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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- InformationWeek reports that anti-U.S. hackers penetrated servers at the Army's McAlester Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma on January 26 and at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Center in Winchester, Virginia. (See item [9](#))
- According to the Associated Press, authorities are questioning a man suspected of fatally shooting an abortion doctor in a church in Wichita, Kansas on Sunday. In Washington, the U.S. Marshals Service said that as a result of the doctor's shooting, the U.S. Attorney General had ordered it to "increase security for a number of individuals and facilities." (See item [18](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 1, Reuters* – (Texas) **Study finds climate change boosts Tex storm flood risk.** Climate change over the next 20 to 70 years can be expected to increase hurricane flooding in Corpus Christi, Texas, home of three U.S. refineries, according to a study by

Texas A&M University sponsored by the National Commission on Energy Policy released on June 1. Corpus Christi, on the south Texas coast, already faces the risk of widespread flooding from the most powerful hurricanes, according to the study. “Flooding and damage from major hurricanes will be more severe,” said study author, who is an assistant professor of coastal and ocean engineering at Texas A&M University, in a statement. “And the worse global warming gets, the more severe the consequences for the Texas coast.” The risk of flooding from less powerful storms will increase as rising sea levels reduce the protection from barrier islands and intensify the power of tropical cyclones, the study found. The coastal land on which Corpus Christi sits is sinking due to geological forces and oil extraction. Mustang and Padre Islands, which provide barriers to Corpus Christi Bay, are eroding.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN0144846620090601>

2. *May 29, Elmira Star-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Penelec reports vandalism.** Vandals damaged a Pennsylvania Electric Co., Penelec radio tower and other specialized electrical equipment in Clearfield County during a thunderstorm on the night of May 27, according to a press release from the utility. A failure alarm for the radio tower was received at the Penelec regional dispatch office in Erie. Specialized equipment at the site include radio-controlled switches that help Penelec dispatchers maintain electric service throughout the region, according to the release. Once the problem was identified, crews were dispatched and the necessary repairs were made, the release stated. As a result of the incident, Penelec said it will enhance its security around company facilities. The Pennsylvania State Police and local authorities are investigating, the utility stated. Also, the company has notified the state Public Utility Commission and the FBI and Homeland Security. “Based on the damage, the incident does not appear to be a random act,” the Penelec regional president said in a prepared release. More than 500 employees of Penelec went on strike on May 21 after contract talks with the parent company, FirstEnergy Corp., broke down.

Source:

<http://www.stargazette.com/article/20090529/NEWS01/90529037/Penelec+reports+vandalism>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *May 30, NewJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Chemical spill at DuPont enters canal.** Several drums of chemical that fell from a flatbed truck at the DuPont Chambers Works were ruptured and spilled their contents, some of which made its way into the nearby Deepwater Canal, company officials said. The incident occurred about 3:15 p.m. on May 29 on Chambers Works plant property in the Deepwater section of the township, according to a spokesman for DuPont. Eight 55-gallon drums of a chemical described as a water dispersal material used in manufacturing processes at the plant fell from the truck. The liquid from the damaged drums spilled on a roadway, ground area and into a nearby storm drain. An estimated 300 gallons of the chemical spilled from the drums.

How much made it into the storm drain and into the canal is undetermined. The drums were removed from the spill site and properly disposed. Absorbent materials were used to clean up the chemical on the ground and roadway. Federal, state and local agencies were notified of the spill.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/sunbeam/index.ssf?/base/news-5/1243662626113400.xml&coll=9>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *June 1, Reuters* – (New York) **Entergy NY Indian Pt 3 reactor shut over weekend.** Entergy Corp. is working on the 1,025-megawatt Unit 3 at the Indian Point nuclear power station in Westchester County, New York again after shutting the unit on May 31 to fix a control oil system, a spokesman for the plant said. He could not say when the unit would return to service. Operators shut the unit on May 28 due to high vibration on one of the two main boiler feed pumps. The unit returned to service on May 30 and reached about 55 percent power before operators shut the unit on May 31 to fix the control oil system. When the unit restarted on May 30, the company had planned to run it at about half power while workers fixed the boiler feed pump, which moves water from the condenser to the steam generators. Electricity traders noted the reactor can operate at about half power with only one working feed pump.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0119891020090601>
5. *June 1, Reuters* – (New York) **Constellation NY Ginna reactor back at full power.** Constellation Energy Group Inc's 498-megawatt Ginna nuclear power station in New York returned to full power by early June 1, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The company reduced the unit to about 60 percent in mid May due to irregularities in the circulating water system. The circulating water system moves water to the two low pressure turbines.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0144898020090601>
6. *May 29, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Nebraska) **Control room emergency filtration system excessive leakage.** On May 28, the Control Room Emergency Filtration System (CREFS) at the Cooper nuclear facility was declared inoperable due to a degraded Control Room Envelope (CRE). Two CRE boundary doors were found with excessive leakage. Based on the identified leakage, reasonable assurance that CREFS would fulfill its safety function could not be established. Actions to implement mitigating actions have been initiated in accordance with plant Technical Specifications. The NRC Senior Resident Inspector has been notified of the condition.
Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45103>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *May 30, Total Recall Info* – (National) **Winnebago recalls 2002 222QD vehicles.** Winnebago is recalling vehicles equipped with axles that include bosh zops or zoht pin slide hydraulic disc brakes. When combined with occasional or seasonal vehicle operation may experience calipers sticking in the applied position. This can result in abnormal heat generation at the wheel end causing brake drag. The driver would normally detect the brake drag, but if undetected the temperature increase at the wheel end can eventually lead to soft pedal conditions due to brake fluid boil and possible extended stopping distance increasing the risk of a crash.
Source: <http://www.totalrecallinfo.com/freerecalls.php?id=11877>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *May 31, Stars and Stripes* – (National) **SecDef's plane in a holding pattern.** The airplane carrying the U.S. Secretary of Defense and his team to Southeast Asia and back has not cooperated for its planned six-day tour of Singapore, the Philippines and Alaska. The trip to Singapore was delayed by a half day due to aircraft troubles that were supposed to be fixed before the next leg began. A Pentagon press secretary released this statement: "A series of mechanical problems on one of the military's specially-outfitted 747's prevented it from being flown as scheduled. The flight crew is hard at work trying to repair the aircraft, but a back-up plane with appropriate communications capabilities is being flown into Singapore." An Air Force fact sheet estimates, taking inflation into consideration, the E-4B costs more than \$220 million. Onboard is the National Airborne Operations Center, one of four flying military command centers available to the President, Secretary and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Maintenance of the secretary's plane is the responsibility of Air Combat Command, while operations are the responsibility of the Joint Chiefs of Staff through the U.S. Strategic Command, or USSTRATCOM, the Web site says. The jet's aftermarket modifications include wartime protections such as "nuclear and thermal effects shielding," and "electromagnetic pulse protection." It has four engines capable of 52,500 pounds of thrust and a swept wingspan of 231 feet. It can fly at high-altitudes and is fitted for in-flight refueling (410,000 gallons worth). After two days in Singapore, the E-4B still was not up to necessary standards, causing the Defense Secretary to miss scheduled events on May 31 in Manila.
Source: <http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=63024>
9. *May 28, InformationWeek* – (National) **Anti-U.S. hackers infiltrate Army servers.** A known computer hacking clan with anti-American leanings has successfully broken into at least two sensitive Web servers maintained by the U.S. Army, InformationWeek has learned exclusively. Department of Defense and other investigators are currently probing the breaches, which have not been publicly disclosed. The hackers, who collectively go by the name "m0sted" and are based in Turkey, penetrated servers at the

Army's McAlester Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma, and at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Transatlantic Center in Winchester, Virginia. The breach at the McAlester munitions plant occurred on January 26, according to records of the investigation obtained by InformationWeek. On that date, Web users attempting to access the plant's site were redirected to a Web page that featured a protest against climate change. Beyond the redirects, it is not clear whether the group was able to obtain sensitive information from the Army's servers. The hacks are the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation by Defense Department officials and members of the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General's Office and Computer Emergency Response Team. The hacks are troubling in that they appear to have rendered useless supposedly sophisticated Defense Department tools and procedures designed to prevent such breaches. The department and its branches spend millions of dollars each year on pricey security and antivirus software and employ legions of experts to deploy and manage the tools.

Source:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/federal/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=217700619>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 1, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Scam alert: Investment fraud on the rise in Florida.** The founder of Wealth Pools International Inc., an Orlando businessman, is accused of securities fraud in what federal regulators call a multimillion-dollar international Ponzi scheme. Investment fraud has been growing in Florida and across the nation during the recession, regulators say. Complaints about suspicious investment activity more than doubled last year in Florida to 425, according to the state Office of Financial Regulation, which has received another 112 complaints so far in 2009. In Orlando, the Wealth Pools founder recently agreed to settle SEC civil fraud allegations. He faces a repayment order that could total millions of dollars. At one point, Wealth Pools said it had raised \$132 million from investors, yet investigators have located less than \$3.5 million. The Wealth Pool founder denies any wrongdoing.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/orl-florida-nvestment-scams-rising-060109,0,3302322.story>

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Transportation Sector

11. *June 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Missing French jet hit thunderstorms over Atlantic.** A missing Air France jet carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris ran into a towering wall of thunderstorms over the Atlantic Ocean, officials said Monday, fearing that all aboard were lost. The area where the plane could have gone down was vast, in the middle of very deep Atlantic Ocean waters between Brazil and the coast of Africa. Brazil's military searched for it off its northeast coast, while the French military scoured the ocean near the Cape Verde Islands off the West African coast. The French president told families of those aboard that "prospects of finding survivors were very

small.” If all 228 were killed, it would be the deadliest commercial airline disaster since 2001. The French president said the reason for the disappearance remained unclear and that “no hypothesis” was excluded. He said France has asked for help from U.S. satellites to locate the plane. The chief Air France spokesman said “it is possible” the plane was hit by lightning, but aviation experts expressed doubt that a bolt of lightning was enough to bring the plane down. The plane sent an automatic message at 10:14 p.m. Sunday, reporting electrical failure and a loss of cabin pressure. Air France told Brazilian authorities the last information they heard was that automated message reporting a technical problem before the plane reached a monitoring station near the Cape Verde islands. A Brazilian Air Force spokesman said seven aircraft had been deployed to search the area far off the northeastern Brazilian coast. In Washington, a Pentagon official said he had seen no indication that terrorism or foul play was involved. Source:

<http://morningjournal.com/articles/2009/06/01/news/doc4a24223bdb4f827144395.txt>

12. *June 1, USA Today* – (New York) **Airport check-in: Some fear trash center near airport would attract birds.** Pilots and some elected officials are crying foul over plans to build a garbage transfer station that would be about 700 yards from the end of a runway at New York’s LaGuardia Airport. The concerns center over whether the facility would draw birds to the area, possibly increasing the risk for a bird strike. New York City officials insist the trash would not pose a hazard, as it would either be kept inside containers or inside the building. The plan has drawn fire from several sources, including the co-pilot of U.S. Airways Flight 1549 that landed in the Hudson River this past January due to a bird strike. “That’s just insane,” the co-pilot of Flight 1549, told the Associated Press regarding the garbage facility. “We have a lot of difficulty keeping birds away from airports as it is.”

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/travel/2009-05-31-airport-checkin-laguardia-cleveland-philadelphia_N.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *May 29, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Illinois firm recalls ground beef products that may contain foreign materials.** Holten Meat, Inc., a Sauget, Illinois, establishment, is recalling approximately 241,000 pounds of ground beef product that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced on May 29. Each label bears the establishment number “EST-02591” inside the USDA mark of inspection. The product

was produced on various dates from January 2009 through May 2009 and was distributed to institutions in Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, North Carolina., New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. The problem was discovered after the company received complaints from institutional customers about finding metal clips, which were used to seal the casing chubs, in the product. FSIS has not received any consumer complaints at this time. Neither FSIS nor the establishment has received reports of injury at this time.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_025_2009_Release/index.asp

14. *May 29, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Recall notification report.** XL Four Star Beef, Inc., a Nampa, Idaho, establishment is recalling approximately 14,560 pounds of beef primal and subprimal products that were imported from Canada and not presented for re-inspection upon entry into the United States. The beef products were produced on May 22, 2009 and were distributed to various wholesalers in Arizona, California, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, and Oregon. The beef products were distributed only at the wholesale level before the recall; so, none of the beef products would have reached consumers. The problem was discovered by FSIS.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_RECALLS/RNR_024_2009/index.asp

15. *May 29, Union International Food Company* – (California) **Union International Food Company recalls White Peppers because of possible health risk.** Union International Food Company of City of Industry, California is recalling Lian How Brand White Peppers with red labels because it has the potential to be contaminated with salmonella. The Lian How Brand White Pepper in 5 lbs plastic containers with red labels were distributed in Southern California to restaurants and wholesalers from September 2008 to March 2009. No illnesses have been reported to date. The recall was the result of a testing done on a shipment of peppers that was purchased around September of 2008 which revealed that the finished products contained the salmonella bacteria. Union International Food Company has informed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of its actions and is fully cooperating with the agency.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm163169.htm>

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Water Sector

16. *May 29, St. Catharines Standard* – (National) **Another invasive species enters Great Lakes.** Bloody-red shrimp, first discovered in the Great Lakes in 2006 and multiplying rapidly, could pose ecological and economic risks to Lake Ontario. Like zebra mussels, the notorious mollusks that wreaked havoc on municipal water supplies and hydroelectric companies upon their arrival, the shrimp are native to Eastern Europe and were likely brought over in the ballast water tanks of ships. The shrimp are about a centimeter long and only seen easily if they are swarming. New York Sea Grant, a research partnership between the State University of New York and Cornell University, is starting a two-year research project on the shrimp's potential ecological and economic effects.

Source: <http://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1589571>

17. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Officials stock polluted lake with fish.** Officials are stocking an Ohio lake with fish to lure anglers after warning swimmers to stay away from its polluted waters. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources plans to dump 100,000 saugeye — a hybrid of sauger and walleye — into Grand Lake St. Marys on May 29. Samples taken the week of May 18 showed unsafe levels of an algae-produced toxin for drinking water and swimming. Officials ordered people to limit contact with the lake. An Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman said the toxin's presence does not mean people who catch fish in the lake — which was already polluted — should eat them any less frequently. A spokesperson of the Ohio Environmental Council says officials would not have to keep stocking the lake if they kept the water clean. Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/ohio-news/officials-stock-polluted-lake-with-fish-138609.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Kansas; National) **Authorities question suspect in Kansas abortion doctor's killing, examine past activities.** A man suspected of fatally shooting an abortion doctor in church was in jail Monday while investigators sought to learn more about his background, including his possible connections to anti-abortion groups. The doctor was serving as an usher during morning services Sunday when he was shot in the foyer of Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas, police said. The gunman fired one shot at the doctor and threatened two other people who tried to stop him. The suspect was taken into custody some 170 miles away in a Kansas City suburb about three hours after the shooting. The doctor had been a lightning rod for abortion opponents for decades. The women's clinic he ran is one of three in the nation where abortions are performed after the 21st week of pregnancy. In Washington, the U.S. Marshals Service said that as a result of the doctor's shooting, the U.S. Attorney General had ordered it to "increase security for a number of individuals and facilities." It gave no details. Police said Sunday that all early indications showed the shooter acted alone. Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-tiller-shooting,0,4267315.story?page=1>
19. *June 1, Bloomberg* – (International) **Swine flu cases doubling in Australia may prompt pandemic call.** Swine flu cases in Australia, doubling about every two days, may convince the World Health Organization to declare the first influenza pandemic in 41 years, said the head of public health at the University of New South Wales. Australia has 401 confirmed cases of the new H1N1 influenza strain, the Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra said in a statement Monday. The tally, the highest outside North America, has risen from 20 on May 25. Disease trackers are looking for evidence of sustained, community transmission of the pig-derived virus outside North America to meet the WHO's criteria for a pandemic. Such a global epidemic occurs when a new flu strain, to which most people have no immunity, appears and spreads worldwide. Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601081&sid=aiR3RvqvayrQ&refer=austalia>

20. *May 31, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia; Maryland) **District, Md. hospitals often divert ambulances.** Hospitals in the District and Maryland must frequently divert ambulances carrying all but the most critically ill and injured patients because of emergency room overcrowding, forcing many less-critical patients to travel farther for care, increasing costs and potentially causing dangerous delays. Health-care analysts say ambulance diversions in the Washington region illustrate a national problem that has led some states to ban the practice. But detailing the extent of concern is difficult because of the limited information available in many states, including Virginia, about how often those redirections occur and a lack of national standards. Since 2004, some District and Maryland hospitals have had to divert ambulance traffic with increasing frequency because they lacked the beds, equipment or staff for patients. Some D.C. hospitals diverted ambulances the equivalent of one out of five days in 2008, and some Maryland hospitals' emergency rooms diverted ambulances at least 15 percent of the time last year, according to a Washington Post analysis of data from District and Maryland health authorities. "That delay could be a matter of life and death," said a research professor in the Department of Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. "We should be very worried there are no national rules." Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/30/AR2009053001938.html>
21. *May 31, San Jose Mercury News* – (Nevada) **Vegas hepatitis C outbreak spurs new laws.** Nevada officials have praised new laws spurred by a hepatitis C outbreak in Las Vegas that led to the largest patient notification in U.S. history, saying it will lessen the chance for a similar problem in the future. Five measures dealing with the issue were passed this session by Nevada lawmakers and signed into law by the governor. The bills surfaced after more than 50,000 patients at two now-closed outpatient clinics were notified last year that they may have been exposed to blood-borne diseases by shoddy injection practices. Nine people contracted hepatitis C, and more than 100 other cases may be linked to the clinics. Doctors and nurses at the two endoscopy centers were found to have been spreading the debilitating liver virus by reusing syringes and vials of anesthesia. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_12490632
22. *May 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Congressional panel to analyze VA hospital mishaps.** A congressional panel will question Department of Veterans Affairs officials about mistakes that put patients at risk of possible exposure to HIV and other infectious body fluids at three VA hospitals. The VA recommended more than 10,000 former VA patients in Miami, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Augusta, Georgia, get follow-up blood checks. Five have tested positive for HIV and 43 have tested positive for hepatitis, according to an update on the VA Web site Friday. The U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs oversight and investigations subcommittee has set a June 16 hearing in Washington to look into what caused the problems and what the VA has done to fix them. The VA's inspector general is currently investigating. The VA's initial December

discovery of an equipment mistake at Murfreesboro led to a nationwide safety “step-up” at its 153 medical centers. Since then, the problems have been discussed with staff at all VA hospitals and with representatives of the equipment manufacturer, Olympus American. The VA has said problems discovered at more than a dozen other of its medical facilities, which officials declined to identify, did not require follow-up blood tests for patients.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h7Q_BB0OpsIswSFhXtUtnrBRI5UgD98G3NTG0

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *May 29, WHEC 10 Rochester* – (New York) **Rochester police conclude suspicious package is no threat.** Rochester, New York, Police have concluded an investigation that began just after 1 p.m. It happened near the University of Rochester mail services center. Police say someone brought a homemade package with wire handles to either be delivered or mailed to the center on Friday afternoon. The mail clerk thought the package was suspicious and called the authorities. The bomb squad arrived on scene and determined the package to not be a threat and contained no explosive devices.

Source: <http://www.whec.com/news/stories/S953734.shtml?cat=565>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *May 31, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Guns stolen from officer’s car.** Thieves in a string of car break-ins in Manassas, Virginia, say guns were stolen out of a law enforcement vehicle sometime early Sunday. It happened on Fern Oak Court in Manassas where authorities say two guns, including a rifle and handgun, a bullet proof vest and gun belt were taken from the vehicle of a Northern Virginia officer. Authorities say policy regarding leaving weapons in a vehicle varies from locality. It remains unclear how the suspect or suspects entered the vehicles because it was not a smash and grab situation. Police say the vehicles were parked in driveways and not along the street.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0509/627794.html>

25. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Rifle taken from police car in break-in.** Authorities say an unmarked police car was among the vehicles hit by burglars in Grand Chute, Wisconsin, and the culprits got away with a semiautomatic rifle and ammunition from the trunk of the squad. Grand Chute police said Friday the unmarked car was parked in the driveway of an off-duty officer’s home when the break-ins occurred in the same area of town during the overnight hours. According to police, the rifle was in a black nylon case. Also taken were two fully loaded 30-round magazines for the rifle.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-wi-policecarbreak-in,0,2611304.story>

Information Technology

26. *June 1, Computerworld* – (International) **Spammers find new ways to flood corporate networks.** Unsolicited e-mail accounted for 90.4 percent of all messages received on corporate networks during April, an increase of 5.1 percent from a month earlier, according to a report released May 26 by Symantec Corp.'s MessageLabs Intelligence unit. The monthly MessageLabs report on threat trends also found that nearly 58 percent of all spam can be traced to botnets. A researcher at Cloudmark Inc., a provider of antispam tools, noted that in addition to using botnets, spammers in recent months have been experimenting with a new way to sneak unwanted email past corporate filters. Often, he said, a spammer will rent legitimate network services, often in an Eastern European country, and then blast a large amount of spam at the network of a specific ISP. The idea is to push as many messages as possible onto the network before any kind of filtering software detects the incident. The researcher estimates that hundreds of thousands of such messages are sent each day without detection.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=339801&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

27. *June 1, MX Logic* – (National) **Defense companies ramp up IT security recruiting.** Defense companies have been accelerating recruitment of IT security experts in order to gain lucrative Pentagon contracts as the Federal Government attempts to tighten the security of strategic networks. The New York Times, which has previously reported that the Pentagon is considering implementing a cybercommand to coordinate cyberwarfare and network defense, reported on May 31 that the Pentagon now employs thousands of "hacker soldiers." Large military contractors including Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics, Lockheed Martin, and Raytheon have major contracts with the military and intelligence agencies, the Times reported. In light of the U.S. President's announced plans to name a cybersecurity coordinator to oversee the nation's defense against Web-based attacks and new efforts to combat hackers from foreign powers including Russia and China, defense companies are vying for top talent in the field.

Source: <http://www.mxlogic.com/securitynews/network-security/defense-companies-ramp-up-it-security-recruiting928.cfm>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: <http://www.us-cert.gov>.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

Communications Sector

28. *May 31, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Metro dig at Tysons stirs underground intrigue.** Black wire is one of the looming perils of the massive construction that has come to Tysons, where miles and miles of secure lines are thought to serve such nearby federal agencies. After decades spent cutting through red tape to begin work on a Metrorail extension and the widening of the Capital Beltway, crews are now stirring up tons of dirt where the black lines are located. The project will spend \$150 million moving more than 75 miles of conduit along the three-mile stretch of routes 123 and 7 that run through Tysons. Even without the presence of sensitive government operations, moving utilities to make way for Metrorail is a tricky and enormous enterprise. The Tysons-Reston corridor is home to one of the nation's primary Internet pipelines installed years ago by the government and private companies. Most major telecommunications carriers link to the pipeline, meaning there is a jumble of fiber optic wire under the Dulles rail route. Moving utilities quickly and cheaply is a big part of any construction work. But the \$5.2 billion rail project, which will extend service from Arlington County to Dulles International Airport, is particularly complex: It includes four stations in Tysons and a three-mile stretch of elevated track along the two main Tysons thoroughfares, which are used by more than 100,000 vehicles each day. Construction crews have been digging for more than a year to shift the utility wires out of the path of the rail line, stations and support piers. In the end, they will have installed more than 140 new manholes and rerouted the lines of more than 21 private utilities, including Dominion Virginia Power, Cox Cable, Verizon, AT&T, and many more. And they have snapped, accidentally, dozens of those carriers' lines, because even not-so-secret commercial lines sometimes do not show up on utility maps. Even after extensively researching land records and maps and digging more than 600 test holes to determine utility locations, it is hard to avoid accidents on a project of such complexity and in such a busy place.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/30/AR2009053002114.html?sid=ST2009053100019>

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29. *June 1, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Pre-Civil War brick fort in dry Tortugas getting a face-lift.** On an island 70 miles from Key West, a massive pre-Civil War-era fort is being restored, one brick at a time. Two crews have embarked on a three-year, \$6 million project to stabilize and restore two crumbling walls of six-sided Fort Jefferson. Called the "Guardian of the Gulf," Fort Jefferson was the most sophisticated fortress built as part of a coastal defense system conceived after the British devastated American cities during the War of 1812.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/breaking-news/story/1075788.html>

30. *May 31, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Carter site could become national park.** Legislation making its way through Congress would turn the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site into a full-fledged park owned and operated by the National Park Service. It would expand the historic inventory of structures here, pumping new life and new money into the hometown of the only President from Georgia. Plans call for the old house's renovation, and the construction of a campground on the visitor center land. All the buildings could get hundreds of thousands of dollars for improvements and repairs. The legislation does not request a specific sum for improvements or hiring extra employees.
Source: http://www.ajc.com/services/content/metro/stories/2009/05/31/jimmy_carter_historic_park.html
31. *May 30, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh and Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **National Park Service acquires land for memorial.** The National Park Service has acquired a big chunk of land for the Flight 93 National Memorial outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Officials say it is 950 acres including the only road connecting US 30 to the crash site. It will allow visitors to go to the memorial without driving on local roads and disturbing residents. The park service hopes the memorial will be completed by the 10th anniversary of the 2001 terror attacks.
Source: <http://kdka.com/local/Flight.93.memorial.2.1025277.html>

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32. *June 1, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Weakening dam closes highway in Marion.** The Waupaca County Sheriff's Department says a failing dam has Highway 110 closed for one block in Marion. The dam started failing May 28. Sheriff's department dispatchers say no homes are threatened and there are no evacuations. The dam is at the east end of Marion Pond. Highway 110, which is Main St. in Marion, is closed between Perry and Parkview Avenues. For drivers traveling Highway 110 through Marion, the State Patrol says the detour goes east of town. Southbound drivers should take Highway 45, then County Road S to get back to Highway 110. Northbound drivers should head east on County highway S, then use Highway 45 to return to Highway 110. The Department of Natural Resources is expected to inspect the dam, but it is not known when the inspection will happen.
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=10454707>
33. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Corps plans to build floodwalls for St. Bernard.** The Army Corps of Engineers is planning to build floodwalls atop the existing levees that surround St. Bernard Parish to protect the area against hurricanes. Earlier the week of May 25, the corps said it signed off on the plan, which now goes to a 30-day public comment period. The corps plans to install about 22 miles of T-walls. The work has not been awarded to contractors yet but the corps projects it will cost between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion. The corps' manager for the project says the floodwalls are the

best option because “they have the shortest construction schedule and minimal environmental impacts.” The corps says construction would begin in late 2009.

Source: http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=10442753&nav=menu1344_2

34. *May 28, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Impoundment breach added to Breathitt flood damage, mining expert says.** A mining expert hired by an attorney said he thinks a sediment impoundment was breached and might have exacerbated damage from flooding in a May 8 storm that destroyed hundreds of homes in Breathitt County. State inspectors are investigating ponds owned by Appalachian Fuels of Ashland, and “we do not have any evidence that a breach has occurred,” said a spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement. But a retired mining expert who investigated major impoundment breaches in Martin County and in West Virginia said water levels, sediment deposits downstream and recently reinforced pond walls are “pretty clear-cut evidence that that pond was breached.” The impoundment in question is in Breathitt County off Ky. 542 near the Magoffin County line. The state’s investigation should be complete the week of June 1.

Source: http://www.kentucky.com/181/story/810299.html?storylink=omni_popular

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