



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 20 May 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The Washington Post reports that security specialists and members of Congress fear that the new State Department issued RFID electronic passport cards pose a security risk as they “will be vulnerable to alteration or counterfeiting.” (See item [21](#))
- According to the Canadian Press, the U.S. military in Naples, Italy, is sampling tap water and soil for pesticides and other pollutants because of worries that tons of uncollected garbage poses a health risk for its personnel based in the city. (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *May 19, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Holly New Mexico refinery unit shut down.** Refining company Holly Corp. said Monday a key unit at its New Mexico refinery is down for repairs, with May’s estimated gasoline production off by as much as 756,000 gallons. The current shutdown of the fluid catalytic cracking unit at the Navajo Refinery in Artesia, New Mexico, followed an initial shutdown due to an instrument control malfunction on May 7. As the unit was being brought back on line after the initial shutdown, the unit experienced catalyst circulation problems that forced a second shutdown on Friday. Repairs should take about a week.

Source:

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/e230de6a90d0c0decc219334edef>

[a3bb.htm](#)

2. *May 19, Bloomberg News* – (Texas) **Norwegian airport strike threatens some oil output.** ConocoPhillips said it may be forced to shut production from North Sea oil fields as a Norwegian airport strike threatens to cut access to offshore platforms. Unions shut down six airports, including Bergen and Kristiansund, the two biggest bases for helicopter transport to and from oil platforms on the Norwegian continental shelf. The strike may extend tomorrow to Stavanger’s Sola airport amid a labor dispute with Avinor AS, which operates 46 airports. ConocoPhillips uses Stavanger airport for all helicopter flights to its offshore fields, a spokesman said. He said it would be “some days” before the affect of the strike would be known. “We are waiting for a response from our helicopter companies,” he said. “They will come up with alternative airports so limited traffic may be kept going.” Meanwhile, the company said it is planning to shut some production at the field in June for scheduled maintenance, cutting supplies of one of the four crude blends that make up the Dated Brent benchmark.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/headline/biz/5789471.html>
3. *May 18, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Indiana’s first commercial wind farm online.** The 130-megawatt Benton County Wind Farm – Indiana’s first commercial power station fueled by the wind – went online this month near the Illinois state line. The \$250 million project is the first of six Indiana wind farms in the works that will generate a combined 3,000 megawatts, and several other projects are in the planning stage. “We’re zooming from nothing to 3,000 megawatts in just a few years, but they’re just scratching the surface of the state’s potential,” said a spokesman for the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/wire/chi-ap-in-windpower,0,1308753.story>
4. *May 18, Reuters* – (California) **Chevron reports upset at El Segundo, CA refinery.** Chevron Corp reported an upset at its 260,000 barrel per day Los Angeles-area refinery in El Segundo, California, on Saturday, according to notices filed with state pollution regulators. An analyzer controller on an unidentified unit at the refinery triggered a release of nitrous oxide in excess of permitted levels, according to the notice filed with the California Office of Emergency Services.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN1846461420080518>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 18, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey raises the regulatory bar for hazardous chemicals.** With the state’s most hazardous chemical facilities so close to its most traveled routes and densest living areas, New Jersey’s chemical safety regulations have long been a harbinger of federal law. Now Garden State officials say they have raised the bar again, mandating regular reviews for safety upgrades at the 89 most dangerous chemical plants, oil refineries, water treatment plants and industrial facilities in the state. Environmentalists, however, criticize the Department of Environmental

Protection because while the regulations force chemical companies to consider safer procedures, they are not required to enact them. Industry groups say the new mandates merely formalize reviews that are already conducted. But advocates say the new measures will reduce the chance of a chemical catastrophe by cutting down the amount of hazardous substances in the state. A commissioner of the state Department of Environmental Protection said New Jersey is the first state with the new regulations. She expects dramatic changes at companies that must now consider safer chemicals and procedures.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--chemicalsafety0518may18,0,3150511.story>

6. *May 16, KDVR 31Denver* – (Colorado) **One injured in chemical plant explosion.** One person was injured Friday morning after an explosion at the Boulder Scientific Company in Mead, Colorado. The explosion happened on the northeast corner of the facility. An employee on scene said everything was stable at the plant and that a hazmat crew was on the scene. The victim was flown to a local hospital to be treated for burns. The Boulder Scientific company has developed chemicals for world-renowned organizations, enabling breakthroughs in human drug therapy, plastics manufacture, agricultural and industrial applications, and specialty chemical industries.

Source:

<http://www.myfoxcolorado.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=6557231&version=4&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *May 19, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Munger: New badges supposed to bolster fed security.** About 15,000 Oak Ridge, Tennessee, workers will be getting new I.D. badges - known as Personal Identity Verification cards - by the end of the year as part of a government mandate known as Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12. A spokesman at the Department of Energy (DOE) said new badges will be produced for all federal and contractor employees in Oak Ridge who hold security clearances - either “Q” or “L” clearances. DOE got the go-ahead to start the badge work in April, and the agency has established one enrollment station in Oak Ridge. The new badges reportedly will incorporate a bunch of employee information, as well as fingerprints and “a number of biometrics,” the DOE spokesman said, although he said he is not sure how much of that data will be visible on the badge itself. “The idea is to make (badges) more secure, less vulnerable to exploitation and counterfeiting,” he said. DOE’s office is overseeing the badge processing for about 8,000 workers, which includes the agency’s direct federal employees in Oak Ridge as well as several contractors - such as UT-Battelle, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Bechtel Jacobs and Wackenhut.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/may/19/new-badges-supposed-to-bolster-fed-security/>

8. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Disaster drill set for Tuesday at Fermi 2 nuclear plant.** A disaster drill is planned for Tuesday at DTE Energy Co.’s Fermi 2

nuclear power plant. Fermi 2 is located near Newport, Michigan. The Monroe Evening News reports it will be the first full-scale exercise using Monroe County's new emergency communications center as well as the first using Mercy Memorial Hospital's new emergency department. Hundreds of participants are expected to be involved in the drill from county agencies and local fire departments. The disaster drill is held every two years and is required by federal law. Observers include federal evaluators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-mi-fermi2-drill,0,1264770.story>

9. *May 17, McClatchy Newspapers* – (South Carolina) **S.C. officials watch nuclear case.** Nuclear waste officials are closely watching a federal court case to see if it could allow for burial of foreign radioactive garbage at South Carolina's atomic refuse dump in Barnwell County. Energy Solutions Inc., which operates landfills in South Carolina and Utah, insists it will not send Italian nuclear waste to the 37-year-old landfill west of Barnwell under a company plan to import waste to the United States. But the company has challenged eight Western states in their attempt to block disposal of the foreign waste in Utah. If Energy Solutions convinces the court that the Western states cannot legally stop Italian waste shipments to Utah, it also might gain the right to use the South Carolina landfill, experts say. The Barnwell County dump, one of only three of its kind in the country, is governed by the same law that led the Western states to limit nuclear waste in Utah. Energy Solutions' plan is to import about 1 million cubic feet of low-level nuclear waste from Italy through either Charleston or New Orleans. The material then would be shipped to a processing plant in Tennessee, with leftover waste being hauled to Utah for disposal, the company has said. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering an import license. Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/story/453914.html>
10. *May 17, Times Argus* – (Vermont) **Vt. Yankee cited over security issue.** Federal regulators have cited the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant for a security violation but will not say what it was. A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said the nature of the problem will not be disclosed to the public because of security concerns. It occurred in February and was serious enough to warrant increased inspections of Entergy Nuclear's security at the Vernon reactor. The issue was identified by the company, and appropriate actions have been taken to address it, he said. Source: <http://www.timesargus.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080517/NEWS02/805170328/1003/NEWS02>
11. *May 16, News & Advance* – (Virginia) **Nuclear agency to meet with Areva over transported equipment.** Areva NP transported a piece of equipment through the Lynchburg, Virginia area and nearly 400 miles in February while the equipment carried a spot of radiation beyond regulatory limits. The quarter-sized nuclear "hotspot" did not pose a threat to the driver, the public or the environment, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigator concluded. However, the investigator said in a report that Areva's process for preparing the equipment for transport in February was inadequate. On Friday, the agency announced it would meet with Areva officials May 28 in Atlanta

to discuss the incident.

Source:

http://www.newsadvance.com/lna/news/local/article/nuclear_agency_to_meet_with_are_va_over_transported_equipment/4950/

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 19, Janes* – (Pennsylvania) **Chinook line re-opens following suspected sabotage.** Boeing officials re-opened the company’s Pennsylvania production line for Chinook helicopters on 15 May after U.S. government agencies ruled that only two CH-47F aircraft at the plant were damaged in an “isolated incident” suspected to have been deliberate. The US Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) and the US Army said an investigation was still under way, but they believed the damage was “confined to these two aircraft”, according to a 15 May DCMA statement. The temporary shut-down of the Chinook line from the evening of 13 May to the morning of 15 May is not expected to affect the fielding schedule for the CH-47F, according to the DCMA. The U.S. armed forces Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) is leading a criminal investigation to determine who tampered with the two helicopters.
Source: http://www.janes.com/news/defence/air/jdw/jdw080519_1_n.shtml

13. *May 18, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Navy’s Monterey school is lab for terror war.** Marine sentries stand guard at the gates of what is now the Naval Postgraduate School – an institution that since 9/11 has expanded rapidly as a think tank, laboratory, and testing ground in the war against global terrorism. The school has become a major research facility with laboratories embedding artificial intelligence in aerial drones, building electromagnetic railguns that allow warships to fire projectiles farther and faster than any ship in today’s fleet, testing robots that dock in space to help refuel satellites, and developing space-based lasers that are reminiscent of “Star Wars” gunships. One major effort involves collaborating with Lawrence Livermore lab to establish the National Security Institute to pursue research and development – with a focus on surveillance, remote sensing, and defeating improvised explosive devices. The University of California, Santa Barbara, a leader in nanotechnology and basic research for the military, is also participating in this joint venture.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/05/18/MN5K10HEKM.DTL>

14. *May 18, Strategy World* – (National) **USAF builds battlefield wi-fi.** The U.S. Air Force is trying to take the lead in developing, and controlling, the battlefield wireless Internet. The Army and Navy are also developing similar technologies, but for this to work best, everyone should be able to talk to everyone else. In the past, each of the services had their own unique radio equipment, making it difficult, and often impossible for a tank battalion to talk, via radio, to air force planes overhead, or navy ships offshore, for example. Special communications teams, equipped with radios from two or more services, were formed when such inter-service communications was really necessary.
Source: <http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htiw/articles/20080518.aspx>

Banking and Finance Sector

15. *May 19, 7thSpace* – (National) **38 individuals in U.S. and Romania charged in two related cases of computer fraud involving international organized crime.** Thirty-eight individuals with ties to international organized crime have been charged in two separate indictments involving computer and credit card fraud schemes, U.S. and Romanian officials announced Monday. A federal grand jury in Los Angeles charged the individuals in a 65-count indictment unsealed Monday for their alleged participation in an international racketeering scheme that used the Internet to defraud thousands of individual victims and hundreds of financial institutions. According to the indictment, the Romania-based members of the enterprise obtained thousands of credit and debit card accounts and related personal information by phishing, with more than 1.3 million spam emails sent in one phishing attack. Once directed to a bogus site, victims were then prompted at those sites to enter access device and personal information. The Romanian “suppliers” collected the victims’ information and sent the data to U.S.-based “cashiers” via Internet “chat” messages. The domestic cashiers used hardware called encoders to record the fraudulently obtained information onto the magnetic strips on the back of credit and debit cards, and similar cards such as hotel keys. Cashiers then directed “runners” to test the fraudulent cards by checking balances or withdrawing small amounts of money at ATMs. The cards that were successfully tested, known as “cashable” cards, were used to withdraw money from ATMs or point of sale terminals that the cashiers had determined permitted the highest withdrawal limits. A portion of the proceeds was then wire transferred to the supplier who had provided the access device information. The individuals named in the indictment operated from locations in the United States and abroad including Canada, Pakistan, Portugal and Romania, and include both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/281614/38_individuals_in_us_and_romania_charged_in_two_related_cases_of_computer_fraud_involving_international_organized_crime.html

16. *May 18, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Hacker invades Sunrise firm’s computer.** A hacker obtained personal information from a Sunrise, Florida company’s computer. A technician said he was on the company computer when he noticed that someone had hacked into the system. He was able to log the hacker off the computer and then discovered the hosting company was using the name “Dream Host.” He said he was able to guess the person’s password and found “numerous” files containing people’s names, credit card account numbers and passwords. The technician said he thought the intruder was trying to place a “postcard” in the system, which sends out spam. The addresses were spread out across the country but none were in Sunrise. The officer called the FBI’s “Cyber Squad Unit” and they agreed to follow up on the case.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/481/story/535311.html>

Transportation Sector

17. *May 19, WAFB 9Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Airplane catches fire at the Baton Rouge airport.** Fifty passengers and four crew members had to get off a Delta regional jet headed to Atlanta after it caught fire. It happened Sunday at the Baton Rouge, Louisiana airport as the aircraft was taxiing to the runway. Airport representatives say the pilot and passengers aboard Delta Flight 4320 heard a loud “pop,” then the pilot noticed the right engine had caught fire. Everyone on board was evacuated and within 90 seconds, the airport emergency response team began fighting the fire. No one was injured.
Source: http://www.wafb.com/Global/story.asp?S=8343612&nav=menu57_1

18. *May 19, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Residents return home as derailment cleanup goes on.** Residents forced to flee a toxic chemical spill returned home, but a narrow evacuation perimeter remained around the site of a freight train derailment. Crews worked Sunday evening to clean up a toxic chemical spill in Lafayette, Louisiana. About 3,000 residents were allowed to return home Sunday as crews cleaned up hydrochloric acid that spilled when six train cars rolled off the tracks a day earlier. Five people, including two railroad workers, were sent to a hospital and treated after complaining of skin and eye irritation, state police said. Hydrochloric acid can cause respiratory problems and skin and eye irritation. State police said about half of the 10,000 gallons of acid had been collected.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/05/19/train.derailement.ap/index.html>

19. *May 18, USA Today* – (National) **Problems beset worker ID program.** A Homeland Security Department program to tighten port security by issuing high-tech identification cards to more than a million workers is riddled with problems as it is getting underway, according to barge company owners, union chiefs and some members of Congress. Workers trying to sign up for the cards face jammed phone lines, crowded enrollment centers, redundant background checks and more as they try to navigate the program, critics say. The chief of the identification program says the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) estimated 850,000 workers would enroll but now believes that number is closer to 1.2 million. To get a card, workers can pre-enroll online, but they must visit a center to register, pay \$132.50 and then return to pick up their cards. Criticism and reports of problems are escalating. Among them: Redundant background checks; long lines at enrollment centers, jammed telephone help lines and lost enrollment forms; and incomplete government criminal databases. Nearly 5,000 people have received initial disqualification letters because of arrest records or legal problems, according to the TSA. More than 2,000 have appealed. An official from the National Employment Law Project says that is because government databases often are not updated when a person who has been arrested is cleared.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2008-05-18-workerid_N.htm

20. *May 17, Fox News* – (International) **Tang bomb: Liquid explosives are the new ‘weapon of choice’.** Far-fetched as it sounds, bombs made from hydrogen peroxide and the breakfast powder drink Tang could have taken down seven planes bound for the U.S. and Canada — using flash cameras to trigger the explosions. A British court saw video

evidence this week of the “liquid explosives plot,” an alleged terrorist cabal British police say they thwarted in August 2006. The suspects allegedly had planned to use common household chemicals to mix bombs while aboard jets flying over the Atlantic. Prosecutors say the alleged terrorists intended to carry the components on board each plane to form a bomb. One was a mix of hydrogen peroxide and Tang. The citric acid in the Tang acts as a catalyst, making the mixture deadly. The other component is a mixture known as HMTD — hexamethylene triperoxide diamine, a chemical cocktail made from readily available household and commercial ingredients. HMTD is extremely unstable and can be set off by heat, movement and even contact with metal. Prosecutors say the suspects had planned to hide the Tang-and-bleach mixture in plastic soda bottles and the HMTD in hollowed-out AA batteries. The initial charge would have been set off in the HMTD, causing a larger explosion. According to the chief of intelligence and counterterrorism at Los Angeles International Airport, peroxide-based bombs are on the rise all over the world. Prosecutors say the attack was planned for between August and December, two of the busiest months of the year for air travel.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,356491,00.html>

21. *May 16, Washington Times* – (National) **Passport cards called security vulnerability.**

The State Department will soon begin production of an electronic passport card that security specialists and members of Congress fear will be vulnerable to alteration or counterfeiting. About the size of a credit card, the electronic-passport card displays a photo of the user and a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip containing data about the user. The State Department announced recently that it will begin producing the cards next month and issue the first ones in July. Security specialists told the *Washington Times* that the electronic-passport card can be copied or altered easily by removing the photograph with solvent and replacing it with one from an unauthorized user. A former chief intelligence officer for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Forensic Document Laboratory, which monitors fraudulent government documents, said the card should have been designed with a special optical security strip to make it secure and prevent counterfeiting. A State Department official, however, said the agency thinks the RFID passport card is secure. The cards are intended for use by travelers in U.S. border communities as a “less expensive and more portable alternative to the traditional passport book,” according to the State Department Web site. The cards are not valid for entry into the United States by travelers arriving by aircraft. Because the passport card will be widely accepted as an official travel document for entry into the country, “this card will definitely become the document of choice for counterfeiters,” said the former Forensic Document Laboratory intelligence chief.

Source:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080516/NATION/662238118/1001>

22. *May 16, Fox News* – (International) **Afghan hijacker found working as cleaner at Heathrow Airport.** An Afghan hijacker who won the right to live in England is working at Heathrow Airport in London as a cleaner in the British Airways training center, the *Daily Mail* reported. The man was among nine hijackers who in 2000 diverted an Ariana Airlines flight with 160 passengers on board to Stansted Airport in

Essex, England. The group, armed with guns and hand grenades, claimed it was fleeing the Taliban and threatened to kill all the passengers unless they were granted asylum. It took four days for the hijackers to surrender. The suspect appeared in court last week after police pulled him over while he was driving a car around the new Terminal 5 at Heathrow, the Daily Mail reported. At first authorities thought he was an unlicensed cab driver but were shocked to discover he was one of the hijackers and had a British Airways pass on him. He initially was arrested on charges of being in breach of bail over assault charges for allegedly attacking his landlord, and then it emerged that he was one of the Stansted hijackers. He has spent months working for a firm that has a contract to clean at Heathrow. Sources told the Daily Mail that the man's British Airways pass did not give him airside access, but it did allow him to go into secure areas. British Airways confirmed to the Sun, "We have been helping police with their inquiries into a man who is employed by a cleaning contractor."

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,356315,00.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *May 17, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Anthrax scare forces evacuation of FBI building.** An anthrax scare forced the evacuation of the downtown Salt Lake offices of the FBI for almost three hours Friday. About 9:45 a.m., an employee was opening mail in a contained area as is protocol for all mail at the FBI headquarters because it is screened before it is distributed. One letter addressed to the FBI was immediately identified as hate mail because of some writing that the FBI did not disclose Friday morning. Inside the envelope, the employee noticed a white powder, said an FBI special agent. "He immediately stopped, took his gloves off, left the letter in the machine, which is certified for hazmat incidents, and notified our office," he said. All employees of the FBI plus all the other businesses in the 13-story building were evacuated. Hazmat crews from the Salt Lake Fire Department collected the powdery substance into a sealed container and took it away for testing. The area where the mail was sorted was then sterilized before employees were allowed to return.

Source: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700226699,00.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *May 18, eFluxMedia* – (National) **E. coli scare causes massive product recall.** According to federal officials, JSM Meat Holdings Co. has begun recalling its beef based products distributed in 11 states over serious concerns about a possible E. Coli contamination. The problem was first reported by the Food Service and Inspection Service from the United States Department of Agriculture. All products present the number "EST. 6872" given by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and they all include the 30-pounds, 60-pounds, and 47-gallon barrels filled with the "MORREALE MEAT" beef products. The products come in several forms, presented by 15 different labels which include "Boneless Chucks," "Boneless Clods," "Flat Rounds," "Gooseneck

Rounds,” and “Knuckle.” The affected states were Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Source:

http://www.efluxmedia.com/news_E_Coli_Scare_Causes_Massive_Product_Recall_17753.html

25. *May 17, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas; National) **Persistent loss of bees having sour effect on economy.** Bee colonies surveyed across the country experienced an average 31 percent loss from September through March, and the total loss nationwide was 36 percent, according to a survey released this month that was commissioned by the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA). “That’s an amazingly high number,” said the president of AIA. “If you can imagine one-third of all the cows or chickens dying, that would raise a lot of eyebrows.” South Texas has thousands of the 2.44 million colonies in the country, and the disappearance of hives has had a substantive economic impact. The AIA survey was the second one the organization commissioned to gauge bee losses. It documented a trend some call Colony Collapse Disorder that has begun to alarm scientists, beekeepers, and farmers across the country in recent years. Theories abound, but AIA’s president believes the bulk of the loss is the result of parasitic mites that pass viruses from colony to colony. About one third of human food depends on insect pollination, mostly accomplished by bees.

Source:

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/metro/stories/MYSA051808.8B.BusinessBees.38986d3.html>

26. *May 16, Washington Post* – (Texas) **Texas seafood producer ordered to close, recall products.** Hope Food Supply, a Texas-based seafood processing company has been ordered to close down and recall all products manufactured at its facility since 2007, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said Friday. Under a different name, Hope Food had made dried smoked catfish steaks and other smoked seafood products but was ordered to close until it developed and implemented an adequate Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan for its products. The company has not developed this plan and cannot resume production until it has implemented an approved HACCP plan, the FDA said. This type of plan requires the company to identify all food safety hazards likely to occur with each type of seafood product they process and establish preventive measures to control those hazards. Without such a plan, seafood products could contain potentially harmful bacteria that could cause serious illnesses in people.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/05/16/AR2008051601967_3.html)

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Water Sector

27. *May 19, Wall Street Journal* – (Texas) **Texas sinkhole puts spotlight on oil, gas drilling.** A stadium-size sinkhole that formed in south Texas’s oil country this month is renewing questions about the effects of billions of barrels of saltwater injected into the ground each year as a byproduct of oil and gas drilling. High energy prices have led to a

surge in drilling across Texas and other states, much of it in older oil fields that tend to produce large volumes of saltwater along with crude. Meanwhile, new technologies for producing natural gas use millions of gallons of water to crack open gas-bearing rocks – yielding contaminated water that must then be disposed of, usually underground. The result: In 2006, the Texas oil and gas industry injected 6.7 billion barrels of liquid, mostly water, beneath the ground, and experts say that amount has been rising as new wells have multiplied and old wells are revived. Federal regulators, environmentalists and community groups worry that lax oversight is allowing some of the water – which can be ten times as salty as seawater and often contains oil, heavy metals, and even radioactive material – to escape from underground reservoirs. That could lead to the contamination of underground drinking-water supplies, the pollution of soil and surface water, and more sinkholes as underground structures are eroded. The issue was thrown into the spotlight this month when a 900-foot-wide, 250-foot-deep sinkhole opened up in Daisetta. The hole appeared next to an oil-field waste-water disposal facility, which was then found to have been injecting nearly twice as much water into the ground as its disposal permit allowed. The man who oversees the Environmental Protection Agency’s groundwater program in Texas said he knows of only a handful of incidents in recent years in which saltwater reached the surface. But he believes there are more undiscovered cases where waste water has contaminated fresh-water aquifers.

Source:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121116401240302829.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

28. *May 18, Canadian Press* – (International) **U.S. military in Naples sampling water, soil as health worries mount.** The U.S. military in Naples, Italy, is sampling tap water and soil for pesticides and other pollutants because of worries that tons of uncollected garbage poses a health risk for its personnel based in the city. The samples were sent to Germany for laboratory analyses, and the results are expected later this month or in early June. Navy personnel had been anxious about possible health effects, although no link has been found so far to such complaints as rash or itchy eyes. Collectors stopped picking up Naples’ trash in December because dumps are full. Tons of garbage is blocking many sidewalks and streets in the centre of Naples and its suburbs, forcing residents to sometimes wade through knee-high trash. Angry residents have taken to burning rubbish, knocking over refuse bins and dumping bags of refuse in the countryside.

Source:

<http://canadianpress.google.com/article/ALeqM5jBZqo7hRQt8qtSuxcmMwSldQ6DKQ>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *May 19, WSB 750AM Atlanta* – (Georgia) **TB Scare in Covington.** As many as 200 people may have been exposed to tuberculosis, and all from a single person. The East Metro Health District is working to locate everyone who came in contact with the man, who, they say, refused to follow his treatment plan and stay at home. The man was hospitalized earlier this month and, on May 2, the health department was informed of his diagnosis of tuberculosis. He was released from the hospital three days later, and

ordered to stay at home while the health department treated him, and until he was no longer contagious. The man was arrested May 9, and placed in an infirmary designed for inmates with communicable diseases. Now the health department has to go back over the past three months and find everyone the man came in contact with, including seven children living in his Covington home. A health department spokesman says X-rays show two of the children were exposed to TB, but no one has tested positive for the disease.

Source: <http://wsbradio.com/news/051908tbcase.html>

30. *May 19, Indo-Asian News Service* – (International) **States bordering Bangladesh vulnerable to bird flu.** Indian states bordering Bangladesh have become vulnerable to bird flu with the country continuing to be a breeding ground for the disease, officials here said Monday. “Forty-seven of the 64 districts in Bangladesh are hit by bird flu. With the authorities failing to control the disease and no efforts at checking smuggling of poultry and poultry products, bordering Indian states are becoming vulnerable to avian influenza,” said the director of Tripura’s Animal Resource Development (ARD) department. According to an official, over 200,000 birds have been culled, and 90,000 poultry products and 5,500 kilograms poultry feed been destroyed following the recent outbreak of bird flu in the three bordering areas of Dhalai and west Tripura districts.
Source: http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/health/states-bordering-bangladesh-vulnerable-to-bird-flu_10050311.html
31. *May 18, Telegraph* – (International) **British scientists believe they are close to a new treatment for the dangerous ‘superbug’ MRSA.** British scientists have revealed a drug which could spell the end of hospital contracted methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus bacteria (MRSA). The new compound, codenamed XF-73, is currently under trial with a view to developing a product for use in hospitals within three years. Unlike most anti-MRSA drugs which just prevent the bacterium growing and breeding, XF-73 is intended actually to kill the microbes. And as studies suggest that MRSA does not develop resistance to the drug, even after repeated exposures, researchers are optimistic that it could hold the key to stamping out the disease.
Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1981019/MRSA-UK-scientists-%27close-to-a-treatment%27.html>

Government Facilities Sector

32. *May 18, BBC* – (International) **Four arrests at USAF base protest.** Four people have been arrested after more than 100 people demonstrated against nuclear weapons at a U.S. airbase in Suffolk, United Kingdom. The protest was organized by the Lakenheath Action Group, which has campaigned at the base for six years. Police said the protest was generally peaceful, but four people were arrested for breaching bail conditions.
Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/suffolk/7407268.stm
33. *May 17, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Bomb threat closes driver license office.** The state driver license division office in Roosevelt, Utah, was closed for about an hour Friday

after someone phoned in a bomb threat. The phone call was made at 1:20 p.m., and the caller, whom police believe to be an adult male, based on the voice, said there was a bomb in the office and then hung up. The building was evacuated while officers conducted a thorough search. Employees were allowed to return to work after the search yielded no evidence of an explosive device. The case remains under investigation.
Source: <http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,700226778,00.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *May 17, WCHS 6 Portland* – (Maine) **BIA holds disaster drill.** Emergency crews in the Bangor area played out a worst case scenario in a disaster drill Saturday. Every three years Federal Aviation Administration requires Bangor International Airport to hold a disaster drill. In this year's exercise, police, fire, and airport officials responded to a plane that had been hijacked and crashed. Bangor's Police Chief said the drill teaches different emergency agencies to work as a team.

Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=87323>

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Information Technology

35. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (National) **Service Researchers find new ways to steal data.** In two separate pieces of research, teams at the University of California (UC), Santa Barbara, and at Saarland University in Saarbrücken, Germany, describe attacks that seem ripped from the pages of spy novels. In Saarbrücken, the researchers have read computer screens from their tiny reflections on everyday objects such as glasses, teapots, and even the human eye. The UCSB team has worked out a way to analyze a video of hands typing on a keyboard in order to guess what was being written. Computer security research tends to focus on the software and hardware inside the PC, but this kind of "side-channel" research, which dates back at least 45 years, looks at the physical environment. UC researcher's "Clear Shot" can analyze video of hand movements on a computer keyboard and transcribe them into text. It's far from perfect – a graduate student at UCSB says the software is accurate about 40 percent of the time – but it is good enough for someone to get the gist of what was being typed.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/05/19/Researchers-find-new-ways-to-steal-data_1.html

36. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Update: Mass SQL injection attack targets Chinese Web sites.** First detected on May 13, a large scale SQL attack is coming from a server farm inside China, which has made no effort to hide its IP (Internet Protocol) addresses, said the chief executive officer of Armorize Technologies, in Taipei. "The attack is ongoing, ... even if they can't successfully insert malware, they're killing lots of Web sites right now, because they're just brute-forcing every attack surface with SQL injection, and hence causing lots of permanent changes to the victim Web sites," he said. A screenshot of a Web site belonging to the Mackay

Memorial Hospital in Hsinchu, Taiwan, showed the rendering of the site had been affected and displayed the SQL string injected by the attack, he said. Thousands of Web sites have been hit by the attack, he said, noting that 10,000 servers alone were infected by malware last Friday. Most of those servers are located in China, while some are in Taiwan. The attackers appear to be using automated queries to Google's search engine to identify Web sites vulnerable to the attack, he said. Among the sites hit on Friday were Soufun, a real estate Web site, and Mycar168, a site for automobile enthusiasts. The attackers are not targeting a specific vulnerability. Instead they are using an automated SQL injection attack engine that is tailored to attack Web sites using SQL Server. The malware the attack injects comes from 1,000 different servers and targets 10 vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer and related plugins that are popular in Asia, he said. Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/05/19/Mass-SQL-injection-attack-targets-Chinese-Web-sites_1.html

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

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Communications Sector

37. *May 17, CNet News Blog* – (National) **Cell phone, VoIP technologies lack security, experts say.** Be careful what you say over that mobile phone or VoIP system. The most widely used mobile phone standard, GSM, is so insecure that it is easy to track peoples' whereabouts and with some effort even listen in on calls, a security expert said late on Saturday at the LayerOne security conference. "GSM security should be come more secure or at least people should know they shouldn't be talking about (sensitive) things over GSM," said the expert, who has cracked the encryption algorithm the phones use. "Somebody could possibly be listening over the line." GSM is used in Nokia and other phones from carriers AT&T and T-Mobile, for instance. For as little as \$900, someone can buy equipment and use free software to create a fake network device to see traffic going across the network. "You can see all the cell phones connected to the base station," he said. "You can't see calls, but people associated with the calls. You can also do location tracking. If you know somebody is on the network you can see how close to the base station they are." That is possible because the subscriber identifier, which is basically the user identification number, can easily be seen on the traffic, although the identifiers are never supposed to be transmitted in plain text, he said. "I know exactly where you are on the network." Earlier in the day, attendees learned about issues with VoIP systems, which can reduce communications costs for corporations and consumers but typically "have little to no security," said a senior security consultant with security firm Netspi. VoIP systems based on open standards are not encrypting the traffic, which leaves them at risk for eavesdropping, forged or intercepted calls and bogus voice messages, he said, adding that there are numerous tools for doing that, with names like

“Vomit” and “Cain and Abel.”

Source: http://www.news.com/8301-10784_3-9946665-7.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *May 17, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Chemicals found at Hells Angels site.** Friday, detectives conducting a search of a Hells Angels clubhouse in Ventura County, California, uncovered potentially dangerous electrical wiring and a large quantity of petroleum distillates, which are hazardous chemicals, in a pit under a false floor, authorities said. Southern California Edison officials shut off power to the structure, which was red-tagged to prevent further occupancy pending corrections and cleanup, authorities said. The purpose of the chemicals was not immediately available.

Source:

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/may/17/no-headline---nb1bottombriefs-wc/>

39. *May 17, Associated Press* – (California) **3 wounded in L.A. church festival shooting.** A man with a rifle opened fire outside a San Fernando Valley church Friday, wounding three people, one of them critically, police said. Shots rang out shortly before 11 a.m. during a church school festival at St. John Baptist de la Salle, a church in Granada Hills, said an officer. The motive for the attack was not immediately known, she said.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20080517-1143-ca-churchshootings.html>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

40. *May 18, CNN* – (Florida) **Florida Everglades fire scorches 33,000 acres.** Almost 33,000 acres of the Everglades National Park were burning Sunday, fire officials said, the latest in a series of wildfires that have scorched parts of Florida in May. The smoke over parts of South Florida, including Miami, prompted a dense smoke advisory from the National Weather Service. The fire started Friday, the Southern Area InterAgency Management Blue Team said. By Sunday morning it was 20 percent contained, and fire crews were working to restrict it to the park while protecting the Cape Sable seaside sparrow, a federally protected species whose only habitat is in the Everglades.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/05/18/florida.wildfires/?iref=mpstoryview>

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Dams Sector

41. *May 18, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Chouteau County asks Tester to look into building Missouri dam at Carter.** Chouteau County commissioners say the time is right to revisit building a hydroelectric dam on the Missouri River near Carter. But the

Urquhart family, which lives east of Great Falls, says blocking the Mighty Mo at that location could put a revered Lewis and Clark site located upstream six feet under. There are five privately owned hydroelectric dams near Great Falls. A sixth such dam was considered by Montana Power Co., the former owner of the five dams, in the 1970s and '80s. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation looked into the idea as well, according to Tribune archives. The project never got off the ground in the past, but Chouteau County commissioners say that with high energy prices and lingering drought, it is a good time to take another look.

Source:

<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080518/NEWS01/805180304>

42. *May 17, Edwardsville Journal* – (National) **Levee delay doesn't stem pressure for fixes.** The chairman of a committee charged with improving the region's levees to meet new standards said the U.S. Senate's approval to delay the requirements does not mean the pressure has subsided. Five levees are at risk of not meeting new requirements the federal government put in place after post-Hurricane Katrina levee failures in New Orleans. The new standards have developed into a political hot potato, largely because of the cost of the levee repairs, void of federal funding and requirement for residents in areas with faulty levees to purchase expensive insurance. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was set to release flood control maps, used to determine flood zones, in June, but local officials argued that timeline was unfair, since Missouri is in the same Mississippi River watershed as Illinois. Missouri, however, is in a different FEMA district and is not mandated to improve levees for another one or two years.

Source:

<http://edwardsvillejournal.stltoday.com/articles/2008/05/18/news/sj2tn20080517-0518gcj-levees.ii1.txt>

43. *May 16, East Oregonian* – (Oregon) **President Bush signs Wallowa Lake dam bill.** Legislation to authorize \$6 million to replace the aging Wallowa Lake dam was finally signed into public law by the president on May 1, following local and Congressional efforts dating back eight years. Federal funding is still not assured, and the Association Ditch Company will have to come up with a \$6 million dollar-for-dollar match.

Source:

<http://www.eastoregonian.info/main.asp?SectionID=13&SubSectionID=48&ArticleID=77749&TM=64383.77>

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