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- The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports that one worker is in serious condition after a series of explosions Sunday inside the SantoLubes chemical plant in St. Charles, Missouri. (See item 4)
- According to the Associated Press, a massive fire destroyed or damaged about 40 summer cottages at the Christian Conference Center in Alton Bay, New Hampshire on Sunday. (See item 42)

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1. *April 13, Bloomberg* – (International) **Ships, crews “sitting ducks” for pirate attack with few options.** Ships and their crews are attractive targets for pirates, and vessel owners do not have many options for lessening the chance of attacks, shipping experts said. “There’s not an awful lot you can do with an oil tanker that can barely do 14 (16 miles per hour) or 15 knots, you’re a bit of a sitting duck,” a senior vice president at General Maritime Corp. said Monday in a telephone interview. “Part of the problem
with arming the crew is that these guys are not mercenaries, they’re sailors.” Attacks have surged this past month as pirates strike off the east coast of Somalia to avoid naval patrols in the Gulf of Aden, where about one-tenth of world trade passes to use the Suez Canal. General Maritime is advising its ship captains to post extra watches and make sure fire hoses are always pressurized so they are available to fend off pirates trying to climb onboard, said the senior vice president at General Maritime Corp. Its ships avoid the Gulf of Aden altogether, he said. General Maritime is the second-largest U.S. oil-tanker owner. Some ships are deploying high-decibel audio horns that can be directed at attacking pirates and drive them away from ships, said the vice chairman of New York Maritime Association. The chief executive of Overseas Shipholding Group Inc. said the shipowner does not disclose what measures it takes to protect vessels and crew. The company is the largest U.S.-based oil-tanker owner.


2. **April 13, USA Today** – (Alabama; Georgia) **High winds kill 2, knock out power in Southeast.** High winds have caused several power outages for parts of the Southeast region. National Weather Service officials say the storm system is producing wind gusts of more than 55 miles per hour, sending trees and branches crashing down on power lines. Georgia Power officials say at least 130,000 customers in metro Atlanta are without service. Forecasters expect the hazardous weather could bring up to 3 inches of rain to north and middle Georgia, with flooding possible near rivers and creeks. Another round of violent weather is expected on the evening of April 13. Strong storms also knocked down trees and power lines overnight left thousands of people without power across north Alabama. Alabama Power Co. said about 158,000 customers was in the dark on April 13 because of damage that occurred from west Alabama through the Birmingham area. Winds gusted to more than 50 mph in some areas, causing widespread damage. In north Alabama, the Guntersville and Scottsboro school systems closed because of storm damage and thousands of power outages. Another 12,000 customers were without electricity in Huntsville.


3. **April 13, Reuters** – (International) **Police arrest 114 for suspected power plant raid.** British police said they had arrested 114 people on April 13 on suspicion of planning to cause criminal damage to a power station operated by Germany-based power generator E.ON AG. They said they believed the group posed a serious threat to the safe running of the Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station in Nottinghamshire in the English midlands. A raid on a private school in Nottingham just after midnight led to the arrests and discovery of unspecified specialist equipment, police said, without adding details. A spokeswoman for E.ON confirmed the company believed station was “the planned target of an organized protest during the early hours of this morning.” Ratcliffe-on-Soar is a coal-fired power station with a total generation capacity of 2,000 MW, according to E.ON UK’s Internet site.

Source:
Chemical Industry Sector

4. April 13, St. Louis Post-Dispatch – (Missouri) St. Charles firefighters battle blaze at chemical plant. One worker is in serious condition after a series of explosions inside the St. Charles business where he was working on April 12. Fire officials say the worker suffered burns over 30 percent of his body. He is being treated at an area hospital. Firefighters spent several hours battling a blaze that followed a series of explosions at a plant in St. Charles. The explosions happened at the industrial site at 8 Governor Place just south of Highway 370 at the intersection of Elm Point Road and Governor Drive, authorities said. The worker, who has not been identified by fire officials, worked for SantoLubes, which manufactures lubricants used in the aerospace, electronics, automotive, power, and industrial sectors. A paramedic from the St. Charles County Ambulance District had to be treated for minor injuries. There is no word on his condition. The fire burned inside the building that housed several chemicals used in the production of insecticides, a spokesman for the St. Charles Fire Department said in a press release on April 13. Another fire official said that the blast was believed to involve the chemical ferric chloride. A St. Charles County Haz-Mat team went out to the explosion after the first emergency call. Firefighters rescued the worker and then, after talking to the employee and discovering that no other victims were inside the building, retreated to a safe area until the burning materials could be identified. The explosion is under investigation.

5. April 10, Wildomar Press-Enterprise – (California) Chemical leak closes part of I-15. The southbound lanes of Interstate 15 in Wildomar were closed for about two hours on April 10 after a truck driver noticed a cleaning solvent leaking from his trailer, a California Highway Patrol (CHP) sergeant said. The substance was identified by state officials as nebutyl acetate and was found on the asphalt and in some clumps of grass and dirt on the side of the freeway. The liquid that leaked onto the asphalt was evaporating as hazardous materials crews cleaned it up along with the contaminated dirt and grass, a report from the state Office of Emergency Services said. The amount that leaked had not been determined. The CHP closed all southbound lanes about 7:30 a.m. as a precautionary measure. Southbound traffic was routed onto surface streets in Wildomar.
Source: http://www.pe.com/localnews/wildomar/stories/PE_News_Local_S_spill11_44bb60c.html

6. April 10, WOWK 13 Huntington – (West Virginia) Chemical leak reported in South Charleston. A chemical leak has been reported at the Clearon Plant in South
Charleston. The Clearon Plant reported that a small amount of chlorine was leaked from a tank at the facility around 6:15 p.m. April 10. Officials say the leak has been fixed and the spilled chemicals have been contained. The plant and emergency officials stress that there is no threat to the environment, and evacuations are not necessary at this time. Source: http://wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=56455

[Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector]

7. April 13, Greeley Tribune – (Colorado) Uranium mine opponents seize on study. Weld County, Colorado residents opposed to the proposed uranium mine near Nunn are still not convinced their groundwater will be protected from contamination. Two weeks ago, Colorado’s governor signed legislation to protect groundwater from contamination as a result of leach uranium mining. House Bill 1161 requires that companies using leach uranium mines restore all affected groundwater to the condition it was in before mining. A new study, however, shows that these types of regulations may not prevent all groundwater contamination. Weld residents now are using this information as their primary argument against the uranium mine. Powertech Uranium Corporation, a Canadian firm, is continuing to collect samples and apply for permits. The company’s president and CEO said all the work applications should be completed by mid-summer. The applications take about a year and a half to process.
Source: http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20090413/NEWS/904129878/1002/NONE&parentprofile=1001

8. April 10, Asbury Park Press – (New Jersey) NRC approves plan to continue providing potassium iodide. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved a staff recommendation to continue providing potassium iodide (KI) to states requesting it for residents who live within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone of a commercial nuclear power plant. That includes the recently relicensed Oyster Creek Generating Station in Forked River. The NRC originally had authorized only a one-time distribution to states requesting the product. KI can help reduce the risk of thyroid cancer and other diseases by blocking the thyroid gland’s absorption of radioactive iodine, which could be dispersed in the unlikely event of a severe reactor accident. KI can be used as part of a state’s emergency preparedness program, in addition to evacuations and/or sheltering-in-place for the population closest to the nuclear power plant and thus at greatest risk of exposure to radioactive materials released during an accident. After four years of public hearings, special meetings, litigation, and debate, Oyster Creek received its license renewal from the NRC on April 8. Oyster Creek is the oldest operating nuclear power plant in the country and is 40 years old.
Source: http://www.app.com/article/20090410/NEWS02/904100364/1070/NEWS02

9. April 10, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – (California) NRC analysis confirms continued seismic safety at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has concluded the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant’s design would withstand the effects of a potential new fault line off the California coast. Pacific
Gas & Electric, which operates the plant 12 miles southwest of San Luis Obispo, California, notified the NRC in November 2008 about the potential “Shoreline Fault,” located about a kilometer offshore from Diablo Canyon. PG&E provided the NRC data from the company’s collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey regarding the potential fault. NRC staff independently reviewed the USGS information to determine the fault’s potential implications for Diablo Canyon’s operation. The staff concluded the plant’s existing design already accounts for ground motions that could be generated by the potential fault’s largest possible earthquake. The staff also concluded the potential fault does not alter Diablo Canyon’s tsunami hazard. The staff will continue to analyze additional information on the potential fault as it becomes available.


**Critical Manufacturing**

10. *April 11, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Fire destroys Pleasant Grove pipe-manufacturing building.** A pipe-manufacturing building full of toxic chemicals was destroyed in a blaze the morning of April 11. The cleaning and coating building at the Continental Pipe Manufacturing Co. in Pleasant Grove was completely destroyed, said the Pleasant Grove Fire captain. The fire was hot enough to melt steel I-beams in the roof, causing its collapse. Firefighters arrived at the scene of the fire around 8 a.m. By that time, the fire was so strong firefighters could only work defensively. Because the plant is undergoing layoffs, firefighters are investigating the possibility that the fire was intentional. They are also looking into the possibility of an accident caused by natural gas heaters left on in the building since April 9.


**Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

**Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *April 12, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Bank of Hawaii phishing scam.** The Bank of Hawaii has issued a warning to its customers about a scam. Scam artists are sending text messages stating that a person’s accounts have been locked and tells them to call a phone number. When people call the number, they are asked to enter their account number and pin. Officials for the Bank of Hawaii said do not call the number. The bank does not call or e-mail customers requesting personal information.

12. *April 11, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Wichita police warn merchants about credit card scam.** Wichita law enforcement officials on April 10 urged merchants and their employees to watch out for scammers trying to use altered prepaid credit cards for transactions. Scammers are printing stolen credit card numbers on long, narrow strips of paper and pasting them onto the back of the cardboard credit-card holders, police said. “It has no value,” a lieutenant who heads the financial crimes section of the Wichita Police Department said of the Green Dot cardholder. The doctored numbers will not scan properly in a card reader, so the scammers ask the clerk or cashier to manually enter the numbers into the system. Several clerks and businesses in Wichita, Valley Center and Park City have done just that. The scam has become so widespread that Visa, Mastercard, and American Express will no longer cover losses linked to transactions that have been keyed in manually, said a detective of the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office. Source: [http://www.kansas.com/crimecourts/story/769331.html](http://www.kansas.com/crimecourts/story/769331.html)

13. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Colorado; North Carolina) **FDIC seizes banks in Colorado and North Carolina.** Regulators seized two more banks on April 10, raising the number of bank failures this year to 23. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. took over Cape Fear Bank in Wilmington, North Carolina and New Frontier Bank in Greeley, Colorado after state regulators closed them down. The FDIC sold Cape Fear Bank to First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. of Charleston, South Carolina. The agency failed to sell New Frontier, and will keep it open for 30 days so customers can open accounts elsewhere. The failures will cost the deposit insurance fund a total of $800 million, the FDIC estimated. The tally of bank failures this year is just two shy of the total of 25 for all of 2008. Source: [http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-bank-failures11-2009apr11,0,5700560.story](http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-bank-failures11-2009apr11,0,5700560.story)

14. *April 10, Kennebec Morning Sentinel* – (Maine) **Virus hits bank.** Franklin Savings Bank in Farmington is investigating an apparent computer virus on April 8 that forced the bank to temporarily shut down its online banking services and Web sites. Bank officials on April 9 declined to comment on the virus or any potential data risk to customers but said they would issue a statement April 10. Customers trying to access the bank’s Web sites — www.fsbme.com, www.franklinebranch.com, and www.westernmountainfinancial.com — will see an alert that states the sites are unavailable due to system maintenance. It also states that bank officials are investigating the possibility that a virus may have been delivered to computers that accessed the bank Web sites between 1:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. on April 8. Source: [http://morningsentinel.mainetoday.com/news/local/6183149.html](http://morningsentinel.mainetoday.com/news/local/6183149.html)

**Transportation Sector**

15. *April 13, Transport Topics* – (National) **TSA to retain April 15 TWIC deadline at ports.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said it will not delay the April 15 deadline for an estimated 1.2 million workers to obtain their Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC), but the U.S. Coast Guard will allow entry at some
ports through mid-May to workers who present proof they have passed a security screening but have not yet received their credential cards from TSA. A Coast Guard spokeswoman said TSA decided two weeks ago to allow entry to truckers and port workers without a TWIC because a recent system failure had caused a backlog in issuing the credentials. To gain entry without a TWIC, a worker must present a photo identification card and proof that his or her TWIC has been printed and is ready for activation, according to an April 2 Coast Guard statement. The fact that a TWIC is ready for activation proves the individual has successfully completed a law-enforcement background check, the Coast Guard spokeswoman said. The alternative method of entry will be in effect only until May 13. After this date, only individuals with a valid TWIC will be eligible for unescorted access to facilities regulated by the Maritime Transportation Security Act, the Coast Guard said.


16. April 13, WOKV 690 Jacksonville – (Florida) Boating crash kills 5, injures 9 in Palm Valley. Five boaters are dead after a violent boat crash on the intracoastal waterways near the Palm Valley Bridge April 12. Investigators say 14 people were on the 22 foot vessel when it slammed into an unmanned, docked tugboat. “We’re trying to determine if the push tug was sticking out in the channel and if it was how far was it,” a spokesman from Fish and Wildlife says. “That’s all part of the investigation right now.” Investigators are also trying to determine if speed, alcohol, or the vessel’s capacity played roles in the collision.


17. April 12, Associated Press – (Florida) Southwest flight makes emergency landing. A Southwest Airlines flight from Orlando, Florida to Austin, Texas made an emergency landing at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Florida as a precaution after a sensor detected an apparent problem in the cargo hold. An airline spokeswoman said the pilot elected to make the emergency landing on April 12. She said there was no fire. The 104 passengers on the plane were taken to the base and continued on their flight after another Southwest plane was brought to the base from Dallas.


18. April 10, Greeley Tribune – (Colorado) Electrical problem apparently caused Greeley bus garage fire. Damage from a fire in a city bus garage started from an electrical problem in one bus. The fire broke out at about 5:30 p.m. April 9 at the transit compound in Greeley. Firefighters did not specify what the exact electrical problem was, but both vehicles were two of the oldest in the city’s fleet. The buses will likely be replaced when the city receives the money from two separate grants that will transform the fleet from the oldest in the state to the newest, according to the transit services manager for Greeley. The buses and the garage all sustained damage in the fire. Bus routes will not be affected.

Source: http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20090410/NEWS/904109951/1002/NONE&parentprofile=1001
Postal and Shipping Sector

19. April 13, Livingston Daily – (Michigan) **Woman suspects explosive device damaged mailbox.** A Hartland Township woman reported to the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department that someone may have used an explosive device to damage her mailbox. The woman, who lives in the Rolling Acres Drive area, said the front and back of her mailbox were “blown off” and she found a soda bottle on the ground. Deputies said they found an unknown liquid in the woman’s mailbox. The incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. March 20 and 10:30 a.m. March 21. Other details about the incident were not released and an investigation is ongoing.

Source: [http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20090413/NEWS06/904130307](http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20090413/NEWS06/904130307)

20. April 11, South Florida Sun Sentinel – (Florida) **Suspicious package found in Lighthouse Point post office.** Lighthouse Point police officers and firefighters surrounded the town’s post office for several hours on the night of April 11, following the report of a suspicious package. An area about a quarter-mile around the building on East Sample Road was blocked off during the duration of the incident. A spokesman for the Lighthouse Point Police Department said a briefcase was noticed at about 6:30 p.m. sitting unattended in the 24-hour area of the post office, near the post office boxes. The postal customer said a ticking noise was heard coming from the briefcase, the police spokesman said. The Broward Sheriff’s Office bomb squad removed the briefcase at about 10 p.m. and detonated it safely, the spokesman added. There were no arrests.


Agriculture and Food Sector

21. April 11, Kennebec Morning Sentinel – (Connecticut) **Produce firm recalls sprouts.** A Connecticut-based produce company has recalled certain brands of sprouts in 11 states out of fear they may be contaminated with a foodborne pathogen, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced Friday. Amalgamated Produce, Inc. of Bridgeport, Connecticut, announced the voluntary recall of its Specialty Farms Sprouts, Vermont Sprout House, Nature’s Promise, and BroccoSprouts products that contain “sell-by” dates of March 31-April 27. The company asked anyone who has purchased the recalled products to return them for a refund. The sprouts may have been contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, the company said. Although the company issued the recall as a precaution, no cases of Listeriosis infection have been reported, the company said. Bacteria were found during laboratory analysis in a finished product sample collected by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. The recalled sprouts have been distributed in Maine, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.


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Water Sector

22. *April 11, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Environmental agency offices pollute Wash. creek.** Washington State environmental regulators say they have finally found the source of pollution that has been fouling a creek near Vancouver Lake: The agencies’ own sewer pipes. City workers have discovered that an office building’s sewer line was mistakenly connected to a storm drain, rather than the municipal sewer main. The 1970s-vintage building houses Washington State Department of Ecology regional offices, as well as those of the Department of Fish and Game and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Sewage from the building has been making its way into Burnt Bridge Creek and eventually into the lake. The environmental agency’s director says the discovery was “embarrassing and upsetting.” The building owner is paying for repairs.

Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i80QmKRamZTA9u9nNM9XkWRIIHtgD97FRAS00](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i80QmKRamZTA9u9nNM9XkWRIIHtgD97FRAS00)

23. *April 10, World Link* – (Oregon) **North Bend reports sewage spill.** The Oregon Department of Agriculture has closed commercial oyster harvesting in Coos Bay following a sewage spill the morning of April 9 in North Bend. The food program manager with the Food Safety Division said officials collected water samples the night of April 9 and could reopen harvesting as early as April 11. According to a press release from the City of North Bend, at about 9:30 a.m., 30,000 gallons of sewage discharged into the bay at the east end of Exchange Street after debris blocked a pipe causing a backup. Sewage overflowed a manhole and into a nearby storm-water catch basin. City crews cleared the blockage by 10 a.m. and cleaned the area. The Oregon Spill Response, the Coos County Health Department, and the state departments of environmental quality and agriculture were notified. The manager said the spill does not compare to one in January that dumped an estimated 500,000 gallons of partially treated waste into the bay. As to clamming in the bay, she said the state agency does not monitor recreational harvesting.


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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *April 13, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **Viral strain builds resistance to common remedy.** The growing ineffectiveness of a popular and widely requested antibiotic has Chattanooga doctors emphasizing the importance of responsible antibiotic use. Chattanooga physicians say between one-half and two-thirds of the most-common bacteria — streptococcus pneumoniae — is showing resistance to azithromycin, the generic name for the antibiotic Zithromax. The antibiotic often is dispensed in a packet called the “Z-pak.” Streptococcus pneumoniae is an important germ because it is the No. 1 bacterial cause of pneumonia, bronchitis, sinusitis, ear infections, and even meningitis,
said an infectious disease specialist. “It’s not that (the Z-pak) has become a totally useless antibiotic, but it just makes us worry when the most common bug is becoming increasingly resistant,” he said.

25. April 13, Chicago Tribune – (Illinois) **TB scare: 3 Chicago-area hospitals evaluate patients, staff for tuberculosis.** Three Chicago-area hospitals, where hundreds may have been exposed to tuberculosis from a doctor-in-training, were still working on April 11 to contact patients and narrow down how many people were at risk. The 26-year-old female Northwestern University pediatric resident was diagnosed last week with TB. She most recently had worked at Children’s Memorial Hospital, from November 20 to April 3, where she was in contact with at least 150 children and more than 300 workers. So far, no one has tested positive for TB, though only a small number of patients apparently have been tested, hospital officials said. Children’s Memorial and Evanston Hospital already have begun unrelated mandatory TB testing of all employees who interact with hospital patients. None of the roughly 1,000 Children’s workers whose test results have been returned had the bacterial disease, a spokeswoman said. Evanston Hospital identified 80 babies who may have been exposed between February 12 and March 11, a spokeswoman said. About 70 of the affected families have been reached by phone, and the remainder is being notified by certified letter, she said. The hospital believes about 140 employees also may have been exposed, and testing for patients and their families likely will start on April 15.

Government Facilities Sector

26. April 13, FOX News – (International) **Somali insurgents fire at U.S. congressman during visit to Mogadishu.** Somali insurgents fired mortars toward a U.S. congressman’s plane during a visit to the Somali capital in Mogadishu. The New Jersey Democrat was not injured, his spokeswoman told FOX News. The spokeswoman said the congressman, who chairs the House subcommittee on Africa, felt it was important to go to Mogadishu and see first-hand what was happening there. His trip comes a day after a U.S. sea captain was rescued from four Somali pirates off Africa’s eastern coast. “All we know is his plane was fired on and of course we feel it was in retaliation,” the spokeswoman told FOX News. The congressman arrived early on April 13 in what is believed to be the first visit by a senior U.S. politician to Mogadishu in years, Reuters reported. The visit was reportedly expected to last a few hours and was to include a meeting with the Somali foreign minister to talk about piracy and how the United States could help the government there. It was not immediately clear if the meeting took place.
Source: http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,514935,00.html

27. April 13, Red Orbit – (Utah) **Virus hits university computers.** A computer virus has
infected over 700 campus computers, including campus hospital computer at the
University of Utah, according to the University’s officials. A university health sciences
spokesman said that the outbreak of the Conficker worm, which slows down computers
and steals personal information, was first detected on April 9. By April 10 the virus had
already infiltrated computers at the hospitals, medical school, and colleges of nursing,
pharmacy, and health. According to the university spokesman, personal data and
medical records have not been compromised. “That’s secured in a much deeper way
because of the implications,” he said. The virus is mainly attacking personal computers,
and could also be siphoning login and password data, credit card numbers and bank
information, he said. Directions for getting the virus off the computers and equipment
like thumb drives, digital cameras, and smart phones have been distributed to staff and
students. Internet access was shut off for up to six hours at some campus locations by
information technology staff on April 10, that way they could isolate the virus. The staff
is expected to work through the weekend to eradicate the virus.
Source:

28. April 12, San Diego 6 – (California) Two killed in plane crash on MCAS Miramar
property. Two people died when a single-engine Piper Comanche airplane crashed on
April 11 on vacant land east of the runways at Marine Air Corps Station Miramar. The
plane crashed in hilly terrain about 8 miles northeast of Montgomery Field on military
property. The pilot’s family friend says he was flying with his wife to receive medical
treatment in Mexico. The plane had flown from Whiteman Airport in the San Fernando
Valley section of Los Angeles on the morning of April 11, and was heading to Brown
Field Municipal Airport near the Mexican border, according to an FAA spokesman. Air
traffic controllers lost radio and radar contact with the pilot around 10:55 a.m., he
said. All possible causes are being investigated including the low, thick cloud cover at
the time of the crash.
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Protesters calling for the resignation of the New School University president broke into
a campus building and occupied it for about five hours on April 11 before police
arrested 22 people. The protesters kicked out a maintenance man and locked themselves
into the building in the Union Square area of Manhattan around 5:30 a.m., demanding
the removal of the former Nebraska governor and senator. The protesters, who said they
were students, had a laundry list of other reasons for their actions, including budget and
management issues and a desire for more study space. Police were summoned by school
officials and responded around 11 a.m., said the New York Police Department’s deputy
commissioner for public information. They cut the lock and went inside in riot gear.
Video shows officers peacefully arresting the 19 people inside. Negotiations took about
20 minutes, the police official said. The scene outside was more chaotic, as protesters
clashed with officers and broke through metal barriers. Three people were arrested
outside the building. The protesters who were arrested inside face trespassing charges,
and the three people arrested outside were facing disorderly conduct charges.
30. *April 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Congresswoman wants answers on KBR contract.** A New Hampshire congresswoman said the Pentagon has failed to justify giving a new, $35 million contract to a company whose electrical work on U.S. facilities in Iraq has been criticized as shoddy and unsafe. At least three service members were electrocuted while showering at U.S. facilities in Iraq. Others have been injured or killed in electrical incidents. Houston-based contractor KBR Inc., which maintains nearly all U.S. facilities in Iraq, has said it was not responsible for any of the deaths, and that safety is its top priority. Inspections of some of the thousands of Iraq facilities that KBR maintains have turned up major electrical problems at more than a third of the sites. The AP reported February 6 that KBR was given an Army Corps of Engineers contract to build a convoy support center in southern Iraq that includes a power plant and electrical distribution center. Shortly before the contract was awarded, a senior Pentagon official had rejected the company’s explanation of electrical mistakes in Iraq and said some defense officials had lost confidence in KBR’s ability to do electrical work. The military is in the process of inspecting every facility in Iraq and making repairs to electrical problems.


31. *April 10, Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Hackers get into state computers.** A hacker broke into the Oregon Department of Human Services computer system on April 8, and investigators were still working on April 10 to determine the extent of the breach. “We have no indication that any personal information has been compromised,” a spokesman for the state Department of Administrative Services said on April 10. The Department of Justice uses the same network application, though there is no indication that the breach extended to that agency, the spokesman said. Hackers frequently try to break their way into the state government’s vast data bank. But the spokesman said it is unusual for an attempt to be successful. At 2:40 p.m. April 8, a state computer security system was alerted an intrusion had occurred within the Human Services network. That alert locked down the system and prevented any further intrusion, added the spokesman. “For security reasons,” the spokesman said he could not offer details of what kind of information might have been obtained. The state’s Enterprise Security Office is investigating. The Department of Human Services, the state’s largest agency, provides Oregonians with medical insurance, food stamps, and other services.


32. *April 10, Associated Press* – (Washington) **2 more issues resolved for Hanford plant.** Researchers at the nation’s most contaminated nuclear site have resolved two more technical problems that were raised by a panel of experts about a $12 billion waste treatment plant under construction. The plant is being built to convert highly radioactive and toxic waste into stable, glasslike logs at south-central Washington’s Hanford nuclear
reservation near Richland. An independent panel of experts raised 28 potential problems for the plant in a 2005 study. With the latest results, all but two have been resolved. The U.S. Department of Energy, which manages cleanup at the 586-square-mile site, built a $90 million platform to test methods to address some of those concerns — the first time researchers were able to test the processes outside of a laboratory. Research this winter resolved two of the potential problems, the Energy Department said April 10. Just two more technical issues raised by the panel remain to be resolved. “At this point, we know the plant will work, and the remaining technical issues revolve around how efficiently we can make it work...at the best value for the American taxpayer,” said the project engineering director for the Energy Department’s Office of River Protection.


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**Emergency Services Sector**

33. *April 13, Gloucester Times* – (Massachusetts) **City eyes regional E911 plan.** Gloucester officials are taking a second look at joining the group of North Shore communities looking to regionalize their emergency dispatch in a planned joint 911 call center in Middleton. The city decided not to become involved in the regional dispatch when it was confronted with the idea two years ago, because of estimates that the start-up costs would be too high and come with complications for the police and fire departments. But the fiscal calculus of the plan has changed since 2007 and so have some of the leaders responsible for making the decisions. During March 2009 the state announced a $4.9 million grant to begin construction of the call center, planned to go up next to the Middleton Jail and be run by the Essex County Sheriff’s office. The City Council president last month requested an update from the sheriff’s office on the call center plan, and a representative is scheduled to appear before the council during the week of May 4-8. Potential benefits to the city include freeing up the three police officers currently on duty in the dispatch at all times.


34. *April 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Hospitals put wait times on Internet.** As emergency room wait times grow for urgent-care patients, a few hospitals are putting them on the Web. At Ochsner Health System, doctors say that such a system is easing the load at four ERs in the New Orleans area. At the main campus just outside New Orleans, the registration coordinator said people often come in, look at the wait time screen behind her, and head for one of the other three Ochsner hospitals within 12 miles. Doctors emphasize that if people have a real emergency they should call 911. One spokesman for the American College of Emergency Physicians cautioned that many patients do not know how sick they are — people with heart attacks or appendicitis often think they have heartburn or a virus.


35. *April 12, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Leg, not bomb found in suspicious package.**
A suspicious package discovered at the Washington County Sheriff’s Office in Hillsboro on April 12 turned out to be a prosthetic leg inside a bag. Unaware of the innocent contents of the package, deputies called in the Portland Police Bomb Squad to investigate the bag. The bomb squad used a robot to determine what was inside the bag and quickly discovered the object was a prosthetic leg. Deputies have not been able to determine who left the leg at their office nor have they found the owner of the leg.


36. April 10, Wickedlocal.com – (Massachusetts) Stow police clear benign balloon. The Stow Police Department called a state hazmat response team to the station on April 10 after a concerned resident dropped off a deflated balloon filled with a suspicious white powder. “The powder in question was determined to be benign,” said a Stow police official. He said a resident found the balloon on the front lawn Thursday morning, and decided to take it to the station on Friday. He said the balloon resembled a water balloon that had instead been filled with a white powder and tied at one end — a tactic sometimes employed by drug dealers.


Information Technology

37. April 13, ZDNet – (International) New Skype vulnerability discovered. A new phishing attack demonstrated by researchers at Secure Science allows hackers to gain access to a user’s Skype client and then pose as a financial institution or proxy outbound calls. The technique is called “SkypeSkrayping” and is similar to a phishing attack only a bit more interactive. According to the report, sing either an inline frame (“iframe”) or image (“img”) tag, attackers could add a Specific Call Forwarding Number, grant attacker ability to receive the victim’s incoming call, obtain a Skype-To-Go Number, and/or grant an attacker the ability to access victim’s voicemail, speed dial, and outbound calling via Spoofed Caller-ID. The company’s IT department is working on resolving the problem.


38. April 12, CNET News – (International) Teen takes responsibility for Twitter worms. As a second Twitter exploit began circulating on the micro-blogging site on April 12, a teenager from Brooklyn told CNET News he created both worms because he was bored and wanted to draw attention to the Twitter flaw. Much like the April 11 StalkDaily worm, the “Mikeyy” worm posts unwanted messages to users’ pages. The “Mikeyy” worm began spreading on the micro-blogging site on April 12, posting messages such as “Mikeyy I am done...,” “MikeyyMikeyy is done,” and “Twitter please fix this, regards Mikeyy.” A 17-year-old Brooklyn resident told CNET News in an interview that he created the worm “out of boredom.” “I thought about it later and basically did it because I was bored,” he said. “And I did not think Twitter would fix (the flaw) very soon. But I did not think it would spread as far or as fast as it did.” Twitter said it has closed the hole that allowed the worm to spread. “We have taken steps to remove the offending
updates, and to close the holes that allowed this ‘worm’ to spread,” Twitter said in a statement on April 11. “No passwords, phone numbers, or other sensitive information were compromised as part of this attack.” However, the creator of the worm said he released the second worm exploiting the original flaw on April 12, after Twitter claimed to have closed the holes. He also said that he had not yet been contacted by Twitter representatives.


39. **April 10, CNET News** – (International) **Conficker also installs fake antivirus software.** Researchers have discovered another feature of the Conficker worm that provides an additional clue about the intent of the creators, the worm installs malware that masquerades as antivirus software, Trend Micro said on April 10. The worm, which has infected millions of Windows-based computers on the Internet, is downloading a program called Spyware Protect 2009 and displaying warning messages saying that the computer is infected and offering to clean it up for $49.95, according to the Trend Micro blog. The latest feature of the widespread worm is that it installs fake antivirus software on infected machines. The infection alerts repeatedly appear and experts are worried that people may be clicking on them and paying for the software just to be rid of the annoying messages, thereby handing thieves their credit card information. The fake antivirus program also attempts to install a Trojan downloader that is programmed to download new versions of Spyware Protect 2009, according to Kasperky Lab’s blog. However, the domain the Trojan downloader was being accessed from has been shut down, the blog said.


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**Communications Sector**

40. **April 12, TMC News** – (Indiana) **Smithville Digital bringing fiber optics to thousands of homes.** Smithville Digital is in the midst of a $90 million build-out that will put a fiber optic line directly into each customer’s home. Smithville Digital, a local telecommunications firm created in 2003, was spun off from Ellettsville’s Smithville Telephone. The infrastructure upgrade, according to company officials, will give residential customers much higher Internet connection speeds and enable the future arrival of some very high-tech services. The build-out will cover about 30,000 customers. The upgrade will also mean that basic telephone service will no longer travel through copper wires, but through the fiber optic cable. “Bandwidth needs have increased exponentially, especially looking at what’s coming up with online streaming video,” said the director of marketing. “It became very apparent that the only way to
accommodate that was fiber.” With a 100 megabit connection, Internet users can
download large amounts of data in a flash. The company says it will be the first
company in Indiana to offer that connection speed to residential customers. Base service
starts at 20 megabits. They hope to have about half of its 30,000 residential customers
outfitted with direct fiber optic connections within two years. The rest of them should be
wired within about five years.
Source: http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/-smithville-digital-bringing-fiber-optics-
thousands-homes-/2009/04/12/4126274.htm

41. April 10, Fierce Telecom – (California) AT&T tweets California fiber cut info. AT&T
used Twitter as one of a number of ways the company put out information about its
Silicon Valley service interruptions April 9 due to several fiber cables being cut. The
telco joins cable company Comcast in leveraging the social networking tool during a
service interruption. The fiber cuts interrupted AT&T’s broadband, phone, and wireless
service to thousands of people around the San Francisco Bay area and Silicon Valley.
AT&T provided real time updates to 2,400 direct followers of its Twitter feed starting
around 7 a.m. on April 9 and sent around nine “tweets” in total keeping customers
informed. The last tweet let Twitter followers know that AT&T is offering a $100,000
reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for
vandalizing the fiber cables. Recently, Comcast tweeted about an email outage.
Source: http://www.fiercetelecom.com/story/t-tweets-california-fiber-cut/2009-04-
10?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss&cmp-id=OTC-RSS-FT0
See also: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-10216712-94.html?tag=mncol;title

Commercial Facilities Sector

42. April 13, Associated Press – (New Hampshire) Dozens of cottages burn at NH
Christian center. Authorities investigating a massive fire on Sunday that destroyed or
damaged about 40 summer cottages at a Christian center said April 13 they do not
believe the fire was arson. “There are no red flags to indicate it was suspicious, at this
time,” the fire marshal said. Flames fanned by wind off Lake Winnipesaukee swept
through the summer cottages at the 146-year-old Alton Bay Christian Conference
Center. The cottages were reported as unoccupied. Witnesses watched as buildings
burned to the ground in minutes. One firefighter was injured when a propane tank
exploded; he was hospitalized in stable condition. Others were treated for smoke
inhalation or exhaustion. The center’s approximately 140 cottages are close together in a
network of narrow roads. The center, founded in 1863, is on the southeastern corner of
the lake about 30 miles northeast of Concord. It also features a 70-room motel and a
park for recreational vehicles.
Source:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h_5BYv2IIje847uCeMNm1Jae
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43. April 11, Norman Transcript – (Oklahoma) Bracing near complete in wind-
threatened building. Temporary bracing inside the six-story Financial Center in
downtown Norman should be complete this month, paving the way for owners to begin permanent repairs to the 45,000 square foot office building. Steel rods and bracing are being installed on each floor tying the floors to the building’s frame. Engineers determined early this year that the concrete building constructed in the early 1970s has insufficient lateral support and could potentially collapse in extremely strong winds. Instead of demolishing the center, the owners working with LWPB Architecture and KFC Engineering and Precision Builders plan to install a rectangular steel frame with diagonal bracing within the building, tying the building’s support system together. The project foreman said the building becomes more stable and can withstand higher winds each time they complete a floor’s bracing. They hope to finish the second floor this week. The permanent diagonal braces within the floors will force some reconfiguration of existing office layouts. The project foreman said he appreciated other property owners stepping up and helping relocate building tenants on short notice. All were moved within about 10 days.


**National Monuments & Icons Sector**

Nothing to report

**Dams Sector**

44. *April 13, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Levee breached apparently under control in ND town.** Officials scrambling to fix a levee breach in North Dakota along the rising Sheyenne River say it appears to be under control. National Guard helicopters are dropping 1,000-pound sandbags into the breach and crew have been working to fix the gap in the levee in Valley City. By about 8:30 a.m., the city administrator said the breach appeared to be under control. Officials had recommended a large part of the town of 6,875 to evacuate. The mayor says officials are not yet telling people to return because crews are still working. The National Weather Service said the Sheyenne is expected to crest April 14 in Valley City about 2 feet higher than the record set in 1882. That would close all but one of the town’s 11 bridges. The Sheyenne River empties into the Red River, soon expected to reach a second flood crest of its own near Fargo.

Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hw95ek5Sllmi4SoQ_N4HJywHE0ZAD97HK3K80

45. *April 13, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Wolf Creek Dam repair begins new phase.** Repairs to leaking Wolf Creek Dam in southern Kentucky begin a new phase this week. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said contractors will begin drilling more than 275 feet into bedrock to construct a massive concrete wall. The new wall will be thicker and longer than one constructed at the dam in the 1970s. The Corps of Engineers announced in early 2007 that Wolf Creek Dam was in urgent need of repair, and they lowered the...
lake level by about 40 feet to ease pressure on the structure. Officials said any breach would cause flooding in communities along the Cumberland River and likely reach Nashville. The Courier-Journal reports that the wall will extend nearly a mile across an earthen part of the dam, which impounds Lake Cumberland. Italian firm Trevicicos has partnered with France’s Soletanche Bachy for the $340 million construction contract. Workers already have pumped nearly a billion gallons of grout into the foundation of the dam to help stabilize it. The repair project’s total cost will be about $580 million, Corps officials said. The new wall’s construction uses special equipment made in Europe just for the Wolf Creek project, Corps officials said. The wall is constructed in 10-foot sections and all the repairs are scheduled to be complete by 2012, said the Corps’ Nashville District commander. He said the next phase of repairs could allow higher water levels for the 2010 recreational season.

Source: http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090413/NEWS01/904130321/1006