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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. *April 28, Bloomberg* – (International) **Oil rises to record on U.K. pipeline shutdown, Nigerian strike.** Crude oil rose to a record near \$120 a barrel after BP Plc shut a North Sea pipeline and as an oil workers' strike and rebel attacks cut output from Nigeria. "The drivers for oil to go to \$130 are still intact," said an analyst with HSH Nordbank. "We have the refinery strike in Scotland and the market is more nervous now that attacks will continue in Nigeria." Crude oil for June delivery rose as much as \$1.41, or 1.2 percent, to \$119.93 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was at \$119.06 at 1:31 p.m. in London. The president of the Organization

of Petroleum Exporting Countries said on April 26 that the group will not consider raising production before its next meeting in September.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aZ9zaCgHsB1Q&refer=energy>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *April 28, Arkansas Democratic Gazette (subscription)* – (Arkansas) **Residents tell state plant still a danger.** The owners of an El Dorado chemical plant where a January 2005 fire forced the evacuation of about 2,500 residents should not have been granted a new permit, according to an appeal filed on behalf of residents.

Source: <http://www2.arkansasonline.com/news/2008/apr/27/residents-tell-state-plant-still-danger-20080427/?subscriber/national>

3. *April 26, Arkansas News Bureau* – (Arkansas) **El Dorado starts \$100 million chemical plant.** TETRA Technologies, an oil and gas services company based near Houston, Texas, broke ground on a new \$100 million chemical processing facility in El Dorado, Arkansas. The new 500,000 square-foot facility will be located on 18 acres and will employ 50 people at full production. The announcement was first made in December 2006, but details were not revealed at the time. Approximately 400 people will be employed in construction of the facility, which is expected to be completed by late 2009. TETRA's El Dorado operation will be a calcium chloride processing facility, which is used to help oil and gas companies in well construction.

Source: <http://www.arkansasnews.com/archive/2008/04/26/RobyBrock/346062.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *April 27, Alaska Journal of Commerce* – (Alaska) **Toshiba continues efforts for Galena nuclear power plant.** Toshiba Corp. is proceeding with its plan to secure U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval for the company's small "4-S" reactor design in Galena, Alaska. The community could become one of the first sites for the new reactor. A consultant to Galena on the project said Toshiba hopes to make the application in 2009. If the commission approves the design in 2010 or 2011, the 4-S unit could be installed in Galena and generating power by 2012 or 2013. The 4-S reactor is a small unit that would generate ten megawatts of power and operates with passive systems, meaning there are no mechanical parts in the reactor itself that can break down. A larger 50-megawatt unit is also under development.

Source: http://www.alaskajournal.com/stories/042708/hom_20080427006.shtml

5. *April 26, Aiken Standard* – (South Carolina) **WSRC loses SRS contract appeal.** The Washington Savannah River Company (WSRC), which has been the Savannah River Site's primary contractor for 18 years, will no longer maintain and operate the site.

Parent company URS Washington Division has lost in its bid to retain the site's management and operation contract to Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). SRNS announced Friday it had received a "Notice to Proceed" from the U.S. Department of Energy for the contract. SRNS will assume site operational responsibilities in mid-summer. The five-year contract is estimated at \$4 billion. This is the first time in almost two decades and only the second time in the site's history that management has changed.

Source: <http://www.aikenstandard.com/0426SRS>

6. *April 26, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Radioactive device stolen from truck in south Philadelphia.** Police and environmental officials are searching for a radioactive device that was stolen from a truck in south Philadelphia. The Troxler Model 3411 gauge, used to test moisture density in soil at construction sites, was chained and locked on a flatbed truck when it was stolen between 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 6:45 a.m. Friday, said a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He said the device was the property of Applied Testing and Geosciences LLC of Bridgeport, Montgomery County. The gauge is in a shielded container and has a 16-inch plunger-type handle to extend and retract from the shielded position. The device holds two encapsulated sources of cesium 137 and americium 241. "As long as the [radiation] source is in the shielded position, the gauge does not pose a hazard to the public," he said.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20080426_Radioactive_device_stolen_from_truck_in_South_Philadelphia.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *April 28, Military & Aerospace Electronics* – (National) **U.S. Coast Guard selects Selex surveillance radar system.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has selected the Selex Galileo Seaspray 7500E AESA surveillance radar system for its HC-130H radar upgrade program. The contract, valued at \$32 million for this phase, is scheduled to run over the next four years. A total of 15 HC-130H aircraft will be upgraded to a new level of capability. The Seaspray 7500E electronically scanned array radar, which operates using a dedicated multistation display suite and surveillance/SAR, will be the primary sensor on the USCG's front-line long-range maritime surveillance aircraft. The Seaspray radar system will meet the USCG's requirement for a sensor system able to detect small targets at sea in severe weather conditions, depict harmful oil spills, track ice flows, provide en route weather avoidance, and enable precise imaging and ground mapping capabilities in a highly integrated airborne mission package.

Source: http://mae.pennnet.com/display_article/326933/32/NEWS/none/none/1/US-Coast-Guard-selects-Selex-surveillance-radar-system/

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *April 28, Inquirer* – (International) **Hackers shut down Bank of Israel.** Hackers have managed to shut down the Bank of Israel for two whole days, taking advantage of the Jewish festival of Passover, when senior staff members were out of the office. According to Israeli newspaper Globes, sources from the bank said that financial reports going back to October 2007 had been deleted from the bank's systems, but a Bank of Israel spokesman said that the problem was 'being dealt with' and that the 'incident has no effect on the bank's internal systems'. He added that all transactions were protected in such a way that no one could have hacked into the actual data systems from the Internet. The Bank of Israel was quick to close the site until it could get a handle on who exactly was behind the attack, and what damage they had done. The bank will be open for business again once the remaining questions about the hack have been answered.
Source: <http://www.theinquirer.net/gb/inquirer/news/2008/04/27/bank-israel-hacked-temporarily>
9. *April 28, Vindicator* – (Ohio; Pennsylvania) **Better Business Bureau warns of area scams.** The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning Mahoning Valley, northeast Ohio and northwest Pennsylvania, residents of scams that are operating in the area. One scam includes advertisements for an "import and export specialist," the BBB said. The postings are seeking people to transfer funds from one account to another or ship stolen goods overseas, the agency said. Another scam tells people they have won an international lottery. The BBB said people are told they must pay a fee for taxes or expenses before claiming the prize. The agency advised consumers to avoid ads with descriptions such as "package forwarding," "reshipping" and "money transfers." It also said not to give out personal financial information or be fooled by official-sounding government or corporate names.
Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2008/apr/28/region/>
10. *April 25, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (National) **IRS warns against e-mail scam.** The U.S. Department of Treasury will begin sending economic stimulus payments to millions of households. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) said scammers are making phone calls and sending e-mails to people requesting personal information to process their stimulus payments. The IRS will not call and ask for additional information because the agency already has it. To receive a payment, taxpayers had to file a 2007 federal tax return. They also had to have a \$3,000 income and a valid Social Security number. If anyone receives a bogus email, they should report it to the IRS.
Source: http://www.newschannel5.com/Global/story.asp?S=8229940&nav=menu374_1

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Transportation Sector

11. *April 28, USA Today* – (National) **ID plan meant to clear fliers of suspicion.** Air travelers who can prove they do not belong on terrorist watch lists could be spared extra scrutiny under a new program that addresses the public's biggest complaint about

aviation safety, the nation's Homeland Security chief said. The official told USA Today that the program will be announced today and is aimed at the tens of thousands of travelers who are pulled aside for questions at airports because their names match those on government watch lists. Under the new program, innocent travelers would have a new option: to allow the airline to add their names and dates of birth into company records. That way, the airline from that day on would know those travelers already have proven their names are on the watch list coincidentally. There have been countless stories of celebrities, children and senior citizens being mistaken for people on watch lists and subject to tougher airport scrutiny. Identity mistakes "come up a lot in the Muslim community," the Transportation Security Administration chief said. One potential rub is that travelers will need to provide extra personal information to each airline they fly on. It is also up to the airlines whether they participate in the program. Some airlines could balk at incorporating more information into an already complex computer ticketing and reservation system. About 2,000 people a month seek to clear their names. Homeland Security says some travelers are reluctant to use its program because they are reluctant to give personal information to the government.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-04-27-birthdates_N.htm

12. *April 28, Smiths Detection* – (New Mexico) **Smiths Detection's Advanced X-Ray Checkpoint deployed for first time in United States.** Smiths Detection announced Monday the first deployment of its Advanced Technology (AT) X-ray systems (aTiX) in the United States. Working closely with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Smiths Detection has installed eight of its Advanced Threat Identification X-rays machines at Albuquerque's international airport. The system was initially field-tested by the TSA alongside several competing systems in the airport, which is known locally as the Sunport. Unlike current X-ray systems, aTiX captures multiple views of carry-on bags in a single sweep in the normal throughput time. Additionally, the system includes powerful software algorithms which help the operator detect potentially harmful items. This software can be easily upgraded to meet any future threat needs. With its multiple views generating clear images, the system provides an advance in threat detection and is already widely used in the U.K.

Source:

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20080428005883&newsLang=en

13. *April 27, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Security breach at Salt Lake International.** It may have been a case of a serious lapse of security at the Salt Lake Airport. A Wyoming woman says she boarded a plane for Las Vegas with a knife that somehow was not detected. The woman says the weapon was caught during screening Sunday in Las Vegas. The passenger says airport screeners in Las Vegas were shocked that her knife made it through security on her flight from Salt Lake to Vegas last Monday. She says her husband bought her the knife for protection and she forgot it was in her purse. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) says they screen all bags that are carried on commercial planes. A spokesperson for the Salt Lake City International airport said he tried to pull up security images of her bag being screened. But, with 2 and half million packages getting x-rayed every day the TSA cannot keep them in a database

for very long.

Source: http://www.abc4.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=9af478ea-adb3-4371-b53e-dab396e99989

14. *April 28, Herald-Mail* – (Maryland) **Chemical spill closes part of I-70 near Hagerstown.** In Maryland, interstate 70 was closed in both directions near Interstate 81 south of Hagerstown for more than an hour Sunday afternoon after a tractor-trailer leaked a hazardous chemical onto the highway, Maryland State Police said. The substance, which included a mixture of paint thinner and acid, ate through the floor of the trailer and began leaking onto the road, police said. Traffic backed up in both directions. The Washington County Fire Department and Hazardous Materials team, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the state fire marshal responded, police said.

Source: http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=192257&format=html

15. *April 27, Associated Press* – (National) **To stave off terror, feds issue safety strategy for boaters.** As boating season approaches, the Bush administration wants to enlist the country's 80 million recreational boaters to help protect the country against a nuclear or radiological bomb. According to an April 23 intelligence assessment obtained by the Associated Press, the government believes al-Qaida's weapon of choice in a maritime environment could be a small boat armed with a weapon. There are millions of humble dinghies, fishing boats and smaller cargo ships that ply America's waterways. They are not nationally regulated as they buzz around ports, oil tankers, power plants and other potential terrorist targets on the country's 95,000 miles of coastline and inland waterways. The Department of Homeland Security will announce their new strategy on Monday, which is intended to increase security by enhancing safety standards.

Source: <http://www.kesq.com/Global/story.asp?S=8234474>

16. *April 26, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Elderly man drives through airport security and onto runway.** Authorities are questioning a 73-year-old driver who sped through a security gate at Miami International Airport and ended up on one of the main runways. Police say he may have been disoriented when he drove past security Friday morning. He was quickly detained by police. An airport spokesman says no flights or landings were delayed. Although the runway was closed for a short time, he says the airport's other three runways were not affected.

Source: http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gpi6yJDUJZiTcT_TW-vz0OqihSFQD909IU5O1

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *April 25, Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Suspicious substance at county building not dangerous.** Employees in a mail sorting room in the Minnehaha County, South Dakota, court administration building Friday morning were sealed off from their co-workers briefly while a hazardous material team investigated a suspicious substance found in a

mail container, said a Minnehaha County sheriff. The substance was deemed not dangerous, the sheriff said. “There is no indication that it was put there intentionally, and there was no threat involved,” he said. The building was not evacuated.

Source:

<http://www.argusleader.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080425/UPDATES/80425037/1001/news>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Mississippi River flood dooms promising year for farmers.** The Mississippi River is at levels not seen in more than three decades, putting hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland under water. It is impossible to gauge overall agricultural losses at this point, federal and state officials say, but most agree the damage will be extensive. The river has not reached this level — about seven feet above flood stage — since 1973. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says a total of 855,750 acres are under either Mississippi floodwater or backwater from the Yazoo River, which drains much of the board-flat Mississippi Delta into the Mississippi River. About 273,000 of those flooded acres are cleared for wheat, cotton, soybeans, corn, and other crops.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080428/ap_on_re_us/farm_scene_flooded_farmers

19. *April 28, KCPW 1010 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **PCB-tainted carp from Utah Lake could be sold as food.** The recovery program manager for Utah’s threatened June sucker native fish population says carp harvested from Utah Lake could be turned into fertilizer or sold for human consumption. “Our major interest is cleaning up Utah Lake, finding a reasonable way of disposing these fish, in a way that is compatible not only with the environment, but in a way that is compatible with human health,” he says. Three state agencies and the Utah County Health Department have issued a warning about eating both carp and catfish from Utah Lake because the level of PCBs detected in the fish exceed Environmental Protection Agency standards. Studies indicate PCBs can cause skin rashes, liver problems and cancer. The public is warned to eat only four ounces of the contaminated fish each month. And children, pregnant women, and women of childbearing age are warned to abstain from eating it altogether. The program manager says the fish is considered fit to sell for human consumption under federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines, and in fact, he says it is already sold commercially as food. The state will pay commercial fishermen \$500,000 this year to harvest invasive carp from Utah Lake. It plans to cull 5 million tons of the fish each year for six years.

Source: <http://www.kcpw.org/article/5865>

20. *April 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Tick riders guard herds against deadly pest.** In Texas, the U.S. Department of Agriculture employs 61 people as “Tick Riders,” a group that keeps watch over a 700-mile buffer zone along the Rio Grande from Brownsville to Del Rio. They inspect both foreign strays and native ranch animals for the fever tick, a

parasite eradicated from the U.S. 65 years ago that can transmit disease to cattle and could spread to the entire southeastern U.S. if not controlled. Lately, the tick has managed to migrate beyond the 862-square-mile permanent quarantine zone, an area from which cattle cannot be removed, unless they are free of ticks. The spread has forced the formation of three temporary quarantine zones totaling more than 1,100-square miles. Officials are concerned that the fever ticks may spread to other parts of the country. Cattle tick fever can kill up to 90 percent of infected cattle, causing anemia, weight loss and bloody urine before death. In recent decades, the fever has caused few deaths because tick riders have been able to keep ahead of it, said the director of field operations for the tick eradication program. But one of the newest challenges to limiting the spread of the pest is its movement on wildlife.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/04/27/MNN2108LD4.DTL>

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Water Sector

21. *April 28, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Forgotten Ga. county now in spotlight over water rights.** Lawmakers in drought-stricken Georgia have empowered the governor to sue to correct a flawed 1818 survey that mistakenly placed Georgia's northern line just short of the Tennessee River, which boasts a flow about 15 times greater than the one Atlanta depends on for water. Dade County's tantalizing proximity to the river figures to give the county a prominent role in the negotiations. County leaders signed an agreement with a water firm in 2005 to begin scouting possible locations for a pumping station in Dade County and a potential pipeline route to supply parched north Georgia. If Georgia fails in its long-shot bid to move the state line, engineers are also preparing a backup plan to tap the aquifers underlying the region around the river.

Source:

http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hGzVqxikKsG9eKoQMr7_N0r9a_3wD90ASD3O0

22. *April 27, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (National) **Water caucus would pool ideas on national problem.** A Georgian congressman sees water sources disappearing across the parched South. He looks to the West and sees battles over water rights. His answer is the House Water Caucus. The 30-member caucus, which includes the entire Georgia House delegation, hopes to build alliances that cut across geography and political party to address what the congressman said is a "devastating condition." The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that by 2016, more than half of the nation's pipes will be in "very poor" condition if not completely unusable, the congressman said.

Source: http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/stories/2008/04/26/linder_0427.html

23. *April 27, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Tests find water supply is drug-free.** As New York, Chicago, and other U.S. cities struggle over how to respond to reports that traces of pharmaceuticals exist in their drinking water, a first-ever test of the reservoirs that serve Greater Boston shows that the water supply is drug-free. The testing by an independent laboratory of the water pumped to the city and surrounding communities

found no detectable levels of more than two dozen pharmaceutical products that have tainted water supplies elsewhere. While the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) routinely tests the water supply for more than 100 contaminants including lead, chlorine, and disinfectant byproducts, state and federal governments do not require tests for pharmaceuticals such as acetaminophen, progesterone, and the insect repellent DEET. Unlike most of the water systems found to contain trace amounts of pharmaceutical products, Boston's water supply does not have a wastewater treatment plant upstream, said the executive director of the MWRA, which commissioned the study. The MWRA's two reservoirs are mostly protected from nearby development, which limits the introduction of human and industrial waste into the water supply. The only compound picked up in the testing was a softener commonly used for rubber gaskets, washers, and food containers called tris (2-butoxyethyl) phosphate. It was found in a test of untreated water, and the executive director said officials believe the "minute trace amounts" of the compound actually came from the plant's testing spigot. Results of a follow-up test of water extracted directly from the reservoir, without contact with plumbing, should be available within three weeks, the MWRA said.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/04/27/tests_find_water_supply_is_drug_free/

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *April 28, Reuters* – (International) **China steps up monitoring of deadly virus outbreak.** An eastern Chinese province has instituted a daily reporting system to monitor the spread of a virus that has killed 19 children and spread panic among residents, Xinhua news agency reported on Monday. The enterovirus 71, or EV71, which can cause hand, foot and mouth disease, began spreading in Anhui province's Fuyang city from early March, Xinhua said, but was only publicly reported on Sunday. But in a sign of new attention to the outbreak, China's Health Minister visited Fuyang over the weekend and other officials and doctors have gone to investigate. The provincial health department will also host workshops to train more medical workers in prevention and cure of the virus, the report said. By Saturday, there were 789 cases, including 19 deaths, the majority of them children under the age of two. A total of 204 children remain in hospital, four in critical condition, Xinhua said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/homepageCrisis/idUSPEK266556.CH.2400>

25. *April 28, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan doctors fear VRSA could learn to spread easily.** Seven of nine confirmed cases of a new and potentially deadly bacteria have emerged in metro Detroit, and experts fear the drug-resistant germ may develop the ability to spread easily. "Doctors are more than concerned. We are alarmed," said the head of infectious diseases for the Henry Ford Health System. "We don't want this bacteria to become more communicable." The bacteria, which often causes skin boils, is called Vancomycin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or VRSA. It is a close cousin of Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA). No one has died of the VRSA bacteria, which so far has infected only people with chronic health

problems, such as diabetes or kidney failure. However, doctors say VRSA could lead to death if it infects the blood or vital organs. Officials say they are concerned because VRSA is resistant to the drug vancomycin, one of a handful of pharmaceuticals used to treat infections resistant to commonly used antibiotics, including penicillin. Vancomycin often is used to treat MRSA.

Source:

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080428/NEWS05/804280418>

26. *April 28, Reuters* – (International) **Japan detects bird flu in four wild swans.** Japan has detected a strain of bird flu in four wild swans after stepping up checks following major outbreaks of the disease in neighboring South Korea, local and government officials said on Monday. The birds, three of which had died, were found on the shores of Lake Towada in Akita prefecture on April 21, the prefectural government said in a news release. Inspectors detected the H5 strain of bird flu in the swans, officials said, but they were still checking whether it was the highly virulent H5N1 strain. Authorities have patrolled the area but have not found any incidents of large numbers of deaths or unnatural deaths in wild fowl. There are no chicken farms within a 10 km radius of the area where the swans were found, and no unusual incidents were noted at other farms.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/scienceNews/idUST34225620080428>

Government Facilities Sector

27. *April 26, World Link* – (Oregon) **Suspicious package on beach.** A bag containing a mysterious substance found on Bastendorff Beach in Oregon on Thursday caused an almost four-hour commotion at the U.S. Coast Guard Charleston lifeboat station. According to a Coast Guard press release, at about 4 p.m., a man brought a bag containing an unknown substance into the station, saying he had found it on the beach. Crew members discovered what appeared to be a white, powdery substance and strips of material covered in writing inside the bag. A Coos Bay HAZMAT team, Coquille Tribal Police officers, Coos County Sheriff's deputies, Oregon State Police troopers, and Charleston Rural Fire Protection District firefighters responded to the scene. Members of the HAZMAT team and other emergency personnel set up a decontamination area in the parking lot of the station. Five crew members were quarantined until the HAZMAT crew discovered the substance was cloth. The writing on the strips of material was not a real language, the release said.

Source:

http://www.theworldlink.com/articles/2008/04/26/public_records/police_reports/doc4812c3b2396c0158567819.txt

28. *April 25, Associated Press and KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Federal court building evacuated in Denver.** Authorities say a federal building in downtown Denver was evacuated Friday morning after the discovery of an unknown substance, but no injuries have been reported. A Denver Fire Department spokesman said the substance was reported on the fourth floor of the U.S. Custom House just before 10 a.m. The building houses a federal bankruptcy court, a processing center for new military recruits, a day

care center, and other government entities.

Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/local/federal.courthouse.evacuation.2.708521.html>

29. *April 25, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Bomb threat forces evacuation of Freehold courthouse.** The Monmouth County Courthouse was evacuated when a threat was received at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sheriff's Office officials said. Bomb sniffing dogs and additional police were called to the courthouse complex to assist in a search of the building, authorities said. There was no immediate word on the reason for the threat or an official estimate of when the building is expected to reopen.

Source:

<http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080425/NEWS/80425021/1004>

30. *April 25, Fox News* – (International) **Official fired after getting caught with White House BlackBerries.** A Mexican press attaché was caught on camera pocketing several White House BlackBerries during a recent meeting in New Orleans and has since been fired, FOX News has learned. Sources with knowledge of the incident said the official served as the lead press advance person for the Mexican Delegation and was responsible for handling logistics and guiding the Mexican media around at the conference. Everyone entering the room was required to leave his or her cell phone, BlackBerry, and other such devices on the table, a common practice when high-level meetings are held. American officials discovered their missing belongings when they were leaving the session. In a letter sent to Mexican newspapers and broadcasters, the press attaché said he had picked up the phones because he thought they had been left behind. He said that as he rushed to the airport, he had given them to a driver to take back to the hotel to hand them over to management. In the letter, he said U.S. Secret Service agents had approached him at the airport, asking him to return the BlackBerries, but he said the agents thanked him for his help when he explained the incident.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,352378,00.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *April 27, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Oconto County 911 service restored.** Parts of Oconto County, Wisconsin, spent much of the morning Sunday without 911 services. Oconto County sheriff's officials say the outage affected Pound, Coleman, Brazeau, and the Suring area around Kelly Lake. The outage started around 8:30 Sunday morning. Area phone companies were notified, and the problem was fixed about four-and-a-half hours later. Area media outlets were alerted to advise people to call the Oconto County Sheriff's Department's non-emergency phone number in the meantime. Oconto County officials are not aware of any emergency calls affected by the outage.

Source: <http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=8234488>

32. *April 27, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Mass casualty drill this week will test Collier County's first responders.** Collier County, Florida, hospitals, fire districts, and police and emergency services will participate Tuesday morning in the full-scale exercise that will include a simulated emergency at the Naples Municipal Airport requiring each facet

of the airport's emergency plan to be exercised. The scenarios will take place from about 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday. During the drill, new dangers are expected to develop by the minute. Emergency managers keep the specifics of the drill secret, and throw in new developments as they go along. It could be terrorism, nuclear attack, massive rioting, natural disaster or anything else. The inter-agency drills involving the airport are conducted once every three years, as required by the FAA. The full-scale demonstration requires a simulated emergency having each facet of the airport emergency plan exercised as it would in an actual aircraft disaster.

Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/apr/27/mass-casualty-drill-week-will-test-collier-countys/>

33. *April 26, Associated Press*— (New York) **Disaster drill simulates 'dirty bomb' attack on Long Island.** More than 600 emergency workers on Saturday concluded a mock response to a fake biker gang detonating a "dirty bomb" at a federal courthouse, testing the abilities of authorities to handle such a radioactive attack. Police, firefighters, medical workers and other personnel from 60 agencies converged on the fire academy in Yaphank. The drill, which also involved 10 hospitals, began Thursday night and ended Saturday afternoon. The exercise was dubbed "S.C.R.U.B.," or "Suffolk County Response to an Unknown Bomb." The scenario required police to determine the cause of the blast. Other participants practiced decontamination, detecting radiation exposure and coordinating responses with multiple agencies. Though cooperation among the agencies was described as "outstanding," some had problems communicating by radio because some systems operated on different frequencies. Authorities called it the largest emergency drill in Suffolk County's history. It was funded by the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency services with a \$175,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Source: <http://www.1010wins.com/pages/2076014.php?>

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Information Technology

34. *April 28, IDG News Service* – (National) **Researcher finds new flaw in QuickTime for Windows.** A security think tank says it has found a vulnerability in Apple's QuickTime multimedia player that can be exploited remotely to compromise Windows Vista PCs upgraded to Service Pack 1, as well as XP SP2. From the scant details published on the GNUCitizen's blog, the exploit involves a maliciously crafted media file. When a user opens the file, which can be hosted on a Web site, the vulnerability in QuickTime allows the hacker to take complete control of the machine, according to a researcher. He does not think users are in danger of being attacked as of yet. "I highly doubt that anyone knows how to exploit this vulnerability," he said. "I haven't shared the details with anyone, and the actual vulnerability is different enough to be rather challenging for even some of the most gifted hackers out there." In a video, he shows a QuickTime file sitting on the desktop of a PC running XP SP2. If a user opens the malicious file, the researcher then has control of the PC, demonstrated by the way the applications Paint, Calculator, and Notepad are seen launching, apparently without further user intervention. The demonstration is repeated on a PC running Windows Vista inside a virtual machine.

Attacking vulnerabilities in applications is becoming increasingly favored by hackers, as finding problems in operating systems becomes increasingly harder, said the director of research for the SANS Institute, last week at the Infosec conference in London. The researcher said Monday that he has notified Apple of the problem.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/145189/researcher_finds_new_flaw_in_quicktime_for_windows.html

35. *April 28, ars technica* – (International) **Microsoft gives details of massive web attack.** On April 17, 2008, hundreds of thousands of pages on legitimate domains – including several at the United Nations and in the UK government – were attacked. Many of these sites ended up serving malware by redirecting users to malicious pages using JavaScript and IFRAMES. Users' PCs were loaded with a malware program that tried eight different exploits in an attempt to hijack the system. Security companies blamed the attacks on a vulnerability in Microsoft's web server software. Some concluded that the problem was related to an advisory regarding a bug in multiple Windows versions that could be exploited through Internet Information Services (IIS) and SQL Server. The same day as the attacks started, Microsoft disclosed an advisory for the security issue. Despite reports saying differently, the software giant has investigated the problems and has concluded that the two are not related. A Microsoft representative explained the company's findings in his IIS blog, saying "Microsoft has investigated these reports and determined that the attacks are not related to the recent Microsoft Security Advisory (951306) or any known security issues related to IIS 6.0, ASP, ASP.Net, or Microsoft SQL technologies. Instead, attackers have crafted an automated attack that can take advantage of SQL injection vulnerabilities in web pages that do not follow security best practices for web application development." It is still not clear how attackers are compromising such a large numbers of sites so quickly, but Microsoft is asking web administrators to look into how to avoid SQL injection attacks.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/journals/microsoft.ars/2008/04/28/microsoft-gives-details-of-massive-web-attack>

36. *April 25, CongressDaily* – (National) **DHS moves to ramp up cybersecurity in federal agencies.** The Homeland Security Department plans to complete an analysis in about 45 days to determine which U.S. government computer networks are most vulnerable to cyberattacks, with the intention of deploying 50 new intrusion detection systems to federal agencies by the end of the year, a top U.S. cybersecurity official said Friday. "We're concerned that the intrusions are more frequent and they're more targeted and they're more sophisticated," said the undersecretary for the department's national protection and programs directorate. The undersecretary heads up Homeland Security's role in the Bush administration's so-called Cyber Initiative, a massive, multiyear, multibillion-dollar effort to counter attacks on U.S. computer networks. Most of the initiative remains classified, but Homeland Security is responsible for defending networks across the federal government or those that fall within the .gov domain. At a news conference Friday, he said the department is mapping where Internet access points exist across the .gov domain and which federal agencies are most at risk of attacks. Based on that information, the department will install 50 advanced intrusion detection

devices, known as Einstein systems, by the end of 2008 to the networks most at risk, he said. “Over the next 30 to 45 days we hope to have a much more comprehensive picture of exactly which agencies are going to get the initial deployments,” he said. The number of network intrusions recorded by federal agencies is expected to rise as Einstein systems are deployed. The undersecretary said there were about 37,000 reportable incidents last year.

Source: <http://govexec.com/dailymed/0408/042508pm2.htm>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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. *April 27, Reuters* – (International) **EU puts second Galileo test satellite into orbit.** The European Union launched the second and final test satellite for its \$5.3-billion rival to the U.S. Global Positioning System on Sunday, brushing off industry doubts over its viability. The Galileo project, Europe’s biggest single space program, has been plagued by delays and squabbling over funding that ended only when the EU agreed to funnel public funds into it. The experimental satellite, Giove-B, was put into orbit by a Soyuz rocket in Kazakhstan and is due to test technologies for Galileo, such as a high-precision atomic clock and the triple-channel transmission of navigation signals, the executive European Commission said in a statement. “(The project) will be operational in 2013 and already we think this will be profitable,” the EU’s transport commissioner told Reuters after monitoring the launch from the Fucino control centre in the hills of central Italy. Galileo, whose first experimental satellite was launched in December 2005, has been plagued by doubts about its viability given the dominant position of the U.S. GPS and similar projects planned by Russia and China. Critics have also labeled it too expensive, despite Commission arguments that it would create thousands of jobs and ensure independence from the U.S. service.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSL2730916620080427>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

38. *April 28, CNN* – (California) **Wildfires force Californians from homes.** A 400-acre wildfire raging through dry brush and shrubs in southern California was about 30 percent contained by Sunday afternoon, an official said. Authorities ordered about 1,000 people to flee their homes Sunday, and all Sierra Madre schools were closed Monday. The fire is “running way out in the Angeles National Forest – that’s where we’re having a problem engaging the fire safely,” a representative of the U.S. National Forestry Service said at the news conference.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/04/27/wildfires/index.html>

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Dams Sector

39. *April 26, Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota) **Historic Mantorville dam at a crossroads.** In Minnesota, Mantorville’s historic dam is crumbling and the city council is discussing whether it should repair or remove the structure. A Minnesota Department of Natural Resources dam safety supervisor told council members that the hole in the dam is structural and that the DNR might not issue a permit to fix it. Even though the DNR would cover half of the removal expenses, many Mantorville residents want to keep the dam, even though part of the limestone wall has already collapsed into the river.

Source:

http://news.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=2&a=339482

40. *April 26, WFIE 14 Evansville* – (Kentucky) **Ohio Co. wants to control repairs of Rochester Dam.** The Rochester Dam on the Green River in Ohio County, Kentucky, is falling apart. Now officials have gone to Washington for money to make the repairs. The next step is to get the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to turn it over to the Kentucky River Authority. The Ohio County Water District director said that even the Corps say that the work could be done more quickly under the Kentucky River Authority. If the dam were to fail, the impact would be felt in seven counties who would have customers without a water supply.

Source: <http://www.14wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=8229606&nav=3w6o>

41. *April 25, Hawaii Reporter* – (Hawaii) **Despite fatal dam breach, Pflueger still refuses to let state land department inspect Ka Loko Dam.** In Hawaii, attorneys for the owner of the Ka Loko Dam maintained today at a state land board hearing that the state and state contracted surveyors have no right to enter their client’s Kauai property to inspect or perform further testing on the dam. Lawmakers, in reaction to the 2006 breach of the dam, passed the 2007 Dam Safety Act, which strengthened a 1987 law giving the Department of Land and Natural Resources access to all private dams in the state for safety inspection and emergency purposes. The owner does not believe he has to abide

by state law, his attorneys argue, because Ka Loko is no longer a working dam. Farmers on Kauai, who get water from Ka Loko reservoir via a more than 100-year-old ditch system originally set up to service sugar cane fields, disagree. They say there is an estimated 100 million gallons of water in Ka Loko, which they need for their crops. The owner has refused to fix the dam, citing liability issues. He successfully fought to get the state to order the water ditch system dismantled, even though the farmers have a long-established water rights agreement with adjoining land owner.

Source: <http://www.hawaiireporter.com/story.aspx?a64e27d0-aa3d-43ee-9980-0be15d0ce0fa>

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