



Department of Homeland Security IAIP Directorate Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 16 May 2005

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Daily Highlights

- MarketWatch reports an explosion and fire on a Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline has closed down a big Entergy Corp. power plant in Texas. (See item [1](#))
- The Jersey Journal reports a fire at an Amtrak train trestle caused service interruptions and delays for thousands of NJ Transit train riders, as well as overcrowding at the Hoboken Terminal where many of the trains were re-routed. (See item [6](#))
- The Associated Press reports Indonesian researchers have found a strain of avian flu in pigs on the densely populated island of Java, raising fears the virus could more easily spread to humans. (See item [18](#))

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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://esisac.com>]

1. *May 13, MarketWatch* — **Gas blast shuts Entergy power plant.** An explosion and fire on a Kinder Morgan natural gas pipeline shut down a big Entergy Corp. power plant in Texas on Friday, May 13, the companies said. Kinder Morgan said the explosion occurred on a section of its NGPL Gulf Coast pipeline near Tatum, in eastern Texas, cutting the fuel line to the Entergy plant. Harrison power plant is a 550-megawatt merchant power generating facility that sells electricity to the wholesale market. A spokesperson for Entergy said the company was

assessing the damage to the plant, adding that they could not yet say how long the plant would be shut. Kinder Morgan, meanwhile, said it was re-routing natural gas shipments through other lines to skirt the damaged compressor station. "At this time, no transportation or storage services have been curtailed," Kinder Morgan said in a statement.

Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story.asp?guid=%7BAFD95DDF%2D1B4C%2D40AB%2DBD1B%2DF860A2674BD3%7D&siteid=mktw>

2. *May 12, Associated Press* — **Interim storage needed to supplement Yucca Mountain according to House panel.** A House spending panel is directing the Department of Energy to start sending nuclear waste to an interim storage site next year, a shift from the Bush administration's focus on the troubled Yucca Mountain repository in Nevada. Representative David Hobson (R-OH), chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on energy and water, included \$10 million for the effort in a spending bill the subcommittee passed on Thursday, May 12. The legislation, approved by voice vote, directs the department to select one or more aboveground sites that will be ready in 2006 to accept some of the thousands of tons of commercial reactor fuel and defense waste now accumulating in 39 states. Hobson said he remains committed to Yucca Mountain, the planned underground dump for the nation's nuclear waste, but that delays to the project have made interim storage necessary. The bill does not specify a storage site.

Source: <http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2005/05/14/news/nation/nation%201.txt>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *May 14, Times Online (UK)* — **Banks introduce transfer delays in response to phishing.** Four of Britain's biggest banks are delaying intra-bank payments between accounts as they struggle to combat security breaches from a spiraling increase in phishing attacks. Barclays, HBOS, Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest have delayed instantaneous online transfers by between several hours and a day. Recently, Barclays introduced a one-day delay for transfers. "This delay enables us to carry out checks that seek to prevent fraud," said a Barclays spokesperson. Nilay Patel, director of sales engineering at MailFrontier, an Internet security company, said the delays were a belated attempt to tackle a problem that had taken the banks by surprise.

Source: <http://business.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,8209-1612110,00.html>

4. *May 13, Chicago Sun–Times* — **Identity theft ring at doctors' offices.** More than 100 patients who visited doctors belonging to two Chicago physicians' groups were the victims of an identity theft ring that tapped into the groups' records. Tiana Hill, an administrative employee for the University of Chicago Physicians' Group, and Bonnie Williams, a receptionist with Lincoln Park Family Physicians in Chicago, lifted financial data off patients' records, including bank account information, birth dates, Social Security numbers, addresses and phone numbers, according to an indictment announced Thursday, May 12. The information was used to raid patients' bank accounts in the amount of \$150,000, the charges allege. Hill and Williams are accused of selling the patients' information to Geraldine Cooper and Lamont Martin, both of Chicago. Cooper and Martin recruited others to pose as the account holders and withdrew money from the accounts. Eleven people were each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit identity theft and all but one of the defendants were charged with identification document fraud and bank fraud.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-hosp13.html>

5. *May 12, Department of the Treasury* — **Treasury designates three individuals associated with Jemaah Islamiyah.** The Department of the Treasury on Thursday, May 12, designated three individuals for their role in Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), a terrorist group in Southeast Asia with links to al Qaeda. The Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI) utilizes its financial tools, including the Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) designation powers, to safeguard the financial system through the financial isolation of rogue actors. Abu Rusdan, Zulkarnaen, and Joko Pitono were designated under Executive Order 13224, President Bush's Order aimed at freezing the assets of terrorists and their support networks. The U.S. is submitting the individuals to the United Nations 1267 Committee, which will consider adding them to the consolidated list of terrorists tied to al Qaeda, Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban. JI's stated goal is to create an Islamic state comprised of Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and the southern Philippines. Members of JI have been trained, funded and directed by al Qaeda leadership to pursue al Qaeda's agenda across the region. The U.S. Government possesses credible evidence that these individuals are key officials in JI and support and/or commit acts of terrorism on behalf of JI and JI's support for al Qaeda.

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press/releases/js2441.htm>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

6. *May 14, Jersey Journal (NJ)* — **Fire causes NJ Transit delays.** A fire at an Amtrak train trestle in Kearny, NJ, Thursday night, May 12, caused service interruptions and delays for thousands of NJ Transit train riders on Friday and overcrowding at the Hoboken Terminal where many of the trains were re-routed. The commute could have been much worse, had the fire damage been more substantial, officials said. The fire on the portal bridge engulfed wood pilings beneath the drawbridge over the Hackensack River and caused service suspensions on NJ Transit's North Jersey Coastline, Northeast Corridor and Midtown Direct, and on Amtrak trains. Kearny, Secaucus, and Jersey City Fire Departments worked together to battle the blaze, which began at about 7:30 p.m. and wasn't extinguished until after 11 p.m. Thursday. By Friday, service had resumed along the fire-damaged bridge, although switching delays slowed trains to about five mph. NJ Transit Executive Director George Warrington said, "The quick

response by firefighters contained the fire. If the deck of the bridge had caught fire, you could have been looking at weeks or months before they completed repairs." In order to ease congestion into Hoboken, NJ Transit canceled 13 Morris/Essex and 10 Montclair/Boonton line trains. During an average rush-hour, 42,500 people use NJ Transit trains to travel to New York City.

Source: http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/index.ssf?/base/news-0/11160_61973134200.xml

7. *May 14, Seattle Times (WA)* — **Alaska Airlines outsources baggage-handling jobs.** Alaska Airlines baggage handlers arriving for work at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) just before 3 a.m. on Friday, May 13, were met with a Friday the 13th surprise. Overnight, their jobs had been given to an outsourcing company. All 472 of Alaska's baggage handlers at Sea-Tac got the same message by phone or as they showed up for their shifts. By replacing the unionized baggage handlers in Seattle with contract workers from Menzies Aviation, the airline estimates it will save more than \$13 million a year. The decision came a week after union workers in Seattle and Alaska overwhelmingly rejected a contract offer that included pay and benefit cuts but also a guarantee of four years without outsourcing. The carrier is working to cut costs in an industry facing high fuel costs, low ticket prices and competition from other carriers, including some that are slashing expenses while in Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization. Late last year, Alaska announced the layoff of 900 managers, mechanics and aircraft cleaners, including almost 200 people in Seattle.

Source: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/business/technology/200_2274683_alaska14.html

8. *May 14, Associated Press* — **Transportation secretary to release rail safety plan in Columbia.** Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has scheduled a Monday, May 16, news conference at the Statehouse in Columbia, SC, to announce plans to improve rail safety. Officials said the Department of Transportation's plan will address hazardous materials transport, railroad crossing safety, and human error in train operations. Mineta is releasing the plan in South Carolina after nine people died in Graniteville from inhaling chlorine gas that spewed from a ruptured tanker after a train slammed into a parked train on a side track in January.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/myrtlebeachonline/news/local/11648236.htm>

9. *May 14, Associated Press* — **Vacationer charged with disrupting Northwest flight.** A vacationing Japanese businessman has been charged with disrupting an international flight by yelling, spilling water on passengers and bumping a flight attendant after finding a hair on his blanket. Kaichiro Tsunemi, 58, appeared briefly in U.S. District Court in Detroit on Friday, May 13, on a charge of interfering with a Northwest Airlines flight crew on May 6. Authorities said he went ballistic during the flight that day from Osaka, Japan, to Detroit after finding the hair, and started yelling, swearing and pouring water on the seats and floors. He also threw his hat, blanket, safety demonstration card and magazines into the aisle, bumped a flight attendant and verbally abused someone who was trying to interpret, FBI Agent Edward Wray said in an affidavit filed with the criminal complaint.

Source: http://www.freep.com/news/statewire/sw115800_20050514.htm

10. *May 13, Associated Press* — **Mexico to send letter to U.S. protesting border wall.** Mexico will send a diplomatic letter to the United States protesting the extension of a wall along the U.S.-California border, officials said Friday, May 13. Ruben Aguilar, a spokesperson for

President Vicente Fox, said the president would also continue to pressure the U.S. government to approve a migration accord that would allow more migrants to work legally north of the border. President Bush proposed a temporary work program last year, but it has stalled amid opposition in Congress. Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez said Thursday, May 12, that Fox had instructed him to send the diplomatic letter with the message that the wall's construction was "unacceptable and not a solution." A corrugated metal wall — dubbed the "Tortilla Wall" — goes all around the edge of Tijuana, but a second and more substantial layer of barriers that was built behind the first one that is incomplete and, among other things, does not stretch out into the Pacific. The measures passed this week allow for the completion of that second layer of barriers. The upcoming letter will be Mexico's first formal protest of new U.S. immigration regulations that require states to verify that people who apply for a driver's license are in the country legally.

Source: http://www.wusatv9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=39619

11. *May 12, Transportation Security Administration* — **Explosives detection trace portal deployed to Los Angeles International.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) recently installed a new explosives detection trace portal that will be used to screen passengers at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in Terminal One. The equipment is part of a pilot program to test and evaluate the trace portal for screening passengers for explosives. “By adding this new technology, LAX remains on the cutting edge of post-9/11 security,” said Larry Fetters, TSA Federal Security Director. “The new explosives detection trace portal adds another important layer of security here at LAX.” At LAX, some passengers will be directed by the TSA screeners to step into the trace portal. Passengers will stand still for a few seconds while several “puffs” of air are released. The portal will collect and analyze the air for traces of explosives and a computerized voice will tell passengers when to exit. To date, TSA has allocated \$28.3 million for the purchase and installation of an additional 147 trace portals. TSA is also developing a deployment plan to have the equipment in airports by January 2006. Once the plans are finalized, TSA will announce the next group of airports to receive the equipment. Source: http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=090005198_0126375

12. *May 12, Department of Homeland Security* — **Machine-readable passports required for all Visa Waiver Program travel in June.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on Thursday, May 12, reminded travelers from 27 Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries that as of June 26, 2005, they must have a machine-readable passport to enter the United States without a visa, as mandated by Congress. Machine-readable passports have a sequence of lines that can be swiped by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers to confirm the passport holder’s identity quickly and to obtain other information about the holder typically found on a passport’s inside cover. In addition, VWP countries are working closely with the United States Government to communicate information about these new requirements to their citizens. Anyone from the 27 VWP countries thinking of traveling to the United States is encouraged to check with their passport issuing authority to ensure they are in possession of a machine-readable passport. The 27 countries participating in the VWP include: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Last year, approximately 15 million VWP travelers visited the United States. Source: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/press_release/press_re_lease_0673.xml

13. *May 12, Local6 TV (FL)* — **Iris scanning to begin at Orlando International.** Florida's Orlando International Airport, the state's busiest airport, will begin using high-tech iris-scanning technology to filter out possible terrorists and add an additional layer of security, according to Local 6 News. "This will be an additional layer of information that is enrolled, which will be biometric information," OIA director of security Brigitte Rivera Goersch said. "Employees irises will be enrolled for the additional layer of security." The Airport Access Control Pilot Program or AACPP is a first of its kind, according to the report. A person would be required to stand in front of a special mirror and have both eyes scanned. "It has to verify both irises, not just one iris," Goersch. "Statistically it is very reliable. The technology of iris scanning is considered one of the most reliable biometric technologies."
Source: <http://www.local6.com/news/4479554/detail.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

14. *May 12, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **Agriculture Secretary approves funding for soybean rust surveillance and monitoring network.** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns on Thursday, May 12, announced that USDA will use nearly \$1.2 million in contingency funding to help monitor, report and manage soybean rust during the 2005 growing season. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) officials will apply the funding to soybean rust surveillance and monitoring; predictive modeling; Web-based dissemination of information to stakeholders; finalizing fungicide criteria; and communication and outreach. Since the disease is most likely to spread to new areas through aerial spore dispersal, \$800,000 will be spent on sentinel soybean plots in 35 states and Puerto Rico, which previously were announced by Johanns April 14. APHIS is also transferring \$180,000 to USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) to support mobile survey units dispatched to states to help quickly identify the disease and report surveillance data. APHIS expects to spend \$210,000 to update and maintain the new USDA Soybean Rust Website. The Asian species of the pathogen was first detected in Louisiana last year. The fungus has been found in eight other states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee.
USDA Soybean Rust Website: <http://www.usda.gov/soybeanrust>
Source: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2005/05/0160.xml>

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Food Sector

15. *May 13, CIDRAP News* — **Alberta E coli outbreak tied to milk shakes.** Sixteen people have fallen sick and one is hospitalized with Escherichia coli O157:H7, most of them after drinking milk shakes at a popular drive-in restaurant in Calgary, Alta, in Canada. The Calgary Health Region traced the outbreak to a longtime employee of Peters' Drive-In, according to the Calgary Herald. The employee reportedly came to work despite being ill. She made a marshmallow milk shake mix that was served at Peters' from April 22 to 26, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) reported. Dr. Glen Armstrong, head of infectious diseases at the University of Calgary, told the CBC that foodservice workers should stay home if they're feeling ill. The drive-in was temporarily closed, but it has been cleaned and reopened.
Source: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/news/may1305coli.html>

16. *May 11, Food and Drug Administration* — **Jilbert Dairy recalls Vanilla Supreme ice cream.** Jilbert Dairy of Marquette, MI, is recalling its pint and 1/2 gallon packages of Vanilla Supreme ice cream because they have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria Monocytogenes, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, listeria infection can cause miscarriage and stillbirths among pregnant women. The recalled Vanilla Supreme ice cream was distributed in retail stores across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and bordering Wisconsin counties. The product comes in a pint and 1/2 gallon paper container with a production number of 5053 stamped on the bottom. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/jilbert05_05.html

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

17. *May 14, Canadian Press* — **Vietnam reports new avian flu case.** Vietnam reported the first new human avian flu case in more than three weeks as the country struggles to combat the virus, officials said Saturday, May 14. A 52-year-old man from northern Vinh Phuc province tested positive for the H5N1 virus and remains in stable condition at a hospital, said Ta Van Chan, director of the provincial Preventive Medicine Center. Chan said the man, who suffers from a mental disorder, collected dead chickens in his village and brought them home for meals last month. None of the man's family members showed any symptoms and health officials have disinfected their house, he said. Avian flu, which has ravaged poultry farms across Asia since late 2003, has jumped to humans killing 36 in Vietnam, 12 in Thailand and four from Cambodia.

Source: <http://www.canada.com/health/story.html?id=507b4a4a-a417-4fa8-ad2b-7b0d4e9cdddc>

18. *May 14, Associated Press* — **Avian flu hits pigs, raising fears humans are next.** Indonesian researchers have found a strain of avian flu in pigs on the densely populated island of Java, raising fears the virus could more easily spread to humans, the government and scientists said Saturday, May 14. The scientist who made the discovery identified the strain found in the pigs as H5N1, the same version of the virus that has jumped from chickens to humans elsewhere in Southeast Asia. Until now, human infections have been traced to direct contact with infected poultry or poultry waste, and millions of chickens and other fowl have been slaughtered in attempts to stem the disease. However, last fall, the World Health Organization urged scientists to examine other mammals, in particular pigs. Pigs, which are genetically similar to people, often carry the human influenza virus. Experts worry that pigs infected with both bird flu and its human equivalent could act as a "mixing bowl," resulting in a more dangerous, mutant virus that might spread to people more easily — and then from person to person.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/health/3182165>

19. *May 14, Associated Press* — **Michigan officials confirm year's first case of West Nile virus in bird.** Michigan health officials said Friday, May 13, they have identified the year's first case of West Nile Virus in a bird from Washtenaw County. The blue jay was collected earlier this month and tested positive for the virus at Michigan State University's Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health, the state Department of Community Health said. Department director Janet Olszewski said officials don't know what kind of impact the West Nile Virus will have in Michigan this year. However, she said the state can expect to again see birds, mosquitoes, horses, other animals and humans infected. Department officials said late spring typically signals the beginning of the season for mosquito-borne diseases such as the West Nile Virus.

Information on the West Nile Virus in Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus>

Source: <http://www.detnews.com/2005/health/0505/14/healt-181219.htm>

20. *May 13, Department of Health and Human Services* — **Health Department announces over \$1 billion in funding to states for bioterrorism preparedness.** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt on Friday, May 13, announced that the department has made available \$1.3 billion to the states, territories and four metropolitan areas to help strengthen their capacity to respond to terrorism and other public health emergencies. The funds will be used to upgrade infectious disease surveillance and investigation, enhance the readiness of hospitals and the health care system to deal with large numbers of casualties, and expand public health laboratory and communications capacities. These efforts are intended to support the National Response Plan and the interim National Preparedness Goal. The HHS funding is awarded via two separate but interrelated cooperative agreements. HHS' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing \$862.8 million for strengthening public health preparedness to address bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious diseases and public health emergencies. HHS will provide resources for the Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance program within the CDC funding specifically for states bordering Canada and Mexico for the development and implementation of a program to provide effective detection, investigation and reporting of urgent infectious disease case reports in the border regions of the three nations. Additionally, CDC will expand the Cities Readiness Initiative program.

CDC Cooperative Agreement Guidance for Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/guidance05/index.asp>

Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance Program:

http://www.borderhealth.org/usmbhc_early_warning_infectious_disease_surveillance_project.php?curr=programs
Cities Readiness Initiative: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/cri/>
Source: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2005pres/20050513.html>

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Government Sector

21. *May 13, Washington Post* — **District uninformed during plane crisis.** Washington, DC, police officials had no idea that fighter jets and helicopters were being deployed over Washington to intercept an errant plane on Wednesday, May 11. At the Homeland Security Operations Center, a command post built after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the District government was relying on a sergeant to keep track of any potential crisis. But it was not until the air scare was nearly over that he got word to police commanders. At police headquarters, someone had disconnected a phone line that would have provided emergency communications from the Federal Aviation Administration, the officials said. It was not until he heard fighter jets screaming past his office that District Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey had an inkling of the events that had been consuming federal officials for a half-hour. And several more minutes elapsed before Ramsey received official notice and then alerted Mayor Anthony A. Williams. The mayor on Thursday sought a meeting with Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to review what District officials called a dangerous delay that prevented the city from mobilizing emergency workers and taking steps to protect the public.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/12/AR2005051201614.html?sub=AR>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *May 13, The Billings Gazette (MT)* — **Disaster drill tests airport.** Volunteers and emergency responders took on a fake plane crash Thursday, May 12, at the Billings Logan International Airport in Billings, MT. The Federal Aviation Administration requires a full-scale disaster drill every three years to test the emergency plan at airports certified for air carrier operations, said Mike Glancy, operations/airport rescue and firefighting supervisor at the airport. The scenario for the exercise was that a Boeing 737 had crashed, Glancy said. About 70 students from local schools acted as victims for the drill. Students from the College of Technology fire science program and Big Sky EMS also participated. Several leaders of local emergency-response agencies gathered in the Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the dispatch center, Glancy said. The test also evaluates triage, treatment and transportation of victims, he said. All aspects of the drill went smoothly, Glancy said. He estimated about 60 to 70 responders were at the two-hour drill.
Source: <http://www.billingsgazette.com/index.php?id=1&display=rednew/s/2005/05/13/build/local/42-disaster-drill.inc>

23.

May 13, The News–Courier (AL) — **Local agencies test performance in drill.** A school bus carrying 18 students collides with a farm vehicle hauling the herbicide Paraquat. Paraquat poisoning can occur through skin exposure or through cuts, or if inhaled, could cause lung damage. The chemical can also cause heart, liver and kidney failure. Officials involved in a Wednesday, May 11, mock disaster scripted to this scenario say all 18 could be decontaminated, triaged and received treatment within 90 minutes. While the hospital is required to annual conduct disaster preparedness annual to retain accreditation through the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization, this is the first time that so many agencies have come together for a drill, according to ambulance Director Mike West. Limestone County EMA has received \$125,000 Homeland Security grants in fiscal year 2004 and 2005, according to EMA spokesperson Rita White. EMA has applied this year for funds to upgrade the hospital's internal radio frequency, which West said would improve emergency response time. "We still have a problem with communication," said West of Wednesday's drill. "In disasters we always go to radio communication instead of phone, which is alright on the ambulance because we have two channels, but the hospital has only one."
Source: <http://www.eneWSCourier.com/articles/2005/05/13/news/news01.txt>

24. *May 12, Union County Times (FL)* — **Drill tests Florida county emergency personnel.** On May 6 the Union County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in Florida staged a mock disaster which helped the OEM gauge the readiness of all essential resources not only within the county, but mutual aid from other counties as well. The scenario involved two inmates working on a work release crew who knock the correctional officer guarding them over the head and steal the van that transported them to the work detail in. In the process of escaping, the inmates hit a truck full of chlorine gas cylinders, causing the cylinders to leak. One inmate is injured and the other runs and takes a hostage in a nearby house The exercise was taped and a video will be provided to the county for analysis. The only downside that was discussed at a meeting afterwards was the communication side of the exercise. Some felt that radio traffic might have been handled a little better. Doug York, director of the OEM, said the county had just purchased ten new radios that will allow the county to better communicate with officials.
Source: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=14514740&BRD=2150&PAG=461&dept_id=430589&rfti=6

25. *May 12, The News and Observer (NC)* — **Exercise tests emergency response.** Areas around the RBC Center and Carter–Finley Stadium in Raleigh, NC, swarmed Thursday, May 12, with a variety of fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars as part of a full–scale emergency responder training exercise. The exercise, which was been designed to evaluate a range of responses by emergency medical services, fire department, human service, law enforcement and medical personnel, was centered on a scenario event at Carter–Finley Stadium. Activity was also being conducted at local hospitals, county and state emergency operations centers and multiple command centers in the area. The drill — dubbed "Ready Response 2005" — included respondents and participants from Raleigh, Wake County, the state government, North Carolina State University, RBC Center, the federal government, and local hospitals. Local, state and federal observers were also present. Funding for Ready Response 2005 was provided by the Department of Homeland Security through the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, North Carolina Emergency Management, and the Wake County Domestic Preparedness Task Force.
Source: <http://newsobserver.com/news/story/2398513p-8776306c.html>

Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

26. *May 13, EE Times* — Budget cuts hurt computer science research, critics warn. Basic research on computer science is in danger of becoming a victim of federal budget cuts, experts warned Congress this week. The primary concern is that long-term computer research — an area that contributed mightily to the creation of the Internet, experts stressed — is being short-changed in favor of targeted research projects with narrow applications. Outside computer experts told the House Science Committee on Thursday, May 12, that key government agencies like the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) are responding to proposed budgets cuts by shifting funds to applied research projects. The gambit could yield specific applications for the military, but might also damage the future of the U.S. information technology industry, they warned. "It is not just that there is an increasingly short-term focus in some agencies, it is that even in those agencies with a longer term focus, when resources are tight, researchers themselves propose more incremental, less risky projects," said William Wulf, president of the National Academy of Engineering. DARPA Director Anthony Tether defended the agency's research priorities, and challenged critics to site-specific examples of where the agency was neglecting computer research. "DARPA is indeed funding radical ideas that involve long-range research," Tether said.

Source: <http://www.eetimes.com/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionId=YBISX1DR DGOJOQSNDBGCKHSCJUMKJVN?articleID=163101938>

27. *May 12, FrSIRT* — Mozilla Suite and Firefox multiple code execution vulnerabilities. Mozilla has released new versions of Mozilla Suite and Firefox, to correct vulnerabilities that could be exploited by attackers to compromise a vulnerable system or perform Cross Site Scripting. The first flaw is due to an input validation error when handling a "javascript:" url in the "view-source:" or "jar:" pseudo-protocols, which may be exploited via a malicious Website to perform Cross Site Scripting and execute arbitrary code. This issue is a variant of the "favicon" vulnerability. The second vulnerability occurs when executing Javascript eval and Script objects without dropping the privileges of the context calling them, which may be exploited by remote attackers to compromise a vulnerable system. This flaw is a variant of the "DOM" issue.

Upgrade to Firefox 1.0.4 or Mozilla Suite 1.7.8: <http://www.mozilla.org/download.html>

Source: <http://www.frsirt.com/english/advisories/2005/0530>

28. *May 12, Networking Pipeline* — Over half of online adults use broadband at home. Three quarters of U.S. adults go online, with more than half using broadband at home, a survey released Thursday, May 12, showed. The number of online adults as of April reached 163 million, a four percent increase over eight months ago, market researcher Harris Interactive said. Fully 74 percent of adults are online at home, in the office, at school, the library or other location, a one percent increase over the summer of 2004. In 2000, 57 percent of U.S. adults were online. But the most striking change was the increase in broadband use, Harris said. Fifty-four percent of online adults said they accessed the Internet over broadband at home, compared to 37 percent in December of 2003. Harris said the increase in the number of people online was due to the rise in Internet access at locations other than at work and at home. Adults

who are online at libraries, schools and other places rose to 21 percent from 17 percent in 2004.
Poll Results: http://www.harrisinteractive.com/harris_poll/index.asp?PID=569
Source: <http://nwc.networkingpipeline.com/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=163101734>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: A new vulnerability was identified in Cisco products, which may be exploited by attackers to bypass the security restrictions. The flaw resides in the Cisco Firewall Services Module (FWSM) when configured for exceptions in content filtering, which may be exploited by attackers to bypass access-list entries intended to explicitly filter inbound TCP packets.

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	445 (microsoft-ds), 4672 (eMule), 1026 (----), 135 (epmap), 53 (domain), 1025 (----), 6881 (bittorrent), 4662 (eDonkey2000), 139 (netbios-ssn), 25430 (----)
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Source: <http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html>; Internet Storm Center

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General Sector

Nothing to report.

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