuel has not followed through on safety recommendations made 9 years ago, the Associated Press reported May 14. The State newspaper in Columbia said the recommendations would have further reduced the chances the Westinghouse Electric Co. plant southeast of downtown Columbia could suffer a radiation leak in an earthquake. Westinghouse officials said they are working on some of the suggestions. They would not specify the recommendations but said some involved removing

potentially hazardous chemicals. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said walls could collapse and equipment topple in a severe earthquake. The chances of that kind of quake are rare, and workers would probably be the only people exposed to radiation, but regulators are more cautious after the disaster at a Japanese nuclear plant in 2011. Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=753497#.T7EeElK1WHt>

6. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan Palisades nuke plant returned to service.** The Palisades nuclear plant in Van Buren County, Michigan, returned to service May 12 after a break of little more than a month for refueling and maintenance. The 41-year-old plant has been under Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) scrutiny because of a series of safety problems in recent months. The NRC classifies Palisades as 1 of the 4 worst performers of the 104 nuclear plants it regulates. The commission said that in one case, an electrical fault caused by plant workers made the reactor and half of the control room indicators shut down and triggered safety systems that actual plant conditions did not justify. In another instance, a water pump that cools safety equipment failed, the result of a crack in one of the couplings that hold together rods in the cooling system. Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/may/12/sw-mich-palisades-nuke-plant-returned-to-service/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *May 14, Krebs on Security* – (National) **Global Payments Breach fueled prepaid card fraud.** Debit card accounts stolen in a recent hacker break-in at card processor Global Payments were showing up in fraud incidents at retailers in Las Vegas and elsewhere, according to officials from one bank impacted by the fraud. At the beginning of March, Danbury, Connecticut-based Union Savings Bank (USB) began seeing an unusual pattern of fraud on a dozen or so debit cards it had issued. When the bank determined the facility where the purchases took place was a customer of Global Payments, it contacted Visa to alert the card association of a possible breach, according to USB's chief risk officer. That is when USB heard from a fraud investigator at Vons, a grocery chain in southern California and Nevada. According to the chief risk officer, the investigator said the fraudsters were coming to the stores to buy low-denomination

prepaid cards, and then encoding debit card accounts issued by USB onto them. The thieves then used those cards to purchase additional prepaid cards with much higher values. The risk officer said Visa alerted USB that about 1,000 debit accounts it issued were compromised in the Global Payments breach — including the dozen or so card accounts that initially prompted USB to investigate. USB officials said the bank suffered about \$75,000 in fraudulent charges, and that it has so far spent close to \$10,000 reissuing customer cards.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/05/global-payments-breach-fueled-prepaid-card-fraud/>

8. *May 14, WMC 5 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **1,000 phony money orders land women in jail.** Narcotics officers were called to investigate a suspicious package at a FedEx facility in Cordova, Tennessee, the week of May 7, but investigators did not find drugs when they opened the package. Instead, deputies with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit found almost 1,000 counterfeit U.S. Postal Service money orders in the package. Each money order was written for \$870, for a total of more than \$835,000. Investigators delivered the package to a home and arrested the woman who accepted the package. However, she was not the woman who the package was addressed to, but she agreed to arrange for another woman to pick up the counterfeit money orders. Shortly after she picked up the package, the second woman was arrested during a traffic stop. Deputies said they also found stolen mail, credit cards, and state ID's inside the house. Both women have been charged with criminal simulation, identity theft, and forgery.
Source: <http://cordova.wmctv.com/news/news/74851-1000-phony-money-orders-land-women-jail>
9. *May 14, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC microcap fraud-fighting initiative expels 379 dormant shell companies to protect investors from potential scams.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) May 14 suspended trading in the securities of 379 dormant companies before they could be hijacked by fraudsters and used to harm investors through reverse mergers or pump-and-dump schemes. The trading suspension marks the most companies ever suspended in a single day by the agency as it ramps up its crackdown against fraud involving microcap shell companies that are dormant and delinquent in public disclosures. An initiative tabbed Operation Shell-Expel by the SEC's Microcap Fraud Working Group used various agency resources, including the enhanced intelligence technology of the Enforcement Division's Office of Market Intelligence to scrutinize microcap stocks in markets nationwide and identify clearly dormant shell companies in 32 states and 6 foreign countries that were ripe for fraud. The existence of empty shell companies can be a financial boon to stock manipulators who will pay as much as \$750,000 to assume control of the firm to pump and dump the stock for illegal proceeds to the detriment of investors.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-91.htm>
10. *May 12, Bloomberg* – (National) **Ex-GE bankers convicted of municipal bond bid-rig scheme.** Three former General Electric Co. (GE) bankers were convicted of defrauding cities and the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in a bid-rigging scheme

involving municipal bonds. The three were found guilty by a federal jury in New York City May 11 of conspiracy to commit fraud by manipulating auctions for municipal bond investment contracts. The government claimed from August 1999 to November 2006 the men gave kickbacks to brokers hired by local governments to solicit bids, to win auctions, and to increase profits. The charges grew out of a 5-year investigation by federal antitrust prosecutors into the \$3.7 trillion municipal bond market. In December 2011, GE agreed to pay \$70.4 million to resolve its part of the investigation. Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co., UBS AG, and Wells Fargo & Co. acknowledged illegal activities by former employees and paid more than \$670 million in restitution and penalties. The jury convicted the defendants of all the counts they faced, of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and to defraud the United States. The case against the three former GE bankers focused on guaranteed investment contracts, which cities buy with money raised from selling bonds. This allows cities to earn money on the funds until they are used for projects such as nursing homes, hospitals, and roads. A former CDR Financial Products Inc. employee who pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the government, testified about helping GE win bids in exchange for later fees on swap transactions.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-05-11/ex-ge-bankers-convicted-of-municipal-bond-bid-rig-scheme>

11. *May 11, Orange County Register* – (California) **Police: ‘Plaid’ bandit leaves bank on skateboard with no money.** Police seek a serial bank robber believed to have skateboarded from the scene of an unsuccessful holdup in Orange County, California, May 11. Officers responded to reports of an attempted bank robbery at a Wells Fargo branch, a police lieutenant said. A man handed an employee a demand note, he said, and then fled when the teller ducked behind a counter. No money was stolen. The would-be robber was last seen fleeing the bank on a skateboard. Authorities believe he is the “Gone Plaid Bandit,” who is responsible for seven previous bank robberies in Orange County, including holdups in Yorba Linda, Irvine, Anaheim Hills, and Mission Viejo. The “Gone Plaid Bandit,” who earned his nickname by wearing plaid during some of the robberies, used notes during the previous incidents, although he was seen armed with a knife during at least one Irvine robbery and once claimed to have been armed with a gun.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/bank-353879-plaid-robbery.html>

12. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Illinois; National) **Money manager pleads guilty to investment scam.** A former investments manager pleaded guilty to pulling a multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that hurt more than 300 victims across the country. The Illinois attorney general announced May 11 the former manager was ordered to pay more than \$10 million in restitution to victims. Prosecutors said he bilked investors by promising that a software program he developed could get them 20 percent returns. He then paid clients using money from new clients.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57432907/money-manager-pleads-guilty-to-investment-scam/

13. *May 11, Ars Technica* – (International) **Bitcoins worth \$87,000 plundered in brazen server breach.** More than \$87,000 worth of the virtual currency known as Bitcoin

(BTC) was stolen after online bandits penetrated servers belonging to Bitcoinica, prompting its operators to temporarily shutter the trading platform to contain the damage. The May 11 theft came after hackers accessed Bitcoinica's production servers and depleted its online wallet of 18,547 BTC, company officials said in a blog post. It said the heist affected only a small fraction of Bitcoinica's overall bitcoin deposits and that all withdrawal requests will be honored once the platform reopens. It was at least the second time in 10 weeks Bitcoinica has been stung by a computer intrusion. The post went on to warn that a database storing user names, e-mail addresses, and account histories was also accessed, and it also suggested cryptographically hashed passwords may have been compromised. It advised customers who reused their Bitcoinica passwords on other sites to change them. Documents used to legally verify users' identities are stored on separate servers at a separate data center with a different encryption regimen. According to comments left by Bitcoin's chief executive in an online forum, hackers penetrated a Web server hosted by Rackspace after they managed to reset a password, most likely through an automated e-mail.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/uncategorized/2012/05/bitcoins-worth-87000-plundered/>

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Transportation Sector

14. *May 14, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **MIA people mover train out of order Monday.** The people mover train at Miami International Airport (MIA) was out of operation May 14, a day after it derailed. An MIA spokesman said he hoped the train would be back up and running later in the day. He said 12 people were on board at the time, and 2 suffered minor injuries and were treated at the scene. Shuttle buses were brought in to help move passengers and get people on the ground to their planes. It was the first such incident on the trains since they went into operation in September 2011. Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/MIA-People-Mover-Train-Out-of-Order-Monday-151358105.html>
15. *May 14, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **More than 20 injured in bus accident.** At least 22 people were injured in East Haven, Connecticut, May 14, and 5 were hospitalized after a Connecticut Transit (CT Transit) city bus was rear-ended by a truck on Frontage Road. The bus was stopped and a passenger was loading his bicycle onto the rack in front when the bus was hit from behind by a large red service truck carrying kitchen grease. CT Transit officials said there were 29 people on the bus that was headed to New Haven. At least four of the injuries were serious. The driver of the truck was among those taken to the hospital. Several ambulances, along with fire department and police were on the scene within minutes of the crash. The truck then caught fire. One lane of Frontage Road was closed while crews were on the scene. Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/More-than-20-injured-in-bus-accident-3556637.php>

16. *May 14, NewsCore* – (Maryland) **Discarded pepper spray temporarily shuts down Baltimore airport concourses.** Two concourses at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) in Baltimore were temporarily shut down May 14 after an unusual, irritating odor was reported. Investigators determined the source of the odor was apparently a discarded can of pepper spray. Concourses A and B at BWI were shut down for about 90 minutes after the smell was reported in Concourse B. Employees and passengers were evacuated as a precaution. Southwest Airlines and Air Tran delayed flights while officials investigated. Officials believe a passenger may have thrown the aerosol can away before going through a security checkpoint.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/18375001/discarded-pepper-spray-temporarily-shuts-down-baltimore-airport-concourses>
17. *May 14, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Police investigate suspicious bag found on Metra.** Harvard, Illinois police investigated a “suspicious” bag recovered from an empty Metra car that delayed a Chicago-bound train 3.5 hours May 11. “It raised the suspicions in terms of the nature of the package, and with it being as close to NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization] Summit, you have got to take everything seriously,” said a Harvard police deputy chief. A Metra spokeswoman said Union Pacific Northwest Line train No. 662 was supposed to depart, but was stopped as Harvard police investigated the package. After delaying the Metra train, police found the contents of the bag to be nothing of concern.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Suspicious-Package-Found-on-Chicago-bound-Metra-Havard-151235935.html>
18. *May 13, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Truck rolls over car and bursts into flames on I-70 near Vail.** One person is dead and three others were injured after a truck rolled off an Interstate 70 overpass at Avon, Colorado, and dropped onto a vehicle on the street below May 13. The accident led to the closing of I-70 in both directions for several hours. The Vail Daily reported the truck driver survived, but a passenger in the truck died. The fire raged for 20 to 30 minutes. The Colorado Department of Transportation (DOT) initially reopened eastbound lanes, but westbound I-70 remained closed at Avon Road. “We are keeping the bridge closed right now, all the damage is in the westbound lane. There is some guard rail damage and we are not sure whether heat from the explosion caused damage to the bridge,” said a Colorado Department of Transportation spokeswoman. The department sent a bridge inspector from Denver to inspect the bridge, and DOT engineers were also at the scene.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_20615260/truck-rolls-over-i-70-closing-highway-west
19. *May 12, Lincoln Journal Star* – (Nebraska) **Some Nebraska 2 lanes reopened after chemical spill.** A small crash involving a pair of large trucks resulted in a large leak of chemicals and led authorities to stop traffic on a stretch of Nebraska 2 near Lincoln, Nebraska, for several hours May 12. The Lincoln Fire and Rescue battalion chief said a semitrailer hit the back of a flatbed truck east of South 27th Street, causing 1 of 16 250-gallon tanks inside the semi to rupture. Boiler cleaner leaked from the tank onto the roadway. A hazardous materials team set up a perimeter that included the Rock Island

Trail bridge, which crosses the highway directly above the spill site. The chief said the possibility of dangerous vapors was a concern. The westbound lanes of Nebraska 2 were expected to stay closed for hours as crews worked to clean the chemical and remove the truck. Eastbound lanes were reopened within about an hour. Westbound lanes had not been reopened more than 6 hours after the crash. Boiler cleaner can be washed away with water, the chief said, but the Southern Refrigerated Transport Inc. semitrailer would need to be unloaded before being moved. He said the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department hired an outside contractor to clean the spill and the cleanup process would be complete by the night of May 12. He said fire officials were overseeing the cleanup.

Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/some-nebraska-lanes-reopened-after-chemical-spill/article_667da177-d4a1-5e15-abf2-a6b64b6619d0.html

20. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Copper cable worth \$250K stolen from rail tunnel.** Sound Transit officials in Washington State said someone stole about 70,000 pounds of valuable copper cable from a tunnel inside the elevated light rail track between SeaTac and Seattle. A transit agency spokesperson said May 11 that the missing cable poses no danger to trains or passengers. He said the cable protects the structure from any stray currents.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2018192463_apwacoppertheft.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *May 14, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Homemade bombs found in Vandalia.** Firefighters were investigating after six homemade bombs were found in a Vandalia, Ohio neighborhood over the last 2 days. Emergency crews responded May 14 after getting a report that someone's mailbox was blown up overnight, according to reports. Police said a homemade bomb was used to blow up the mailbox. Three of the homemade bombs were found at the home, in addition to three others that were found in the neighborhood May 13. The material inside the bomb can cause serious injuries, including burns and blindness. All six of the homemade bombs discovered were detonated.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/local/homemade-bombs-found-vandalia-neighborhood/nN5Rx/>

22. *May 11, WSHM 3 Springfield* – (Massachusetts; Connecticut) **Mysterious powder found in envelope deemed harmless.** The mysterious white powder that forced some Springfield, Massachusetts residents out of their homes was deemed harmless, WSHM 3 Springfield reported May 11. The HAZMAT team was called to Shaine Circle after a resident found two envelopes that had been dropped through his mail slot. When he opened one up, he found the white powder that was determined to be acetaminophen. Four other similar incidents have happened in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Officials

with the DHS were also dispatched to the scene.

Source: <http://www.cbs3springfield.com/story/18308398/mysterious-powder-found-in-envelope-deemed-harmless>

23. *May 11, Associated Press* – (National; International) **US Postal Service will not ship electronics with lithium batteries abroad, citing safety risks.** The U.S. Postal Service is banning international shipments of electronics with lithium batteries such as smartphones, laptops, and iPads, citing the risk of fire. Beginning May 16, consumers may no longer make the shipments, including to army and diplomatic post offices. That means friends and family will have to use more expensive private companies such as UPS and FedEx to ship electronics to U.S. troops based abroad. The Postal Service cited discussion by the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Universal Postal Union. They issue semi-binding guidelines for global trade. Officials expect that U.S. consumers can resume shipments in most cases after January 1, 2013, once the agency develops a new policy “consistent with international standards.” Lithium batteries are believed to have caused at least two fires on cargo planes since 2006. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/us-postal-service-will-not-ship-electronics-with-lithium-batteries-abroad-citing-safety-risks/2012/05/11/gIQAgCsaIU_story.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *May 14, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Police investigating another trailer theft.** Pennsylvania State Police said they were looking for another trailer that was stolen from a midstate distribution center, WHTM 27 Harrisburg reported May 14. The latest stolen trailer was full of baked goods. Troopers said the semi-trailer was taken from the Food Lion distribution center near Greencastle in Franklin County sometime between May 3 and 4. The trailer was carrying perishable baked goods, including several varieties of cakes, fillings, and frostings. State police estimate the total value of the stolen goods at \$41,000. Earlier in May, two trailers filled with \$30,000 worth of Corona beer were stolen from a Cumberland County distribution center. Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/18371282/police-investigating-another-trailer-theft>
25. *May 13, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **State health officials find pesticide not approved for use on basil at 4 other Oahu farms.** State Department of Health officials found other Oahu, Hawaii farms using unapproved pesticides on basil crops, the Associated Press reported May 13. State and federal authorities were working with local farmers to prevent pesticide misuse after samples at a west Oahu farm in April tested positive for a pesticide not approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use on basil. The farm was ordered to stop selling basil and destroy affected crops. Health officials said 10 basil samples from 5 produce distributors on the island were tested. Testing found 7 out of 10 samples were positive for 1 or more pesticides not approved for basil. Basil samples taken from six Oahu farms found four farms tested positive for at least one unapproved pesticide. All contaminated crops were

restricted from sale or distribution.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d862d9e580b74ab897db87a8fb7cd023/HI--Pesticide-Violation-Basil/>

26. *May 13, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Famed shellfish in jeopardy after boat fire, sinking.** Mussel harvesting was suspended until further notice in Whidbey Island's Penn Cove in Washington State after a 128-foot derelict fishing vessel anchored there burst into flames and later sank, officials said. The fishing boat Deep Sea caught fire May 12 and continued burning into May 13, the U.S. Coast Guard reported. It sank May 13 as the Coast Guard was preparing to inspect it and see if it could be towed out of Penn Cove, which is known around the world for the quality of its mussels and shellfish. An official with the State Department of Ecology said the mussel farm operations were suspended as a precaution while investigators make certain no pollution reached the mussel pens from the vessel. The investigation was being conducted by the State Health Department, he said.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/komo/article/Famed-shellfish-in-jeopardy-after-boat-fire-3555376.php>
27. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Fire that killed half a million chickens at egg farm near Roggen ruled an accident.** Authorities said a fire that killed half a million chickens at an egg farm near Roggen, Colorado, was an accident, the Associated Press reported May 12. The Greeley Tribune reported the Weld County Sheriff's Office determined the April 30 fire was accidental. The company plans to rebuild the three structures that were destroyed in the fire. The chickens that died in the fire collectively produced about 250,000 eggs per day.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7b151c7075a043a88bcfcad18c84cba0/CO--Egg-Farm-Fire/>
28. *May 12, Food Safety News* – (Washington; International) **FDA halts shellfish imports from Korea.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stopped the shipment of fresh and frozen oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops from Korea to the United States because many of these molluscan shellfish may be contaminated, according to a news release from the Washington State Department of Health. The action comes with removal of all certified dealers in the Korean Shellfish Sanitation Program from the FDA's Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List, the health department stated, according to a May 12 report from Food Safety News. As a result, the Washington State Department of Health is advising consumers not to eat any fresh or frozen shellfish from Korea and is working with distributors and local health agencies to recall such products.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/fda-halts-shellfish-imports-from-korea/>
29. *May 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **Whole Foods Market recalls carrot cake cupcakes for undeclared walnuts in northern California.** Whole Foods Market recalled its variety cupcake six-packs sold in stores in northern

California because some of the products contain undeclared walnuts, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 11. One illness was reported. Whole Foods Market cupcake six-packs sold in northern California included several flavors of cupcake, including chocolate, red velvet, and vanilla in addition to carrot cake. Only the carrot cake cupcakes contain walnuts. The recalled cupcakes were sold at stores in Folsom, Lafayette, Los Altos, Mill Valley, Novato, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303932.htm>

30. *May 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Puerto Rico) **Jonlly Fruits Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared allergens in several products.** Jonlly Fruits Inc. of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, alerted consumers about their brands Jonlly Fruit and Natural Tropic because they may contain undeclared sodium caseinate (a milk derivative), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported May 10. Jonlly Fruits and Natural Tropic brand beverages were distributed through supermarkets, bakeries, and retail stores throughout Puerto Rico. The recall was initiated after it was discovered during an FDA inspection that products were distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of the milk derivative ingredient. The formulation was adjusted to eliminate the use of the ingredient, and provisional labels declaring the allergens were prepared to re-label products already available for distribution.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303832.htm>

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Water Sector

31. *May 14, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **State, Federal governments allocate \$1.69M to clean up damage from acid mine drainage.** The State and federal governments are allocating \$1.69 million to clean up damage caused by acid mine drainage from abandoned coal mines in southwest Virginia, the Associated Press reported May 14. Virginia's governor calls the funding the last piece of the puzzle in a project restoring water quality in the Powell Valley watershed, which is home to many endangered or threatened aquatic species. The effort includes erosion control and stream bank stabilization needed because of damage caused by acid mine drainage. The governor said State and Federal funds administered through the Virginia Department of Mines Minerals and Energy were being used to match State Water Quality Improvement Act and federal Clean Water Act funds.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ac860cc83ff24b5f9fe5805e58db7fb6/VA--Environmental-Project/>

32. *May 13, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Homes threatened by rising water at Rice Lake.** Water has been rising at Rice Lake, a popular getaway a few miles southwest of Minot, North Dakota, leaving residents worried about how their lakeside homes will make it through the summer. Rice Lake sits above the Douglas Aquifer.

The water level began rising more than a year ago after three consecutive winters of heavy snows. With no natural outlet to disperse heavy rainfall, the lake rose 8 inches in an 8-day period earlier in May, and it is currently rising about three-quarters of an inch a day, a resident said. A recent break in a portion of the Rice Lake sewer system is believed to have been caused by too much pressure from underground water. Rice Lake residents began a pumping program in the summer of 2011 that lowered the lake level, but it appears to have provided just a few months respite from the continual rise. A permanent solution being sought is a proposed \$6 million pipeline leading south from Rice Lake into Douglas Creek.

Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/homes-threatened-by-rising-water-at-rice-lake/article_d684d096-9cb8-11e1-b4bd-0019bb2963f4.html

33. *May 13, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Alabama sewage problems threaten areas downstream from Uniontown.** Two spills from the Uniontown, Alabama, sewage treatment facility were repaired, but regulators said they still pose a danger to people downstream, the Associated Press reported May 13. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management warns it could be a few weeks to a few months before the sewage in the water is washed downstream. State records show there have been numerous leaks from the Perry County town’s sewage plant since 2005.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f73cf754ba9643dea5f867ea89b3d7f8/AL--Alabama-Sewage-Spill/>
34. *May 11, KSNW 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Mussel invasion choking off water to Council Grove.** An invasion of zebra mussels has cut off the intake lines to the water tower in Council Grove, Kansas, and city leaders asked residents to cut back on their use of water May 11. “Throughout the complete inside of the water tower, on the valves, the stems that operate the valves, there are platforms about an inch and a half thick and I mean solid,” said the city administrator. Normally the intake line from the city lake can pump 775 gallons per minute of water into the treatment plant. The flow has been cut to less than 200 gallons per minute. Pumps borrowed from the fire department were being used to pump in water from the Neosho River. In spite of an intensive education campaign, zebra mussels were first spotted in the city lake in 2011. Officials believe the mild winter helped spur rapid reproduction of the invasive species. The city plans to use older lines to feed water to the tower until the intake from the lake is cleared.
Source: <http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Mussel-invasion-choking-off-water-to-Council-Grove/HSKOHhY8bk-8f-aFN8vZtw.csp>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *May 14, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Flood forces Harnett County Health Department to work in tents for 2 weeks.** Employees with the Harnett County, North Carolina Health Department were about to end their time working from tents, which

were set up after a pipe ruptured and flooded the first floor of their permanent building. The tents were scheduled to be broken down and packed May 14. Officials were still calculating damage from the April 28 flood. Within a few days, the building's rear parking lot became a temporary health center. The department was closed for 2 days, when workers moved patient records into a nearby building. Renovations may not be complete until August.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/65a8b6ad8598465e97f9f577583080e1/NC--Health-Department-Tents/>

36. *May 11, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida) **Mayo Clinic radiology tech pleads guilty to spreading hepatitis C.** A U.S. attorney announced May 11 a Jacksonville, Florida man pleaded guilty to one count of tampering with a consumer product resulting in death, four counts of tampering with a consumer product resulting in serious bodily injury, and five counts of stealing Fentanyl by deception. According to court documents, he worked as a radiology technician at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville from October 2004 through August 2010. He admitted that he stole syringes of Fentanyl during patients' procedures and replaced them with syringes of saline contaminated with hepatitis C. His tampering occurred from 2006 through 2008 at the Mayo Clinic's interventional radiology unit.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/jacksonville/press-releases/2012/mayo-clinic-radiology-tech-pleads-guilty-to-spreading-hepatitis-c>

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *May 14, Softpedia* – (National) **UGNazi hackers leak data from Washington Military Department.** UGNazi hackers breached the site of the Washington Military Department and leaked data from the Web site's databases. The hackers leaked name servers, MX records, and the names and IP addresses of the subdomains used by the State of Washington. They also leaked around 16 user account details, consisting of usernames and password hashes, including the ones of the site's administrator. "This is just a continuation of our attack against wa.gov, but other than that, like we said we're not done with the government or anyone to be exact," a hacker told Softpedia.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/UGNazi-Hackers-Leak-Data-from-Washington-Military-Department-269244.shtml>
38. *May 12, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Fire damages Oregon high school.** Three Oregon high school students, accused of setting a fire that destroyed part of Woodburn High School in Woodburn, May 11, were arrested, police said. The three were arrested for investigation of first-degree arson, reckless burning, and reckless endangering, a police sergeant said. Students and staff members evacuated the 1,400-student high school May 11 as fire crews responded. As many as 60 firefighters from a dozen agencies fought the blaze, a Woodburn Fire District official said.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/28058612-41/fire-students-woodburn-friday-police.html.csp>

39. *May 11, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Students sent home early after chemical leak.** Lebanon, Indiana High School students were sent home early May 11 after a chemical leak forced an evacuation at the school. Science students spilled cyclohexene, a volatile, highly flammable liquid, a Lebanon police lieutenant said. “While attempting to clean up the spill, some of the liquid was poured into the drain,” he said. Students and staff were evacuated to the football field. The leak was contained a short time later, but school officials decided to send students home early.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/31049442/detail.html>
40. *May 11, WDEL 1150 Wilmington* – (Delaware) **Troopers investigate bomb threats at 2 high schools.** Delaware State police were investigating bomb threats May 11 at two schools in Camden and Woodside. Students at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden were sent home for the day after a threat was emailed to the school’s Web site in the morning. K-9 units were called in, and no explosives were found. Just before noon, a bomb threat was phoned into the Polytech High School in Woodside. Bomb sniffing dogs were also called in in that incident, and police said nothing was found.
Source: <http://www.wdel.com/story.php?id=42779>
41. *May 11, Associated Press* – (California) **Plane intrudes on Air Force One airspace.** Two F-16 fighter jets intercepted a small private plane that violated restricted airspace May 11 as the U.S. President was about to depart from Los Angeles International Airport aboard Air Force One, authorities said. North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) scrambled the two jets that intercepted the Piper 28 aircraft over northeast Los Angeles and followed it until it landed about 5 minutes later and was met by local law enforcement, NORAD said in a statement. The Piper landed at the small airport in El Monte, local police said. After questioning the man and searching the plane, the Secret Service allowed him to refuel and leave the airport, police said.
Source: <http://www.armytimes.com/news/2012/05/ap-air-force-one-plane-intrudes-airspace-051112/>
42. *May 11, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Officials investigate white powder sent to school district.** White powder in an envelope sent May 10 to a school district building in King Salmon, Alaska, was under investigation by a postal inspector and the Alaska National Guard, the Guard said. The Lake and Peninsula School District’s headquarters was evacuated after a clerk opened a letter and the powder spilled out. The FBI asked for help from the Guard’s 103rd Civil Support Team, which sent four team members with a U.S. postal inspector to the Alaska Peninsula community, the Guard said. The team planned to use radiation and chemical detection to screen samples of the powder to see if it was dangerous. The powder was to be turned over to law enforcement as evidence.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/05/11/2461752/officials-investigate-white-powder.html>

43. *May 11, Rock Hill Herald* – (South Carolina) **Database of York County job applicants, vendors hacked.** York County, South Carolina, officials detected an intrusion into a Web server containing personal information on thousands of job applicants and vendors, they announced May 11. County officials discovered the intrusion during routine maintenance in August 2011, said the director for York County’s information technology department. The server contained an old backup database of an old online application, “and that’s where the majority of (the names) were,” he said. “The database could be 12 to 15 years old” and contained about 12,500 names. Forensic testing showed the vulnerability was in an application on the county’s Web site. He said the county has been working to “tighten up” the Web site’s security. Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/05/11/3966511/york-co-government-finds-security.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

44. *May 11, Pinole Patch* – (California) **Fire station brownouts starting immediately.** The Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board in California decided to begin station brownouts immediately in Hercules and Rodeo instead of using reserve funds to continue to staff both stations. “Our available staffing is down to 10 personnel with one on long term disability,” said the district chief. “Full staffing is 18 firefighters and we can’t sustain both fire stations with those numbers.” He said the closures would happen on a rotating basis between Rodeo and Hercules. “The temporary closures will last until we have an increase in our revenues or we receive relief from another source such as a federal grant,” he said. In the winter, the chief said the city of Pinole was considering contracting with Rodeo-Hercules. If the contract was a go, Rodeo-Hercules would be able to keep both of its stations open full-time, he said. In an e-mail May 8, the chief said Pinole was still considering Rodeo-Hercules’ bid to contract with the district. Source: <http://pinole.patch.com/articles/fire-station-brownouts-starting-immediately>
45. *May 10, Fox News* – (West Virginia) **1,000 officers stop mock prison riot in West Virginia.** To stop a prison riot, rescue hostages, and prevent an ambush, nearly 1,000 law enforcement and corrections officers from around the world convened in West Virginia the week of May 7. The 3-day Mock Prison Riot, a tactical scenario training event showcasing non-lethal technology, ended May 9 in the decommissioned West Virginia Penitentiary at Moundsville. Between 1876 and 1995, the prison was the site of many escapes and riots, including a 2-day riot in 1986 where 20 inmates stormed the mess hall and took 15 corrections officers hostage, ultimately leaving 3 inmates dead. The event gives law enforcement and corrections officers the chance to train under realistic conditions with the newest, cutting-edge less than lethal technologies. Some 27 teams tackled 58 tactical scenarios and had the chance to test technology from more than 40 companies. Participants represented local, county, State, and federal officers, from U.S. SWAT forces to the highly trained elite Singapore Prisons Emergency Action Response team, who specialize in close quarters riot control, transportation of

high-risk inmates, and dynamic entry. After 16 years, federal support was yanked for the training program that officers often paid to attend. The West Virginia Department of Corrections stepped in and sponsored in 2012.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2012/05/10/1000-officers-stop-mock-prison-riot-in-west-virginia/>

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Information Technology Sector

46. *May 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fuzz-o-Matic finds critical flaw in OpenSSL.** Codenomicon helped identify a critical flaw in widely used encryption software. A flaw in the OpenSSL handling of CBC mode ciphersuites in TLS 1.1, 1.2, and DTLS can be exploited in a denial-of-service attack on both client and server software. The flaw was found with Fuzz-o-Matic, a cloud-based testing platform. The TLS security protocol is the current Internet standard for encrypting and authenticating application traffic. TLS is used by millions of people every day in online banking, e-commerce, e-mail, and Voice-over-IP applications. The OpenSSL is an open-source implementation of TLS and is employed in standard operating systems, Web browsers, e-mail clients, and network devices ranging from WiFi access points and DSL modems to industrial-strength core routers.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12916&utm>
47. *May 14, H Security* – (International) **Notepad++ web site compromised.** Unknown attackers breached the Web site of the popular open source text editor Notepad++ and tried to trick visitors to the site into handing over the credentials to their Facebook accounts. It is currently believed the software downloads were not affected. later, the rest of the Web site appeared to be fixed. When accessed at the end of the week of May 7, the Web site of the project showed defacements by the attackers and also a second window appeared asking for a Facebook login. It appears the hackers were using the official Facebook API in an attempt to gain access to account credentials from visitors to the site. Users who actually entered their Facebook credentials could potentially have provided the attackers with persistant access to all functions on their account such as personal information and the ability to post status messages. In this case, users would have to visit their Facebook account settings to revoke these permissions. Simply changing the account password is not sufficient.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Notepad-web-site-compromised-1575263.html>
48. *May 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Avast warns about “FakeInst” and alternative Android markets.** The large number of malicious Web sites designed to infect Android devices with the Android:FakeInst SMS trojan made Avast security experts issue another warning to alert users. They advise smartphone owners to beware of fake-looking alternative Android application markets. Researchers found several domains, such as t2file(dot)net and uote(dot)net, which store at least 25 new apps that mask the piece of malware. After users are lured onto these Web sites, they are presented with a phony Downloader program. This app tells the victim the operation may cost money,

but the Quit button does not work. Once the installation process begins, there is nothing a user can do except click on the Agree or OK buttons. Once one of these options is selected, an SMS to a premium rate number is sent out. The trojan contains premium numbers for about 60 different countries worldwide. In order to prevent experts from analyzing the malware, its creators used AES encryption to make the file inaccessible.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Avast-Warns-About-FakeInst-and-Alternative-Android-Markets-269380.shtml>

49. *May 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake Android antivirus served via Twitter spam.** Security researchers warn that Twitter is being flooded with shady-looking posts that contain links to Web sites hosted on .tk domains. These sites hide malicious elements that target not only PC users, but also Android owners. GFI Labs experts report that while PC users are served broken .jar files, Android customers are tricked into installing a fake antivirus application whose icon replicates a product provided by Kaspersky. First, the cybercriminals post tweets in Russian or English that advertise all sorts of materials, mainly adult content. All the tweets contain a link to a site such as good-graft(dot)tk. Once clicked, the links open a Russian site designed for smartphone and computer owners. Depending on the device from which the Web site is accessed, the victim is served a file called VirusScanner.jar (for PC), or VirusScanner.apk (for Android). Experts revealed the .jar file appears to be broken, since an error is displayed when it is executed. However, this may change at any time, so users should be cautious when presented with such an element. VirusScanner.apk is a rogue antivirus application that displays the Kaspersky logo when it is installed. Identified as Trojan.Android.Generic.a by GFI's VIPRE Mobile Security, the piece of malware reveals its true purpose during the installation process when it asks permission to access phone calls, messages, and services that cost money.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Android-Antivirus-Served-Via-Twitter-Spam-269361.shtml>

50. *May 14, H Security* – (International) **Skype for Linux hotfix plugs security hole.** Skype issued a hotfix release for its closed source VoIP, video, and text chat software for Linux, nearly 1 year after the last update arrived. The new version of Skype for Linux, labelled 2.2.0.99, is a minor update that includes an upgraded version of the libpng PNG reference library, which closes a security hole. While specific details are not provided by Skype, this is likely to be the same integer overflow vulnerability that prompted Mozilla to release unscheduled updates for the Firefox Web browser and the Thunderbird news and e-mail client earlier in 2012. According to its developers, the security problem only affects the static package of Skype for Linux downloaded directly from the company; other versions such as those supplied by the Ubuntu Software Centre are not affected by the issue.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Skype-for-Linux-hotfix-plugs-security-hole-1575232.html>

51. *May 12, CNET* – (International) **Adobe will issue free security fixes for CS5 apps after all.** Adobe reversed its policy that required customers to pay to acquire recent security patches for its Photoshop, Illustrator, and Flash Professional products. The patches cover vulnerabilities that could let a remote user execute malicious code and

take control of computers running the products. Adobe originally said customers would need to pay to upgrade to the CS6 versions of the products to receive the fix.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57433231-83/adobe-will-issue-free-security-fixes-for-cs5-apps-after-all/

52. *May 11, Threatpost* – (International) **CERT warns on critical hole in SCADA software by Italian firm Progea.** The DHS issued a bulletin May 10 warning about a previously undisclosed, critical vulnerability in Movicon 11, a product used to manage critical infrastructure including the manufacturing, energy, and water sectors. The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team posted an advisory that warned customers of Progea Srl that a memory corruption vulnerability in the Movicon Human Machine Interface software could allow a remote attacker to knock Movicon devices offline using a specially crafted HTTP POST request sent to the Movicon OPC server component. Progea issued a fix for the problem.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/cert-warns-critical-hole-scada-software-italian-firm-progea-051112

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

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

53. *May 16, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Cut fiber optic line disrupts phone service in 3 Indiana counties.** A cut fiber optic line in Salem, Indiana, was causing phone outages across parts of at least three Indiana counties May 14, according to the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Landline service and Verizon and AT&T cell phone service was out in some areas of Washington, Lawrence, and Orange Counties. 9-1-1 calls were being rerouted to Crawford County dispatchers. As of May 14, there was no word on how the fiber optic line was cut and crews were uncertain when it would be repaired.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/18375145/cut-fiber-optic-line-disrupts-phone-service-in-3-indiana-counties>

54. *May 12, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Copper wire theft suspect arrested at recycling center.** Fresno County, California sheriff's detectives arrested a man they believe is responsible for stealing miles of phone wire, KFSN 30 Fresno reported May 12. The theft cut off home phone service to AT&T customers and left the company with thousands of dollars in losses. Investigators believe the 220-pound load was stolen May 6-7. A sergeant said the suspect brought his first load into the recycling center

yard May 10. Since the utility wire looked suspicious, employees called the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. May 11, after deputies arrived to check it out, the suspect showed up. "While they were in the process of identifying the wire, the same suspect returned for a third time and was contacted with an additional lot of the wire and was subsequently arrested," the sergeant said. Since the beginning of 2012, AT&T has reported 13 telecommunications wire thefts in the Fresno County area. AT&T officials reported the local losses at more than \$200,000.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8658527>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

55. *May 14, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **1 killed in 3-alarm blaze at apartment complex.** One person died, 40 people were rescued, and 3 went to hospitals after a 3-alarm fire at an apartment complex in the North Linden area of Columbus, Ohio, May 13. The fire broke out at the Cambridge Apartments. According to the Columbus Division of Fire (CDF), 14 people stayed at the Red Cross' emergency shelter overnight. Arson investigators continued to investigate May 14.
Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/may/13/22/crews-battle-3-alarm-blaze-apartment-complex-ar-1035221/>
56. *May 14, Melville Newsday* – (New York) **Chuang Yen Monastery illnesses might be linked to rice balls.** Law enforcement and health investigators were trying to trace the source of a food-borne outbreak that sickened dozens of people who attended a Mother's Day garden party and food fair at a Buddhist monastery in Carmel, New York, May 13. Sticky rice balls were suspected as a possible culprit, a Town of Kent police detective said May 14. About 700 people, most of them arriving on tour buses from New York City, came to the annual event where dishes were prepared by volunteers, a spokeswoman for the Chuang Yen Monastery said. An official with the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services said about 150 people overall became sick and about 80 of those had boarded buses to go shopping at an outlet. The detective said his department confirmed fewer than 30 sick, but he said the number could go as high as 150 or more. The Chuang Yen Monastery will be working with health officials on the investigation, the spokeswoman said. Though an estimated 100 people went to hospitals in 3 counties, there were no reports of patients who remained overnight.
Source: <http://newyork.newsday.com/news/health/chuang-yen-monastery-illnesses-might-be-linked-to-rice-balls-1.3716379>
57. *May 13, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Fire at Pr. George's car dealership.** Firefighters battled a three-alarm fire for nearly 2 hours May 13 at a car dealership in the Marlow Heights section of Prince George's County, Maryland. Fire broke out at the Koons Pontiac Buick GMC dealership. Officials said a mobile home or trailer caught fire in a warehouse on the dealership's property. Responding firefighters found heavy smoke and fire, which prompted the second and third alarms. At one point,

firefighters had to be evacuated from the building due to the dangerous sagging of the roof.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Fire-At-Pr-Georges-Car-Dealership-151296625.html>

58. *May 13, KOLN 10 Lincoln* – (Nebraska) **Fire damage expected to destroy all food in Lincoln market.** A market in Lincoln, Nebraska, may lose all food inventory following a May 12 fire. According to a battalion chief, multiple people called 9-1-1 to report smoke coming from the Hong Kong Market. He said crews found moderate smoke coming from the roof and some flames inside. When crews tried to get to the fire, they had difficulty maneuvering through the narrow aisles of the market. According to the chief, because of the safety concern, crews fought the fire from outside. Health department staff were at the fire scene and evaluated the scene because of concerns with the foods inside.

Source:

http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/Fire_Damage_Expected_to_Destroy_All_Food_in_Lincoln_Market_151287475.html

59. *May 13, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Dozens displaced after blaze at West Knoxville apartment complex.** Thirty-five residents were forced out by a fire that heavily damaged their west Knoxville, Tennessee apartment building May 13. Firefighters arrived to find flames on the second- and third-floor balconies of the 24-unit building, with fire spreading into the attic, a Knoxville Fire Department captain said. Fire crews focused their attacks on the balcony and attic areas as other firefighters searched each unit for possible victims. About half of the building's units suffered heavy fire damage, while the remainder received mostly smoke and water damage. Additionally, "[a] partial collapse of the third floor during the fire occurred due to a combination of lightweight construction, fire damage, and excessive weight of water being used to extinguish the flames," the captain said. The fire was brought under control within about 3 hours, during which the work was complicated by a bit of bad timing — firefighters had to direct traffic across hose ramps, the captain said.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/may/13/fire-damages-24-units-west-knoxville-apartment-com/?partner=RSS>

60. *May 12, Bellingham Herald* – (California) **Fire destroys 7 downtown businesses in historic Mariposa, Calif.** Seven businesses in downtown Mariposa, California, burned to the ground the weekend of May 12. The fire caused an estimated \$1 million in structural damage. "This is probably the most devastating fire they've had in Mariposa in over 30 years," the CalFire battalion chief said. A pizza parlor was packed May 11 when the fire began. By May 12, nothing was left of the pizza parlor or the adjacent businesses. California Highway 140 was detoured around the fire May 11, and that stretch of highway was not reopened until May 12. About 75 firefighters from Mariposa, Madera, and Merced counties and CalFire teamed to stop the flames from spreading to the nearby Mariposa Christian Fellowship Church or elsewhere. All of the destroyed businesses were in an approximately 9,000-square-foot building. The one- and two-story building had a full basement and attic, making the fire tough to extinguish.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/05/12/2519769/fire-destroys-7-downtown-businesses.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *May 14, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Northern AZ wildfire grows, prompts evacuations.** Firefighters battled a growing wildfire May 14 in northern Arizona that forced residents from their homes in a historic mining town. The fire in Crown King began on private land May 13 and grew to more than 4.5 square miles, destroying two buildings and one trailer, said a Prescott National Forest spokeswoman. The fire started at a “structure” and was human-caused, she said. The area remained under a mandatory evacuation order, though a Yavapai County sheriff’s spokesman said in a news release that most of the town’s 350 residents chose to stay in the community of mostly summer homes. The American Red Cross reported five evacuees at a shelter in Mayer. Five wildfires in the State charred more than 9 square miles by late May 13. Billowing smoke from the fire and another one to the west near Crown King could be seen in Phoenix, more than 50 miles south. The fire overtook part of Crown King Road, making the road to the town inaccessible, a sheriff’s office statement said. The State’s other large fire, in an area 120 miles east of Phoenix, was spotted in Tonto National Forest, where it burned about 4 square miles. That blaze was about 20 miles south of Payson, a gateway town to mountains popular among Arizona campers. The fire was moving northeast toward a wilderness area, a Tonto National Forest spokesman said. Crews were also at a blaze believed to be sparked by lightning on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation in eastern Arizona, which charred more than 480 acres.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/05/14/arizona-wildfires-keeping-crews-busy/>

62. *May 14, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **SC man accused of causing massive Myrtle Beach wildfire.** The Legends II fire was fully contained and held to 178 acres after it threatened to get out of control the weekend of May 12. South Carolina Forestry Commission crews wrapped up their cleanup efforts May 13, though some crew members from the State agency and Horry County Fire Rescue were to continue to monitor the fire breaks, according to a Forestry Commission spokesman. The commission warned the burned area remained hazardous and should be avoided. The State agency cited a man for starting a fire without taking the proper precautions and negligently allowing the fire to spread. The fire scorched lands between U.S. 501 and S.C. 544 and north of S.C. 31. About 50 homes in the Myrtle Trace South and Castlewood neighborhoods were evacuated. Two Fair Bluff, North Carolina firefighters were in the hospital after their tanker truck blew a tire and flipped on U.S. 501, shutting down multiple lanes of traffic. The firefighters were transported to an area hospital with severe injuries.

Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/05/14/3970217/sc-man-accused-of-causing-massive.html>

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Dams Sector

63. *May 13, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **New methods gauge levee leakage.** Work began on a new method to measure leakage at a deteriorating levee, as federal officials try to come up with a permanent solution to the problem threatening the historic eastern Ohio village of Zoar, the Associated Press reported May 13. The 75-year-old levee administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers protects the village. Flood waters over the years have led to water seepage under the earthen structure, stretching 4,000 feet along the edges of the Tuscarawas County community. The Corps, which classified the levee as in need of urgent repairs, was working on a study to find a permanent solution. It also was taking interim steps to monitor seepage and reduce flood risk. Construction on the new measuring tool began the week of May 7 and is to be completed no later than September. It involves building a ditch and a weir at the base of a gravel berm near the pump station. Any water seeping through the berm would go into the ditch and be channeled into the weir, which is an instrument measuring water volume during flooding. Other steps have included relieving groundwater pressure underneath the levee, collecting seepage, and establishing a pumping station to collect natural drainage and seepage and pump it to the other side of the levee.
Source: <http://www.marionstar.com/article/20120513/NEWS01/205130320>
64. *May 12, Easton Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Bloomsbury Dam to be demolished by Army Corps of Engineers.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to knock out most of the Bloomsbury Dam, the Easton Express-Times reported May 12. The Corps said the 170-foot-wide, 7-foot-tall dam on New Jersey's Musconetcong River is obsolete and bad for fish and plants. The plan is to remove all but 70 feet of the dam, which is on the border of Bloomsbury and Greenwich Township in New Jersey. The earliest the partial removal would start is the end of 2013, the project manager for the Corps said. The dam used to be a power source for a mill, but now only interferes with aquatic life, he said.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/hunterdon-county/express-times/index.ssf/2012/05/bloomsbury_dam_to_be_demolishe.html
65. *May 11, Boise Idaho Statesman* – (Idaho) **Corps of Engineers cuts back water releases from Lucky Peak, but Boise River still above flood stage.** Water managers reduced the outflows from Lucky Peak Dam in Ada County, Idaho, by about 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) May 11, and they were planning to cut back another 250 cfs May 15, said a news release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, the Boise River was still running very high and fast — above flood stage — and the public was urged not to go in or near the water. The river was running at 7,610 cfs May 11 at the Glenwood Bridge gauge, according to U.S. Geological Survey data. Flood stage is 7,000 cfs. The river level is at 10.5 to 10.6 feet, down from a high of 10.9 feet May 5.
Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2012/05/11/2112275/ada-county-city-officials-get.html>

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