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- Softball-size hailstones and high winds swept across Oklahoma, May 28-29 forcing about 100,000 people to lose power, downing numerous power lines, and closing many roads. – *Oklahoma City Oklahoman* (See item [1](#))
- Government filings revealed the San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Diego County operated for decades with equipment that might have temporarily severed the plant's emergency power supply in the event of an earthquake. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
- Owners of two Caribbean timeshares bilked 1,200 investors out of \$163 million in a 5-year Ponzi scheme, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said. – *Courthouse News Service* (See item [16](#))
- South Carolina emergency officials announced big changes in hurricane storm coverage that includes much larger evacuation zones and earlier evacuation orders in the Myrtle Beach area. – *Myrtle Beach Sun News* (See item [47](#))
- Six people were shot in Seattle May 30. Two were killed and three wounded at a cafe, and a third person was killed in a separate shooting minutes later, police said. – *MSNBC* (See item [59](#))
- Heavy rains in the St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota areas led the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to close three locks and dams on the Mississippi River to recreational boaters for at least 1 week. – *Minnesota Public Radio* (See item [62](#))

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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 30, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Severe storms graze swath across Oklahoma over two days.** Softball-size hailstones and high winds left evidence of severe storms that swept across Oklahoma May 28-29, with property damage stretching from Lawton to Grove and at least three people reporting injuries. Nearly 100,000 people lost power in the Oklahoma City metro area. Downed power lines caused traffic snags, and high water trapped some people in vehicles. An Oklahoma City Police lieutenant and the Oklahoma City Fire Department deputy chief confirmed downed power lines and reports of hail damage and broken windows, especially in northern and northwest Oklahoma City. The deputy chief also reported “21 power line incidents.” Downed power lines also caused traffic problems at intersections.
Source: <http://newsok.com/oklahoma-storms-severe-storms-graze-swath-across-oklahoma-over-two-days/article/3679865>
2. *May 30, Environmental Protection* – (Guam) **EPA to dispose of PCB waste from leaking Guam Power Authority transformers.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will remove polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) oils from old leaking electrical transformers stored at the Guam Power Authority’s (GPA) Apra Heights and Talofofu Substation facilities, Environmental Protection reported May 30. EPA Region 9’s Emergency Response staff will work with the GPA and Guam EPA to drain the oil from the transformers, clean them, and package the PCB waste for shipment and transport to the U.S. mainland for disposal. In addition, soil sampling will be performed to determine if there is any soil contamination from the leaking transformers. Two transformers, one at Apra Heights and one at Talofofu each have about 3,000 gallons of PCB cooling oil and were found leaking. They are stored inside of a fenced and secured outdoor spill containment area. It is unknown how long the transformers have been

leaking, but the GPA has plans to repair and reuse the transformers once they are drained of the PCB oil and refilled with non-PCB cooling oil. Other smaller transformers with PCB oil located at a storage location in Dededo will also be drained and cleaned. All of the transformers are stored outside, subject to the weather and elements.

Source: <http://eponline.com/articles/2012/05/30/epa-to-dispose-of-pcb-waste-from-leaking-guam-power-authority-transformers.aspx>

3. *May 29, Palo Alto Weekly* – (California) **PG&E to start Palo Alto gas line replacement.** A 76-year-old Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) gas-transmission line scheduled for replacement starting June 11 could cause traffic delays, noise, and foul odors in Palo Alto, California, through the summer, PG&E announced May 30. The pipeline, Line 109, is one of three running up and down the peninsula that are part of the company's aging infrastructure. The gas-transmission network has come under suspicion since the September 9, 2010, San Bruno pipeline blast. That incident, which implicated Line 132, another line running through Palo Alto, killed 7 people, injured 50 others, and destroyed 37 homes. PG&E has tested and repaired portions of Line 132 running through Palo Alto. A small leak was found and repaired on Page Mill Road near Hanover Street in November 2011. However, two other lines still require testing and replacement — Line 109 was built in 1936 and runs up East Charleston/Arastradero Road and north to Foothill Expressway; Line 101 runs roughly parallel to U.S. Highway 101.

Source: http://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/show_story.php?id=25545

4. *May 29, KTVH 12 Helena* – (Montana) **Pipeline Safety Review Council releases report.** A Montana panel released its report with recommendations for changes in the wake of the 2011 oil spill into the Yellowstone River, KTVH 12 Helena reported May 29. Among their suggestions were technology upgrades by companies and more money for pipeline inspectors. The council chairman said none of the recommendations were binding, with most falling outside State jurisdiction. Montana's governor formed the council after a 1,500 barrel crude oil spill from an Exxon Mobil pipeline near Laurel.

Source: <http://www.beartoothnbc.com/news/montana/22849-pipeline-safety-review-council-releases-report.html>

5. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Iowa; Kansas; Nebraska) **Pipeline firm pays \$1M for spills in 3 states.** A Texas-based pipeline company agreed to pay more than a \$1 million fine for three spills in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, as well as invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in safety and equipment upgrades, federal officials announced May 29. Enterprise Products and its Mid-America Pipeline Co. subsidiary agreed to the fine as part of a consent decree filed in Omaha, according to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency. Enterprise also agreed to spend at least \$200,000 to reduce external threats to the underground pipeline, such as farmers digging in the area, and to improve its reporting of spills. The company will spend another \$200,000 to help reduce the risk of future spills by lowering the pipe, adding new shut-off valves, and building fences. The spills — all of which affected waterways — happened along the West Red Pipeline, which carries gasoline products between Conway, Kansas, and Pine Bend, Minnesota. A spokesman said a spill of about 71,000

gallons in Nebraska in 2007 and the 2010 Kansas spill of about 74,000 gallons, were caused by someone accidentally digging up the pipeline. Some of the Nebraska spill contaminated Otoe Creek, and the Kansas spill affected the Solomon River along with Cole and Buckeye creeks. The Iowa spill of more than 34,000 gallons happened in 2011 after flooding along the Missouri River washed away support for the pipeline. That incident sent oil directly into the Missouri River.

Source: <http://hutchnews.com/Localregional/BC-NE--Pipeline-Ruptures-Fine-2nd-Ld-Write-20120529-21-23-03>

6. *May 29, Reuters* – (California) **PG&E utility found violating safety standards.** Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) may have to pay significant penalties for violating standards related to running high-pressure natural gas pipelines at or near densely populated areas in California, Reuters reported May 29. PG&E has been under intense scrutiny after a pipeline blast in 2010 killed eight people in San Bruno. In March, the utility agreed to pay \$70 million to resolve and settle related claims. PG&E’s failure to properly classify its pipelines and document past patrols of the transmission lines led to 3,062 violations of state and federal standards, PG&E said in a May 29 regulatory filing, citing a regulatory report.
Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/05/29/pge-penalties-idUKL4E8GT50T20120529>
7. *May 29, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Kentucky) **Report: Deadly coal mine accident could have been avoided.** The cause of the 2011 deadly coal mining accident at the Armstrong mine in Ohio County, Kentucky, that left two men dead has been determined, WFIE 14 Evansville reported May 29. The Department of Labor and the Mine Safety and Health Administration’s report said the accident could have been avoided. “Mine management failed to recognize a geologic anomaly, located in the portion of the highwall below the #14 coal seam and above the #13 coal seam, prior to the highwall failure,” the report stated. Officials said measures have been taken so a similar accident does not happen again. The two men died October 2011 when loose rubble fell onto their truck from a highwall collapse.
Source: <http://mclean-ohio-hancockcounty.14news.com/news/news/60194-report-deadly-coal-mine-accident-could-have-been-avoided>

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Chemical Industry Sector

8. *May 30, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Air Liquide plant to resume normal operations.** The Air Liquide Speciality Chemicals plant in Port Allen, Louisiana, was expected to reopen and resume normal operation May 30, according to a company spokesman. The plant has been shut down since May 21 so officials could investigate the cause of an explosion and chemical fire. The fire forced nearly 200 residents living near the plant to evacuate their homes and caused officials to temporarily shut down a 14-mile stretch of U.S. 190. The spokesman said May 29 the cause of the fire was still

under investigation. It took emergency responders 2 days to put out the fire. Residents were allowed to return to their homes May 23. Officials said only one person was injured in the incident. The Air Liquide employee was treated for minor burns and later released on the afternoon of the fire.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/2961689-123/air-liquide-plant-to-resume>

9. *May 29, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Bomb threat to Parsippany chemical company leads police to shut down roads.** Police shut down several roads in Parsippany, New Jersey, for about 2 hours May 29 after an employee at Sun Chemical received an anonymous bomb threat, said a police sergeant. The employee of the company located on Waterview Boulevard told police someone had called and stated bombs were placed around the building, she said. The building was evacuated and access to Waterview Boulevard from Parsippany Boulevard and Route 46 was closed while Parsippany police along with the Morris County Sheriff's Department K-9 and Bomb Squads investigated.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/05/bomb_threat_to_parsippany_chem.html

10. *May 29, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Recovery of chemicals in Bucksport train derailment expected to begin Wednesday.** Work was expected to begin May 30 to remove tens of thousands of gallons of chemicals from railway cars that derailed in Bucksport, Maine, and crashed into the Penobscot River May 25. The derailed tankers, meanwhile, may be removed from the river bed and embankment, later the week of May 28. Pan Am Railways hired an environmental cleanup firm to pump chemicals still inside four tanker cars into empty cars. At least one car leaked an estimated 4,000 to 6,000 gallons of a nonhazardous chemical into the Penobscot. May 29, Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials said the name of the chemical that leaked is styrene butadiene copolymer, a type of synthetic latex used to make coated paper produced at the Verso Paper mill in Bucksport, where the train was headed. The car was believed to be carrying 23,000 gallons. When the cars derailed, they tore up roughly 200 feet of track. Styrene butadiene copolymer is a synthetic rubber used in tires and shoe soles as well as some paper-making applications. A DEP spokeswoman said the chemical is heavier than water and has likely dispersed given the location of the spill and the Penobscot's strong tidal currents. She said officials had not noticed any environmental effects but would monitor the area because the Penobscot is home to at least two fish on the endangered species list: Atlantic salmon and shortnose sturgeon.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/05/29/news/hancock/recovery-of-chemical-in-bucksport-train-derailment-expected-to-begin-wednesday/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

11. *May 30, Associated Press* – (California) **Filings reveal more trouble at San Onofre power plant.** The San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Diego County, California, operated for decades with equipment that might have temporarily severed the plant's emergency power supply in the event of an earthquake, government filings revealed May 29. The company disabled the equipment — a vibration sensor — and reported the power issue to federal regulators as “an unanalyzed condition that significantly degraded plant safety.” Edison said other back-up systems were in place during that time. At issue is a vibration sensor in use since 1981 on emergency diesel generators. Engineers found the sensor — designed to protect components inside the generators during operation — might incorrectly stop them during an earthquake.

Source:

<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2012/05/30/news/state/doc4fc5c71f7f85e799598594.txt>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Navy: 2-3 weeks for answers on fired-damaged sub.** May 29, a union leader said he is confident the fire-damaged USS Miami can be repaired, but it will be several weeks before the U.S. Navy reaches conclusions on the extent of damage. The Navy will provide an update on the nuclear-powered submarine after three separate investigations are completed in 2 to 3 weeks, a spokeswoman for the Naval Sea Systems Command said May 29. Based in Connecticut, the Los Angeles-class submarine was in dry dock at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for an overhaul when a fire broke out the week of May 21, damaging forward compartments including the torpedo room, command and control, and crew quarters, officials said. An investigation by the military's legal arm, the Judge Advocate General Corps, will investigate what caused the fire, while a separate team is looking at safety procedures. The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is looking into whether a crime was committed.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2012/05/29/navy_2_3_weeks_for_answers_on_fired_damaged_sub/

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *May 30, Associated Press* – (International) **US levies new sanctions on key Syrian bank.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury levied sanctions on a key Syrian bank as it seeks to ratchet up economic pressure on the Syrian president's regime, the Associated Press reported May 30. Treasury said the Syria International Islamic Bank (SIIB) was acting as a front for other Syrian financial institutions seeking to circumvent sanctions. The new penalties prohibit the SIIB from engaging in financial transactions in the United States and freeze any assets under U.S. jurisdiction. The tightened sanctions come as the United States grapples for ways to quell deadly violence in Syria and spur a political transition. Treasury said it will also host a meeting in Washington, D.C., the week of June 4 of the Friends of Syria working group on sanctions. The meeting, co-chaired by the United States, Turkey, and Qatar, will focus on ways to strengthen sanctions against the Syrian president's regime.
Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/18654729/us-levies-new-sanctions-on-key-syrian-bank>
14. *May 30, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Former Dickinson bank officer to plead guilty to fraud today.** A former trust officer at a Dickinson, North Dakota bank was scheduled to plead guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud May 30. The trust officer is accused of plotting with her husband to steal almost \$750,000 from five clients at the Bank of the West. Federal court documents said most of the money was funneled to the officer's sister and nephew. Court records said she also conspired to take over one client's mineral interests in four western North Dakota counties. The officer is accused of stealing more than \$130,000 from her. She has reached a plea agreement with prosecutors and is scheduled to plead guilty in federal court in Bismarck. Her husband has already pleaded guilty.
Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/58503/group/homepage/>
15. *May 30, Government Security News* – (National; International) **Romanian extradited in computer scheme that allegedly stole credit card info at U.S. cash registers.** A Romanian man was extradited to the United States to face charges that he was part of a fraud ring that allegedly electronically accessed as many as 80,000 credit cards while they were being used at cash registers across the country, Government Security News reported May 30. The charges allege the man participated in a scheme to remotely steal payment card data from hundreds of U.S. merchants' "point of sale" (POS) computer systems. An indictment handed down in December 2011 charged the man and three other Romanian nationals ran the computer fraud conspiracy. Federal authorities allege that between 2008 and May 2011, the men conspired to remotely hack into more than 200 U.S.-based POS systems at stores across the U.S. to steal credit, debit, and gift card numbers and associated data. Merchant victims included more than 150 Subway restaurant franchises, the U.S. Department of Justice said. According to the indictment, millions of dollars of unauthorized purchases have been made using the compromised data.
Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/26455?c=cyber_security

16. *May 29, Courthouse News Service* – (National; International) **Ponzi just kept on growing, SEC says.** Owners of two Caribbean timeshares bilked 1,200 investors out of \$163 million in a 5 year Ponzi scheme that netted them \$58.9 million in commissions, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) claimed in a May 24 complaint. Two men, through their company Net Worth Solutions, paid themselves “exorbitant undisclosed sales commissions” from sales of securities for two resorts in the Dominican Republic, the SEC claimed. Investors were told their returns were guaranteed, however “only a very small percentage of investor funds were actually used to renovate and construct the properties,” the SEC said. Instead, defendants skimmed undisclosed commissions and used new money to pay off earlier investors. One of the men founded “a series of multi-level marketing entities that sold investments in the second man’s resorts,” the complaint said. The first man and his father bought the Cofresi resort in the Dominican Republic in 2003. EMI Sun Village Inc., which owned the resort, then targeted investors in the western United States. The second man and his father bought Sun Village Juan Dolio in 2005. Construction at Juan Dolio was never completed, and it never opened to guests. Defendants bought about \$72.6 million worth of investments in Cofresi and \$91.2 million in Juan Dolio, the SEC said. Only \$8 million was spent on the construction of Juan Dolio. In total, \$21.1 million was paid in commissions for Cofreis and \$37.8 million for Juan Dolio. Lenders foreclosed on both properties in 2009.

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2012/05/29/46878.htm>

17. *May 29, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Four arrested in connection with credit card fraud.** Simi Valley, California police announced May 29 the arrests of four suspects in connection with what investigators call a “Nigerian fraud ring” they said caused losses of more than \$2 million through the fraudulent use of credit cards. Police said the 6-week investigation began in March when a woman bought several thousand dollars’ worth of gift cards at a Target store in Simi Valley. She used fraudulently obtained credit cards to buy the gift cards, police said. Similar transactions occurred elsewhere in southern California, police said. Police said they identified four suspects of Nigerian origin who lived in Los Angeles County and committed similar crimes there, as well as in Ventura, San Diego, Kern, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties. Police said they recovered stolen property during the arrests, as well as more than \$100,000 in cash.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/may/29/four-arrested-in-connection-with-credit-card/>

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Transportation Sector

18. *May 30, Trucking Info* – (Texas) **DOT orders Demco Express to shut down.** The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) ordered Texas-based Demco Express and Demco Trans Inc. to immediately cease all transportation services based on serious safety violations that posed an imminent

hazard to public safety, Trucking Info reported May 30. The agency uncovered multiple federal safety violations in the areas of drivers' hours-of-service compliance, driver qualifications, and drug testing requirements. Safety investigators found the firm falsified drivers' records of duty status, allowed its drivers to operate with commercial driver's licenses that were suspended, revoked, or disqualified, and did not conduct proper controlled substances testing of drivers. In addition, within the last 12 months, 10 of Demco's drivers were placed out of service for not being licensed to drive. At the time of the investigation, one Demco driver was driving with at least four active suspensions on his license. Demco's scores in Unsafe Driving (97.1 percent), Fatigued Driving (99.4 percent), Drugs and Alcohol (81.2 percent), and Vehicle Maintenance (97.1 percent) exceeded the established threshold.

Source: http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=77079

19. *May 30, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Fatal wreck attributed during task force meeting to fog, faulty brakes.** A lethal combination of faulty equipment, fog, and confused direction led to the death of a truck driver hauling water for a local natural gas drilling operation, a Pennsylvania State police trooper told the Clinton County Natural Gas Task Force May 29. The driver of a 2005 International truck carrying a tank full of fresh water was killed after he missed a sharp turn in the roadway, sending the truck rolling down the wooded mountainside May 16. Two citations were filed against QC Logistics the week of May 21, both of which focused on the brake systems. The company provides water and sand transportation to drilling rigs, impoundments, and frack tanks on a year-round basis. It is a subcontractor of Anadarko Petroleum. An Anadarko spokeswoman said that Anadarko has suspended operations with the company and ordered a stand-down until inspections are conducted to each unit in the fleet of trucks being used locally.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/578948/Fatal-wreck-attributed-during-task-force-meeting-to-fog--faulty-brakes.html?nav=5011>

20. *May 29, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **After a 5-hour headache, crash cleared on Schuylkill Expressway.** Route I-76 reopened to traffic May 29, almost 5 hours after a crash involving a tractor-trailer, a dump truck, and a passenger car closed the eastbound lanes just east of the Conshohocken curve in Pennsylvania. The accident caused about 300 gallons of diesel fuel to spill onto the Schuylkill Expressway and left the dump truck on its side. A State police trooper said crews were working to remove a load of crushed stone that had spilled from the dump truck. The crash occurred at mile marker 336, near Waverly Road in Lower Merion Township, officials said. The eastbound roadway was closed much of the day, and only one westbound lane was getting by in the immediate area of the crash.

Source: http://articles.philly.com/2012-05-29/news/31888618_1_dump-truck-diesel-fuel-eastbound-lanes

21. *May 29, WLFI 18 Lafayette* – (Indiana) **Intersection reopens after train collision.** An agricultural sprayer collided with a train in Rensselaer, Indiana, May 29 closing an intersection for about 4 hours. A tow truck was still on the scene picking up pieces of the farm equipment nearly 6 hours after the crash. A Rensselaer police chief said the driver of the agricultural sprayer was trying to cross the tracks when he was hit by the

CSX train. The engineer of the train was taken to a hospital. Police said the driver of the ag sprayer was rushed to a medical center in Illinois. While the train was empty at the time of the collision, the ag sprayer was carrying a 1,000-gallon tank of herbicide. HAZMAT crews put down material to soak up as much herbicide as possible.

Source: <http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/sprayer-collides-with-train-in-rensselaer>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *May 30, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Wind and storms affect Nebraska’s crops.** Some Nebraska farmers will have to replant after storms brought tornadoes and hail — but also some much needed rain. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said in a May 29 report that weather continued to affect crops in most locations with hot, dry, and windy conditions, while storms in central and northeast Nebraska damaged some corn and soybean fields. The report showed most of the corn has emerged, and 79 percent of the crop is in good or excellent condition. Soybean planting is 93 percent complete. The average is 77 percent. The week of May 21, the heaviest rain fell in the central and northeast regions, which saw over 2 inches in isolated areas. Even with the rain, 52 percent of the topsoil and 54 percent of the subsoil is very short or short. Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/18652550/wind-and-storms-affect-nebraskas-crops>
23. *May 30, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa crops needs a good soaking.** Much of Iowa, especially southern Iowa, could use some rain, the Associated Press reported May 30. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said while weeks of dry weather allowed farmers to finish planting, a lack of significant rain is resulting in poor soybean stands with seeds lying in dry soil. High winds have slowed spraying and dried out the soil. The USDA said in a report May 29 that 95 percent of the corn crop has emerged, which is 11 days ahead of normal. The condition of the corn has dipped slightly from a week ago, from 81 percent in good or excellent condition to 77 percent. Farmers have planted 97 percent of the soybean crop, ahead of 83 percent average. Topsoil moisture is 49 percent adequate or surplus, with subsoil moisture at 58 percent adequate or surplus. Source: <http://www.whbf.com/story/18652538/iowa-crops-needs-a-good-soaking>
24. *May 30, Associated Press* – (Indiana; Ohio) **Indiana corn crop stressed by heat, drought.** An agricultural expert said Indiana’s recent hot, dry weather is taking a toll on the State’s young corn crop, the Associated Press reported May 30. A Purdue Extension agronomist said the U.S. Drought Monitor shows Indiana and Ohio are both

- beginning to experience abnormally dry weather that can damage young corn plants. He said a large portion of Indiana's corn crop is now in danger of becoming overly stressed from the heat and dry soils.
Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20120530/BUSINESS/120530002/-b-Indiana-corn-crop-b-stressed-by-heat-drought>
25. *May 30, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Chlorine leak shuts down shifts at two Zeeland plants.** A leaking chlorine tank shut down two Zeeland, Michigan businesses and sent seven people to area hospitals May 29. The leak happened at the Mead Johnson Nutrition Co. plant. Part of East Main Street was closed for several hours for the safety of emergency workers. A Mead Johnson spokesman said the chlorine gas is part of the plant's water-treatment system. An automatic detection system sensed the leak and alerted authorities. Eight employees who may have been affected by the leak were treated at the site, he said. The 150-pound chlorine tank was leaking from a valve. It was not clear how much of the gas was in the container. Plans for outdoor gym classes at Cityside Middle School were canceled, the fire chief said, because the playing field is across the street from the plant. Instead, part of the field was used as a staging area for Zeeland Fire, Ottawa County HAZMAT, and Grand Rapids-based Valley City Environmental Services.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x1832952790/Chlorine-leak-reported-in-Zeeland>
26. *May 29, Food Safety News* – (Missouri; South Carolina) **After eight expansions, how big is the Diamond Pet Foods recall?** A U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) spokeswoman said the Salmonella contamination found at the Meta, Missouri plant of Diamond Pet Foods was not from the same strain as that of the Gaston, South Carolina plant, Food Safety News reported May 29. The contamination at the Missouri plant comes from Salmonella Liverpool, while the South Carolina plant — connected to all products except those in the most recent recall expansion — was contaminated by Salmonella Infantis. The spokeswoman also said the Missouri plant has now been included in the FDA's ongoing investigation into the Diamond Pet Foods Salmonella outbreak and recall.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/05/after-eight-expansions-how-big-is-the-diamond-pet-foods-recall/>
27. *May 29, Thibodaux Daily Comet* – (Louisiana) **Oyster harvest area reopened.** A western Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana oyster harvest area reopened May 29. Oyster harvest area 23, also known as Four Lake Bay, was closed in April after being linked to an outbreak of norovirus in a New Orleans restaurant. A total of 1,141 sacks of oysters harvested from the area were also recalled after the closure. Testing by the department found the waters were clean and suitable for the harvest of oysters.
Source:
<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20120529/HURBLOG/120529623?Title=Oyster-harvest-area-reopened-&tc=ar>
28. *May 29, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Iowa) **Swiss Valley Farms Cooperative in Luana, Iowa, to pay \$33,880 penalty for community right-to-know**

violations. Swiss Valley Farms Cooperative, a cheese manufacturer, agreed to pay a \$33,880 civil penalty to the United States to settle two violations of environmental regulations related to the public reporting of toxic chemicals at its facility in Luana, Iowa, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported May 29. In settlement of this matter, Swiss Valley Farms Cooperative will also complete a supplemental environmental project. Swiss Valley will purchase emergency response equipment for the Luana, Iowa fire department valued at approximately \$10,786. According to an administrative consent agreement and final order filed by the EPA, the agency requested information from Swiss Valley and found the firm had failed to submit reports to the EPA and the State of Iowa concerning quantities of toxic chemicals that were manufactured, processed or otherwise used at the facility during 2009. Those chemicals were nitric acid and nitrate compounds. During calendar year 2009, the facility manufactured, processed, or otherwise used 187,000 pounds of nitric acid, and 71,000 pounds of nitrate compounds.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/c093e887eb7aeccf85257a0d0065faf9!OpenDocument>

29. *May 29, WQOW 18 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Silos, barn collapse in Rusk County.** A 70-foot silo at a farm in Rusk County, Wisconsin collapsed onto a barn May 28. It fell into another silo, and they both fell onto the barn. It happened at a farm near Conrath. The owner said 55 head of young cattle were killed. Ladysmith firefighters used a backhoe to remove the second story of the barn and were able to rescue 15 young cows. The silo that collapsed was 45 years old and had just been filled with haylage. The owner estimated his losses at \$500,000.

Source: <http://www.wqow.com/story/18648395/silos-barn-collapse-in-rusk-county>

30. *May 28, Associated Press* – (National; International) **Canada pledges \$17.5M in fight against Asian carp.** The Canadian government said it will spend \$17.5 million over the next 5 years to help prevent Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes, the Associated Press reported May 28. Silver and bighead carp imported to the southern United States decades ago have been migrating up the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Scientists said they could damage native fish species if allowed to reach the Great Lakes, which are shared by the United States and Canada. The fisheries and oceans minister said May 28 that Canada will focus its efforts on educating people about the danger Asian carp pose and how to avoid bringing them into Canadian waters. He said Canada also will work with U.S. experts to develop early warning and rapid response systems in case the aggressive fish are found in the Great Lakes.

Source: <http://www.wboc.com/story/18639606/canada-pledges-175m-in-fight-against-asian-carp>

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Water Sector

31. *May 30, Greenville Daily Reflector* – (North Carolina) **GUC reports wastewater spill.** Greenville, North Carolina, Utilities (GUC) contained a wastewater spill of approximately 107,000 gallons and repaired the leaking pipe where the spill originated, said a statement released May 30. The affected area of the Tar River will be treated with a chlorine solution, but officials said the recent heavy rains helped dilute the spill and minimize impact. Water quality tests showed normal results, according to the release. The spill was discovered May 29, caused by a corroded section of a 20-inch pipe, resulting in a wastewater discharge into Green Mill Run, a tributary to the Tar River. GUC responded immediately and diverted the flow from the damaged section of pipe, ending the spill within hours. Permanent repairs were completed in 1 day by replacing the damaged section of pipe.
Source: <http://www.reflector.com/news/greenville-utilities-repairs-pipe-leak-1083981>
32. *May 29, Half Moon Bay Patch* – (California) **New drainage system promises to decrease debris entering storm drains.** In an effort to improve water quality along the California coast, Half Moon Bay's Public Works Department installed the city's first bioswale the week of May 21 at the new Emergency Operations Center. Bioswales are designed to reduce and remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water and are considered environmentally superior to traditional storm sewer systems. According to the regulations set forth by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, cities are responsible for decreasing the amount of debris that enters storm drains.
Source: <http://halfmoonbay.patch.com/articles/new-drainage-system-promises-to-decrease-debris-entering-storm-drains>
33. *May 29, KWCH 12 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Leak plugged but Riverfest organizers planning ahead.** Officials in Wichita, Kansas, temporarily plugged a leaking valve at the city's sewage treatment plant May 29, but did not know when the leak started or how much wastewater entered the Arkansas River. The city and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) discovered the leak May 26, 1 day after issuing a public health advisory for the river. Both organizations were sampling water quality to determine the effectiveness of the temporary plug. The health advisory May 25 was issued because of elevated level of bacteria and a fish kill. The KDHE said everyone should stay out of the water between the Lincoln Street bridge in Wichita and the Oklahoma state line. Pets and livestock should be kept away from the river.
Source: http://articles.kwch.com/2012-05-29/riverfest_31891155
34. *May 29, Lancaster Online* – (Pennsylvania) **Lancaster city fined for 6 spills of sewage.** May 22, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, agreed to pay a \$36,250 fine for six incidents in 2010 and 2011 in which more than 4 million gallons of raw, untreated sewage spilled into the Conestoga River or onto the ground, Lancaster Online reported May 29. The city agreed to the penalty assessed by the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for violations of the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law. Lancaster's sewage-treatment system can be overwhelmed after heavy rains, resulting in storm water mixed with sewage being allowed to flow into the Conestoga. Each of the six spills occurred during dry weather, when untreated sewage is not allowed to be

discharged from six outfalls. The causes of the spills ranged from vandalism to equipment failure to an automobile accident. Human error caused one spill and contributed to another, according to DEP. The incidents in which human error contributed to spills led to employee suspensions.

Source: http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/658325_Lancaster-city-fined-for-6-spills-of-sewage.html

35. *May 28, WNBC 4 New York; Associated Press* – (New York) **NY chlorine leak capped; 1 minor injury.** HAZMAT workers from the Yonkers Fire Department capped a chlorine leak at a New York water treatment plant in Greenburgh. A worker at the plant escaped with minor injuries after the leak May 27. The assistant fire chief called it a “super dangerous operation.” The White Plains Journal News said about 10 pounds of gas leaked from a cylinder in the plant and a small amount of gas escaped outside. However, readings showed the cloud quickly dissipated without threat. The leak was capped in about 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Chlorine-Leak-Water-Treatment-Plant-Greenburgh-Hazmat-Yonkers-155049465.html>

36. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Arizona: International) **Arizona sues over Mexico waste flowing into U.S.** Arizona officials said the State is suing the U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) for State permit and Clean Water Act violations caused by allowing untreated industrial wastewater to cross the U.S. border from Mexico at Nogales, the Associated Press reported May 27. The Nogales International reported the May 25 lawsuit alleges the IBWC failed to implement a program to keep industrial waste from entering domestic sewage, resulting in illegal levels of cadmium, cyanide, and ammonia nitrogen entering Arizona. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality said it will ask the court to require that IBWC either implement a pretreatment program or install an industrial waste treatment system at the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant in Rio Rico.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2012/05/27/20120527arizona-sues-mexico-waste-flowing.html>

37. *May 25, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Town fined over sewer leak.** East Greenbush, New York, agreed to pay a \$15,000 fine to the State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for sewage escaping a treatment facility and must comply with a 2009 order to fix the problem that dates to 1999 or pay an additional \$60,000, the Albany Times Union reported May 25. Most of the town’s sewers lines are aging, officials said, and the community of about 14,000 residents has grown with sewer connections added without expansion of upgrades of facilities. DEC cited the town because sewage occasionally overflows from the Corliss Avenue pump station into a small stream that empties into the Papscanee Creek and then the Hudson River. The town did not meet the fifth compliance order signed between the state agency and the town in 2009 to correct or at least alleviate the problem. Similar orders and accompanying fines were issued in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2006. The citations are for violations of a moratorium on new sewer hook ups contained in the 2009 order. The DEC order said the town had 53 new connections without agency approval and was cited for 30 violations of exceeding effluent discharge limits and for failure to complete

upgrades of the treatment plant and provide a schedule for diversion of excess effluent into the Rensselaer County Sewer District. The town began a relining of the old sewer lines with inner slip linings to prevent water from entering the system, which leads to the back up and overflows. The town also began a program to have homeowners hook up their basement sump pumps to the storm sewer systems rather than their basement sewer connection to keep excess water out of the sewage treatment plant.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Town-fined-over-sewer-leak-3586699.php>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *May 30, in-PharmaTechnologist.com* – (National) **FDA warns of fake Teva ADHD drug as shortage continues.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned patients about counterfeit versions of a Teva ADHD drug that is on the drug shortage list, in-Pharma Technologist reported May 30. Lab tests run by the FDA showed the Adderall (amphetamine and dextroamphetamine) bought online is devoid of the four official active pharmaceutical ingredients. Instead, the tablets contain tramadol and acetaminophen, APIs used in the treatment of acute pain. API supply problems at Teva have put Adderall on the shortages list, and the FDA said counterfeit drug producers may especially target treatments consumers are struggling to find legitimately. The FDA updated its shortages list to say Teva is still releasing Adderall when available. Source: <http://www.in-pharmatechnologist.com/Ingredients/FDA-warns-of-fake-Teva-ADHD-drug-as-shortage-continues>
39. *May 29, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (West Virginia) **Details released in pharmacy shooting, attempted robbery.** The West Virginia State Police released new details about what happened May 25 during an attempted robbery at an Elm Grove, West Virginia pharmacy. Investigators said a man entered the pharmacy armed with a .45-caliber handgun wearing pantyhose over his face and a latex glove. Once inside, he held two female clerks at gunpoint as he tried to rob the pharmacy. Shortly thereafter, a pharmacist pulled a gun and shot the would-be robber three times, killing him. It was later determined there was also a female waiting in a vehicle outside of the pharmacy; she was later identified and arrested. Investigators said at this time the pharmacist does not face any charges, although the investigation has not been completed. Source: <http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/details-released-pharmacy-shooting-attempted-robbe/nPGrk/>
40. *May 29, InformationWeek* – (Massachusetts) **Data breach costs Massachusetts hospital \$750K.** South Shore Hospital, based in Weymouth, Massachusetts, paid \$750,000 to settle a lawsuit alleging it failed to protect patients' electronic health information. The hospital was charged with losing 473 unencrypted backup computer tapes containing the names, Social Security numbers, financial account numbers, and medical diagnoses of 800,000 individuals. News of the settlement came in a statement

from the Massachusetts Attorney General's office May 24. According to the consent judgment approved in the Suffolk Superior Court, South Shore Hospital will pay a \$250,000 civil penalty and \$225,000 toward an education fund that will be used by the attorney general's office to promote education concerning the protection of personal information and protected health information. The consent judgment credits South Shore for the additional \$275,000 the hospital spent to beef up its security measures in the aftermath of the data breach.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/healthcare/security-privacy/240001142>

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Government Facilities Sector

41. *May 30, Campus Technology* – (Nebraska) **U Nebraska breach could hit 654,000 student records.** An Oracle PeopleSoft-based student information system in place since 2010 has been breached at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, Campus Technology Reported May 30. The hacked database contains personal records for students, alumni, and applicants of the university's four campuses. According to some media reports, the database contains 654,000 records going back to 1985. However, currently, the university is especially concerned about the data for 30,000 people who specifically had banking information stored in the system. A computing services network staff member discovered May 25 that somebody had gained access to the student system. The attack was discovered and shut down within hours of its discovery, according to a university FAQ. The university sent a letter to those whose financial information is vulnerable.
Source: <http://campustechnology.com/articles/2012/05/30/u-nebraska-breach-could-hit-654000-student-records.aspx>
42. *May 29, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Man charged with threatening McEachern students on Twitter.** A Powder Springs man was being held without bond for using social media to threaten to shoot students May 24 at McEachern High School in Powder Springs, Georgia, police said. The man is accused of posting a message on his Twitter account in which he threatened to "shoot up" the McEachern campus, according to an arrest warrant. A teacher saw the post and notified authorities. The suspect was arrested May 24 on charges of making terroristic threats. The public safety director for Cobb County schools said the suspect is a former McEachern student who graduated in 2011. Security on the McEachern campus was increased until the suspect was in custody.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/cobb/man-charged-with-threatening-1448554.html>
43. *May 29, Reuters* – (Idaho) **Magazine insert prompts courthouse bomb scare in Idaho.** A magazine embedded with a small electronic musical device prompted a security alert and the evacuation of a federal courthouse in southeastern Idaho May 29 when mail screeners mistook the parcel for a possible bomb. After an X-ray scan of the package revealed wiring and other components that drew suspicions, a police bomb disposal team sent a robot into the Pocatello courthouse that removed the parcel. They then detonated it. The item turned out to be harmless, apparently promotional material,

officials said. The supervisor of the U.S. Marshals Service in Pocatello said the item was similar to devices found in musical birthday cards, with wires and other parts that security screeners had not encountered before in a mailing. He said his agency's strict protocol for such circumstances required an evacuation of the building and immediate vicinity. The security alert was lifted about 4 hours later, once the package proved to be harmless. But the courthouse remained closed for the day.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/05/30/us-usa-bombthreat-idaho-idUSBRE84T00920120530>

44. *May 29, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Polk County loses phone, email, Internet.** Polk County, Iowa officials said their county offices were without phone, e-mail, or Internet services May 29. A spokeswoman said a crew cut a line downtown, taking down the phone lines, e-mail, and Internet for all county offices. The outage was also affecting county Web sites. The spokeswoman said it was not known how long the outage would last. 9-1-1 service was not affected by the outage.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/central-iowa/Polk-County-loses-phone-email-Internet/-/9357080/14267970/-/xcgnxm/-/index.html>

45. *May 25, CSO* – (National) **NASA denies Iranian cyberattack.** NASA denied May 25 that its Web site had been hacked and information stolen by a band of Iranian students that called themselves the “Cyber Warriors Team.” The group bragged in a May 16 post on Pastebin that it had hacked a NASA site and stolen the personal information of thousands of NASA researchers. The site allegedly compromised is called the Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System. NASA said it discovered the Pastebin post within hours and launched an investigation of the claims. “Although the investigation is ongoing, all results thus far indicate that the claims are false,” a NASA spokeswoman said. On the same day as the alleged Iranian hack, two other groups claimed on Pastebin to have broken into NASA systems. “They were also found to be false,” she said.

Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/707073/nasa-denies-iranian-cyberattack>

46. *May 25, Nextgov* – (National) **No more dot-mil accounts on dating sites.** According to Defense Department officials, the Pentagon plans to distribute a new policy on personal social media use that tells troops to hide certain identifying information when interacting online, Nextgov reported May 25. The directive was expected to be released in late May. Increasingly, hackers are gleaning sensitive work details from social networks by drawing inferences from posts, such as military unit locations, and by penetrating the actual sites. Defense officials acknowledged they are aware of a reported MilitarySingles.com breach that may have exposed soldiers' dot-mil e-mail addresses and passwords. Future instruction that specifically addresses use of commercial social media will direct all Defense employees to “use non-mission related contact information, such as telephone numbers or postal and email addresses, to establish personal accounts, when such information is required.” Despite the forthcoming policy, dot-mil e-mail addresses may still appear in some personal communications, partly because family members and guests using the Army Knowledge Online service are issued military addresses, a Defense spokesperson said.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/cybersecurity-report/2012/05/no-more-dot-mil-accounts-dating-sites/55930/?oref=ng-voicestop>

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *May 30, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **Study brings big change to Myrtle Beach-area hurricane evacuation plans.** May 30, South Carolina emergency officials rolled out a substantial change in hurricane storm coverage that includes much larger evacuation zones and earlier evacuation orders in the Myrtle Beach-area. Using the latest technology, officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers looked at all the issues that would result with a hurricane making impact in the State, the behavior of residents during a storm, the topography of the area and storm surge impacts, and how long it would take to evacuate residents and tourists. Officials will call for evacuations based on a formula that calculates the strength of the storm, the predicted storm surge, and where it could make landfall. Due to population increases, a new zoning system was also established. Since Hurricane Hugo in 1989, Horry County’s population has gone from 144,000 in 1990 to 269,300 according to the 2010 census. Carolina Forest shot up 506 percent between 2000 and 2010. Where once the Intracoastal Waterway served as a line of demarcation between coastal danger and inland safety, new storm surge models showed that areas of Horry and Georgetown counties that had never been under a mandatory evacuation order could be impacted by rising waters and should be evacuated. To ensure residents are aware of what zone they live in and what actions they need to take before a storm threatens, officials are planning several community events. Also under the new system, the governor will no longer issue voluntary evacuation orders; only a mandatory evacuation order will be issued by the governor.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/05/30/2856220/study-brings-big-change-to-myrtle.html>

48. *May 25, Hanover Evening Sun* – (Pennsylvania) **State attorney general files action against Aspers fire officials.** The Pennsylvania State Attorney General has filed legal action against several former officers of defunct Aspers fire and ambulance companies in Adams County, accusing those members of mismanaging the organizations, and redirecting official funds and charitable donations for personal use. The attorney general said in a press release May 25 that the civil action involves the defunct Aspers Fire Company, Aspers Volunteer Ambulance Inc., and the Aspers Volunteer Firefighters’ Relief Association. According to the Petition for Citation which was filed by the attorney general’s office in Adams County Orphans’ Court, the fire and ambulance companies and their assets allegedly became an “alter ego” of a man and members of his immediate family.

Source: http://www.eveningsun.com/ci_20710177

49. *May 25, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Mold closes fire station in Clermont.** Mold forced firefighters from one of Clermont, Florida’s fire stations, Central Florida News 13 Orlando reported May 25. Work was underway to clean out the mold, which should take about a month. Until then, most of the firefighters stationed there were staying at another fire station; the rest were renting a room at a nearby motel.
Source:
http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/5/25/mold_closes_fire_sta.html

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Information Technology Sector

50. *May 30, H Security* – (International) **Security problem in VMware vSphere 5.** Security experts from ERNW demonstrated the ability to break out of the virtualization hypervisor of VMware ESXi 5.0 using crafted VMware images. If a provider offers customers the ability to run customer-supplied VMware images on its servers as part of an infrastructure as a service offering, a malicious user could access all data on the server, including other customers’ user passwords and virtual machines. The security experts were able to manipulate the virtual disk images in a way that caused host disks to be mounted in the guest system after launching the VM. Successful attacks were mounted in this way against fully patched copies of ESXi 5.0, but the researchers point out that, as far as they are aware, this has so far only happened under laboratory conditions.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Security-problem-in-VMware-vSphere-5-1586254.html>
51. *May 30, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Rapid 7 outlines the most popular Metasploit modules.** Metasploit is a powerful and popular tool for penetration testers and security experts. However, it is also an excellent resource for hackers. Recently, Rapid 7 published a list of the most popular Metasploit modules, offering a look at the vulnerabilities that earned the most attention in April. The list was compiled by examining the Web server stats for the Metasploit Auxiliary and Exploit Database. Studies of the methods utilized in the wild show that attackers have a preference for the same tools that penetration testers and other security professionals use or sell to others, and Metasploit is no different.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/rapid-7-outlines-most-popular-metasploit-modules>
52. *May 30, IDG News Service* – (International) **Nearly a fifth of U.S. PCs have no virus protection, McAfee finds.** A McAfee study of PCs around the world found that 17 percent had no antivirus protection, and the United States outpaced the average with 19 percent of PCs unprotected. The study counted as unprotected machines those that had no antivirus protection installed, or whose antivirus subscription expired. In the United States, 12 percent of PCs did not contain an antivirus program, and 7 percent had expired software. McAfee analyzed data from voluntary scans of 27 million machines

in 24 countries. According to the company, the study was the first to examine machines directly rather than polling their users. User polls typically found that 6 percent of PCs are not protected by antivirus software, McAfee's director of global consumer product marketing said.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/256493/nearly_a_fifth_of_us_pcs_have_no_virus_protection_mcafee_finds.html

53. *May 30, H Security* – (International) **Google's reCAPTCHA briefly cracked.** Hackers developed a script that was able to crack Google's Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart (CAPTCHA) system with a success rate of better than 99 percent. They presented the results of their research at the LayerOne security conference in Los Angeles the weekend of May 26. However, just an hour before the presentation, Google made improvements to its reCAPTCHA system. Of the various CAPTCHA systems, Google's reCAPTCHA is considered to be one of the most reliable for differentiating man from machine. Rather than trying to analyze distorted characters, the script, code-named "Stiltwalker," analyzed the audio version of the CAPTCHAs, which Google provides for individuals who are visually impaired. Stiltwalker makes use of various techniques, including machine learning, but it also exploits the fact the computer voice has a very limited vocabulary.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Google-s-reCAPTCHA-briefly-cracked-1586689.html>

54. *May 30, Government Computer News* – (International) **Administration unveils plan for battling botnets.** The U.S. Government and a private-sector working group announced a cooperative initiative to combat malicious botnets, which are being called a growing threat to the online economy and national security. May 30, the Industry Botnet Group and DHS and the Commerce Department released a set of principles for addressing the challenge of botnets across the Internet ecosystem. In addition to this framework for collaboration, the Government also will step up public outreach efforts to educate users about online threats and will coordinate efforts to address the technical threats posed by botnets. May 30, the National Institute of Standards and Technology hosted a workshop on the technical aspects of botnet activity, aimed at disrupting the botnet life cycle and removing malicious code on compromised devices.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/05/30/anti-botnet-initiative-dhs-commerce.aspx>

55. *May 29, Threatpost* – (National) **DHS to critical infrastructure owners: Hold on to data after cyber attack.** The DHS is offering organizations that use industrial control systems advice on mitigating the effects of cyber attacks. Among the agency's recommendations: Hold on to data from infected systems and prevent enemies from moving within your organization. DHS' Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) published a technical paper on cyber intrusion mitigation strategies May 25. The document calls on critical infrastructure owners to take a number of steps to thwart attacks, or limit the damage they cause. Among them are improving their ability to collect and retain forensic data, and to detect attempts by attackers to move laterally within their organization. The document is guidance from ICS-CERT to critical infrastructure owners and is targeted at both enterprise and

control system networks, DHS said.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/dhs-critical-infrastructure-owners-hold-data-after-cyber-attack-052912

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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

56. *May 29, DavidsonNews.net* – (North Carolina) **Antenna damage will temporarily limit WDAV-FM signal.** Some listeners of Davidson, North Carolina-based WDAV 89.9 FM could lose their signal for up to a month while the classical music public radio station uses a backup antenna so it can repair damage on its main antenna, DavidsonNews.net reported May 29. A recent tower inspection found a section of the antenna glowing orange from heat. The station's general manager said May 29 engineers are not sure what is causing the heat. They will not know more until they dismantle the antenna. Repairs were expected to begin May 30. WDAV will switch to a backup antenna on a tower next to the main one. It operates at the same power — 100,000 watts — as WDAV's main transmitter, but is much lower and the signal likely will not travel as far as normal, the manager said. The areas that are most likely to lose WDAV's signal include south Charlotte, north of Statesville, and northeast toward Winston-Salem, he said. Since WDAV's antenna is custom-designed to target its signal and avoid interference with other stations, engineers will ship damaged parts back to the manufacturer to be repaired or rebuilt. That means the station likely will operate on its backup antenna for about a month.

Source: <http://davidsonnews.net/blog/2012/05/29/antenna-damage-will-temporarily-limit-wdav-fm-signal/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

57. *May 30, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **9 hurt in fire, explosion at Villa Park VFW Post.** A fire and explosion left nine people injured at a VFW hall in Villa Park, Illinois, May 29. A welding torch was being blamed for the fire. The fire happened while maintenance work was underway on a gun range in the basement of the building. Firefighters tried to put out the flames, but the fire got out of control and caused an

explosion just as they were trying to get out of the basement, the Lombard Fire Department battalion chief said. Another group of people was gathered on the first floor for a bingo night when the explosion went off. A total of nine people were taken to area hospitals, two in serious-to-critical condition. The battalion chief could not immediately say what caused the actual explosion, adding that either the welding torch or possibly old gunpowder residue from the gun range contributed to the blast.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/05/29/9-hurt-in-fire-explosion-at-villa-park-vfw-post/>

58. *May 30, KWTW 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Fire sweeps through popular Oklahoma City restaurant.** Firefighters were trying to determine what started a devastating fire that caused more than \$1 million in damage to the Red Rock Canyon Grill in Oklahoma City, May 30. Employees still inside the restaurant smelled the smoke first then spotted the flames. Firefighters arrived within minutes, but the flames spread so fast it became a three-alarm fire and crews went into defensive mode. Firefighters said the fire destroyed the restaurant’s roof, but the structure itself was still sound.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/18654124/fire-sweeps-through-popular-oklahoma-city-restaurant>

59. *May 30, MSNBC* – (Washington) **Gun violence in Seattle leaves at least three dead, three wounded.** At least three people were killed and three others wounded in two separate shootings minutes apart in Seattle, May 30, police said. Police confirmed that two male victims were dead in a shooting at a north Seattle cafe. Two more men and a woman were taken to the hospital. The shooting occurred at the Cafe Racer in a commercial district near the University of Washington campus. Roosevelt High School, four blocks from the incident, was on lockdown as police looked for a suspect. About a half hour later, some 5 miles to the south, a woman was shot several times during what police said was a carjacking at a parking lot next to town hall. Police found the car and a handgun miles away in a residential neighborhood. Suspects in both shootings were still at large as of late afternoon that day.
Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/05/30/11959312-gun-violence-in-seattle-leaves-at-least-three-dead-three-wounded?lite>

60. *May 29, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Center city apartment complex evacuated.** About 250 people were sent scrambling for a place to stay because a pipe burst in their Philadelphia apartment building May 29. Fire officials said a standpipe burst, causing water to trickle down from the top floors through the building. A Philadelphia Fire Department lieutenant said some residents said they smelled gas. All residents were evacuated. Because of the investigation, residents were not allowed to return.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2012/05/29/center-city-apartment-complex-evacuated/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *May 30, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Forest wildfire becomes largest in NM history.** A massive wildfire that burned more than 265 square miles in the Gila National Forest became the largest fire in New Mexico history, fire officials confirmed May 30. The erratic fire grew overnight May 29 to more than 170,000 acres, surpassing a fire in 2011 that burned 156,593 acres in Los Conchas and threatened the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the nation's premier nuclear facility. The Gila forest fire was also the largest currently burning in the country. It formed the week of May 21 when two lightning-sparked fires merged in an isolated mountainous area in southwestern New Mexico, where it has destroyed about a dozen homes and prompted evacuations of nearby towns and health alerts for some of the State's largest cities. A fire information officer said that about 1,200 firefighters from around the State were battling the growing fire, but they continue to face low humidity and shifting winds.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/05/30/4525545/forest-wildfire-becomes-largest.html>

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Dams Sector

62. *May 29, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **Heavy rain closes Mississippi River locks.** Heavy rains in the St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota, areas led the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to close three Minneapolis locks and dams on the Mississippi River to recreational boaters May 29. A spokeswoman said the locks and dams close when the water flow is greater than 30,000 cubic feet per second. The closures included Upper and Lower St. Anthony Falls locks and dams, and the Ford Dam. Closure will likely last for at least a week or longer if the rain continues.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/05/29/weather/heavy-rain-closes-mississippi-locks/>

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