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- A business owner in Anderson, California, reported a trailer full of thousands of dollars worth of toxic chemicals was stolen May 26. – *KRCR 7 Redding* (See item [3](#))
- A backdoor was “deliberately” inserted into a microchip used by the U.S. military, according to a draft report by security researchers. The backdoor can allow attackers to gain unauthorized access and reprogram the chip’s memory. – *Nextgov* (See item [7](#))
- Authorities in Pullman, Washington, were searching for an arsonist they said caused three fires in a week at Washington State University. – *Associated Press* (See item [31](#))
- A new, sophisticated malware threat predominantly used in cyberespionage attacks against targets in the Middle East was identified and analyzed by researchers from several security groups. – *IDG News Service* (See item [39](#))
- The U.S. Forest Service said a fire in New Mexico’s Gila National Forest grew to 152,000 acres — just 5,000 acres from breaking the State’s record. – *Associated Press* (See item [48](#))

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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 28, Associated Press* – (Florida) **About 25,000 without power in NE Fla. after Beryl.** Tropical Storm Beryl left roughly 25,000 people in northeast Florida without power, the Associated Press reported May 28. In Jacksonville, about 20,000 people were without power. A city spokeswoman said some flooding was reported in neighborhoods along the St. Johns River. In Nassau County, about 5,500 people were without power. A county commissioner said some trees had fallen onto houses or vehicles.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/weather/article/256978/3/About-25000-without-power-in-NE-Fla-after-Beryl>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *May 29, KVOA 4 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Investigation underway after chemical spill on Tucson's south side.** Investigators were working May 29 to determine the cause of a chemical spill at a plant in Tucson, Arizona. A Tucson fire captain said an operator from Sasol North America's plant noticed hydrochloric acid (HCl) was pooling in a spill containment area, May 26. Workers found a 12,000 gallon HCl above-ground storage tank was leaking at a rate of 5 gallons per minute. The chemical is 35 percent solution and is extremely corrosive. Workers started off-loading the tank, which had about 9,000 gallons. An estimated 4,000 gallons of the liquid spilled into the secondary containment area. Tucson fire crews remained on scene until the leaking tank was emptied into other storage tanks. The plant manufactures ultrahigh purity alumina.
Source: <http://www.kvoa.com/news/investigation-underway-after-chemical-spill-on-tucson-s-south-side/>
3. *May 28, KRCR 7 Redding* – (California) **Lethal chemicals stolen, owners offer reward.** A business owner in the Happy Valley section of Anderson, California, reported a trailer full of thousands of dollars worth of toxic chemicals was stolen May 26. The man who has used the chemicals for more than 25 years to clean sewage systems said that if they get in the wrong hands they could be deadly. He said the chemicals contain Metam Sodium, which is strong enough to kill wildlife and melt tree roots. The trailer had more than \$12,000 worth of chemicals inside, the owner said. It also contained other supplies and the thieves got away with more than \$20,000 worth of tools and belongings, he added. The trailer is white and has a decal of a sun with trees and a flock of geese flying across it. The owner is offering a \$500 reward for the recovery of the chemicals. Anyone with information should contact the California

Highway Patrol.

Source: <http://www.krctv.com/news/31123868/detail.html>

4. *May 28, NorthJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **DuPont to reclean the Acid Brook in Pompton Lakes.** Soil and water tests required that portions of the Acid Brook in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, be remediated again, NorthJersey.com reported May 28. DuPont polluted the soil and groundwater with lead, mercury, chlorinated solvents, and other substances when it operated a munitions factory in Pompton Lakes from 1902 to 1994. Since the contamination was found in the 1980s, DuPont has initiated many projects to clean the site. In 1994, the company purportedly completed remediation, but recent tests show additional runoff has re-contaminated the brook with lead and mercury. Acid Brook drains into Pompton Lake. The section chief of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said due to the low level of contamination, it is unlikely the brook would send further contamination into the lake. He said the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection directed DuPont to develop a corrective plan to clean this source and the portion of the brook that was re-contaminated.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/154941095_Acid_Brook_to_be_remediated_before_Delta_By_Leslie_Scott.html

5. *May 27, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Chemical fire prompts plant evacuation.** An Augusta, Georgia chemical plant was evacuated May 27 after a small chemical fire broke out, authorities said. The fire occurred at Finnchem USA Inc., a Kemira chemical plant. Firefighters said a spark ignited a small fire that triggered the alarms for evacuation. Richmond County sheriff's deputies closed Doug Barnard Parkway in both directions. Firefighters put out the fire and cleared the scene for employees to return to the plant within 1 hour.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2012-05-27/chemical-fire-prompts-plant-evacuation?v=1338153332>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *May 28, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Explosion shakes up Radford foundry.** An explosion and fire May 27 at the Grede foundry in Radford, Virginia, apparently stemmed from moisture that collected in a melting furnace loaded with molten iron, a foundry spokesman said. The Radford fire chief said the explosion tossed a 4-by-8-foot

piece of metal through the factory roof. It landed about 200 yards away, he said. When fire crews arrived, they found the facility in flames. The fire was extinguished after about 2 hours, and a plant spokesman said operations would resume the week of May 28.

Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/309436>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *May 29, Nextgov* – (National) **UK researchers discover backdoor in American military chip.** United Kingdom (U.K.)-based security researchers found a backdoor “deliberately” inserted into an American military chip to help attackers gain unauthorized access and reprogram its memory, according to a draft research paper. A researcher at Cambridge University discovered a military-grade silicon device made by California-based Microsemi Corp., the ProASIC3 A3P250, contained a glitch that would allow individuals to remotely tweak its functions. He collaborated with a researcher at U.K.-based Quo Vadis Labs, which researches sensor technology, and found “proof that the backdoor was deliberately inserted and even used as a part of the overall security scheme.” The duo did not disclose details, citing a “confidentiality agreement.” The backdoor is “close to impossible to fix on chips already deployed” because software patches cannot fix the bugs. The holes can only be removed by removing all such chips installed in systems, the duo said. Microsemi’s aggregate net sales to defense and security users represented about 29 percent of total net sales in 2012, according to its most recent quarterly regulatory filing. The device in question is “heavily marketed to the military and industry,” the draft report states.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/defense/2012/05/uk-researchers-discover-backdoor-american-military-chip/55949/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *May 29, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Florida) **Miami hedge fund adviser charged for misleading investors about ‘Skin in the Game’ and related-party deals.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) May 29 charged a Miami-based hedge fund adviser for deceiving investors about whether its executives had personally invested in a Latin America-focused hedge fund. The SEC’s investigation found that Quantek Asset Management LLC made various misrepresentations about fund managers having “skin in the game” along with investors in the \$1 billion Quantek Opportunity Fund. In fact, Quantek’s executives never invested their own money in the fund. The SEC’s investigation also found Quantek misled investors about the investment process of the funds it managed as well as certain related-party transactions involving its lead executive and its former parent company Bulltick Capital Markets Holdings LP. Bulltick, the executive, and former Quantek operations director were charged along with Quantek in the SEC’s enforcement action. They agreed to pay more than \$3.1 million in total disgorgement and penalties to settle

the charges, and the executive and director agreed to securities industry bars.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-104.htm>

9. *May 29, Reuters* – (New York) **Chinese man pleads guilty to NY Fed cyber theft.** A Chinese computer programmer May 29 pleaded guilty to stealing software code from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The programmer was accused of illegally copying the software code to an external hard drive, according to a criminal complaint. Authorities said the software, owned by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, cost about \$9.5 million to develop. The code, called the Government-wide Accounting and Reporting Program, was developed to help track the billions the U.S. government transfers daily. The program provides federal agencies with a statement of their account balance, the court documents said. The programmer was hired as a contract employee in May 2011 by an unnamed technology consulting company used by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to work on its computers, court documents said.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-usa-crime-fedbre84s13w-20120529,0,1335941.story>

10. *May 27, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **‘Snowboarder Bandit’ arrested again on new charges.** The so-called “Snowboarder Bandit” was taken into custody again and charged with more bank robberies in southern California, KABC 7 Los Angeles reported May 27. Deputies said the suspect was re-arrested on charges of robbing two Coachella Valley banks — one in Palm Desert and the other in Rancho Mirage. He had already been arrested in connection with bank robberies in Orange County. He was then freed on bail.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/inland_empire&id=8678470

11. *May 25, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission* – (California; National) **CFTC charges CTI Group, LLC and Cooper Trading with an \$11 million fraud in the sale of automated trading systems.** The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) May 25 announced the filing of a federal court action against defendants CTI Group, LLC, Cooper Trading, and two individuals, charging them with fraudulent sales practices in connection with the sale of two automated trading systems, known as the Boomer and Victory Trading Systems. According to the CFTC complaint, since at least August 2009, CTI Group, LLC and Cooper Trading, by and through the two men and others, fraudulently solicited clients to subscribe to the systems, used by clients to trade E-mini Standard and Poor’s 500 Stock Index futures contracts in managed accounts. To carry out the fraud, CTI and one of the men allegedly engaged in a systematic pattern of material false statements and omissions in connection with the marketing of CTI’s Trading Systems. CTI sells subscriptions to its Trading Systems for \$5,000 to \$6,000 and has sold subscriptions to well over 1,000 clients, receiving at least \$11 million, the complaint said.

Source: <http://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr6266-12>

12. *May 25, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York; International) **Customs agents seize more than \$200,000 in counterfeit money at JFK.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) in the Queens borough of New

York City said they seized more than \$200,000 in counterfeit \$100s, WCBS 2 New York reported May 25. The bogus bucks were rounded up in two separate incidents. May 6, authorities said they found \$68,000 in counterfeit \$100 bills concealed in file folders and children's books. The counterfeit cash was found at JFK's International Mail facility, and were sent from Peru. May 8, officials said they stopped a woman who had arrived at JFK from Cali, Colombia. They discovered \$141,200 of counterfeit money hidden in a false lining of her luggage and arrested her.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/05/25/customs-agents-seize-more-than-200000-in-counterfeit-money-at-jfk/>

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Transportation Sector

13. *May 29, Arizona Republic News; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Phoenix crash on Interstate 17 kills 2.** Two people died in a head-on collision on Interstate 17 May 28 in Phoenix. The crash forced the closure of the roadway until May 29. Three cars collided on southbound I-17 near Van Buren Street after a van drove the wrong way onto the freeway toward on-coming traffic, said a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Investigators suspect alcohol may be a factor in the collision, he said. Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/20120529phoenix-crash-interstate-kills>
14. *May 29, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Tanker driver killed in Bedford Co. crash; crews cleaning fuel spill.** A Virginia State Police sergeant May 29 said a truck driver was driving east in the 8800 block of U.S. 460 when his truck overturned, spilling at least 7,000 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel onto the road. The driver of the petroleum tanker died on the scene. The crash closed the eastbound lane of U.S. 460 overnight May 28. The Virginia Department of Transportation rerouted traffic as crews cleared and cleaned the roadway. A Bedford County Fire and Rescue chief described the scene as “a very volatile situation.” Parts of neighborhoods within a 1-mile radius were evacuated and families were assisted by the Red Cross at an overnight shelter at the nearby Montvale Elementary School. Crews worked to prevent leaked fuel from reaching Goose Creek, the chief said. The pungent scent of the fuel sat thick in the air near the wreck — even as far as a half-mile away. Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/breaking/wb/309465>
15. *May 29, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **School bus driver fired after pesticide spill.** A Lake County, Florida school bus driver was fired after insecticide he was carrying spilled and made some students sick May 25. About two dozen students from Minneola Elementary Charter School and Grassy Lake Elementary School were hosed down by Lake County firefighters after complaining the fumes made them sick. The driver said he picked up a pump sprayer in the trash and was going to take it home. Source:

http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/5/29/school_bus_driver_fi.html

16. *May 29, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Derailment spills thousands of gallons of paper chemical into Penobscot River.** The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) estimated that 4,000 to 6,000 gallons of a chemical used to make coated paper spilled into the Penobscot River when several train tanker cars derailed in Bucksport, Maine, May 25. While kaolin, a type of latex, is not believed to be hazardous, DEP officials said staff will monitor the site to determine if any harm to wildlife or aquatic life occurs. Four cars in a 31-car train derailed on Pan Am Railways track near the Bucksport/Orrington town line. At least two cars tumbled into the Penobscot. A DEP spokeswoman said guidelines say kaolin should be kept out of water. She said crews were unable to contain it because it sinks in water and because of the location of the overturned tankers in the river. Roughly 200 feet of track had to be replaced. The executive vice president at Pan Am said the track reopened to rail traffic the afternoon of May 28. Pan Am planned to work with the DEP and an environmental cleanup contractor to remove the tankers. The executive vice president said the railroad would bring in empty tankers to offload the remaining kaolin and the clay slurry in the two other derailed tankers, and then cranes would remove the cars. The goal is to remove the overturned cars by June 1.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/news/maine/2012/05/29/derailment-spills-thousands-gallons-paper-chemical/1201963>

17. *May 27, Northwest Cable News* – (Washington) **Truck driver overturns, spills hazardous material near Tekoa.** A truck driver hauling hazardous material overturned near Tekoa, Washington, spilling the liquid all over the road. The driver was traveling eastbound on Lovell Valley Road toward Highway 95 May 26. Idaho State Police said he drifted off the road, causing the truck to overturn. His two tanks of Anhydrous Ammonia ruptured and leaked on the road. Crews closed Lovell Valley for 8 hours while the fire department mopped up the scene. The driver was sent to a hospital for his injuries.

Source:

<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=154768385&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10222>

18. *May 26, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Gas tanker spilling fuel; Boynton Beach Boulevard and Jog Road intersection remain closed.** Crews in Boynton Beach, Florida, worked May 26 to get a flipped fuel tanker upright and reopen a major intersection that was closed for more than 10 hours. The intersection of Boynton Beach Boulevard and Jog Road shut down early the afternoon of May 25 when the tanker flipped onto its side, spilling at least 200 gallons of gasoline, a Palm Beach County Fire Rescue spokesman said. The tanker, which has an 8,500-gallon tank, rolled over as it tried to turn onto Jog Road. At least 50 Palm Beach County Fire Rescue personnel and Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to prevent the fuel from igniting and to re-route traffic. All businesses surrounding the intersection — including a CVS Pharmacy, a bank branch, restaurants, and a medical office building — were evacuated. HAZMAT crews from the county, Boca Raton, West Palm Beach, and Delray Beach laid a foam blanket around the tanker to prevent the gasoline from

igniting. Crews first slowed the amount of leaking gasoline. They then pumped out what remained in the tank into a second tanker. The tanker was then lifted back onto its wheels.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/gas-tanker-spilling-fuel-boynton-beach-boulevard-and-2375635.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *May 29, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Thieves targeting mailboxes in Vallejo.** A community mailbox in the Glen Cove area of Vallejo, California, was vandalized, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported May 29. The back door of the mailbox, which serves 11 residences, was ripped and bent halfway, a resident said. Break ins of community mailboxes — called Neighborhood Delivery Collection Box Units — have been reported in Vallejo since 2011, a U.S. Postal Service inspector and spokesman said. There were at least two other break-ins, while two other boxes were stolen in 2012 in Vallejo, the spokesman said. He did not specify the victimized neighborhoods but said such crimes are being committed all over town, as well as in other cities and counties. In fact, two El Sobrante mailboxes were found in Vallejo in 2012, the spokesman said.

Source: http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_20732575/thieves-targeting-mailboxes-vallejo

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *May 29, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Chicken of the Sea recalls Korean oysters.** Chicken of the Sea International of San Diego recalled several product codes of oysters imported from Korea and sold under the Chicken of the Sea, Pacific Pearl, and Ace of Diamonds brands, Food Safety News reported May 29. The recall was based on findings by the Food and Drug Administration of unsanitary conditions in the processing of shellfish at specified plants in Korea. The recall is for: Chicken of the Sea Whole Oysters; Chicken of the Sea Oyster Pieces; Pacific Pearl Whole Oysters; Ace of Diamonds Whole Oysters; and Pacific Pearl Smoked Oyster Water.
21. *May 29, USAgNet* – (Midwest) **Some early-planted corn showing signs of seedling blights.** Many eastern corn belt fields in the U.S. midwest planted in mid-April when farmers got off to an early start have started to show symptoms of seedling blights, said a Purdue Extension plant pathologist, USAgNet reported May 29. Symptoms include uneven stands, stunted seedlings, or reduced plant vigor. They can be caused by a

number of scenarios, such as damage from cold temperatures, nutrient deficiencies, herbicide or anhydrous ammonia injury, wireworms or “wet feet,” but also could be caused by seedling blights from fungi or fungal-like organisms. “Seedling blights are prevalent when cool, wet soil conditions persist after planting,” said an official. Most farmers planted into dry soils in 2012, but the mid- to late-April cool-down lowered soil temperature and slowed corn emergence. Rain in late April and early May likely increased stress and allowed fungal organisms to infect and damage seedlings, the official said. Many different types of soil or seed fungi can cause blights. They can cause seeds to rot after germination, either preventing emergence or stunting root development in plants that do emerge.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1209&yr=2012>

22. *May 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Radioactive bluefin tuna carried contamination from nuclear plant in Japan across sea to the U.S.** Across the Pacific Ocean, bluefin tuna carried radioactive contamination that leaked from Japan’s crippled nuclear plant to the shores of the United States 6,000 miles away — the first time a huge migrating fish has been shown to carry radioactivity such a distance. “We were frankly kind of startled,” said one of the researchers reporting the findings online May 28 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The levels of radioactive cesium were 10 times higher than the amount measured in tuna off the California coast in previous years. However, that is still far below safe-to-eat limits set by the U.S. and Japanese governments. Previously, smaller fish and plankton were found with elevated levels of radiation in Japanese waters after a magnitude-9 earthquake in March 2011 triggered a tsunami that badly damaged the Fukushima Dai-ichi reactors. However, scientists did not expect the fallout to linger in huge fish that sail the world because tjeu can metabolize and shed radioactive substances. One of the largest and speediest fish, Pacific bluefin tuna can grow to 10 feet and weigh more than 1,000 pounds. They spawn off the Japan coast and swim east to school in waters off California and the tip of Baja California, Mexico.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/radioactive-bluefin-tuna-carried-contamination-nuclear-plant-japan-sea-u-s-article-1.1085676>

23. *May 28, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Chemical worries spur food recall.** An Oregon food company recalled all varieties of its humus products over concerns about potential contamination, the Eugene Register-Guard reported May 28. Jerusalem House issued the recall May 17, and products were pulled from the shelves at area stores. The products were sold at all Market of Choice locations in Oregon; Sundance Natural Foods, Friendly Street Market, and Capella in Eugene; and at First Alternative Natural Foods CÂo-oÂp in Corvallis. The products recalled include hummus, black bean hummus, baba ghanouj, grape leaves, salsa de jardin, and tahini packaged under the Jerusalem House label, and Original Tahini packaged under the Earth Gourmet Foods label. An announcement from the State Agriculture Department said the products could contain a chemical contaminant. The announcement said the recall was initiated “in an abundance of caution.” Production of Jerusalem House products was suspended.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/28141065-41/products-recall-jerusalem-foods-potential.html.csp>

24. *May 27, Vancouver Sun* – (International) **Third B.C. fish farm quarantined after deadly virus detected.** A third British Columbia (B.C.), Canada fish farm was under quarantine after a virus deadly to farmed salmon was detected on a site owned by Mainstream Canada, the Vancouver Sun reported May 27. The company said fish tested positive for infectious hematopoietic necrosis, or IHN, at its Bawden Point farm near Herbert Inlet. Mainstream said it planned to harvest the salmon “as soon as possible” because they are mature and ready for market. The virus is not harmful to humans. It is endemic to wild Pacific fish, but attacks the kidneys and spleen of the Atlantic farmed salmon and can lead to rotting flesh and organ failure. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency was notified of the test results, and the agency quarantined the farm. The week of May 21, the company culled more than 560,000 fish after the IHN virus was detected at its Dixon Bay farm. Mainstream operates 27 farms in B.C., including 14 in the Tofino area. Those 14 farms began conducting IHN tests as soon as it was detected. Another company, Grieg Seafood, put its Ahlstrom Point farm, near Sechelt, into voluntary quarantine the week of May 21 after tests by fisheries and oceans found a low positive result for IHN in the company’s coho salmon. The company is waiting to see whether the tests are confirmed before deciding on the next step.
Source: <http://www.globaltvbc.com/third+bc+fish+farm+quarantined+after+deadly+virus+detected/6442649133/story.html>
25. *May 26, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Colorado) **Farm linked to Listeria outbreak files Chapter 11 bankruptcy.** Jensen Farms, a general partnership based in Holly, Colorado, filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition May 25 in a federal bankruptcy court 8 months after its whole cantaloupes distributed in 18 States were implicated in a Listeria outbreak. The attorney for victims in the case reported 146 people became sick and 36 of them died. The bankruptcy petition lists 12 wrongful death cases and 7 personal injury cases currently pending against Jensen. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned consumers in the fall of 2011 not to eat Rocky Ford cantaloupes shipped by Jensen and to throw out any they still possessed. The company voluntarily recalled the cantaloupes shipped from July 29 through September 10, 2011, and distributed to States including Colorado, Illinois, Texas, Utah, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, and Pennsylvania. The FDA said this was the first time a Listeria monocytogenes outbreak had been reportedly linked to whole cantaloupe.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2012/05/26/farm-linked-to-listeria-outbreak-files-chapter-11-bankruptcy.aspx?admgarea=ht.FoodSafety>
26. *May 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Hocean Inc. recalls Nitre Powder 4-oz. plastic bags because of possible health risks.** Hocean, Inc. of Commerce City, California, recalled all Nitre Powder 4-ounce plastic bags with one UPC number because it has the potential to be contaminated with higher levels of sodium nitrite, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported May 25. Nitre Powder was distributed to Asian food markets and other grocery stores from July 2008 to February 2010 in California, Texas, Oregon, Nebraska, Georgia, Florida, Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, Arizona, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. Nitre Powder was packed in a clear green acrylic plastic bag with a clear

window.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm305787.htm>

27. *May 25, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **State apple crop takes hit.** The 2012 apple crop suffered “major damage” according to an update from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported May 25. The damage occurred after a balmy March jump-started the bloom cycle, then freezing temperatures in April nipped the delicate blossoms at a critical stage. Growers waited during April and May for pollination to reveal more about the fate of the apple crop. Many had guessed, based on early blossom damage, that losses would be severe. Now that fruit has formed, damage reports vary widely, with some growers reporting only minimal losses and others, anticipating they would be able to produce only a small fraction of yields compared to 2011.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/154302905.html>

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Water Sector

28. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **State warns against contact with Arkansas River.** Kansas health officials continued to warn people May 28 to avoid contact with the Arkansas River from central Wichita south to the Oklahoma border. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) first issued the warning May 25 because of elevated levels of bacteria in the water discovered by routine sampling. The KDHE said a leak was discovered at a pump station at Wichita’s main wastewater treatment plant. Crews were working to repair the leak and determine how much untreated wastewater entered the river.

Source:

http://www.winfieldcourier.com/articles/2012/05/28/online_extra/doc4fc421f6c48a7122974860.txt

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *May 27, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Health department trains for disease outbreaks.** The South Dakota Health Department will work with hospitals, clinics, and other facilities in a Statewide training exercise May 31 for dealing with disease outbreaks and other emergencies. The training exercise will involve a mock outbreak of Hantavirus, a viral infection spread by mice and rats. A spokesman for the health department said the training exercise is a practice run for responding to an actual emergency. He said it gives officials a chance to test response plans that include communication, hospital evacuation, and the management of resources and volunteers. The federal DHS and many local, regional, and State emergency managers will take part in the training exercise.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/18635134/health-department-trains-for-disease-outbreaks>

30. *May 27, U-T San Diego News* – (California) **Fire forces UCSD hospital to use reserve power.** Thornton Hospital at the University of California, San Diego in San Diego had to utilize its backup emergency power May 26 after a transformer fire in the main power substation on the campus knocked out power to the facility, as well as to the university. Firefighters used several pounds of dry chemicals to extinguish the fire, which reignited several times, according to the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department battalion chief. About 32 firefighters including HAZMAT crews battled the fire. The fire chief said they had to take a slow and methodical approach in fighting the fire, dealing not only with high voltage but also high heat. A hospital spokeswoman said the facility was switched right away to emergency power.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/may/27/tp-fire-forces-ucsd-hospital-to-use-reserve-power/>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Washington) **3rd arson reported at Washington State University.** Residents in Pullman, Washington, were on edge after authorities said an arsonist was responsible for three fires in a week at Washington State University, the Associated Press reported May 29. The latest fire was reported just after midnight May 29 in a veterinary school building on campus, said a fire official. Someone apparently broke in through a window and set multiple fires in the building. A fire May 26 also burned a 2-story community building at the Chief Joseph apartment complex, and an arson the week of May 21 burned a community building at the Nez Perce apartment complex. Both are university housing.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/3rd-arson-at-Washington-State-University-3592046.php>

32. *May 27, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Benton County Justice Center security mulled.** An upgrade to security cameras at the Benton County Justice Center is being considered in the wake of a suspicious device made to look like a bomb left May 14 outside the Kennewick, Washington building, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported May 27. A security consultant group was expected to complete an assessment at the justice center to determine what new security systems should be installed, said the county's personnel/risk manager. "We have some [cameras] on the outside perimeter, but nothing that really addresses the parking lot," said a Benton County sheriff's lieutenant. "They're looking to revamp the entire facility, both inside and out."

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/05/27/1954369/benton-county-justice-center-security.html>

33. *May 25, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Students arrested for Woodland middle school ‘works bomb’**. Two juveniles were arrested May 25 after they allegedly placed a homemade explosive device in a cafeteria trash can at Douglass Middle School in Woodland, California. Police said the students created a “works bomb” made of common household items that are placed in a plastic container and sealed. Such devices could cause injury, officials said, but in this case the trash can contained the explosion. The explosion created a loud noise and disrupted activities inside the cafeteria. The two youths were arrested and booked into Yolo County Juvenile Hall. Police said the Yolo County Explosive Ordnance Detail took possession of the trash can and its contents so they could be appropriately destroyed.
Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2012/05/students-arrested-after-works-bomb-explodes-at-woodland-school.html>
34. *May 25, Government Security News* – (Texas) **Man guilty on all counts in 2011 Texas bomb plot**. The man who was arrested for plotting an explosives attack on a restaurant near the U.S. Army base in Killeen, Texas, was convicted by a jury May 24 on weapons of mass destruction and attempted murder charges. The jury in Waco, Texas, convicted him of one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction; one count of attempted murder of officers or employees of the United States; two counts of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a federal crime of violence; and two counts of possession of a destructive device in furtherance of a federal crime of violence. Testimony presented at trial showed that he tried to create and detonate a bomb to kill members of the U.S. armed forces and to shoot survivors of the explosion July 27, 2011. Evidence further showed he knowingly possessed a .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol while carrying out his plot.
Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/26440?c=military_force_protection

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Emergency Services Sector

35. *May 29, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Cops: Drunk woman stole ambulance at hospital**. A woman was charged with drunken driving after she allegedly stole a Chicago Fire Department ambulance from outside a South Side hospital May 28. The woman eventually crashed the vehicle into two parked cars about a mile from the emergency room parking area at Saint Bernard Hospital. She also was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and driving on a suspended license, police said.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/12826408-418/cops-drunk-woman-stole-ambulance-at-hospital.html>
36. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Some Vt. police phones out, but 911 OK**. The non-emergency telephone system used by police, a sheriff’s department, and two fire departments in northwestern Vermont remained out of service May 28 after the failure of a component at the Williston State Police headquarters. The outage affected callers trying to reach the administrative numbers for the State police in Williston, St. Albans,

Lamoille County, and Middlesex. It also affected police in Richmond, Waterbury, Berlin, Swanton, and Northfield, the Underhill/Jericho and Warren fire departments, and the Grand Isle Sheriff. Officials said the 9-1-1 emergency phone service was working properly. The communications center supervisor said the system should be repaired after technicians received a replacement part, expected May 28.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/18638102/some-vt-police-phones-out-but-911-ok>

37. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Circleville juvenile detention center now deemed safe.** A court-appointed monitor said an Ohio juvenile detention center in Circleville emerged from crisis conditions and is now a safe and well-managed facility, the Associated Press reported May 25. The monitor also noted the Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility is operating well below capacity and cautions the State should be careful about filling it up again too quickly. The report released May 22 said adding more inmates without extra staff and money could jeopardize positive changes, including fewer inmates on living units, low staff-to-youth ratios, and lots of activities. The report said Circleville was plagued with gangs and violence and had significant problems with safety, staffing, and holding juveniles in seclusion in 2011. The report is one of a series of reviews of state juvenile facilities stemming from a 2004 lawsuit alleging widespread problems across the system.

Source:

<http://www.chillicothe Gazette.com/article/20120525/NEWS01/120525001/Circleville-juvenile-detention-center-now-deemed-safe?odyssey=nav|head>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *May 29, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **Malware intelligence system allow organizations to share threat information.** As malware threats expand into new domains and increasingly focus on industrial espionage, Georgia Tech researchers are launching a new tool to help battle the threats: a malware intelligence system that will help corporate and government security officials share information about the attacks they are fighting. A Georgia Tech news release reports the system, known as Titan, will be at the center of a security community which will help create safety in numbers as companies large and small add their threat data to a knowledge base that will be shared with all participants. Operated by security specialists at the Georgia Tech Research Institute, the system builds on a threat analysis foundation — including a malware repository that analyzes and classifies an average of 100,000 pieces of malicious code each day.

Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20120529-malware-intelligence-system-allow-organizations-to-share-threat-information>

39. *May 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researchers identify Stuxnet-like malware called ‘Flame’.** A new, highly sophisticated malware threat predominantly used in cyberespionage attacks against targets in the Middle East was identified and analyzed by researchers from several security companies and organizations. According to the Iranian Computer Emergency Response Team, the new piece of malware might

be responsible for recent data loss incidents in Iran. Flame, as the Kaspersky researchers call it, is a very large attack toolkit with many individual modules. It can perform a variety of malicious actions, most of which are related to data theft and cyberespionage. Among other things, it can use a computer's microphone to record conversations, take screenshots of particular applications when in use, record keystrokes, sniff network traffic, and communicate with nearby Bluetooth devices. One of the toolkit's first versions was likely created in 2010 and its functionality was later extended by leveraging its modular architecture, said a chief malware expert at Kaspersky Lab. Flame spreads to other computers by copying itself to portable USB devices and also by exploiting a now-patched Microsoft Windows printer vulnerability that was also leveraged by Stuxnet.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227524/Researchers_identify_Stuxnet_like_malware_called_Flame

40. *May 28, H Security* – (International) **Critical hole in Seagate BlackArmor NAS.** Seagate's BlackArmor NAS server is vulnerable to having its administrative password reset by anyone with access to it and a particular URL. The BlackArmor range of network-attached storage devices is aimed at small businesses and offers storage and backup options from Windows PCs and Mac OS X systems, ranging from 1TB to 12TB of hard disk media. The problem, documented by the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, involves an unauthenticated attack directly accessing an address where they will be given the opportunity to reset the device's administrator password. There is no current solution to the problem.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-hole-in-Seagate-BlackArmor-NAS-1585283.html>

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

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Communications Sector

41. *May 28, KXLH 9 Helena* – (Montana) **KXLH knocked off the air possibly until Tuesday.** KXLH 9 Helena, Montana, learned May 28 that a May 27 winter storm did not just knock the KXLH signal off the air — it destroyed a transmitter. The facility is located near the Great Divide ski area northwest of Helena. A KXLH engineer got through the 2 feet of snow blocking access to the site May 28 and discovered that the large microwave dish was destroyed by ice. KXLH anticipated being back on the air

sometime May 29.

Source: <http://www.kxlh.com/news/kxlh-knocked-off-the-air-possibly-until-tuesday/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *May 29, WAMU 88.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Alexandria firefighters battle two-alarm storage unit blaze.** Fire and EMS personnel were on the scene of a two-alarm fire at a self-storage facility in Alexandria, Virginia, May 29. Firefighters responded after a report of a fire in a storage unit. The fire proved difficult to extinguish, however, as it spread from one storage unit to another. “We had to gain entry to each individual unit, knocking down one at a time,” a fire department spokesman said. A few firefighters were treated at the scene for what officials originally suspected was chemical inhalation. The HAZMAT unit called to the scene determined there was nothing hazardous inhaled by the firefighters, however.

Source:

http://wamu.org/news/morning_edition/12/05/29/alexandria_firefighters_battle_two_alarm_storage_unit_blaze

43. *May 28, WREG 3 Memphis* – (Arkansas) **Suspicious Forrest City fire heavily damages downtown buildings.** Fire swept through historic downtown Forrest City, Arkansas, May 27 destroying or damaging several buildings. The flames were so intense firefighters from six neighboring towns were called in to get them under control. The fire destroyed five buildings and dealt a heavy blow to three businesses. Tri-County Taekwondo was also shut down by the fire. Investigators said at least two buildings were vacant and one was in the process of being demolished. Fire investigators determined a cause, but a recent inspection of one of the vacant buildings showed signs someone could have been living inside.

Source: <http://wreg.com/2012/05/28/suspicious-forrest-city-fire-heavily-damages-downtown-buildings/>

44. *May 27, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Daytona police close A1A after meth lab discovered.** A man was arrested after police found a meth lab in a beachside apartment in Daytona Beach, Florida, May 26. The incident shut down one of the city’s busiest streets for several hours, a police spokesman said. Officers responded to Oceanview Apartments after a woman reported a “strong chemical smell” coming from an apartment. Emergency personnel who arrived were able to identify the chemicals and determined they were being used to make meth. The apartment building was evacuated and Atlantic Avenue was closed in both directions during the investigation and as the cleanup took place.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2012/05/27/daytona-police-close-a1a-after-meth-lab-discovered.html>

45. *May 27, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **5 injured in Plymouth fire; 21 displaced.** A four-alarm fire at a condominium building in Plymouth, Massachusetts, May 27 displaced 21 residents and hospitalized 5 people, 1 with a severe leg injury, fire

officials said. The Plymouth fire chief said the fire started when a woman using an oxygen machine dropped her cigarette on the floor. The cigarette burned through the machine's tubing, igniting the oxygen flowing through it. The fire rendered the 12-unit building uninhabitable.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/05/27/five_injured_21_displaced_in_plymouth_fire/

46. *May 26, Cliffview Pilot* – (New Jersey) **Fumes from Route 17 fitness center pool send 2 to hospital.** Two people were hospitalized as a precaution after they inhaled fumes from a noxious mixture of pool chemicals at the 24 Hour Fitness center in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey, May 26. The fitness club was evacuated and police, firefighters, and hazardous material experts responded. The facility was vented and reopened about 3 hours later, although the pool remained closed.
Source: <http://www.cliffviewpilot.com/bergen/3861-fumes-from-route-17-fitness-center-pool-send-2-to-hospital>
47. *May 26, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Chlorine fumes send Phoenix kids, swim coach to hospital.** A group of children and a swimming coach were taken to a hospital after inhaling toxic fumes at a swim club in Phoenix, May 26. Children and employees were exposed to a non-life-threatening plume caused by a mixture of muriatic acid and chlorine at the Hubbard Family Swim School. An employee at the school accidentally mixed the substances during a maintenance procedure, according to the owner of the swim school. Phoenix Fire Department officials treated eight people for exposure, and sent five people to the hospital as a precautionary measure. The school was temporarily evacuated and Phoenix fire officials ventilated the building and monitored the air before allowing people back into the pool.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2012/05/26/20120526PNI0526-met-phoenix-chlorine-fumes-swimming-school-kids-coach-hospital.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *May 29, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Gila blaze close to being largest in NM.** The U.S. Forest Service said the erratic fire in Gila National Forest grew to about 152,000 acres by May 29 — just 5,000 acres from breaking the State's record. It is about 15 miles east of Glenwood, New Mexico, a small town with a few hundred residents. The fire was sparked by lightning the week of May 14. More than 1,100 firefighters and 9 helicopters were fighting the fire.
Source: http://www.kasa.com/dpps/weather/wildfires/gila-blaze-close-to-being-largest-in-nm_4188737
49. *May 29, Lake Havasu City News-Herald* – (Arizona) **DHFD wild land firefighters return from Gladiator Fire.** The size of the Gladiator Fire in the Prescott National

Forest in Arizona was estimated at 16,240 acres, and officials reported it was 50 percent contained May 28. The fire was ignited May 13 and was human caused, stemming from a structure fire on private property. A Desert Hills Fire Department lieutenant, who was the wild land crew's engine boss, said he and the others were assigned to protect communication towers near Mayer on a ridge referred to as Mayflower Ridge. The Gladiator Fire costs were estimated at \$13 million. It destroyed six structures. Eight injuries were associated with the fire.

Source:

<http://www.havasunews.com/articles/2012/05/29/news/doc4fc449067788a960647330.txt>

50. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Crews work to protect structures in U.P. wildfire.** Crews were working to ensure that no more structures were damaged by a wildfire burning across more than 30 square miles of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) May 27 said 97 structures were destroyed, including 34 homes or cabins. Homes and cabins make up a third of the structures destroyed. The lost property includes Pike Lake Resort near Pike Lake in Luce County. The DNR said the Duck Lake Fire began with a lightning strike the week of May 21 and burned more than 22,000 acres, or 34 square miles. At last report the fire was 51 percent contained. Officials said a wildfire in the Seney National Wildlife Refuge that burned more than 5 square miles of Michigan's Upper Peninsula was roughly 95 percent contained.

Source: <http://www.wdio.com/article/stories/S2635471.shtml?cat=10335>

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