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- CNN reports that a category EF-3 tornado destroyed a waste water treatment plant in Madison County, Kentucky on May 8. According to the Associated Press, more than 15,000 customers in eastern Kentucky had no water because lines were broken or washed away. (See item 18)

- United Press International reports that six people remained hospitalized after a 33-foot cabin cruiser exploded on May 9 off crowded Pine Key Island south of Tampa, Florida. (See item 30)

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Energy Sector

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

1. **May 10, Reuters** – (Louisiana) **Exxon La. FCC upset happened during restart-sources.** A May 7 malfunction of a gasoline-producing unit at Exxon Mobil Corp’s 503,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) Baton Rouge, Louisiana refinery came during a restart after an unplanned shutdown on May 7, said sources familiar with refinery operations.
An Exxon spokesman declined to discuss specific unit operations at the Baton Rouge refinery, which is the second largest in the U.S. Workers were attempting to get the 120,000 bpd fluidic catalytic cracking unit, one of three at the refinery, back to normal operations following an initial startup early on May 7 when an equipment failure is thought to have occurred, triggering a second shutdown, the sources said. Nine workers were exposed to carbon monoxide in the upset and taken to area hospitals. All were released the same day.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN1050089320090511

2. *May 10, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Huge fire after Moscow gas pipeline blast.** Moscow on Sunday suffered its worst fire in decades when a gas pipeline blast sent flames bursting into the sky and raised new concerns about the security of Russia’s aging energy infrastructure. The fire produced flames reaching 600 feet high and huge clouds billowing smoke were visible against the night sky, television pictures showed. Moscow’s mayor said that five people had been injured in the fire, but there had been no fatalities. The cause of the fire was almost certainly technical in nature, he added, virtually ruling out the possibility of foul play. “The cause could have been an upsurge of pressure in the pipeline, as a result of which an explosion took place underground,” he added. The fire broke out at 12:30 a.m. By the morning the blaze had been brought under control and the flames reduced, and by the afternoon it had been virtually extinguished, officials said. The emergencies ministry said that 35 fire brigade units had been sent to the scene.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i6GtxU51N9P7bA0pC6k8o4pf cVYA

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**Chemical Industry Sector**

3. *May 11, Flagler News-Journal* – (Florida) **Acid leak contained after train derailment.** Hydrochloric acid started leaking from one of the train cars that derailed near Hargrove Grade and U.S. 1 near Palm Coast in Flagler County, but the minor leak was contained May 10, a Florida East Coast Railway spokeswoman said. The wreck occurred about 6:30 p.m. May 9, and hydrochloric acid, a hazardous material, was leaking, but the car was uprighted and a hazardous materials team responded, the spokeswoman said. On May 10, the leak was contained, according to a brief statement from the city of Palm Coast. That statement said the St. Johns County Hazmat Team had been on the scene to determine the extent of the leak. One locomotive caught fire, but the fire was extinguished. The train, No. 107-09, consisted of two locomotives and 68 railcars. Both engines and 26 cars, including automobile carriers, corn syrup tanks and boxcars, left the tracks.
4. *May 11, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Truck carrying unknown chemicals catches fire.** Baton Rouge firefighters worked to put out a fire on a container truck carrying unknown chemicals at Rico and Airline on May 10. Fire officials say a nearby trailer caught fire in what they suspect is a case of arson. The fire then spread to the container truck, releasing the unknown chemical into the air. State police also responded to the scene. No further details are currently available.


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**Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

5. *May 11, Reuters* – (Georgia) **Southern Ga. Hatch 1 reactor shut.** Southern Co’s 876-megawatt Unit 1 at the Hatch nuclear power station in Georgia shut by early on May 11, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. On May 8, the unit was operating at 1 percent as it started to exit an outage. Electricity traders did not know if the unit exited the outage before shutting. Reactors usually exit outages at about 15 percent to 20 percent power. The unit shut by May 4 due to a problem with a safety relief valve.


6. *May 8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (New Jersey) **Primary containment isolation valves discovered open.** On May 8 at the Hope Creek nuclear facility, four of the five ball valves associated with the Traversing Incore Probe (TIP) system were discovered to be open. In conjunction with explosive shear valves located on each line, these ball valves function to isolate the primary containment upon the receipt of a containment isolation signal. Further investigation revealed that the associated TIP detectors were in the drywell at the indexer. With the TIP detectors in the drywell the detector cable is passing through the ball valves and this condition renders the valves inoperable. This condition had existed for approximately 48 hours and was due to improper shutdown of the system on May 5. The TIP detectors were withdrawn to their chamber shields, the ball valves closed and declared operable. This event was limited to the TIP system and its associated containment penetrations. Plant operation was not affected. Investigation is in progress and will be entered into the station’s corrective action program. There was nothing unusual or not understood. All safety related equipment and systems are operable. The licensee notified the NRC Resident Inspector.


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**Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report
Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *May 11, FOX News* – (National) **NASA approves partial privatization of the space program.** For the first time, after nearly a half century of building its own rockets and orbiters, NASA has approved the outsourcing of some of the equipment that enables its manned space missions to private contractors. Last week, the acting NASA Administrator told a congressional subcommittee that the agency plans to give $150 million in stimulus-package money to private companies that design, build and service their own rockets and crew capsules — spacecraft that could put astronauts in orbit while NASA finishes building the space shuttle’s replacements. It is a dramatic change, one that could reduce America’s dependency on Russia for the next half-decade after the space shuttle program ends, and one that could kick-start a space program that some see as having stalled for 40 years. $80 million of the stimulus money will be awarded to the company that demonstrates the best “crewed launch demo,” a prototype, based on existing cargo-capsule designs, modified for humans. The agency was careful to note that the competition will be an open one. Two well-positioned spaceflight companies, SpaceX and Orbital Sciences, are seen as the leading contenders. Each already has a full line of rockets and cargo capsules ready to go, and each company’s capsules can be converted to transport astronauts.

Source: [http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,519609,00.html?sPage=fnc/scitech/space](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,519609,00.html?sPage=fnc/scitech/space)

Banking and Finance Sector

8. *May 9, New Jersey Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **NY man pleads guilty to selling Social Security numbers for scam.** A New York man pleaded guilty in federal court on May 8 to mining Social Security numbers for an identity-theft ring targeting home equity lines of credit at New Jersey banks. The 44-year-old of Queens stood before a U.S. District Court Judge in Newark and said he set up a sham collection agency to gain access to a commercial database. He admitted selling 39 Social Security numbers for $30 apiece to a group authorities say siphoned at least $2.5 million from dozens of banks, including at least 11 in the Garden State. If the case had gone to trial prosecutors could have proven that the defendant looked up more than 100,000 Social Security numbers. This individual is among eight defendants charged in New Jersey between August and November 2008 in connection with the alleged ring. Authorities say they targeted homeowners with big credit lines at financial institutions, including Citibank, JPMorgan Chase and credit unions in Basking Ridge, Bridgewater and Toms River. Using stolen personal data, they fooled bank employees into transferring funds to accounts in at least seven countries, authorities said. Part of their alleged scheme was circumventing the banks’ attempts to verify the transfers with telephone calls, authorities said. In some cases, they persuaded phone company employees to reroute their victims’ calls. When the bank called the victim’s home number, one of the suspects’ cell phones rang, authorities said. The remaining seven defendants are awaiting trial.

9. **May 9, Associated Press** – (Washington) **State seizes, shuts down local bank.**

Government regulators seized Bremerton-based Westsound Bank on May 8 and sold it to another local bank, with state officials citing Westsound’s precarious finances following bad lending decisions in recent years. The state Department of Financial Institutions said it did not expect losses for Westsound depositors. The bank’s corporate office and eight branches were scheduled to reopen on May 11 under the banner of Port Orchard-based Kitsap Bank. State officials said some online banking services may be disrupted over the weekend, but Westsound Bank depositors could continue writing checks, using ATM or debit cards, and paying loans as usual. The state announced the seizure of Westsound Bank on May 8, saying the bank faced “severe asset problems, significant losses and inadequate capital.” The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was named receiver, and immediately sold Westsound to Kitsap Bank. Westsound is the 33rd U.S. bank to fail this year and the second Washington-based bank seized by the government this year, after the Bank of Clark County’s shutdown in January.


10. **May 9, Dallas Morning News** – (Texas) **Aspen Exploration execs indicted on fraud charges.** An executive of Aspen Exploration Inc. and his three sons were indicted on charges that they operated an oil and gas investment fraud scheme. U.S. postal inspectors arrested the Aspen chief financial officer at his home on May 8 in Plano. His sons, along with the company executive, are expected to surrender to authorities on May 12. The executives were indicted by a federal grand jury on multiple charges of mail, wire and securities fraud and money laundering. The indictment was unsealed on May 8. The men stand accused of lying to investors while attempting to raise more than $56 million for a drilling program. According to the indictment, instead of drilling wells, they used some of the money on themselves. Investors, often out-of-state people who were dazzled by the idea of owning a well, say they received little, if any, return on their investment. The five executives could face prison and millions of dollars in fines. The indictment accuses the men of inducing investors to buy working interests and net revenue interests in wells to be drilled on the Rancho Blanco lease in Jim Hogg and Zapata counties. Instead, some of the money went for personal use, and some went to other drilling programs, according to the indictment. Texas Railroad Commission data show Aspen had drilled some producing wells in Jim Hogg County. The men also failed to tell investors that the chief financial officer had been convicted of bank fraud, money laundering and securities fraud in Arkansas, and had served seven years in federal prison, the indictment states.


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**Transportation Sector**

11. *May 11, Wall Street Journal* – (New York; National) **Captain’s training faulted in Buffalo plane crash.** The captain of a commuter plane that crashed February 12 near Buffalo, New York had flunked numerous flight tests during his career and was never adequately taught how to respond to the emergency that led to the airplane’s fatal descent, according to people close to the investigation. All 49 people aboard were killed, as well as one person in a house below, when the plane crashed just a few miles short of the Buffalo airport en route from Newark, New Jersey. The Bombardier Q400 turboprop in the crash, which will be the subject of a National Transportation Safety Board hearing May 12, was operated by commuter carrier Colgan Air, Inc., a division of Pinnacle Airlines Corp. The pilot had never been properly trained by the company to respond to a warning system designed to prevent the plane from going into a stall, according to people familiar with the investigation. As the speed slowed to a dangerous level, setting off the stall-prevention system, he did the opposite of the proper procedure, which led to the crash, these people said. Additionally, his 24-year-old co-pilot had complained before takeoff about being congested and said she probably should have called in sick, according to people who have listened to the cockpit voice recording.

Source: [http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,519718,00.html](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,519718,00.html)

12. *May 11, CNN* – (Massachusetts) **Investigator: Texting driver should have seen stopped trolley.** The operator of a trolley that rear-ended another trolley in Boston should have been able to see the other vehicle was stopped 480 feet ahead, a federal investigator said May 11. The trolley driver has told investigators he was text messaging during the collision, which injured 20 people. The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), which previously had banned operators from using cell phones and other portable devices, now has told employees to leave the devices at home while on duty, a National Transportation Safety Board member said May 11. Investigators have determined that the operator may have missed some crucial indications of a stopped trolley ahead on the tracks. “There were several signals — two green signals, a yellow signal and a red signal — coming out of the station, and the point of collision occurred 80 feet past that red signal,” she said. “We did a site-distance test, and we know that the operator had the ability to see the trolley stopped in front of him 480 feet in advance of the collision.” Boston officials said over the weekend that the trolley operator was using his cell phone. Though the investigation is ongoing, he said, the two-year employee will be fired if his version of events is confirmed. None of the injuries was considered life-threatening, the MBTA said. The collision happened at 7:18 p.m. as the Green Line trains were traveling between the Park Street and Government Center stations in downtown Boston. Both trains were traveling westbound when one train rear-ended the second, an MBTA official said.


13. *May 10, Mid Day Infomedia* – (New Jersey) **Karan’s Jehaad creates bomb scare at U.S. airport.** At Newark’s Liberty International Airport on May 8, a security scan revealed a couple of suspected bombs in a Mumbai-bound passengers’ baggage leading to Terminal B being evacuated. But this was not before officials discovered that the
bombs were actually fake and belonged to the crew of an under-production film. The film’s plot is rooted in terrorism and that probably explains why the crew was carrying fake bombs. Police officials at the Port Authority Police said that the crew had failed to inform the airport security or airline staff about the fake bombs.

14. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Pilot made passes over party before NV plane crash.** The pilot of a small plane that nose-dived into a northern Nevada cow pasture, killing all five people aboard, was making low passes over a party shortly before the crash, a federal investigator said May 10. National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration investigators on May 10 combed the wreckage for clues as to whether human error, weather, or a mechanical problem caused the crash a day before near Gardnerville, about 50 miles south of Reno. Investigators were unable to examine the engines because both were buried in the ground. They will be examined at a Sacramento, California warehouse after the wreckage is removed from the site May 11. Witnesses said that the pilot was making low passes over the party shortly after taking off from the nearby Minden Tahoe Airport when his twin-engine Beechcraft BE95 made a steep turn and crashed. The pilot had earlier stopped by the party to ask if anyone wanted to accompany him on the flight that was to start and end at the airport. The crash occurred about 12 miles from the airport in the rural Carson Valley along the eastern base of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Investigators also have requested Air Traffic Control and radar data, saying it could help provide clues. The small craft had no black box.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hxxf3-gHKVgOFVm6TZjbxGbGw8UQD983NP2G0

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**Postal and Shipping Sector**

15. *May 9, Petersburg Progress-Index* – (Virginia) **Powder scare hits Capital One.** Employees of Capital One in Chesterfield were allowed to go home early after a white powder scare at the office on May 8. According to a Chesterfield County police official, around 1:20 p.m. the county police received a call about an envelope containing an unknown white powder. “All the employees were kept away from the envelope and the building security isolated the envelope and powder,” he said. The envelope came by mail to the Capital One location in the 12700 block of Kingston Avenue, just east of Chester. The county’s Hazardous Materials Team responded to the scene and contained the material. He added that the material would be transported to the state lab for testing. Employees were not allowed to leave the building and held in quarantine while emergency crews investigated the situation. Employees who were out of the building were not allowed back in. The heating and air conditioning system was shut down as a precaution to prevent the spread of any possible harmful substances. County Hazardous Materials teams and police remained on the scene for a little more than two and a half
hours that afternoon, ensuring the safety of the workers. He added that employees were released for the day by Capital One after the powder was removed from the scene around 3:30 p.m.

**Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *May 11, United Press International* – (National) **Tobacco regulation bill on fast track.** Both supporters and critics of a U.S. Senate bill to regulate the manufacture and marketing of cigarettes say the measure is likely to pass. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a version of the tobacco regulation bill and it has been put onto a fast track in the Senate for this week, where analysts say it has a filibuster-proof number of senators backing it, the Washington Post reported. The bill would require the tobacco industry for the first time to disclose the ingredients in their cigarettes and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will have the power to ban harmful chemicals from them, as well as to dictate the levels of addictive nicotine they contain, the newspaper said.

17. *May 9, Denver Post* – (Connecticut) **Writings reveal a grudge.** The suspect accused of gunning down a Wesleyan University junior in a cafe near campus in Middletown, Connecticut on May 6 wrote that he had a grudge against Jews and “beautiful,” “smart” Wesleyan students, but most of all, he had a grudge against the 21-year-old junior. He wrote in a notebook police found in his car. On a page in the notebook dated May 6, the day of the shooting, he wrote: “I think it OK to kill Jews, and go on a killing spree at this school.” The suspect, a Colorado resident during much of this decade, was arraigned May 8 in Superior Court in Middletown. A judge raised his bail to $15 million. The new revelations about the suspect were contained in the warrant for his arrest. The suspect surrendered May 7 to Meriden police after a manhunt that began shortly after the student was gunned down. The suspect’s attorney said the suspect plans to plead not guilty and never made an effort to target anyone on the campus. According to WFSB 3 Hartford, the student was working at the Red and Black Cafe inside Broad Street Books.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_12330775
See also: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/05/09/national/main5003168.shtml

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**Water Sector**

18. *May 10, CNN* – (National) **Deadly storms rip through Midwest, South.** CNN reports
that emergency teams on Sunday were assessing damage from deadly storms that devastated parts of Missouri, Kentucky, and West Virginia over the weekend. The Associated Press reports that governors of Kentucky, West Virginia, and Illinois declared emergencies or disasters in several counties. The National Guard is helping residents in West Virginia’s southern coalfields recover from the weekend flooding that destroyed at least 300 buildings, knocked out power, and caused mudslides that flushed trash, debris, and at least one mobile home downstream. The governor of West Virginia toured the region and activated 300 Guard troops Sunday on top of the 30 he called up a day before. Seven miners trapped underground because of high water were able to walk out of the Mountaineer Alma mine near Wharncliffe, West Virginia on Sunday morning. The governor of West Virginia said officials are trying to get water and sewer systems back up and running soon. In Gilbert, West Virginia, several roads remained impassable May 11, including U.S. 52 between Delbarton and Gilbert. In the Midwest, about 88,000 customers in Illinois and Missouri were still without electricity. The Missouri Department of Transportation reports 10 road closures in Jefferson City due to high water. More than 15,000 customers in eastern Kentucky had no water because lines were broken or washed away and almost 6,000 had no power. CNN reports that the storm that tore through Madison County, Kentucky on May 8 was a category EF-3 tornado, the National Weather Service said Sunday. A waste water treatment plant was destroyed, two fire departments sustained major roof damage, and some manufacturing facilities were damaged, Madison County authorities said.


See also: [National Guard troops helping flood victims in WVa, West Virginia counties hit by floods begin cleanup](http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2009/05/sewage_overflows_surpass_the_b.html), and [About 48,800 still without power in Missouri](http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2009/05/sewage_overflows_surpass_the_b.html)

19. **May 10, Bay City Times** – (Michigan) **Sewage overflows surpass the billion-gallon mark in first four months of the year.** More than 1 billion gallons of partially treated sewage has been dumped into the Saginaw River so far this year, a dubious milestone that concerns area residents and local officials. The river reached the billion mark in late April, according to a Bay City Times tally of combined sewer overflows, or CSOs. It happened after more than 3 inches of rain overwhelmed the combined sewer system in Saginaw, sending a mix of almost 290 million gallons of sanitary sewage and stormwater from retention basins to the river. Saginaw’s system has been the largest contributor of CSOs to the river — about 904 million gallons. A state Department of Environmental Quality analyst in Bay City says the agency does not consider CSOs to be the main contributor of bacteria and nutrients to the river.


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**Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

20. **May 10, Reuters** – (National) **U.S. has more than 2,500 H1N1 flu cases.** The U.S. has 2,532 confirmed cases of the new H1N1 swine influenza in 44 states, and three deaths, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Sunday. On Saturday, the CDC reported 2,254 confirmed cases, with 104 people in the hospital. Washington State
health officials said on Saturday a man in his 30s with underlying heart conditions succumbed to the virus last week. It was the first death in the state. Although most cases appear to be mild, just as in seasonal flu the swine flu strain has killed, with 48 confirmed deaths in Mexico, three in the U.S., one in Canada and one in Costa Rica. It has moved into the southern hemisphere, where influenza season is just beginning, and could mix with circulating seasonal flu viruses or the H5N1 avian influenza virus to create new strains, health officials said.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE54760K20090510

21. May 10, Wilmington News Journal – (Delaware) Beebe testing link to heparin. An independent medical laboratory will investigate whether an anticoagulant drug is to blame for sickening five Beebe Medical Center patients, a hospital spokesman said Saturday. Two of those patients have recovered, and no further cases linked to the powerful clot-preventing drug heparin have been identified, according to the vice president for corporate affairs at the Lewes hospital. Samples have been sent to the unidentified lab, but it is uncertain when results will come back, he said. The three remaining patients were transferred to the University of Maryland Medical Center and Christiana Hospital in New Castle County. Christiana would not disclose patient conditions; the Maryland center could not be reached for details. The manufacturer of the heparin involved in the Beebe cases, Baxter Healthcare Corp., recalled batches of the drug in 2008 after the Food and Drug Administration found it was contaminated with a chemical that caused serious allergic reactions and low blood pressure in patients who received high doses. The use of all heparin products has been suspended at Beebe, officials said. Representatives of the manufacturer were said to be at Beebe on Saturday to assist with an examination of the incident.
Source: http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20090510/HEALTH/905100343/Beebe+testing+link+to+heparin

22. May 9, Network World – (California) Hackers break into university health records. The University of California at Berkeley Friday disclosed that hackers broke into restricted computer databases in the campus health-services center, as the university began notifying current and former Berkeley students their personal information may have been taken. The attackers may have taken information related to health-insurance coverage and certain medical information as well as the University Health Services (UHS) medical-record number, dates of visits or names of healthcare providers seen, as well as information such as Social Security Number, according to the statement released by UC Berkeley. About 160,000 individuals are believed to be impacted, including about 3,400 Mills College students whose medical care is tied to health care at Berkeley. Social Security Numbers are used as unique identifiers for students enrolled in the campus Student Health Insurance Plans, the university says.
Source: http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/164640/hackers_break_into_university_health_records.html

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Government Facilities Sector

23. May 11, WNDU 16 South Bend – (Indiana) **Security heightened after bomb threat at Wawasee HS.** Security was tighter at Wawasee High School Monday morning after a bomb threat was discovered. School officials say a note was sent home to parents on Friday after a hand-written message was found in a bathroom stall regarding a bomb threat for Monday. School officials confirmed Monday morning that the Syracuse Police Department and Kosciusko County Sheriff’s Department searched the school with dogs and nothing was found. Officers will be present at the school during the day. Because of the threat, students were not allowed inside the building until 7:15 a.m. All of the students had to enter through the front door, and all bags were searched upon entry.


24. May 8, Associated Press – (National) **Navy says its number of swine flu cases at 18.** The number of sailors with swine flu now has jumped to 18 from just a handful earlier the week of May 4, the Navy said on May 8. A Navy spokesman said the number spiked when 11 suspected cases from the USS Dubuque were confirmed. The Navy had announced on May 5 that it was canceling the deployment of the San Diego-based ship after one member of the crew fell ill. The 11 new confirmed cases were among 50 people the Navy said at that time were showing symptoms and being treated with the anti-viral drug Tamiflu. The ship was scheduled to leave June 1 for the South Pacific. All but one of the 18 infected sailors are in the San Diego area. They include one at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, one at Naval Base San Diego, two at Naval Air Station North Island and one at the Naval Special Warfare Center. There is one Virginia case — a sailor at the Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine unit at Norfolk.

Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iS_wKfnijG33w5KQ2JSHVLwST-ywD982CEV81](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iS_wKfnijG33w5KQ2JSHVLwST-ywD982CEV81)

25. May 8, Fargo-Morehead Forum – (North Dakota) **Fargo police arrest suspect in elementary school bomb threat case.** A Fargo man has been arrested in connection with a bomb threat scrawled on windows at Hawthorne Elementary. The 53-year old suspect was arrested by Fargo police on May 6, police officials reported on May 8. The suspect faces a felony terrorizing charge and a misdemeanor charge of preventing arrest, Fargo police said in a news release. The suspect allegedly wrote threats sometime on or about May 4 on the school’s windows, police said. The threats indicated explosive devices would be detonated at local schools, police said.


26. May 7, WIRED – (National) **Teenage bomb threat suspect was Internet prank-call star.** A 16-year-old North Carolina boy arrested for allegedly making a bomb threat against Purdue University on February 15 had a secret identity as a superstar in an unusual online subculture — one dedicated to making prank phone calls for a live Internet audience, his mother admitted May 7. She confirmed that her son was known online as “Tyrone,” a celebrity in a prank-calling community that grew late last year out
of the trouble-making “/b/” board on 4chan. Using the VOIP conferencing software Ventrilo, as many as 300 listeners would gather on a server run by Tyrone to listen to him and other amateur voice actors make often-crude and racist phone calls, some of which are archived on YouTube. The broadcasts were organized through Web sites like PartyVanPranks.com. A former fan of Tyrone’s work helped lead the police to the boy after he allegedly moved beyond pranks this year and began accepting donations from students eager to miss a day of school. In exchange for a little money, Tyrone would allegedly phone in a bomb threat that would shutter the donor’s school for a day. The case came to a head on March 4, when Tyrone made a series of rapid-fire bomb threats against five different schools around the United States. The FBI — armed with a search warrant and a criminal complaint — swooped in on the woman’s home the next day, seized computers, and arrested her son. On May 7, the U.S. attorney’s office for the Northern District of Indiana issued a press release: The case “alleges a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(e), which prohibits sending false information about an attempt to kill, injure or intimidate any individual or to unlawfully to damage any building through an instrument of interstate commerce,” the prosecutors wrote.

Source: http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2009/05/teenage-bomb-threat-suspect-was-an-internet-prank-phone-call-star/

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Emergency Services Sector

27. May 9, Santa Barbara Daily Sound – (California) Controversy could resurface with EOC evacuation. The Jesusita Fire prompted Santa Barbara authorities to issue an evacuation order for structures north of Cathedral Oaks Road and east of Patterson Avenue. The county of Santa Barbara’s emergency operations center (EOC) along Calle Real was one of those structures. County officials quickly found an alternate location at UC Santa Barbara, and at 1 a.m., the emergency operations center moved. It likely took about six hours for the EOC to resume normal operations, based on the three-hour estimate it takes to set up the computer and phone systems. During this time, if there were any e-mails or pertinent communications that needed to be dispatched to media, they were likely delayed or lost. While it is unlikely any harm resulted from the EOC’s abrupt move, it could reignite criticism on the county’s emergency communications system, which took heat last summer, primarily in the wake of the Gap Fire. Critics argued the flow of accurate, official information to disseminate on television and on the Internet was intermittent and unreliable.

Source: http://www.thedailysound.com/050909EOCevacuation

28. May 8, Associated Press – (National) NTSB: Chopper midair that killed 7 pilots’ fault. A federal probe into the midair collision of two medical helicopters near a northern Arizona hospital that killed seven people last year places the blame on both pilots. The pilots failed to see and avoid each other, a primary pilot responsibility, according to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report released on May 8. Contributing to that error were one pilot’s failure to contact the hospital’s
communications center as required and the other pilot’s decision to approach from the south instead of along the normal flight path from the east. The NTSB has pushed for better pilot training, night vision goggles and warning systems, but those recommendations have not been implemented. The two helicopters were approaching Flagstaff Medical Center on the afternoon of June 29, each carrying a patient. They hit about a half-mile from the hospital and crashed into a forested area. All seven aboard the two aircraft died. Neither of the helicopters was equipped with a system to avoid traffic collisions. The Federal Aviation Administration does not require such systems, but the NTSB said an avoidance system would have alerted the pilots to the traffic conflict so that they could have taken action.


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**Information Technology**

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**Communications Sector**

29. *May 9, Associated Press* – (National) **AT&T to buy territories from Verizon for $2.35B.** AT&T Inc. said May 8 it will buy the assets of Verizon Wireless in 79 mainly rural areas for $2.35 billion, a deal that will affect more than 1 million subscribers. Verizon Wireless was forced to sell the service areas, which are spread over 18 states, to satisfy regulatory conditions of its purchase of Alltel Corp. The areas are mainly Alltel territories that overlap with Verizon’s own coverage, but also some Verizon territories and areas covered by Rural Cellular, another carrier Verizon bought last year. Dallas-based AT&T, the country’s largest telecommunications company, was the expected winner of the auction for the assets. AT&T is getting spectrum licenses, cell towers and 1.5 million subscribers in the deal. Since AT&T phones are not compatible with Alltel or Verizon phones, these subscribers will need new phones to use AT&T’s network. The states with areas included in the deal are Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming. AT&T also said it had agreed to sell five Centennial Communications Corp. service areas in Louisiana and Mississippi to Verizon Wireless for $240 million.
Commercial Facilities Sector

30. May 10, United Press International – (Florida) 6 remain hospitalized in boat blast. Six people remained hospitalized in Tampa, Florida on May 10, one day after a 33-foot cabin cruiser exploded at a popular recreation spot. A man, 56, and his wife, 54, who owned the boat, were hospitalized at Tampa General Hospital, along with four family members, the Tampa Tribune reported. A total of 11 extended family members were onboard the Meyers’ Sea Ray cruiser as it was anchored off crowded Pine Key Island south of Tampa when, witnesses said, it exploded with a tremendous blast and was quickly engulfed in flames. The newspaper said investigators towed the ruined vessel to shore May 10, hoping to find clues to what caused the explosion.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/05/10/6-remain-hospitalized-in-boat-blast/UPI-62131242001665/

31. May 10, Providence Journal – (Rhode Island) 7 injured in gas explosion at Providence apartment building. A powerful explosion injured six firefighters and a police officer early May 9 after a motorist slammed into a block of natural gas meters outside an apartment house in Providence. The blast hurled one firefighter 30 feet into the street and sent a police officer to the hospital with a concussion, a Providence Police lieutenant said. Those two were admitted to Rhode Island Hospital with injuries that were not considered life threatening. Five other firefighters were treated at the hospital. The explosion occurred minutes after police and firefighters responded to the accident at the apartment complex on Pavilion Avenue, between Rugby and Ocean streets. Police say the driver of a 2009 Nissan Xterra had been speeding down Pavilion Avenue around 12:30 a.m. when he crashed into a parked 1999 Ford Windstar minivan in which people were sitting. The driver ran off and was still being sought. That impact sent the SUV careening 40 feet across the residential block, up the muddy, grassy front lawn of an apartment house and into a utility shed attached to the townhouse. The SUV also slammed into the bank of large steel gas meters — attached to the shed’s exterior — dislodging the 2-inch gas line, a National Grid spokeswoman said. When police and firefighters arrived, it exploded, shattering the walls and roof. The boilers and water heater serve 10 apartment units in the Williams Woods complex. But a representative of the property owner, the WinnCompanies of Boston, said only one family was displaced. Williams Woods is a 5-acre, 65-unit complex.
Source: http://www.projo.com/news/content/PROVIDENCE_EXPLOSION_05-10-09_NUEAS0D_v142.3552c59.html

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

32. *May 10, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* – (Colorado) **Colorado National Monument cracking down on cyclists, motorists.** The Colorado National Monument is enhancing traffic enforcement starting May 16. The “enhanced traffic enforcement” is meant to encourage safety as the monument enters its busiest season of the year, the Superintendent said. “We’ve had way, way too many near misses with cars almost hitting cyclists,” the Superintendent said. “I want people to enjoy the place and realize it’s not a speedway.” The Superintendent said a car versus bike accident on the monument has not occurred in three years, and she would like to extend that streak. “We’re doing this to slow people down and prevent catastrophic accidents on the monument,” she said.


Dams Sector

33. *May 11, KTBS 3 Shreveport* – (Arkansas) **Flooding in parts of south Arkansas.** Rain and thunderstorms continued Monday over much of Arkansas, adding to concerns about flooding. In and around Texarkana, waterways Monday were out of their banks and there were concerns that others would do likewise. More than a dozen roads in Bowie County were reported flooded. The greatest threat of flooding is in the central and southern parts of Arkansas, where heavy rain could cause localized flooding, the National Weather Service said. The Army Corps of Engineers said sandbags have been placed on a levee of the Ouachita River about 8 miles northeast of El Dorado. There had been significant seepage from the levee near Thatcher Lock and Dam, the Corps of Engineers said. Streets have flooded in several areas of El Dorado, police said Monday morning, including four inches of water over U.S. Highway 82.


34. *May 11, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Study recommends using Hawaii dam for irrigation.** Kaloko dam, which collapsed and unleashed a flood of water that killed seven people in 2006, should continue to be used to irrigate farms on Kauai’s north shore, said a recent report released by Kauai County. The study was completed after area farmers who rely on irrigation water from Kaloko asked the county to examine whether the system would be able to provide them with water. The March 2006 dam break tore off one-third of the dam’s embankment and shrunk the reservoir’s water storage capacity by almost 90 percent, said the report, which was prepared for the county by the Oahu-based company Sustainable Resources Group International Inc. The reservoir now only holds up to about 48 million gallons of water, compared to a maximum of about 400 million gallons before the break. The Kaloko system collects water from Puu Ka Ele and Kaluaua streams, then sends the water via pipelines to Mary N. Lucas Trust lands and customers of Kilauea Irrigation Company. The existing
irrigation system has legal, regulatory, and mechanical deficiencies, the report said. But using Kaloko is the most feasible way to provide irrigation water to the area, it said.

35. May 10, KXXV 25 Waco – (Texas) **Battle Lake dam collapses, leaves sea of mud.**
What used to be a local recreational lake is now a sea of mud after a 15-foot dam collapsed Sunday morning in Mart. “We had friends on the water actually in boats on the water at 7:30 this morning, and the lake was normal,” said a fisherman. “You could hear the roar of the water and the lake had already dropped 10-12 feet, and throughout the day pretty much the whole lake has drained,” said the manager of the Battle Lake Golf Course. He says the impromptu draining of Battle Lake will cost his course tens of thousands of dollars in the coming months. “This is a big loss for the golf course, we irrigate the whole entire golf course through Battle Lake, and this is going to pose a problem for us for the next couple months,” he said. With all the rain lately, the lake was at full capacity and the spillway just could not handle it, he said. “It’ll take years, it’ll probably take eight to ten years for the fish to recover to the point it was, at least,” said the fisherman.
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