



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 21 May 2008

Current Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to Bloomberg, a Norwegian workers strike has closed six more airports, bringing the total number to twelve and limiting access to oil drilling platforms off the coast. (See item [1](#))
- The Dayton Daily News reports that Georgia-based Latex Construction Co, a contractor on the 1,679-mile Rockies Express natural gas pipeline is under federal investigation amid allegations by former project inspectors that crews failed to install required equipment designed to prevent breaches that could trigger explosions on the pipeline (See item [15](#))

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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 20, Bloomberg* – (International) **Norway worker strike cuts off access to oil platforms.** A strike in Norway that started last week closed six more airports, limiting transport of workers to and from oil platforms on the Norwegian continental shelf. The six airports were closed Tuesday, said a spokesman for airport operator Avinor AS. A total of 12 airports have now shut in the labor dispute between state-owned Avinor and unions, including in Bergen and Kristiansund, the two biggest bases for helicopter transport to and from oil platforms for StatoilHydro ASA. “The strike won’t have any

consequences for our production as we see it now,” said a StatoilHydro spokesman. StatoilHydro is working to establish alternative routes to platforms, including additional flights from Stord airport. A spokesman for Exxon Mobil Corp. said Tuesday the strike is not affecting its oil and gas output in Norway. A spokesman for BP Plc said the strike is not affecting production. Production at ConocoPhillips’s Ekofisk field is unaffected by the strike, a spokesman said. Regulations allow workers to stay at platforms for as long as 21 straight days. Avinor does not know how long the strike will last.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aA2IZeZne0dM&refer=energy>

2. *May 20, Associated Press* – (International) **Oil crosses \$129 for first time.** Oil prices spiked a new trading high Tuesday, sweeping past \$129 a barrel as supply concerns intensified the momentum buying that has lifted crude into record territory. The June contract for light, sweet crude traded as high as \$129.31 in electronic pre-opening trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange before settling back to \$128.75.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_9321049
3. *May 20, Times Daily* – (Southeast) **TVA lists its goals during celebration.** On Monday, members of the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) board of directors unveiled environmental policies and a pledge to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy across the Valley. The move is an effort to lower emissions of carbon dioxide. TVA introduced several approaches to reduce or stabilize carbon output. Some of TVA’s goals include: to stop its growth in carbon emissions by 2020; to increase renewable and “clean” energy sources, which includes nuclear and hydro, from 35 percent currently to 57 percent by 2020; to reduce the amount of peak electricity demand by 1400 megawatts by 2012 through energy efficiency programs and reduction in peak demand; install equipment to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide, nitric oxide, both greenhouse gases, and mercury in more than 80 percent of the coal-fired power plants in the next ten years.
Source: <http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20080520/NEWS/805200331/-1/COMMUNITIES>
4. *May 19, Associated Press* – (National) **President signs bill to halt oil reserve buys.** The U.S. president signed an oil bill which forces the administration to temporarily stop collecting oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The bill slipped through Congress with veto-proof margins. A White House aide says the president thinks it is a bad idea, but will not stand in its way because of its overwhelming support in Congress. Sponsors of the bill are hoping the freed up oil will lower energy prices. But the administration said the amount of oil involved is insignificant and will not dull pain at the pump. The reserve, which holds enough to cover two months of oil imports in case of a major disruption, is 97 percent full. In anticipation of the bill, the administration suspended deliveries into the reserve for the rest of the year on Friday.
Source: <http://www.kxmc.com/News/239957.asp>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Quaker to shift some operations to Ohio plant.** Quaker Chemical Corp. said Tuesday it plans to shift its North American steel, cleaner, and hydraulic fluid production from Detroit to its Middletown, Ohio, plant as it seeks to lower costs while raw materials prices climb. The Detroit facility will still house the chemical company's metalworking fluids production capabilities. Quaker said the production shift will allow it to meet customer demand better as well as lower capital spending at its Detroit plant. The project is expected to be completed late next year and will make the Ohio plant Quaker's second largest.
Source:
<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/apwire/edad24b5790397ab7f05c749baffbd0e.htm>
6. *May 19, WKRG 5 Pensacola* – (Alabama) **Chemical cleanup at abandoned factory.** The neighbors of an old bumper factory in Mobile, Alabama, fear hazardous chemicals from the abandoned plant have contaminated their property. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began investigating the site in January. Pictures on the EPA website show chemicals like chromic acid, cyanide and sodium hydroxide in open, and in some cases leaking, containers. An on-scene coordinator for the EPA says crews have spent the past five months securing the site, and this week they are transferring old plating solutions and liquids from their original containers into individual totes to be removed. He says they expect to start digging up soil next month. The EPA is still working to determine who is responsible for the mess.
Source:
http://www.wkrg.com/news/article/chemical_cleanup_at_abandoned_factory/14078/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *May 20, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Yankee discloses crane mishap.** Workers at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant are taking additional precautions when working around a 97-ton cask filled with high-level radioactive waste after a crane moving the cask malfunctioned last week. The cask still is not in its final steel and concrete shroud or storage location, although its first shroud does protect workers from potentially deadly doses, a spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said Monday. It was the first cask that Entergy Nuclear was loading with old nuclear fuel for its new storage facility outside the reactor building. Last Monday, the brakes on the crane lifting the loaded cask out of the spent fuel pool failed to work properly, although the brakes did not fail entirely and the cask did not drop to the floor, the NRC spokesman said. The brakes finally stopped the cask an inch and a half above the floor, when the operator wanted it to stop four inches above the floor, so workers could remove a plastic shield on the bottom of the cask, the NRC spokesman said. "We're keeping very close tabs on radiation levels," said a spokesman for Entergy Nuclear, which suspended the transfer process until the problem could be analyzed. The crane, which is original equipment to

the 36-year-old reactor, was being examined by the crane manufacturer.

Source:

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080520/NEWS02/805200341/1003/NEWS02>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *May 20, Strategy Page* – (National) **F-22 replaces F-117.** The U.S. Air Force has reactivated an F-117 “Stealth Fighter” squadron (the 7th Fighter Squadron) and equipped it with F-22 fighters. Because of its extraordinary performance characteristics and stealthiness, the F-22 now perform bombing missions previously taken care of by the F117. The last F-117s were retired earlier this year.

Source: <http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htairfo/articles/20080520.aspx>

9. *May 20, Aviation Week* – (National) **U.S. Army may field FCS systems early.** Demand from commanders in Iraq is driving an evaluation of Class I unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and small unmanned ground vehicles (SUGV) that may result in earlier fielding of the Future Combat Systems (FCS) components, U.S. Army officials say. The Army’s FCS communicator said there are advantages to fielding the systems earlier than planned. “The Class I UAV provides a hover-and-stare capability we don’t have on the battlefield,” he said. “And the SUGV provides enhanced sensing capabilities.” Soldiers with the Army Evaluation Task Force at Ft. Bliss, Texas, are in the final stages of training on the two platforms. They will begin evaluating the systems, providing the Army with a full report in September or October 2008. Based on the report, the Army will make a decision whether to begin fielding the Class I UAV and SUGV, keep the two components as a core program, or take variants out into the field.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=aerospacedaily&id=news/FCS052008.xml&headline=U.S.%20Army%20May%20Field%20FCS%20Systems%20Early

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *May 20, Los Gatos Weekly-Times* – (California) **Secret Service joins probe of ID theft case at market.** The Secret Service has joined the investigation of the ATM identity theft case at the Los Gatos Lunardi’s Supermarket, as the number of victims continues to climb. Most recent figures show that 234 Lunardi’s shoppers reported they are victims of the scam. Approximately \$251,000 has been stolen since police discovered an ATM machine at the store had been tampered with to obtain customers’ account information. The assistant special agent in charge of the Secret Service’s San Francisco office confirmed that agents are helping with the investigation. Because electronic crime is becoming so rampant, the Secret Service has established an Electronic Crimes Task Force with representatives from banks, law enforcement and academia. Police said two

men arrested May 8 in Southern California were connected to the scam. Lunardi's customers first began reporting the thefts April 27. Cash withdrawals were reportedly made from ATMs in various cities in Southern California.

Source:

http://www.mercurynews.com/portlet/article/html/fragments/print_article.jsp?articleId=9319426&siteId=36

11. *May 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Bank: customer cards compromised, point to Hannaford breach.** TD Banknorth says it has notified New Hampshire customers that their Visa debit or credit cards have been compromised, most likely because of the Hannaford Brothers Supermarkets security breach. A bank spokeswoman said a privacy policy prevented her from saying how many customers were involved. TD Banknorth says instead of having a mass cancellation and reissuing its Visa debit and credit cards, it is relying on fraud-detection computer programs which it says can monitor for fraud and even decline transactions as they are being made. In March, Hannaford announced that a security breach had compromised more than 4 million customer card numbers.
Source: http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=8350927&nav=menu183_2
12. *May 19 Sacramento Business Journal* – (California) **Franchise Tax Board warns of two online scams.** The California Franchise Tax Board is warning taxpayers of two scams involving the tax board and identity theft. The first scam involves an e-mail “phishing” for taxpayer data. The e-mail masquerades as offering to check the status of people’s state income tax refund. Scams of this nature attempt to lure people into revealing personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which may be used in identify theft. The second scam involves a phony letter informing the taxpayer his or her tax return may be audited. The letter refers the taxpayer to a fake FTB address in Georgia. Both the e-mail and the letter contain misspellings and grammatical errors.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2008/05/19/daily15.html>
13. *May 19 WBZTV 4 Boston* – (National) **I-Team investigates Credit Solutions.** In Massachusetts and across the country, Credit Solutions, the largest for-profit debt resolution company in the United States, has a troubled history. They have had more than 1,000 consumer complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau over the past three years. Two states charged the company with violating credit counseling laws and Credit Solutions paid out more than \$1 million in refunds. The company is now the subject of a class action suit alleging it defrauded its customers. Here is how Credit Solutions works. Clients agree to pay Credit Solutions 15 percent of their total debt. In return, Credit Solutions will negotiate a settlement with credit card companies and reduce the amount the client has to pay by as much as 60 percent. Credit Solutions tells clients to stop paying their credit card bills and refer the creditors to Credit Solutions. However, Credit solutions did not do anything to resolve the problem.
Source: <http://wbztv.com/seenon/credit.solutions.debt.2.727994.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *May 20, USA Today* – (National) **TSA to test ID-only check of pilots.** The nation's 75,000 airline pilots could avoid being screened for weapons before they board airplanes if a test starting shortly succeeds. But critics including flight attendants fear that an armed terrorist posing as a pilot could get on an airplane if pilots do not have to walk through metal detectors and have their bags scanned by X-ray machines. At three test airports, pilots will skip passenger screening and go through separate checkpoints where a screener will check only their airline ID. The test, run by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), will begin in early summer and could be copied around the country at a later date, a TSA assistant administrator said. Pilots' unions have been lobbying to skip airport screening, which they call unnecessary and "demoralizing." Congress passed a broad anti-terror law last summer requiring the TSA to give pilots and flight attendants "expedited access through screening checkpoints." The TSA official said the upcoming test will guard against terrorists using a stolen or forged pilot ID, and could speed checkpoints for passengers. The TSA uses separate checkpoints for the 10,000 or so pilots who are approved to carry handguns, for law-enforcement officers flying on business and public officials with an armed security detail. Those people register at a checkpoint and have their IDs checked.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-05-19-pilots_N.htm

15. *May 20, Dayton Daily News* – (Georgia) **Georgia company accused of pipeline safety violations.** A contractor on the 1,679-mile Rockies Express natural gas pipeline is under federal investigation amid allegations by former project inspectors that crews from Georgia-based Latex Construction Co. failed to install required equipment designed to prevent breaches that could trigger explosions. The owners of the Rockies Express, or REX, had negotiated with Latex of Conyers to work on the upcoming eastern leg of the pipeline, but now do not plan to use the company, said a REX spokesman, who declined to discuss the reason. The pipeline, which will bring gas from Wyoming to the Midwest and East, is complete from Colorado to Kansas, and will soon be operational to central Missouri. Federal approval is expected soon for the eastern phase through Ohio. Officials of the Transportation Department's pipeline safety office confirmed allegations that Latex crews in Kansas did not properly install concrete river weights that fit over the 42-inch pipeline at water crossings to keep it from floating. The officials said they made Latex install missing weights in a couple of areas. Officials are investigating claims that Latex did not wrap pipeline in a coating to protect it from rock damage.

Source:

http://www.ajc.com/business/content/business/stories/2008/05/19/pipeline_0520.html

16. *May 19, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Man charged with impersonating Naval investigator at Palm Beach International Airport.** A former Navy officer was arrested at Palm Beach International Airport after he tried to board a plane with a .40-caliber magazine in his carry-on baggage. The man told security officials he was a Naval law enforcement investigator and showed them a badge. The Navy has no record of him being an investigator, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Source:

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/local_news/epaper/2008/05/19/0519navyofficer.html

17. *May 19, Federal News Radio* – (National) **Changing TSA screening.** A new plan the Transportation Security Administration is launching will change the way the agency physically screens airport employees. Over 100 airports asked TSA to do the test program at their facilities, but the agency chose Logan Airport in Boston; Jacksonville International Airport in Florida; Denver International Airport; Kansas City International Airport; Craven Regional in New Bern, North Carolina; the Southwest Oregon Regional airport in Coos County, Oregon; and the airport in Eugene, Oregon.
Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=430&sid=1406462>

18. *May 19, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC subway's elevators, escalators are troubled.** New York City Transit spent nearly \$1 billion to install elevators and escalators in the subways since the early 1990s, yet one of every six was out of service for more than a month last year, according to a published report. Two-thirds of the subway elevators had at least one breakdown last year in which passengers were trapped inside, the New York Times reported Monday. "This organization is very, very good at subway car maintenance; it's very good at bus maintenance. But maintaining auxiliary equipment it hasn't done as well," said the president of New York City Transit. In 1990, about 48 elevators were in the subway system. Today, there are 167 in 62 stations, with about two dozen more under construction and many more planned. Five million people ride the subway in New York City every day.
Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=80&sid=1406485>

19. *May 19, Washington Technology* – (National) **DHS unveils infrastructure protection grants.** The Homeland Security Department will distribute \$844 million in grants for security at ports, transit, trucking and bus systems, a 29 percent increase compared to last year's allocation, officials said. DHS' Infrastructure Protection Activities program will allocate the congressionally authorized funds to state, local and private agencies and authorities. Top priorities for this year include communications, information sharing, regional cooperation and safeguards against attacks from improvised explosive devices.
Source: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/online/1_1/32823-1.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

1. *May 19, Humble Observer* – (Texas) **Suspicious package under examination by HazMat.** Authorities investigated a terrorist scare at the Eastex Veterinary Clinic in Humble, Texas on Monday. The business received a suspicious package around 1:30 p.m. containing an unknown substance via Federal Express delivery. The Harris County HazMat team tested the material while employees at the facility are sequestered inside the building. There were no customers inside the clinic when the package was delivered.
Source:
http://www.hcnonline.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=19702531&BRD=1574&PAG=461&dept_id=635652&rfi=6

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *May 20, USAgNet* – (National) **FDA takes action against Illinois cream cheese companies, executives.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today announced the shut down of cream cheese and seafood operations at Lifeway Foods, Inc. and its subsidiary, LFI Enterprises, Inc. until they are found compliant with food-safety laws. A consent decree of permanent injunction, signed by both corporations and two of their top executives, halts cream cheese and seafood processing in facilities in Skokie, Illinois, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The FDA's enforcement action follows the defendants' extensive history of violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act dating back to at least 2004.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1204&yr=2008>

21. *May 20, Reuters* – (International) **South Korea to ban imports of U.S. beef from old cattle.** South Korea said on Tuesday it will effectively ban imports of U.S. beef from cattle older than 30 months in the latest attempt to calm safety concerns about the U.S. product and win support for a separate free trade deal with Washington. South Korea reached a deal with the U.S. to open its market wider to American beef in April, but delayed last week the resumption of quarantine inspections for an additional seven to ten days in the face of public safety concerns. The agreement came after some U.S. lawmakers said Congress would not approve a sweeping free trade deal with South Korea unless Seoul fully opened its market to U.S. beef. The U.S. said Monday it was in talks with Seoul to calm safety concerns, as South Koreans have reacted angrily to the agreement requiring them to accept certain beef cuts that other U.S. trading partners such as Japan still will not import. Prior to the agreement, South Korea, once the third-largest importer of American beef until a U.S. outbreak of mad cow disease in 2003, only allowed boneless beef from cattle under 30 months of age.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/reuters/feeds/reuters/2008/05/20/2008-05-20T052559Z_01_SEO320309_RTRIDST_0_KOREA-BEEF-USA-UPDATE-2.html

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Water Sector

1. *May 20, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Feds punish 3 companies for chemical-tainted water supply.** Motorola and two other companies will pay a half-million-dollar penalty for two recent incidents in which a groundwater contaminant was released into the drinking supply. In October and January, the chemical trichloroethylene was found in water in amounts exceeding the Environmental Protection Agency's maximum limits. The chemical releases occurred when processes at a water-treatment plant broke down. The three companies, identified as the source of decades-old TCE contamination under North Indian Bend Wash, built the plant as part of a federally mandated Superfund cleanup. The plant is now run by Arizona American Water Co. Neither incident caused a public-health threat, regulators say.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/0520epa0520.html>

2. *May 19, Times* – (National) **Federal bill would alert public of raw sewage overflows.** A proposal before federal legislators aims to notify the public quickly of possibly dangerous sewage overflows into local waterways. Indiana and Illinois already require at least some of the goals outlined in the federal Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act. First introduced a year ago in the U.S. House of Representatives, the bill would require municipal sewage treatment sites to notify the public of overflows of raw or partially treated sewage no later than 24 hours after spills. Sewage sites also would be required to install equipment for a timely alert of overflows and immediately notify public health authorities when an overflow risks human health.

Source:

http://www.thetimesonline.com/articles/2008/05/19/news/top_news/doc94899bcd250cf4648625744d007a1e6a.txt

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *May 20, eFlux Media* – (National) **Google Health service is finally here.** Google Inc. has launched its long-awaited Google Health (google.com/health), a product that enables users to upload and store medical records from many sources and get relevant health information. The Monday announcement expands upon Google's initial notice in February, according to which the company had teamed with the Cleveland Clinic to test the service with about 10,000 patients who already use the hospital's online health records system. According to a Google vice president, patients can upload medical records from organizations, enter their own data, create their own profile, search for viable information on health conditions, or ask for second opinions. From the very beginning, a key concern was the privacy of user's sensitive information. A series of watchdog groups believe that Google already knows too much about the interests and habits of its users as it logs their requests and stores their e-mail discussions.

Source: http://www.efluxmedia.com/news_Google_Health_Service_Is_Finally_Here_17817.html

23. *May 20, Reuters* – (International) **EU licenses first pre-pandemic bird flu vaccine.** European authorities have approved the first pre-pandemic bird flu vaccine, Prepandrix, from GlaxoSmithKline Plc, its maker said on Monday. Glaxo hopes the move will spur fresh stockpile orders from governments around the world. Prepandrix is intended for use before or in the early stages of a flu pandemic. It triggers an immune response to the H5N1 strain of bird flu, which experts fear may trigger a widespread human flu outbreak threatening millions of people. So far, Glaxo has received orders for Prepandrix from a handful of governments, including the United States, Switzerland, and Finland. In 2007, it sold \$284 million of its pre-pandemic vaccine and bulk antigen.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/health/idUKL1644576720080520>

24. *May 20, Shelbyville Times-Gazette* – (Tennessee) **Bird flu's potential impact could be massive.** Bedford County's Emergency Management Director and Avian Influenza

Planning Project Manager have been examining what difficulties the county will likely face in the event of an Avian Flu pandemic. They concluded that a pandemic would result in social isolation (as Americans are now much more accustomed to travel and constant interaction that during the last pandemic in 1918) and economic damage. The County Emergency manger said only large businesses would be able to cope for 12 days without cash flow. Local small businesses would have to close their doors and could possibly never reopen. The Avian Influenza Planning Project manager said that in the event of a pandemic locals should not “‘expect any help’ from the federal government or the state because everybody is going to be in the same boat.”

Source: <http://www.t-g.com/story/1406157.html>

Government Facilities Sector

25. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Anchor stolen from closed Wis. Reserve center.** The theft of a six-foot-tall anchor, possibly weighing 2,000 pounds, from a closed Navy Reserve center has many in the western Wisconsin city of La Crosse shaking their heads. Not only are they asking why and how it was stolen, but they wonder why no one noticed for months, even though the anchor is in a residential area, facing a well-traveled street. The subject came up Wednesday at a meeting of the Naval Reservist Oversight Committee, which owns the anchor. A police official figures most likely the anchor – which is made of ferrous metal – was sold for scrap. The city is likely to sell the building, but the chairman of the Naval Reservist Oversight Committee said the committee still hopes to establish a memorial on part of the site. The anchor would have been part of that.

Source: http://www.navytimes.com/news/2008/05/ap_anchor_navyreserve_051908/

2. *May 19, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Bomb scare near Newport recruiting center.** Police were called to a coastal military recruiting office in Oregon after a possible bomb scare. Someone put a black box with German writing on it at NW 8th St and Hwy 101. Last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation offered a reward for similar hoax devices found at three places in Oregon. The recruiting station was closed, and two nearby businesses were evacuated.

Source: http://www.kgw.com/news-local/stories/kgw_051908_news_newport_bomb_scare.cf20496.html

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *May 20, California Chronicle* – (California) **Bill to strengthen emergency communications to limited-English speaking populations passes.** In a state frequently plagued with wildfires, floods, and earthquakes, the ability of emergency services to reach limited English speakers (LEP) could be the difference between life and death. Under a bill carried by the California Assembly Majority Leader, the needs of LEP populations would be incorporated into emergency preparedness planning, response, and

recovery training. The state Assembly passed the bill, AB 1930, by a vote of 64 to 0 today. In California approximately seven million residents are limited English proficient. The state's Little Hoover Commission has highlighted the importance of developing plans to ensure the needs of vulnerable populations, including those with limited proficiency in English, are met during a catastrophe. Wildfires in southern California, as well as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, resulted in thousands of limited English speakers receiving evacuation orders only in English. The bill would require the state's Director of Emergency Services to incorporate local ethnic community-based organizations and ethnic media outlets in communication plans to alert them about emergency information.

Source: <http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/62376>

27. *May 20, USA Today* – (National) **New technology guides first responders.** While no national statistics are available on how many first responders use satellite navigating devices, their use of automatic vehicle location (AVL) systems – which build on GPS technology to transmit a rescue vehicle's location to a command post – has increased more than 20 percent per year since 2000, says the president of C.J. Driscoll and Associates, a marketing consulting firm. Nationwide, about one-fourth of ambulances, 15 percent of fire vehicles, and 10 percent of police cars are equipped with AVL systems, he says. However, high price tags and slow political processes have caused some larger city departments to lag in adopting the technology, says the chief executive officer of InterAct Public Safety Systems, a North Carolina company that provides AVL and dispatch software.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techpolicy/2008-05-19-emergencygps_N.htm

28. *May 19, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Emergency plan goes before council.** In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, federal officials reviewed how police and firefighters responded and discovered that it could have been more effective if crews had a more streamlined plan. It prompted authorities to launch the "National Incident Management System" as an official guide to handle such events. On Monday night the Alameda City Council considered adopting the new system. Alameda's Acting Division Chief said that residents will not likely notice any major difference in local emergency response because much of the new system is modeled on plans that were already in place in California, which in 1993 became the first state to adopt a standardized emergency management system. The idea behind the new system is to provide a "consistent national approach" to major disasters, according to the resolution that went before the council.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/alamedacounty/ci_9311453

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Information Technology

29. *May 20, vnunet.com* – (National) **Mass website hacks here to stay.** McAfee Security experts have warned that the recent rash of large-scale website attacks may not be a fleeting trend. A McAfee researcher believes that the attacks, which simultaneously

target hundreds of thousands of web pages, could be a sign of things to come. The nature of the attacks makes them very hard to prevent, and simply removing the exploit code may not protect sites from further infection. His assessment follows several SQL injection attacks in recent months. The attackers are believed to have used automated scripts to run input-validation attacks on pages. The script embeds a small section of JavaScript on the compromised page. Users attempting to access the pages are silently routed to a third-party site run by the attacker. This page then attempts to execute a number of browser exploits in an effort to install malware.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2217001/mass-hacks-here-stay>

30. *May 20, Computerworld* – (National) **New attack trend pushes POS encryption to the fore.** The relatively scant attention that retailers have paid to securing their point-of-sale systems over the past few years is making the POS setups increasingly attractive targets for cybercrooks who are looking to steal payment card data. Hoping to help merchants address that situation are a handful of vendors who have begun offering new products aimed at making POS environments a lot harder to crack. The biggest of those vendors is VeriFone Holdings Inc., which last month released a security tool designed to let merchants encrypt credit and debit card data from the moment a card is swiped at a merchant's PIN entry device all the way to the systems of the company's external payment processor. VeriFone's VeriShield Protect software is based on patented technology from Semtek Innovative Solutions Corp., which makes appliances for securely decrypting data. VeriFone said that Semtek's technology, called the Hidden Triple Data Encryption Standard, can be used to encrypt personal account numbers and the so-called Track 2 data stored on the magnetic stripe located on the back of payment cards. That information includes card numbers and their expiration dates.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9086898&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

31. *May 20, IDG News Service* – (National) **XP SP3 hit by new networking bug.** The latest service pack for Windows XP continues to cause problems for users. According to an online user forum, the latest glitch in Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3) is with the remote desktop access feature of Windows Home Server. Windows XP users running Windows Home Server, Microsoft's home storage and local networking server, report that SP3 has been cutting off their access to the server from their PCs. The remote desktop access feature would ask users to add their home server's website address in order to access it even after they already had, users reported.

Source:

<http://www.techworld.com/opsys/news/index.cfm?newsID=101547&pagtype=all>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

32. *May 20, OneStopClick* – (International) **Smartphone use by businesses ‘increases security threat.’** The increasing use of smartphones by businesses is leading to higher security threats as handset theft grows, according to a survey by Airwide Solution. Figures from the Home Office showed that 800,000 mobile phones were reported as stolen in the UK in 2006. Airwide Solutions has said that as information like bank details, PIN codes, passwords, and company and personal details are held on the smartphones, they present a significant security risk if lost. The company believes one way to combat this threat is to use software which locks and wipes data on the device if it is stolen.

Source: <http://www.onestopclick.com/news/Smartphone-use-by-businesses-'increases-security-threat' 18601254.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *May 20, Evening Standard* – (International) **Security fears for Cup final.** In Russia, alarming security lapses have been exposed at the stadium which will host Wednesday night's soccer Champions League final. An Evening Standard reporter and photographer were allowed to wander into Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium unchallenged. Despite carrying a rucksack which was not searched, they were waved in by guards and were able to wander around the ground, sit in the presidential box and stroll across the field. More than 40,000 Chelsea and Manchester United fans are facing stringent checks as they flood into Russia for the match. Thousands of police and soldiers are on duty. Moscow has been the target of Chechen terror attacks but the Evening Standard reporter, without any accreditation, walked into the ground through an open gate. He sat in the leather armchairs where dignitaries such as the Russian prime minister, the Chelsea owner, and the Uefa president will watch the game. A guard helpfully pointed out which seats they were. One source said: "It is unheard of for anyone to penetrate a major stadium on the eve of such a big match. This is of grave concern."

Source: <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23486061-details/Security+fears+for+Cup+final/article.do>

34. *May 19, Union-Tribune* – (California) **14 hurt in explosion at under-construction bayfront hotel.** A natural gas explosion in a San Diego downtown hotel under construction tore apart four floors, badly burned three construction workers and injured 11 others Monday afternoon. The blast occurred on the lower floors of the Hilton Hotel. There were more than 400 workers inside at the time. "There was an accumulation of natural gas from a leak in the utility room on the 5th floor," said a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. "That gas found an ignition source. We're not sure what it was, but it could have been electrical, or the flames from the boilers." The mayor said during a news conference that the interior walls of floors 4 through 7 were blown out, but the damage was contained to those floors. From the street, each floor was

exposed. The blast mangled pipes, twisted steel frames and obliterated drywall.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20080519-1837-bn19blast4.html>

35. *May 19, inRich.com* – (Virginia) **Bomb squad destroys package at Coliseum.** Police evacuated the Richmond Coliseum and shut down two roads today after finding a found a five-gallon container with a blinking red light, said a police spokeswoman. A police bomb squad destroyed the container. The official said she did not know how the package got there or if it posed any danger.

Source: <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2008-05-19-0180.html>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

36. *May 19, Winchester Star* – (Massachusetts) **Flooding issues take center stage as Scalley Dam review begins.** In Woburn, Massachusetts, the mayor and chairman of the board of selectmen recently announced a joint project to investigate options for the renovation of Horn Pond's Scalley Dam in an effort to address regional flooding issues. The problem with the dam is that the spillway outlets were not built large enough to sustain the amount of water that can surge through during a large storm. Scalley Dam has been determined to be structurally sound, but the outlet that releases water is not sized for handling large storm flows, such as those experienced during the May 2006 "Mother's Day Storm," according to a press release. Department of Public Works officials from Woburn and Winchester worked together to monitor the water levels at the dam, and a preliminary analysis of the opening at the dam's control structure was part of the Winchester Flood Mitigation Program by ENSR Corporation. The study indicates that the opening needs to be twice the size of the current configuration in order to have adequate control of the pond elevation as it fills and overtops during a significant storm. The dam review to be completed will include more detailed analysis of the Pond and Scalley Dam, preliminary design of the new outlet structure, and a cost analysis. The study will be funded by a grant received by the Town of Winchester.

Source:

http://www.wickedlocal.com/winchester/town_info/government/x1191423726/Flooding-issues-take-center-stage-as-Scalley-Dam-review-begins

37. *May 19, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Private company to patrol Dillon Dam.** Denver Water recently hired a local private security company to patrol its facilities at Dillon Reservoir around the Dillon Dam Road. "There will now be a 24/7 security presence on the dam, which will alleviate the burden on both law enforcement and the caretakers," said the manager of safety and security at Denver Water. According to

Denver Water, the decision to increase security was not a direct result of the security breach that occurred on the dam in early January, but rather a decision that coordinated best with other local agencies. Authorities said residents may notice future security enhancements on the dam, and Denver Water will be looking to coordinate installations to minimize road closures.

Source:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20080519/NEWS/589578625/0/FRONTPAGE>

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