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- According to Reuters, the Government Accountability Office said on April 29 that the U.S. Defense Department lacks sufficient quality-controls to prevent substandard parts from ending up in its weapons and other hardware. It recommended the department step up its efforts to establish anti-counterfeiting guidelines for all Defense Department components and defense contractors. (See item [21](#))
- The Associated Press reports that a Dallas man describing himself as a terrorist threatened to kill the U.S. President and “every employee of the federal government” in a March 21 online posting because he was upset about health care reform, according to a criminal complaint. (See item [59](#))

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Energy Sector

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

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

1. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **New gas plant rules considered after Kleen blast.** Amended Connecticut state regulations for testing power plants and new

licensing requirements for workers are among the likely recommendations by a task force investigating the deadly Kleen Energy plant explosion in February. The panel, which met Thursday, is also looking at ways the Connecticut Siting Council can require Kleen Energy to abide by such changes when the company is expected to seek the necessary state permits to resume construction. Six men died as the result of the Feb. 7 explosion in Middletown. Workers at the time were conducting a “gas blow,” a high-pressure process used to clean debris from gas lines. Department of Public Safety officials say state safety codes did not address the rare procedure and had not been asked to add the practice to the state’s regulations.

Source:

<http://www.middletownpress.com/articles/2010/04/30/news/doc4bda48c0bbd4f208490386.txt>

2. *April 30, Virginian Pilot* – (Virginia) **Copper thief strikes again, Chesapeake police say.** Once apparently was not enough for a copper thief sought by police. Early April 14, a lone man entered a fenced compound at the Dominion Virginia Power substation at 1201 Victory Blvd. in Deep Creek and took an unknown amount of copper wire, police reported Thursday. Three days later, also early in the morning, two men - one appearing to be the earlier thief - drove a white pickup onto the property and took more copper wire, police said.
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2010/04/copper-thief-strikes-again-chesapeake-police-say>
3. *April 30, Houston Chronicle* – (National) **BP under investigation for possible safety shortcuts.** BP faces an ongoing federal probe over concerns that the oil giant illegally cut safety corners in rushing completion of its massive Atlantis off-shore production platform, described by BP as the deepest oil production platform in the world. The allegations have been raised by 19 Congressmen, a Houston-based safety expert, a whistleblowing contractor and a Washington DC-nonprofit organization. BP began operations at the Atlantis platform in October 2007 at a site about 124 miles offshore in 7,000 feet of water and expanded production last year, according to government records and BP’s annual report. The allegations suggest the company rushed into production by skipping or skimping required engineering inspections, putting profits ahead of the need to protect workers from accidents and the environment from potentially catastrophic oil spills, according to allegations sent to regulators.
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/23317275/detail.html>
4. *April 29, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **1 fired, 2 suspended for roles in blackouts.** One worker at the state’s power grid has been fired and two others were suspended for triggering rotating blackouts that led to nearly 1 million Southern Californians losing their electricity in the wee morning hours of April 1, the agency that oversees the grid said Thursday. The Independent System Operator, which runs the grid, said the disciplinary actions took place April 9, slightly more than a week after the plant shutdown triggered rotating outages in 17 areas from the Mexican border into Orange County. The confirmation came a day after a state senator alluded to the firing during hearings in Sacramento on the issue. Citing privacy concerns, an ISO

spokeswoman did not identify the employees except to say that they were “operations people who worked on the control room floor” at the agency’s headquarters in Folsom. Shortly after the blackout, the three employees were reassigned to other tasks while the agency investigated what happened. To prevent another needless outage, the ISO is retraining workers to ensure that power plants aren’t shut down when they’re needed, implementing procedures to clarify what steps should be taken in a similar situation and changing its alarm system to warn of a lack of generation before a major power plant is shut down.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/apr/29/1-fired-2-suspended-for-roles-in-blackouts/>

5. *April 29, EE Times* – (National) **ESC: Smart grid faces security, consumer challenges.** An array of hurdles ranging from making communications gear secure to understanding consumer behaviors stand in the way of flipping on smart electric grids, according to a panel of experts at the Embedded Systems Conference. “Going forward a myriad of issues need to be worked,” said the national coordinator for smart grid standards at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). “One area we do need more work in is dealing with electro-magnetic events” such as so-called suitcase nuclear bombs or solar storms, he said on the ESC panel. “The military has systems to deal with EM pulses but they are just not practical, so we do need better physical and electrical designs to deal with these effects,” he added. He and others expressed confidence engineers are adequately focused on making the future digital, networked electric grid secure. “The problem I see is not in designing the products, but the operations practices — that’s where the gap is,” he said.

Source: <http://www.eetimes.com/news/semi/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224700267>

6. *April 28, KCBD 11 Lubbock* – (Texas) **Oil well explosion near Snyder threatens to damage land.** An oil rig exploded April 25 near Snyder, Texas. Thousands of gallons of brine is gushing out of the ground every hour. No one was hurt in the explosion, but as of April 28 — after three days of trying to clean up — it is still a huge mess. The pond that this is creating is about six feet deep, and the concern is that salt water can damage the land. The problem is that they can not cap the well to stop the brine from spewing from the ground.

Source: <http://www.kcbd.com/Global/story.asp?S=12393568>

7. *April 27, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Spill closes I-76 near Brush.** A semi-truck driver going too fast April 27 rolled his truck while trying to maneuver around a clover-leaf exit ramp on Interstate 76, causing a hazardous spill, according to the Colorado State Patrol. The accident happened around 6:36 p.m. east of Brush. The semi-truck was hauling eight thousand gallons of ethanol that leaked. Two Haz Mat crews, one from Sterling and the other from Limon, responded quickly, according to a Colorado State Patrol trooper. The truck driver suffered cuts and scrapes and was taken to Colorado Plains Medical Center in Fort Morgan. Traffic on I-76 from mile marker 89 to 92 was temporarily closed for clean up, authorities said.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_14972940

Chemical Industry Sector

8. *April 30, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Spilled substance might have damaged tires.** Authorities are asking anyone who drove in the westbound lane of West Grand Avenue in Wisconsin Rapids between 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday to check their tires. A vehicle spilled an unknown substance Thursday morning near the intersection of West Grand Avenue and 25th Avenue, the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department captain said. Authorities narrowed the chemical, which is acidic, down to one of 20 possibilities. The westbound lanes of West Grand Avenue were closed for several hours while firefighters, with assistance from the state Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, contained the spill until the Veolia Hazmat Team could get to the area to neutralize the substance, the captain said. There is no reason for residents to have health concerns about the substance, he said. However, authorities think the chemical might damage the rubber in tires. Motorists who drove through the area Thursday should inspect their vehicle tires to ensure they still are safe for driving.
Source: <http://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/article/20100430/WRT0101/4300627/1982/WRT04/Spilled-substance-might-have-damaged-tires>
9. *April 29, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Police search for person who abandoned chemicals in Provo.** Someone abandoned dozens of containers of chemicals in the south end of Provo, Utah, and police want to know who it was. Provo City is now paying to have the chemicals properly disposed of. Police say several people shooting paintball guns Saturday in south Provo near an old steel plant spotted a man in a truck unloading containers near an abandoned pump house. They asked him if he needed any help and he said no, but they were suspicious and called police. Officers discovered the man had dropped off around 80 containers of chemicals ranging in size from pints to five-gallon buckets. The Provo Deputy Fire Chief says they've been using hazmat test equipment to identify the chemicals, which range from hydrochloric acid to cleaners like Borax. The FBI also came and took a look but determined the chemicals did not appear to be used for making bombs. The chief says the bottles were all in tact but still posed more than just an environmental threat.
Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=10577849>
10. *April 29, Tonawanda News* – (New York) **EPA cracks down on Tonawanda coke.** The federal government cracked down on Tonawanda Coke Corporation, ordering Thursday that the Town of Tonawanda plant find and fix deficiencies in the way it operates its coke manufacturing facility, a move championed by a local environmental group that has fought to get the company to clean up its operation. The Environmental Protection Agency also is requiring that Tonawanda Coke explain two incidents from 2009 and this year during which coke oven gas was released into the air instead of being treated in the facility due to power and equipment failures. Those incidents, the EPA said, show that Tonawanda Coke "has been poorly operated." Coke

oven gas, which is generated when coal is heated at a high temperature, contains numerous regulated substances that can cause irritation and breathing problems, according to the EPA. Under the EPA order, Tonawanda Coke must determine how and why the equipment failed. It also must fix the problems and take steps to prevent future occurrences. EPA must then review the company's action plan, and Tonawanda Coke must then document that necessary improvements have been made at the facility. In separate action, the EPA cited the facility for "allegedly violating the Clean Air Act by exceeding its emission limit for opacity, which is the amount of light obscured by particulate matter such as smoke, dust and ash," an EPA news release states. The Clean Air Coalition said Tonawanda Coke has "operated for decades in a manner that flagrantly disregarded the community and worker safety. Today, we are one step closer to fundamentally changing the way Tonawanda Coke does business," a spokesman said.

Source: <http://tonawanda-news.com/local/x1164469244/EPA-cracks-down-on-Tonawanda-Coke>

11. *April 29, Wired.com* – (National) **Helium-3 shortage could mean nuke detection 'disaster'**. Stopping nuclear smuggling is already tough. But it's about to get a lot harder. Helium-3, a crucial ingredient in neutron-particle-detection technology, is in extremely short supply. A Democratic congressman from North Carolina, who serves as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, chided the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security at a hearing on the issue late last week, suggesting that they created a preventable "disaster." The Energy Department is the sole American supplier of helium-3, and DHS is supposed to take the lead in spotting and stopping illicit nuclear material. The helium-3 isotope represents less than 0.0002 percent of all helium. Of that, about 80 percent of helium-3 usage is devoted to security purposes, because the gas is extremely sensitive to neutrons, like those emitted spontaneously by plutonium. Helium-3 is a decay product of tritium, a heavy isotope of hydrogen used to enhance the yield of nuclear weapons, but whose production stopped in 1988. The half-life decay of tritium is about 12 years, and the U.S. supply for helium-3 is fed by harvesting the gas from dismantled or refurbished nuclear weapons. However, production of helium-3 hasn't kept pace with the exponential demand sparked by the September 11 attacks. Projected demand for the nonradioactive gas in 2010 is said to be more than 76,000 liters per year, while U.S. production is a mere 8,000 liters annually, and U.S. total supply rests at less than 48,000 liters. This shortage wasn't identified until a workshop put on by the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Physics in August 2008.

Source: [http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/04/helium-3-shortage-could-mean-nuke-detection-disaster/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+WiredDangerRoom+\(Blog+-+Danger+Room\)](http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/04/helium-3-shortage-could-mean-nuke-detection-disaster/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+WiredDangerRoom+(Blog+-+Danger+Room))

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

12. *April 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Nuclear industry to hire for growth, retirements.** The Southern Co. believes it can break ground on the country's first nuclear plant in 30 years, but it will need a new generation of workers to run it. Plans for building a wave of nuclear reactors would create a need for 12,000 to 21,000 new workers ranging from specially trained maintenance crews to nuclear physicists and engineers. The need for labor is compounded since more than a third of the country's existing nuclear workers will be eligible for retirement in four years. To cope with the demand, nuclear power firms nationwide are partnering with more than 40 community colleges on a new curriculum designed to train entry level workers and give them a head start when it comes to finding a job. In Georgia, Augusta Technical College began accepting applications in April from students interested in a two-year course to prepare them for entry-level jobs at the Southern Co.'s expanded Plant Vogtle and elsewhere. If the Atlanta-based Southern Co. wins federal approval to build the reactors, the company hopes they will be fully operational by 2017 and provide 850 local jobs. Power companies have submitted 17 applications to build and operate nuclear reactors across the country, from Texas and Michigan to Missouri and South Carolina.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9FD8ECO0.htm>
13. *April 29, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Oyster Creek officials meet with residents.** Representatives of Exelon Nuclear spoke to township officials and residents as part of a presentation concerning emergency management issues during a recent committee meeting. The Ocean Township mayor said questions had been raised during an earlier meeting on emergency procedures within the community lead to the invitation of the township emergency management director and a patrolman, the police chief and representatives of Exelon to address the public. "We deal with shelter and evacuation. If we evacuate, it is decided by the state and the county," the township emergency management director said. He was joined by three Exelon representatives. One of the Exelon representatives, who is an emergency preparedness senior specialist said, "We are obligated by our NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) license to have an emergency plan — it is approved and reviewed by the NRC. We run at least one drill for each of our response organizations."
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20100429/NEWS/4290339/Oyster-Creek-officials-meet-with-residents>
14. *April 28, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (National) **Georgia, South Carolina community leaders protest Yucca shutdown.** Three dozen leaders from South Carolina and Georgia communities surrounding the sprawling Savannah River industrial complex were on Capitol Hill Wednesday protesting the planned shutdown of the Yucca Mountain project. Among other nuclear materials programs, the government-owned Savannah River site is home to about 36 million gallons of liquid high level waste from the Cold War-era production of nuclear weapons ingredients like tritium and plutonium-239. Over time liquid waste site is being converted into 6,000-7,000 glass logs that would be suitable to be dumped into a Nevada underground repository — except that site is no longer in the cards for the Presidential administration. So what now? The decision to terminate the repository effectively turns the Savannah River site and other places around the country into permanent storage

sites for the radioactive materials, said the president of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina. “We view this as an intolerable situation and do not intend to accept it without protest,” the official said. The state of South Carolina and Aiken County, South Carolina are among the plaintiffs in lawsuits that seek to halt termination of the Yucca project.

Source:

http://www.lvrj.com/blogs/politics/Georgia_South_Carolina_community_leaders_protest_Yucca_shutdown.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

15. *April 30, Aviation Week* – (National) **Supplier parts shortage slows 787 line.** As the 22nd 787 enters final body join on the assembly line in Everett, Washington, Boeing says it will delay receiving wing and fuselage sections until early June as some of its suppliers struggle with parts shortages. The delay will last for 24 manufacturing days (the average is 22 per month), affect the 23rd and 24th aircraft, and should consume all of May. Final assembly work is underway on Aircraft 19-22. “This adjustment utilizes a schedule buffer that exists in the current [production] plan and will not affect our customer commitments,” the 787 General Manager and Boeing VP told employees Tuesday. That means launch customer All Nippon Airways will take first delivery in the fourth quarter 2010, a company official added. To Wall Street, the delay illustrates the difficulty Boeing is having ramping up production to two aircraft a month. It is now believed to be about 1.5 aircraft per month and was headed to 2.5 by August. Boeing would not confirm where the parts shortages are hitting, but they are believed to be affecting inflow to its own facilities in North Charleston.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/avd/2010/04/29/02.xml

16. *April 30, Detroit News* – (National) **Quality panel to review Toyota.** An outside panel of high-level business and technology experts created to advise Toyota Motor Corporation will conduct a broad review of the Japanese automaker’s operations ranging from its electronic systems to the company’s internal communications, the head of the panel said Thursday. “This is a very important company dealing with a very important issue,” a former U.S. Transportation Secretary told The Detroit News. Toyota asked the ex-official last month to form a panel to provide independent advice to the company grappling with recalls and concerns about vehicle safety. The seven-member panel includes leading business, aviation, safety and technology experts. Members include the former CEO of Lockheed Martin, who was an Under Secretary of the Army and served for 16 years on the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. The panel’s first task will be to develop a deep understanding of Toyota’s safety and quality-control processes. Some panel members already have visited U.S. facilities, including the big Georgetown plant in Kentucky.

Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20100430/AUTO01/4300359/1148/Quality-panel-to-review-Toyota>

17. *April 30, Occupational Health and Safety* – (New York) **Manufacturer faces \$106,800 fine for recurring hazards.** OSHA has proposed a total of \$106,800 in fines against Service Manufacturing Group Inc., chiefly for uncorrected and recurring hazards at the company's Scajaquada Street sheet metal fabrication plant in Buffalo, New York. OSHA cited the company for 12 violations of safety standards in March 2009. The company agreed to correct all hazards but failed to submit proof of abatement. OSHA then opened a follow up inspection in October 2009 and found that eight of the 12 violations had not been corrected. As a result, OSHA has issued the company eight failure to abate notices, carrying \$100,500 in fines. The uncorrected conditions encompass uninspected overhead cranes, lifting slings and fire extinguishers; failure to electrically interconnect containers while dispensing flammable liquids; missing gauges to ensure proper air velocity in paint spray booths; and failure to medically evaluate an employee's fitness to wear a respirator.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/04/30/manufacturer-faces-106800-fine-for-recurring-hazards.aspx?admgarea=news>

18. *April 29, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **30 workers evacuated after fire at Sheboygan County foundry.** A fire in a foundry at the Kohler Company on Thursday afternoon forced the evacuation of about 30 employees, according to a news release from Kohler police. No one was injured in the fire, reported shortly after 3 p.m. in the Herman Iron Foundry. The plant is in the Village of Kohler in Sheboygan County. The fire, which involved molten metal, machinery and various flammable liquids, was brought under control in about two hours, the release said. Damage estimates were not immediately available. The fire did not appear to be suspicious, according to the release.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/92466279.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

19. *April 29, Defense Tech* – (National) **Navy says NLOS-LS cancellation won't delay LCS.** The Army is looking to cancel its costly and poorly performing "missiles in a box," the Non-Line of Sight Launch System (NLOS-LS). NLOS-LS was also intended to outfit the Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), providing the vessel much needed long range, precision guided fires. Defense Tech asked the Navy if the Army's cancellation of the NLOS-LS would have any impact on the LCS being declared combat capable, as the vessel needs some kind of long range fires to fulfill its surface warfare mission. A Navy spokesman with the following statement: "The Navy is assessing options to fulfill the NLOS role in the surface warfare mission package. An inherent advantage of the modular designs for LCS and its mission packages is that a delay in one part of the overall program does not impact our ability to move forward in other areas and deliver combat capable assets to the fleet."

Source: <http://defensetech.org/2010/04/29/navy-says-nlos-ls-cancellation-won-t-delay-lcs/>

20. *April 29, Aviation Week* – (National) **USAF non-stealthy fighters to support F-22s.** With the size of the F-22 stealth fighter force capped, U.S. Air Force officials are going to muscle up the service's air dominance force via Air National Guard F-15C Golden Eagles upgraded with advanced, long-range radars. Because of the larger size of the Boeing F-15s' radar and the aircraft's greater flight endurance, they also will serve as "stand-in" electronic warfare jamming and attack aircraft as part of the Air Force's composite air dominance force that also includes stealthy Lockheed Martin F-22s stationed at Langley AFB, Va. Each fighter type will shoulder 50% of the air dominance mission now that the F-22 force has been capped at 187 aircraft. The upgraded F-15Cs will carry the larger APG-63(V)3 active, electronically scanned array (AESA) radar. The radar's long range and small-target-detection capability will allow F-22s to operate in electronic silence with its low observability (LO) uncompromised by electronic emissions. The first F-15C to be modified with the Raytheon radar was recently declared operational with the Florida Air National Guard's (ANG) 125th Fighter Wing. "Our objective is to fly in front [of any strike force] with the F-22s, and have the persistence [because of larger fuel loads] to stay there while the [stealthy fighters] are conducting their LO attack," says the wing's chief of weapons and tactics. The Florida, Louisiana and Oregon ANG will field the first 48 V3 radar-equipped F-15Cs. Massachusetts and Montana ANG units will follow, ensuring that the East, West and Gulf coasts have a cruise missile defense capability. "We're embracing an air-launched concept for theater ballistic missile defense as a deterrent and as a tactical capability to protect our forces in-theater and for homeland defense," the weapons chief says.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/awst/2010/04/26/AW_04_26_2010_p45-219340.xml

21. *April 29, Reuters* – (National) **Report says U.S. military vulnerable to bad parts.** The U.S. Defense Department lacks sufficient quality-controls to prevent substandard parts from ending up in its weapons and other hardware, U.S. congressional auditors said on Thursday. "Existing procurement and quality-control practices used to identify deficient parts are limited in their ability to prevent and detect counterfeit parts in DoD's supply chain," the Government Accountability Office said in its report. It cited as an example what it described as substandard Global Positioning System oscillators used for navigation on more than 4,000 Air Force and Navy systems. Also cited were substandard titanium used in fighter jet engine mounts; brake shoes made from ersatz materials, including seaweed; and electronics from a personal computer repackaged and labeled as a \$7,000 military-grade circuit for a missile guidance system. It said counterfeit parts had the potential to cause a serious risk to military supply chains, delay wartime missions and impair weapon systems. GAO, Congress's audit and investigative arm, said the Defense Department draws from a complex network of global suppliers and manages more than four million different parts at a cost of more than \$94 billion. It recommended the department step up its

efforts to establish anti-counterfeiting guidelines for all Defense Department components and defense contractors.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2911653820100429>

22. *April 29, Defense Systems* – (National) **Future UAVs must multitask, Air Force says.** The Defense Department is reassessing its view of unmanned aerial vehicles – a key component of modern combat operations – and deciding what the military needs from UAVs beyond their traditional use as a platform to gather intelligence and fire weapons. The next-generation UAVs will need to take on additional duties including cargo transport, refueling and possible medical applications, and they will need to be interoperable with different platforms, users and military services, DOD officials said at an Institute for Defense and Government Advancement summit on UAVs the week of April 26 in Vienna, Va. “UAVs are 99 percent [intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance] today. In the future, they need to be multipurpose – ISR and [target acquisition], aerial network layer, attack capabilities, sustainment and cargo,” said the deputy director at the Army Unmanned Aerial Systems Center of Excellence. The military should concentrate on developing modular, plug-and-play aircraft built on standardized interfaces – one aircraft for multiple missions, similar frames for one platform, according to the director of the Air Force Unmanned Aerial Systems Task Force. “We need to define interoperable architecture. And right now we’re working with [the Office of the Secretary of Defense] to define what that interface will look like,” the director said. He added that capabilities for “sense-and-avoid” aircraft detection technology, interoperable command and control, multi-access controls and enhanced human-system interfaces are among the most important short-term enablers in developing next-generation UAVs.

Source: <http://defensesystems.com/articles/2010/04/29/unmanned-aerial-vehicle-versatility.aspx?admgarea=DS>

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Banking and Finance Sector

23. *April 30, Courthouse News Service* – (Florida; International) **Ponzi allegedly targeted Jamaican-Americans.** A man says he lost \$2.6 million in a “huge Ponzi scheme named OLINT” that targeted Jamaican Americans. He claims the scam was so lucrative that one of its operators, “used the money to purchase the Shell Oil facility in Jamaica for \$80 million. The plaintiff sued five people and three organizations in Broward County Court: OLINT, USIMO, and Superclubs. The plaintiff claims he and his investors group put \$2.6 million in OLINT, through USIMO, which is or was controlled by one of the suspects. A second suspect’s role was to target Jamaican-Americans for alleged “seminars for foreign exchange trading,” and to promise 10 percent monthly returns, the plaintiff says. USIMO was used to collect money for OLINT “in a corporate structure to hide OLINT’s role from U.S., British and Jamaican authorities,” he adds. He claims the defendants made “huge profits” from the Ponzi scheme, which they “marketed aggressively in Broward County,” including through

“feeder clubs.”

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2010/04/30/26858.htm>

24. *April 30, BBC* – (International) **Athens clash at finance ministry over budget cuts.** Protesters in Athens clashed with police as a group tried to force its way into the Greek finance ministry. Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd as the unrest flared over austerity measures that may be taken in return for a massive bailout deal. The European Union (EU) has said it is close to approving the details of an emergency plan to help tackle Greece crippling debt. The EU commission chief said “rapid progress” was being made. Police fired tear gas at hundreds of demonstrators, after some tried to break through a police cordon guarding the Greek finance ministry. The outbreaks came after Greece began talks over extra budget cuts as conditions for the bailout loans. These cuts would be in addition to an already mooted austerity drive aimed at reducing the nation’s public deficit, which is more than four times bigger than the EU limit.
Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8653174.stm>
25. *April 30, BBC* – (National) **Goldman Sachs ‘facing criminal inquiry’.** Goldman Sachs is under criminal investigation for the way in which it sold complex mortgage-backed products to clients, reports suggest. Earlier this month, the US financial regulator brought civil charges against the bank for defrauding investors. It alleged that Goldman failed to disclose a conflict of interest, in that a firm advising it on a product was betting it would decline in value. Goldman denies the accusations and said it was “not surprised” by the reports. “Given the recent focus on the firm, we are not surprised by the report of a [criminal] inquiry. We would fully co-operate with any requests for information,” a Goldman spokesperson said. The investigation is being run from the US Attorney’s office in New York, according to reports. According to the Wall Street Journal, the criminal probe was underway before the civil charges were laid by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/10092972.stm>
26. *April 29, Computerworld* – (Utah) **IT contractor gets five years for \$2M credit union theft.** A Provo, Utah computer contractor was sentenced on April 28 to more than five years in prison after pleading guilty to stealing close to \$2 million from four credit unions that he performed IT services for. The judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah also ordered the defendant to repay more than \$1.8 million in restitution to his victims and to submit to five years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term. In December, the defendant had pleaded guilty to using his privileged computer access to steal money from Family First Federal Credit Union, Alpine Credit Union, Deseret First Credit Union, and First Credit Union. The defendant was employed as a third-party contractor by Open Source Solutions Inc, a computer services firm in Provo. In that capacity, he was supposed to help the four credit unions upgrade their systems. As part of his job, he was given unrestricted local and remote access to the networks at the credit unions. The defendant used his access to initiate several fictitious Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions, according to court documents describing the thefts at Family First Federal Credit Union. The transfers were deposited into bank accounts that the defendant owned, including a business

account that he operated jointly with a business partner. The defendant used fictitious or previously used ACH “racing numbers” to make the deposits into his accounts, court documents said. In all, the defendant admitted to stealing about \$1.2 millions from First Family, about \$82,000 from Alpine, about \$635,000 from Deseret and \$93,000 from First Credit.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176154/IT_contractor_gets_five_years_for_2M_credit_union_theft

27. *April 29, Associated Press* – (California) **‘Starlet Bandit’ robs 2 LA-area banks.** The so-called “Starlet Bandit” has struck again. Authorities say the woman robbed two banks on April 29, both in the San Fernando Valley. She is also linked to a heist on April 27 in Granada Hills. The woman is now believed to be responsible for 10 robberies, eight of which occurred in the past week and a half. The woman is believed to be between 20 and 28 years old and weighs between 140 pounds and 170 pounds. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_14988160?nclick_check=1

28. *April 29, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **Ashburn, Virginia man pleads guilty to \$53 million bank fraud.** A 31 year old of Ashburn, Virginia, pleaded guilty on April 29 to operating a fraud scheme that stole more than \$53 million from banks throughout the United States. The defendant pled guilty to three counts of bank fraud and one count of money laundering contained in a criminal information filed in the Eastern District of Virginia and an indictment filed in the Northern District of Ohio. Sentencing has been set for July 30, 2010. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison on each of the bank fraud counts and 10 years in prison on the money laundering count. In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, the defendant acknowledged to defrauding banks in Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee and Maryland of more than \$53 million. In order to accomplish his fraud, he presented the banks with fraudulent life insurance policies — with purported cash values of millions of dollars — as collateral to obtain the fraudulent loans. The stated purpose of the loans was for various business ventures. To facilitate his scheme, the defendant set up fake domain names, used fake federal express mailings and fake e-mails in order to convince the banks that his collateral was authentic. He used money obtained from his fraud to buy exotic cars and to purchase a multi-million-dollar home in Ashburn, Va. He fled the United States in May 2009 and was later apprehended in Texas in January 2010. Source: <http://washingtondc.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel10/wfo042910.htm>

29. *April 29, News-Review Today* – (Oregon) **Oregon Pacific Bank warns public of Internet scam.** Oregon Pacific Bank is warning its customers and others of an Internet phishing scam of which it recently became aware. The scam is directed at both Oregon Pacific Bank and non-Oregon Pacific Bank customers, according to a bank news release. An e-mail appearing to be from Oregon Pacific Bank was sent out sometime early Thursday morning, urging the reader to respond and provide confidential information. A link on the e-mail takes the reader to a website that uses the Oregon Pacific Bank logo and images. The reader is asked to provide debit and credit card information and the PIN or password for the account. Oregon Pacific Bank did not send

out this e-mail, the release said. Receivers should not open the e-mail and should delete it immediately. According to the release, an outside security firm has investigated and determined that the security, computer systems and data of Oregon Pacific Bank customers have not been breached. Phishing scams, such as this one, are becoming increasingly common, the release said.

Source:

<http://www.nrtoday.com/article/20100429/NEWS/100429711/1063/NEWS&ParentProfile=1055>

30. *April 29, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Double dip bandit hits TCF banks.** A man who robbed a bank branch in a Northwest Side Jewel store on April 28 may be responsible for robbing three TCF bank branches a total of six times. And it was the second time in the past month the same robber struck at the TCF branch at 6430 W. Irving Park Rd., according to the FBI. The first was March 28 and returning to the scene of the crime has earned him the moniker “Double Dip Bandit.” The suspect is believed to be responsible for six robberies of TCF branches in the area, including two at 1 W. Devon in Park Ridge, three at the Irving Park address, and one at 4734 N. Cumberland in Chicago, the release said. In the April 28 robbery, the suspect — white, 35 to 40, 5-foot-11 to 6-foot-2 with a slight goatee — walked up to the teller in the Jewel, showed a handgun and verbally announced a robbery, a FBI spokeswoman said. There have been at least 56 bank robberies reported in the Chicago area so far in 2010, according to the FBI.

Source: <http://cbs2chicago.com/local/Double.Dip.Bandits.2.1665591.html>

31. *April 29, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Crews investigate white powder scare at Salt Lake City business.** Hazmat crews are investigating a white powder found inside an envelope at the Discover Financial Services building, 5420 West 1738 South. There have been no evacuations, and no one has reported any health problems, said a Salt Lake City police detective. An employee discovered the powder after opening an envelope about 11:30 a.m. The situation and the employees were isolated, and no evacuations were necessary, he said. Salt Lake City fire crews decontaminated employees who were exposed to the unknown substance. Tests were being conducted to determine what the substance is.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700028414/Crews-investigate-white-powder-scare-at-Salt-Lake-City-business.html>

32. *April 29, Associated Press* – (New York) **Workers march on Wall Street, protest big banks.** Thousands of workers and union leaders marched on Wall Street on Thursday to express their anger over lost jobs, the taxpayer-funded bailout of financial institutions and questionable lending practices by big banks. The rally was organized by the AFL-CIO and an association of community groups. It included a diverse mixture of union workers, activists, the unemployed, and homeowners threatened by foreclosure. The protesters, carrying signs saying “Wall Street Overdrafted Our Economy” and “Reclaim America,” rallied at City Hall Park, then marched down to the Merrill Lynch Bull statue demanding good jobs and accountability from banks. Earlier in the day, noisy protesters with signs took over two bank building lobbies on

Manhattan's Park Avenue in a prelude to the rally. More than 100 people entered a midtown building housing JPMorgan Chase offices. They handed a bank executive a letter requesting a meeting with the CEO, and chanted "Bust up! Big banks!" and "People power!" A half-hour later, they were calmly escorted outside by officers. They then walked a few blocks up the avenue and crowded into the lobby of the Seagram Building, where Wells Fargo and Wachovia, the bank it merged with in 2008, have offices. The protesters held up signs reading, "Save Our Jobs" and "Save Our Homes." Police arrived on horseback.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gfvjU8pvgqAzvzU4gjzSoGaWfOfQD9FD568G4>

33. *April 28, Tribune Washington Bureau* – (International) **Europe's widening financial crisis threatens to put damper on U.S., global recovery.** Just as the American economy was gathering steam — with consumers starting to spend more and the housing market showing signs of stabilizing — a widening financial crisis in Europe is threatening to put a damper on the recovery both here and abroad. Germany offered a hopeful word on April 28, putting aside months of reluctance and saying it could rush through a plan to foot its share of an International Monetary Fund-European Union bailout for Greece that now looks to exceed \$132 billion. But the credit contagion that began in heavily indebted Greece spread to Spain as that much-larger economy's sovereign rating was downgraded — only one day after Athens' own bonds were slashed to junk status and Portugal's debt fell as well. And despite German officials' pledge to act swiftly, many economists saw a likelihood of damaging fallout from the crisis. A European specialist at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington said he doubts there is enough political will in Germany to back such a hefty bailout plan, and even if it does, the government is likely to face constitutional challenges to taking such measures. U.S. banks have relatively little exposure to debt from Greece and other at-risk EU countries such as Portugal and Spain. But the collateral effects of a financial meltdown in Europe would be damaging to the American and global economies.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sc-dc-economy-greece28-20100428,0,6024638.story>

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Transportation Sector

34. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Boston subway fire cleared up, but 1 line delayed.** Officials say a smoky fire in a Boston subway tunnel that led to about 20 commuters being treated for smoke inhalation is causing delays on one line. The Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority says Red Line passengers are experiencing delays of up to 15 minutes Friday getting through the downtown area. A signal problem caused by the Thursday night electrical fire is blamed for the delays. The fire started after 10 p.m. just north of the Downtown Crossing station in a tunnel where several lines intersect. While the fire was contained to that tunnel, smoke spread into several

nearby stations and platforms. An MBTA spokesman says crews worked through the night to clear the lines. The cause remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.seattlepi.com/national/1110ap_us_boston_subway_fire.html

35. *April 30, Avstop.com* – (National) **NTSB chairman discusses data driven systems to improve aviation safety.** The National Transportation Safety Board Chairman said on Thursday that the use of data to manage and improve safety in the aviation industry has had a positive effect on the world's improving aviation safety record but she cautioned against over-reliance on these systems to the neglect of forensic investigation. Addressing a conference of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators in Chantilly, Virginia, the chairman noted that "we have reached an era when aviation accidents are extremely rare..." One reason is the use of data - particularly, but not exclusively, Safety Management Systems (SMS) - in accident prevention and investigation. "The Board has been advocating the use of SMS for a decade, having issued 17 recommendations in favor of implementing SMS in the aviation industry. When implemented correctly, she said, "SMS holds real promise in a variety of scenarios." She noted several instances where SMS helped eliminate potential unsafe conditions, notably a corporate flight operation that used flight data to determine that high bank angles occurred on repositioning flights, and a review of commercial aircraft approach data that indicated a high rate of TCAS (Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System) warnings at a particular airport. In these instances, she said, "data management adeptly identified a clearly measurable set of information and allowed for a relatively simple and effective solution."

Source:

http://avstop.com/news_april_2010/NTSB_Chairman_Discusses_Data_Driven_Systems.htm

36. *April 30, TG Daily* – (International) **Ash could continue to ground planes, says expert.** Air travelers could be in for a lot more emergency landings over the coming months thanks to the Icelandic volcano, an aviation expert has said. A professor at the University of Leeds believes the impact of volcanic ash on airplane air-conditioning systems could be serious, and could start to show up over the next few weeks. Air conditioning systems filter all dirt out, so there's a cumulative effect. Once clogged, they can overheat, forcing an unscheduled or emergency landing. And with the air-conditioning units sited underneath the central fuel tank on many planes, the effects can be serious. "Once the air-con unit is clogged up, it is less effective and so tries to work harder to maintain pressure and temperature – and so begins to overheat," says the professor. "The systems have built-in safety controls, so they're unlikely to catch fire. However, overheating will mean pilots have to shut down the affected system, and as this provides fresh air to the cabin, the loss will normally result in either an unscheduled or emergency landing." At the very least, he says, the air industry will have to work much harder at maintenance to keep the systems working - just when the grounding of planes has put them under severe financial pressure.

Source: <http://www.tgdaily.com/general-sciences-features/49587-ash-could-continue-to-ground-planes-says-expert>

37. *April 30, Bloomberg* – (International) **Europe to lift airplane liquids ban in 2013.** Travelers in Europe will be able to bring water bottles and other liquids aboard airplanes again starting in April 2013 after screening technology is installed. Europe's air passengers will be able to take on board water bottles, sprays and gels from April 2013 on when a general ban on liquids will be replaced by better screening technology, the European Commission said on April 29. "This package takes a significant step forward in signaling the beginning of the end for the current restrictions on liquids in cabin baggage, with a clear and final deadline of April 2013," said the commission vice president in charge of transport. In the upcoming three years, EU airports will be required to install new technology capable of detecting liquid explosives, so as to allow for the current ban to be lifted.
Source: http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/apr2010/gb20100430_265233.htm
38. *April 30, Dubuque Telegraph Herald* – (Iowa) **Barge strikes wall of lock and dam.** A barge hauling a load of grain struck the upper land wall of Lock and Dam No. 10 Thursday morning on the Mississippi River. No injuries were reported, according to the lockmaster. The accident occurred around 10:20 a.m. when a barge hit the wall and backed off to the side of the channel. Crews from the barge were still working on damage assessment as of Thursday afternoon. "The right side (of the barge) has pretty significant damage," he said. Barge traffic was moving freely shortly after the crash. He said the accident is not a normal occurrence, with Thursday's crash being the first in "eight to 10 years."
Source: <http://www.thonline.com/article.cfm?id=281157>
39. *April 29, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **FAA considering new air traffic control tower in Tampa.** The Federal Aviation Administration is studying whether a new air traffic control tower should be built at Tampa International Airport, an FAA spokeswoman in Atlanta said recently. The current tower commissioned in 1972 is "degraded, well past its useful life and was not built to withstand hurricanes," stated an April 19 request for information from the city of Tampa by Atlanta-based engineering firm URS Corp. The tower would be built on one of three proposed sites, all of which are near the current tower adjacent to the airport's main terminal. No decision has yet been made to build a new tower at Tampa International, an FAA spokeswoman said, and no timeline nor cost estimate has been made. Recent new towers have cost anywhere between \$18 million and \$60 million in the FAA's Southern region, she said.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/apr/29/faa-considering-new-air-traffic-control-tower-tamp/>
40. *April 29, Associated Press* – (Maine) **FBI: Passenger on airliner claimed he had dynamite.** An airline passenger who caused a Delta Air Lines jetliner to be diverted to Maine aroused attention with a note claiming he had a fake passport before telling federal air marshals that he had dynamite in his boots and in his laptop computer, the FBI says in court documents. The former Air Force member told the FBI after the plane landed in Maine that he had taken the sleeping aid Ambien, that he thought he was being followed and that fellow passengers were talking about him, according to an

affidavit filed in U.S. District Court on Wednesday. Air marshals and flight attendants kept the man in the back of the Airbus A330 and piled up seat cushions, pillows and blankets around his laptop and a backpack containing the boots “to dampen the effects of any potential explosion,” an FBI Special Agent wrote in the affidavit. A search of the plane later indicated there were no explosives.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jr89j6xfDmrsadbjym06p0VWcz2wD9FC7BC82>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

41. *April 28, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Suspicious object found in T.O. mailbox not explosive.** A suspicious object found in a Thousand Oaks mailbox Wednesday was not explosive, authorities said. The Ventura County Sheriff’s Bomb Squad was called to the area of Erbes Road and Sunset Hills Boulevard shortly before noon after a mail carrier found an object wrapped in black material in a drop-off mailbox, a sheriff’s spokesman said. The area was cordoned off as a precaution and sheriff’s deputies directed traffic around the area. The bomb squad determined the suspicious object was not explosive, and the area was opened to traffic about 2:30 p.m., the spokesman said. Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/apr/28/authorities-investigating-suspicious-object-in/>

42. *April 28, Jackson County Chronicle* – (Wisconsin) **Mailbox bomb explodes in Franklin.** The Jackson County Sheriff’s Department has no leads in a mailbox bombing incident that occurred in the town of Franklin recently. “We’ve had this before,” said a Jackson County police official. “Periodically this happens and unfortunately right now, we don’t have anything to go on.” According to the sheriff’s department incident report, a 47-year-old man reported April 22 he heard an explosion outside his home on Highway C between 10 and 11 p.m. on April 21. The man then reportedly went outside and checked around his home but did not find anything. The next morning, he found the remnants of a homemade explosive device used to destroy his mailbox, according to the report. No one was injured in the incident. The police official said the department checked with neighboring Trempealeau County to see if it had experienced any similar incidents prior to or after the incident in the town of Franklin, which it had not, he said.

Source:

<http://www.jacksoncountychronicle.com/articles/2010/04/28/thisjustin/09bomb.txt>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

43. *April 30, U.S Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA takes steps to increase safety of foods during transport.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration wants commercial food transporters to follow new guidance to reduce the chances of physical, chemical, biological and other risks during transportation of foods while the agency reviews current food-safety transportation regulations. In an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) published in the April 30 Federal Register, the FDA has requested input on writing the new rules from all interested parties, including the food and transportation industries and consumer-interest organizations. The ANPRM is the first step in creating new regulations to govern sanitary practices by shippers, carriers by motor vehicle or rail vehicle, receivers, and others engaged in the transportation of food products for people and animals. The new industry guidance covers safety measures that should be employed while the regulations are being written and finalized. They include ensuring that food in transit is maintained at appropriate temperatures; that such food is closely monitored for pests; that the vehicles used to transport foods are sanitary and in proper working condition; that pallets used are of good quality; and that sanitary measures are followed in the loading and unloading of foods. “Our aim is to look at every component of the system to assess hazards, and to take science-based action where appropriate to maximize the safety of our food from farms all the way to consumers’ tables,” said FDA’s associate commissioner for food protection. “Although contamination of food product during commercial transport is relatively infrequent, the potential harm can be widespread and serious.” After evaluating comments received in response to the ANPRM, the FDA will propose specific regulations. The FDA will coordinate with the U.S. departments of Agriculture and Transportation in the rulemaking process.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm210265.htm>

44. *April 30, Ag Week* – (Kansas; International) **Japan removes ban on U.S. beef imports from Cargill plant in Kansas.** Japan on Friday, April 30 removed its ban on beef imports from a U.S. plant as measures have been taken to prevent the mixture of beef prohibited under a trade agreement between the two countries, the agriculture ministry said. The plant is believed to have implemented “enough measures” to prevent a recurrence of such mixture, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries said in reference to a report on the matter received April 26 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In August 2008, the Japanese government slapped a ban on beef imports from a Cargill factory in Dodge City, Kansas, after finding 4.5 kilograms of ground beef among 3.8 tons of beef that arrived in Japan the previous month. Japan imports U.S. beef on condition that meat is obtained from cattle aged 20 months or younger and that “specified risk materials,” such as spinal columns and brain tissue deemed to be closely linked to bovine spongiform encephalopathy, which can cause mad cow disease in humans, are removed. Ground beef is also banned under the bilateral accord due to the difficulty of checking whether it includes risk materials or meat from cattle older than 20 months. As the mixture of ground beef was the third infringement of the bilateral trade agreement by the plant, it has taken additional countermeasures such as

reeducating workers, the ministry quoted the U.S. report as saying.

Source: <http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/16259/>

45. *April 30, Food Safety News* – (National) **Walmart to test for Non-O157 E. coli.** Retail giant Walmart announced April 29 it will require additional food safety measures from its beef suppliers, including specialized testing for dangerous pathogens like E. coli O157:57 and Salmonella — as well as non-O157 strains of E. coli, strains that are not currently defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as adulterants. “In light of recent beef recalls, we determined it was prudent to require an additional layer of protection for our customers,” Walmart’s vice president for food safety said in a statement. A managing partner of Marler Clark, a food-safety litigation firm, said he would soon publish results of a 5,000-sample test for non-O157 strains in grocery-store meat that his firm sponsored. According to Walmart, suppliers who do not operate slaughterhouses must be in compliance with the new standard by June 2011. For beef slaughterhouse suppliers, there is a two-step approach with the first step to be completed by June 2011 and the second by June 2012. The new policy — which will also apply to meat sold to Sam’s Club — has been reviewed by consumer groups, regulators, academics, beef suppliers, and industry associations, and the company is making it clear that it will be implemented without additional costs to consumers. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/04/wal-mart-boosts-beef-safety-with-non-o157-ecoli-testing/>

46. *April 29, Gallatin North Missourian* – (Missouri) **Trial set in case against Gallatin sale barn.** A bench trial has been set for July 14, 2010, in a case brought by the State of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Missouri Clean Water Commission against the Gallatin Livestock Auction, and the man who runs it. The case, which will be heard in the Davies County Circuit Court, was filed in July 2008. The involvement of the state in the case was prompted by complaints to the DNR from a woman for the pollution of her pond from sale-barn runoff. She began complaining to the head of the auction in 2007 and then filed her complaint with the DNR. If the DNR penalties against the auction chief were assessed today, they would total over \$800,000. Besides the run-off issue, the county and state attorney general are prosecuting the head of the auction and his now defunct Gallatin Grain Company for grain theft. The man and his wife each face 22 felony counts of stealing grain, and three felony counts of filing false financial statements. Over 100 claims were filed against the grain company through the Missouri Department of Agriculture, totaling over \$4.5 million. Ineligible and withdrawn claims totaled over \$1.3 million, making the grain theft over \$3 million.

Source:

<http://www.gallatinnorthmissourian.com/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=29641>

47. *April 29, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (North Carolina) **North Carolina firm recalls stew products due to undeclared allergens.** The Murphy House, a Louisburg, North Carolina, establishment, is recalling 414 lbs. of Brunswick stew products because they contain cracker meal with undeclared allergens, wheat and milk,

the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced April 29. Wheat and milk are known allergens, which are not declared on the label. The recalled products were produced April 2, 2010, and include 5-lb. packages and 24-ounce cups of Murphy House Barbecue Our Old Fashioned Brunswick Stew. Each package bears the establishment number "EST. 2135" inside the USDA mark of inspection. Cases and individual packages bear the sell-by date of 05/17/10. The beef stew products were distributed at the wholesale and retail level in North Carolina. The problem was discovered during a food-safety assessment of operations at the establishment by FSIS personnel. FSIS has received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_026_2010_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

48. *April 30, Water Technology Online* – (Alaska) **Water at Alaska military bases is safe to drink.** Officials announced late April 29 that the water at two military bases in Alaska is now safe to drink, according to the Anchorage Daily News. The paper noted that for two days, the water supply at Fort Richardson and Elmendorf Air Force Base was contaminated with excessive amounts of fluoride. Early Wednesday, April 28, workers found that the level of fluoride in the water — 11 parts per million (ppm) — exceeded the state's safety threshold of 4 ppm, the article stated. The faulty equipment responsible for the contamination has been removed, and officials said that the water is now testing at 2 ppm.

Source: http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=73986

49. *April 30, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Pinellas County faces fine of nearly \$300,000 over Tampa Bay contamination.** Pinellas County in Florida faces a \$298,460 state fine for sending contaminated water into Joe's Creek and Tampa Bay on hundreds of occasions since 2007. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) found several contaminants — nitrogen, copper and phosphorous — in treated discharge from a sewer plant near Boca Ciega Bay. The plant's discharge exceeded limits a combined 225 times between May 2007 and this January, according to a proposed order. The frequency of the violations was what led to the steep fine, a state DEP spokeswoman said. But the contaminants did not pose a serious human health risk, she added. The county administrator said the county has taken steps to improve the plant. He and utility officials said the cleansing process at the facility removed serious contaminants before they entered the water systems. If the county makes approved utility improvements, the fine can be reduced to \$63,700 — a standard tactic by the state in large cases to improve utility systems. The county sent a letter April 29 offering odor-control improvements worth \$450,000. The St. Petersburg plant at 7401 54th Ave N treats about 21 million gallons of sewage a day. Most becomes

reclaimed water for south Pinellas. The DEP found the violations by reviewing county reports. According to the state's proposed order, the county has to make improvements to reduce levels of chlorine, copper and other byproducts of wastewater treatment by 2013.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/pinellas-county-faces-fine-of-nearly-300000-over-tampa-bay-contamination/1091568>

50. *April 30, Honolulu Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Maui seeks reuse of wastewater.** The Maui County Council April 28 debated proposals to require the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) to develop a plan to recycle more wastewater and conduct sampling for water contamination before spending money to rehabilitate existing injection wells. Under the councilman's proposal to add to the fiscal 2011 budget, DEM must fulfill the requirements before it could seek or spend the money it wants for injection-well upgrades. Another councilman offered a similar plan that would require DEM to spend \$250,000 to carry out the water sampling ordered in January by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). DEM is seeking \$2 million in bond money to rehabilitate existing injection wells, which push treated wastewater deep into the ground. The Maui mayor has pledged to eliminate the county's injection wells and find an alternate use of the wastewater. Last year, she formed a working group to study the issue. But critics said she is not acting fast enough. They blame well seepage for damage to nearby reefs and say contaminated water has caused infections in ocean users. The councilman's plan would make the \$2 million funding contingent on the department conducting a study to increase wastewater recycling. He said the study should include a plan and timetable for the county to treat all wastewater dumped in injection wells to "R1" levels — safe enough to irrigate food crops.

Source:

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20100430/NEWS0103/4300351/Maui+seeks+re-use+of+wastewater>

51. *April 30, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Wastewater reaches creek near state fairgrounds.** Untreated wastewater from a construction site reached Four Mile Creek in Des Moines April 29, according to a news release from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR estimates about 1,000 gallons of wastewater reached the creek, located just east of the Iowa State Fairgrounds, when waste flows overloaded portable pumps. DNR noted that April 29, a contractor was working to install new sewer lines to connect nearby communities, including Altoona, to the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority. The agency indicated that portable pumps could not keep up with a sudden surge of wastewater, sending the sewage into a farm field. Some wastewater flowed into a low spot along the creek bank, with some of that reaching the water. The contractor built a dike to contain the sewage in the field, and may pump additional wastewater in the field back into the sanitary sewer, the DNR said.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/23310970/detail.html>

52. *April 28, KNDO 23 Yakima* – (Washington) **Mabton needs emergency loan to fix treatment plant issue.** The city of Mabton, Washington is asking for a \$20,000 emergency loan to fix a computer system at the city's waste-water treatment plant. A power failure over the weekend of April 22-23 let 370,000 gallons of raw sewage into the Yakima River because a backup generator didn't turn on or alert anyone. The treatment plant was up and running April 28 but the state department of ecology said the sewage cannot be cleaned up. That means there is an increased risk of exposure to E. coli down river from the plant. Mabton's mayor declined a formal interview request, but noted that the city is working with the ecology department to fix the issue.
Source: <http://www.kndo.com/Global/story.asp?S=12393752>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

53. *April 29, CNNMoney.com* – (National) **U.S. to hospitals: Clean up your act.** A new health law puts the nation's hospitals on strict notice. Either they improve the safety and quality of care for patients or the government will hit them where it hurts the most — their revenue. The legislation contains dozens of provisions, including fining hospitals, to reduce medical errors, hospital-borne infections and costly preventable readmissions. Those three issues alone drain billions of dollars annually from the health care system. Industry watchers and consumer advocates say the measures were sorely needed and will go a long way to protect patients and enhance efficiency in the system. But for hospitals, the new law could present a tough challenge. Readmissions cost the health care system about \$25 billion every year, according to consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers. To tackle the problem, beginning in 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will publish each hospital's readmission track record. Experts say high readmission rates — when patients return within 30 days of discharge — indicate hospitals aren't adequately addressing patient issues or they're discharging them prematurely. In 2012, Medicare will stop paying hospitals for preventable readmissions tied to health conditions such as heart failure or pneumonia. In 2014, HHS will expand that policy to cover four additional health conditions.
Source: http://money.cnn.com/2010/04/29/news/economy/healthreform_hospital_fines/

54. *April 29, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Foes question public stake in BU lab.** Opponents of the Boston University biolab project say the school should develop vaccines on the site for illnesses plaguing the community, such as cancer and AIDS, instead of agents for diseases that they say pose no public health threat to the area. Activists gathered before Wednesday night's public meeting on the project, which was held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, and spoke out against the facility, where scientists plan to hunt for vaccines for illnesses such as Ebola and to combat a plague. They said such research would put residents of the South End and Roxbury at risk without offering any benefits.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/04/29/foes_question_public_stake_in_bu_lab/

55. *April 29, Orange County Register* – (California) **Computers with patient data stolen.** St. Jude Heritage Healthcare in Fullerton, California, has notified about 22,000 patients that their personal health data might have been accessed after five computers were stolen. Heritage, which is affiliated with St. Jude Medical Center, sent letters about the theft last week, according to a hospital spokeswoman. The stolen data was password protected but not encrypted. Patient information might have included Social Security numbers, date of birth and diagnosis. Heritage is offering fraud monitoring services to those patients, who are also urged to put fraud alerts on their credit files. Fullerton police are investigating. In all, 22 computers were stolen, but only five contained patient records. Earlier this year, Heritage started encrypting medical data, but the process hasn't been completed.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/medical-246434-jude-data.html>
56. *April 28, Government Computer News* – (National) **Security and privacy laws — and patients — hold sway over NHIN.** The Nationwide Health Information Network is in limited production, allowing a small but growing group of organizations to securely exchange electronic health records. Participants include the Social Security Administration, the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments, MedVirginia, and Kaiser Permanente. The core capabilities of NHIN enable users to search and retrieve health information and securely exchange it, apply consumer preferences for sharing information, and use NHIN for other business operations, as authorized by the consumer. Although the network is intended to widely enable the exchange of electronic health information among providers, insurers and other organizations, patients have the last word on whether and how NHIN is used. The specifications include a consumer preference profile that specifies whether information can be shared via NHIN and what access to the records is allowed. A policy engine, which is part of the gateway software that connects organizations to NHIN, enforces those preferences. Agencies using the system must adhere to the Federal Information Security Management Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The network is expected to be expanded from its limited environment during the next 12 to 18 months, and nonfederal organizations can participate in the exchange only through a federally sponsored contract with a participating agency.
Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2010/05/03/nhin-sidebar.aspx>

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Government Facilities Sector

57. *April 30, American Statesman* – (Texas) **Texas Digest: Capitol security tapes confidential, court rules.** A Texas publication is not entitled to videotapes recorded from security cameras at the Capitol, the 3rd Court of Appeals ruled Thursday. The Texas Observer had requested the recordings, made during the 2005 legislative session, to determine whether prominent Republican campaign donor pressed lawmakers to pass a school voucher pilot program while standing outside the House chamber. Lobbying in that area is against House rules. In a 3-0 opinion, the appeals court said the images are exempt from open records laws, which allow government agencies to

withhold information relating to the specifications of security systems. Viewing DVD copies of the security tapes, the court reasoned, would reveal the Capitol security system's capabilities, such as the quality and clarity of images. The state attorney general's office had said the tapes should be released because their contents had nothing to do with security, but the Department of Public Safety fought the release, arguing that the information could compromise safety at the Capitol.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/texas-politics/texas-digest-capitol-security-tapes-confidential-court-rules-647855.html>

58. *April 30, Martinsburg Journal* – (West Virginia) **New security measures approved for courthouse.** New security measures are under way for the old Berkeley County Courthouse, action that's being taken as a direct result of an arson set there April 22, according to officials. The Berkeley county administrator said the plan was prepared by the county information technology director. She said the proposal is an "all-inclusive security plan for 100 W. King St. as per the request of commissioners and included 10 cameras, storage, licensing and fiber." Few specifics were provided on the details of the planned work because of security concerns, the county administrator said. The proposal's total cost was \$16,094, an amount that unanimously was approved by commissioners Thursday. The county administrator said the project will not have to be put out to bid.

Source: <http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/535872.html>

59. *April 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Texas 'terrorist' posts death threat against Obama.** A Dallas man describing himself as a terrorist threatened to kill the U.S. President in an online posting because he was upset about health care reform, according to a criminal complaint. The 43-year-old faces one count of making threats against the president. He made the death threats March 21 on Craigslist under a posting titled "Obama must die." The posting said he was following through on a promise to become a terrorist if the federal health care bill passed. "I am dedicating my life to the death of Obama and every employee of the federal government," the posting said. It ended with a call to arms: "This is war. Join me. Or don't. I don't care. I'm not laying down anymore." He said, "Today I become a terrorist." In a separate post the same night, he essentially dared others to turn him in to the Secret Service. A resident of Arlington, Texas reported the threats to the Secret Service. Agents tracked down the suspect at his Dallas home, where he lives with his mother. Police arrested him and seized his computer. They found no weapons in the residence.

Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hfnLVdpsv5FulQzy-0zUNd_fdUugD9FCSEL01

60. *April 29, Roanoke Valley Daily Herald* – (South Carolina) **Northampton beefs up security at courthouse, area.** There are two faces now regularly seen around the courthouse and the vicinity in Northampton County. The Northampton County Sheriff's Office recently assigned two deputies to secure and patrol the courthouse and surrounding areas. The effort, which started two months ago, is to aid in continuing to keep the area safe and secure, Sheriff's deputies are on duty in the area. "We look forward to providing a safe haven for those in the courthouse and courthouse square,"

said one sheriff. “They are doing a super job.” The sheriff noted there haven’t been any major security issues around the courthouse. “We have put them in place,” the sheriff said. “It has been a positive influence on traffic flow in and out of the courthouse.” The recommendation for additional security came from the North Carolina Rural Courts Commission in its report after the commission visited the Northampton County Courthouse in February 2008. The county commissioners allocated the sheriff funds for the deputies to provide security for the courthouse and courthouse square.

Source:

<http://www.rrdailyherald.com/articles/2010/04/29/news/doc4bd9d56f99583487642946.txt>

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Emergency Services Sector

61. *April 30, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Bomb-like device used to attack Irondale policeman.** Investigators are looking for a suspect they say tried to attack a police officer with a bomb-like device just before 7:00 at Colonial Village at Trussville Apartments in Irondale, Alabama. The officer was not hurt. The officer was sitting in his patrol car, which was parked in the apartment complex. He was working a security guard shift. At some point, a plastic bottle wrapped in aluminum foil was tossed at his car by someone on foot. The device hit the pavement next to the officer’s car and exploded, sounding like a shotgun blast. The homemade device is described by authorities as dangerous and similar to a chemical bomb. The officer was not able to get a good look at the suspect as the person fled on foot. Police will take the device and process it for evidence. If the officer had his window down with the device landing inside his car, he could have been seriously hurt. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was asked to assist in the investigation.
Source: <http://www.myfoxal.com/Global/story.asp?S=12402273>

62. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Prison fire likely sparked by secret booze.** A three-alarm fire that caused \$200,000 in damage to the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia and forced officials to evacuate the prison’s housing unit was likely caused by prisoners secretly making illegal booze, according to an investigation obtained by the Associated Press. The blaze was likely ignited when prisoners hiding containers filled with distilled fruit juice in a shower stall reacted with electrical wire that prisoners often used to heat the mixture, according to the report by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. No one was injured in the December blaze at the prison, which houses medium security male inmates. About 65 firefighters responded to the fire. The inmates would usually hang distilled fruit in plastic-lined cloth containers in a pipe chase behind the showers that was covered by a steel plate. They would often heat the “hooch” by using electrical wires that they tied into whatever circuits they could find. Investigators found two of these burned hooch containers in the pipe chase near the shower. They found evidence that someone had tampered with

the light fixture in the shower, leading them to conclude the blaze was caused by “human intervention.”

Source:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/national/south/view.bg?articleid=1251315&srvc=rss>

63. *April 30, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **DOD civil support guidance outdated.** The chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee Thursday released a pair of reports from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that recommend the Department of Defense (DOD) make improvements in its homeland defense and civil support operations. “These complimentary GAO reports demonstrate that significant gaps still exist in these vital support missions. From outdated strategies to a lack of coordination with federal partners, GAO describes a number of challenges that must be addressed immediately by DOD and its federal partners,” he said in a statement. The Homeland Security Committee held a hearing on response to threats posed by weapons of mass destruction earlier this month, highlighting the need for coordinated and well-planned homeland defense capabilities in response to a large-scale disaster. In the first report, *Homeland Defense: DOD Needs to Take Actions to Enhance Interagency Coordination for Its Homeland Defense and Civil Support Missions*, GAO recommended that the Defense Department update its guidance for working with other agencies and produce a guide for how agencies can work with it. The department also should improve its management of its liaisons with homeland defense and civil support authorities. The second report, *Homeland Defense: DOD Can Enhance Efforts to Identify Capabilities to Support Civil Authorities during Disasters*, recommended that the Defense Department update its civil support guidance, clearly define the roles and responsibilities of personnel who manage civilian requests for assistance, set up an official system for tracking civil support requests across the department, and assess the needs of staffing for its defense coordinating officers, who manage assistance requests in the event of large-scale disasters.
- Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/13107/128/>

64. *April 30, Avstop.com* – (California) **Air Station Humboldt Bay helicopter crashes at Arcata Airport.** Three Coast Guard aviators are safe after a Coast Guard helicopter from Air Station Humboldt Bay crashed at Arcata Airport at 10:55 a.m., Thursday. The helicopter had three crewmembers aboard when it went down during a training mission. The crewmembers were uninjured. The MH-65C Dolphin helicopter crew was conducting a training mission at the time of the incident. All three aviators walked away from the incident and were examined by emergency medical personnel at the air station. None of the crew sustained serious injuries. An initial investigation will be conducted by the air station’s safety officer. A mishap analysis board from Coast Guard headquarters will be assigned to investigate the cause of the crash further.
- Source: http://avstop.com/news_april_2010/air_station_humboldt_bay_helicopter_crashes_at_arcata_airport.htm

65. *April 29, Newbury Port Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Grenade scare forces police evacuation.** A hand grenade from World War II was cause for the temporary evacuation of the Salisbury, Massachusetts police station and a bomb squad investigation on April 28. Shortly before noon, a woman walked into the police dispatch center and gave the dispatcher a hand grenade. “She had been cleaning some things and found the hand grenade,” the police chief said. “It was her husband’s from World War II.” Police were unsure whether the grenade was live or not, so they immediately evacuated the station. An officer, who had previous experience with explosives while in the Marine Corps, secured the grenade while waiting for the bomb squad to arrive. “The bomb squad after the first X-ray believed the grenade was live,” the police chief said. “Upon further examination, they realized it was inert.” While the station was evacuated, 911 calls were relayed to the Amesbury police station. Amesbury and Newburyport police were covering Salisbury with patrols while Salisbury police were tied up with the potential explosive. “State police removed the grenade, and we cleared the building,” he said.

Source: <http://www.newburyportnews.com/local/x1901490346/Grenade-scare-forces-police-evacuation>

66. *April 29, Fire Fighting News* – (National) **Fire study shows effects of crew size on fire fighting operations.** A landmark study issued today by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) shows that the size of firefighting crews has a substantial effect on the fire service’s ability to protect lives and property in residential fires. Performed by a broad coalition in the scientific, firefighting and public-safety communities, the study found that four-person firefighting crews were able to complete 22 essential firefighting and rescue tasks in a typical residential structure 30 percent faster than two-person crews and 25 percent faster than three-person crews. The report is the first to quantify the effects of crew sizes and arrival times on the fire service’s lifesaving and firefighting operations for residential fires. Until now, little scientific data have been available. “The results from this rigorous scientific study on the most common and deadly fires in the country—those in single-family residences—provide quantitative data to fire chiefs and public officials responsible for determining safe staffing levels, station locations and appropriate funding for community and firefighter safety,” said one of the study’s principal investigators. The four-person crews were able to deliver water to a similar-sized fire 15 percent faster than the two-person crews and 6 percent faster than three-person crews, steps that help to reduce property damage and lower danger to the firefighters.

Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=78770>

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Information Technology Sector

67. *April 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Low confidence in virtual environment security.** There is a significant gap between the speed at which companies are willing to deploy virtualization and their security readiness to address the added complexity

that any new technology introduces, according to a Prism Microsystems survey of over 300 IT managers, security personnel, auditors, and administrators. The results of the survey indicate that companies are largely ignoring hypervisor-level security despite acknowledging the importance of monitoring the virtualization layer for risk mitigation. At the hypervisor layer, only 29% are collecting logs, 17% are reporting on activities and controls, 23% are monitoring user activity, and 18% are tracking access to critical data and assets. Other best-practices being ignored include separation of duty, with over 65% indicating that they have not implemented separation of duty between IT personnel responsible for the provisioning of virtual machines/virtual infrastructure and other administrator groups. This raises the risk for abuse by privileged insiders - a concern that is shared by over a third of respondents. A majority of respondents to the survey agree that traditional security products and solutions are insufficient to provide visibility into the virtual environment, yet they continue to use these solutions, citing lack of budget as a primary inhibitor. This implies that in the rush to adopt virtualization, security investments are not being factored in to project budgets.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9222>

68. *April 30, ZDNet Asia* – (International) **Easy-to-get Web certs undermine online trust.** "Get ready a credit card and a free Web mail account that is registered as 'ssladmin.' Go to a certificate authority (CA), such as VeriSign's RapidSSL. Now, register online for a secure Web certificate for a domain that may not necessarily be owned by the registrant." This simple process of attaining a legitimate Web security certificate is a security flaw made known and described in detail by a security expert in a March report on blog site Betanews. It is not a new security concern, either, according to a strategic solutions consultant at RSA, the security division of EMC. In an e-mail interview with ZDNet Asia, he said this is a "well-recognized problem" that security practitioners have known for a "fairly long time". "The commercial pressures [faced by CAs] led some of these companies to introduce 'domain validated (DV) only' SSL certificates, for which minimal verification is made of the details in the certificate," the consultant elaborated. Another industry player gave further insight into the CA industry.

Source: <http://www.zdnetasia.com/easy-to-get-web-certs-undermine-online-trust-62062987.htm>

69. *April 29, ComputerWorld* – (International) **Google patches Chrome for second time this month.** Google Inc. patched three vulnerabilities in the Windows version of Chrome recently, marking the second time that it has plugged security holes in the browser in April. The April 27 update to Chrome 4.1.249.1064 fixed three flaws rated "high," the second-most-severe threat ranking in Google's four-step system. Danish vulnerability tracker Secunia rated the update as "highly critical" under its own severity ranking. As is Google's practice, technical details of the vulnerabilities were hidden from public view, a tactic the company uses to prevent attackers from accessing the information until the majority of users have updated to the new version. Researchers credited with reporting two of the flaws were awarded bonuses as part of Google's bug bounty program, which kicked off in January. Most flaws earn their finders \$500, but a researcher was handed \$1,000 for the cross-origin bypass vulnerability he found in

Chrome's handling of Google URL, a code library used to parse large numbers of Web addresses.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176142/Google_patches_Chrome_for_second_time_this_month

70. *April 29, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft SharePoint bug exposes credentials, sensitive data.** Microsoft says it's investigating a security flaw in older versions of its SharePoint Server product that an independent researcher says can easily expose sensitive data and user authentication credentials. The XSS, or cross-site scripting, vulnerability has been confirmed in SharePoint Server 2007 and is likely also present in earlier versions of the content management system software, an advisory from High-Tech Bridge warned. It allows adversaries to inject malicious javascript into the application by appending commands to the address of the targeted system. "The vulnerability exists due to failure in the '/_layouts/help.aspx' script to properly sanitize user-supplied input in 'cid0' variable," the advisory states. "Successful exploitation of this vulnerability could result in a compromise of the application, theft of cookie-based authentication credentials, disclosure or modification of sensitive data." A Microsoft spokeswoman said on April 29 that researchers are in the process of drafting a security advisory that includes mitigation and workaround details. With 17 days notice, it's unclear why Redmond's security team did not already have that information ready to go.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/04/29/microsoft_sharepoint_security_bug/

71. *April 29, DarkReading* – (International) **Researchers lock down the hypervisor.** Researchers at North Carolina State University have come up with a tool that aims to eliminate one of the biggest risks to virtualization and cloud computing: attacks on the hypervisor. The so-called HyperSafe prototype blocks any new code — think malware — from getting into the hypervisor and restricts alterations to the hypervisor's code. The NC State research, funded by the U.S. Army Research Office and the National Science Foundation, focused on using features in the underlying hardware to help armor the hypervisor against attacks. The assistant professor of computer science at NC State and head of the research team that created HyperSafe, says the tool is integrated into the hypervisor itself, and that the research team used it on Xen and BitVisor hypervisors. "Existing hypervisors, such as Xen and BitVisor, need to be modified or extended to include HyperSafe...which enables the hypervisor with self-protection from code-injection attempts," the assistant professor said. HyperSafe would theoretically block threats, such as Blue Pill and Vitriol — hypervisor rootkits that inject malware into the hypervisor, he says. The tool uses two techniques to secure the hypervisor: nonbypassable memory lockdown and restricted pointer-indexing. Nonbypassable memory lockdown basically blocks any new code from the hypervisor, except for code introduced by the system administrator. So if a user downloads malware that exploits a buffer overflow bug in a hypervisor, it can't be compromised, according to the research.

Source: http://www.darkreading.com/database_security/security/app-security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224700240

72. *April 29, SC Magazine* – (International) **Infosecurity Europe: Data integrity attacks described as a future cyber crime threat.** In a keynote panel debate at Infosecurity Europe, data integrity attacks have been described as a real problem and as a future cyber crime threat. The director of Quocirca claimed that attacks on data were an area of concern and the problem lay in how to mitigate against the problem. Commenting, a Jericho Forum board member and global vice president of information security at Commerzbank said: “This is a problem for the industry as a whole, and the main concern is systems protecting against it. Much of security is concentrated on confidentiality and it is not concerned about giving the same degree of protection.” Speaking on behalf of the US Cyber Consequences Unit, a spokesman commented that the largest data integrity attack commonly seen was students changing their grades online, but there was an insider threat challenge with disgruntled employees and “that level of crime in the future is what we are worried about.” The vice president of log management at Tripwire said: “If someone changes data and someone impacts a critical component, there are paths that are able to know what is happening but this is something that a human element will not follow and you have to have clear policies on data, and what it should look like. You should be able to look at the data and see how it was changed, it comes down to managing people, processes and technology.” Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/infosecurity-europe-data-integrity-attacks-described-as-a-future-cyber-crime-threat/article/168899/>

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

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Communications Sector

73. *April 28, Congress Daily* – (National) **Questions prompt strong defense of broadband program.** A Democrat on the Senate Small Business Committee raised concerns on Tuesday that federal regulators are wasting taxpayer dollars by funding duplicative broadband infrastructure projects as part of the \$7.2 billion broadband stimulus program. A New Hampshire senator also pressed the heads of agencies within the Agriculture and Commerce departments on whether their awarding of grants to bring high-speed Internet service to certain parts of the country may have driven up commercial broadband deployment costs in some markets. An assistant commerce secretary who directs the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, responded by saying any claims that duplication exists are “not serious objections.” The assistant commerce secretary said his agency uses data on broadband penetration and speeds when choosing where to allot money, arguing that the need for broadband spending may not be apparent in certain areas where consumers have strong Internet connections in their homes but anchor institutions, including hospitals and

schools, continue to lack the necessary infrastructure.

Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100428_8219.php

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Commercial Facilities Sector

74. *April 29, KTVU 2 San Francisco* – (California) **Second Pacifica cliff apartment evacuated.** The erosion of a crumbling cliff in Pacifica continued to wreak havoc on the lives of residents still living in one of the seaside apartment buildings (320 Esplanade). On Thursday, people were told the structure has become too unstable for them to remain there and will have until Sunday night to evacuate. City officials who ordered residents to vacate the building did so out of seismic concerns. “The other day, we looked down at the cliff and really saw how bad it was,” said one resident. “I feel that the city is going to do the right thing by the people here,” said the resident. Because of the eroding cliff side, 330 Esplanade was red-tagged in December. Now 320 Esplanade will soon be empty as well.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/23314912/detail.html>

75. *April 28, WNEM 5 Saginaw* – (Michigan) **Goodwill store still closed after hazmat incident.** Emergency crews were called to the Goodwill in Bay County’s Bangor Township around noon Wednesday. Responding authorities said two women inhaled some type of powder from a canister. A Bay City Fire Department hazardous materials team was at the scene for a short time. Numerous red “hazardous materials” bags were stacked near the store. Authorities said the women, both employees at Goodwill, opened a container and an unknown white substance blew into the air. The store was shut down and investigators are still working to pinpoint what the substance was. It’s not clear how badly injured the women were or when the store is scheduled to reopen.

Source: <http://www.wnem.com/news/23292110/detail.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

76. *April 30, Pocono Record* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Rally protesting power line in national park will be held Saturday.** The Save the Park coalition is holding a rally and walk April 24 in the national park to protest the proposed Susquehanna-to-Roseland, New Jersey, power line route across federal land. The coalition formed in February in response to plans to route the 500,000-kilovolt transmission line through the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, crossing the Delaware River and the Appalachian Trail. The proposal calls for crossing into the recreation area near Fernwood Resort in Middle Smithfield Township. The National Park Service is conducting a federal environmental impact review. An organizer said the power line threatens to close Van Campen Brook to public trout fishing and could force relocation

of the Appalachian Trail.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100430/NEWS/4300371/-1/news>

77. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Washington) **300-gallon diesel spill at Dash Point State Park.** The oil sheen on Puget Sound near Federal Way from a diesel spill at Dash Point State Park is too thin for skimmers to pick up. State Ecology Department spokeswoman says the relatively light diesel spreads rapidly and evaporates. She said a greater concern Friday is ground at the park that was soaked when a nearly full 300-gallon tank emptied. The cleanup is likely to take days. A cleanup contractor, NRC Environmental Services, has been hired. Workers have put booms and absorbent pads in a creek at the park that flows into the sound. The fuel leaked from a fuel tank used by a contractor painting a nearby bridge. The spill was discovered Thursday night by a park ranger. Source: http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap_wa_dash_point_diesel_spill.html

78. *April 29, National Parks Travel Examiner* – (National) **Gulf Islands National Seashore: oil spill landfall update, NPS preparations continue.** The National Park Service (NPS) is continuing to make preparations for the oil spill that is predicted to reach Gulf Islands National Seashore's Mississippi District shores probably no later than Saturday night and possibly sooner. The unified command for response to the Deepwater Horizon explosion, sinking, and oil spill is predicting that landfall along the Mississippi River delta will come tonight. On the map above the Mississippi District of the national seashore is positioned at the center top just under the words "Jackson County." Yesterday, NOAA revised the estimation of the amount of oil that continues to flow from the sunken oil rig, putting it at five thousand barrels a day, up from one thousand barrels. To date, there have been no identified impacts to vulnerable natural and archeological resources or visitor services at Gulf Islands. NPS personnel continue to prepare to deal with the effects from the oil spill landfall and subsequent clean-up. More personnel are coming on board as needed and as it becomes more evident that this will be a long, on-going response operation. Some containment booms were put in place yesterday, with more scheduled to be deployed today. However, bad weather may restrict some of the work planned. The Gulf Islands team is coordinating with other national park areas including Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Padre Island National Seashore, De Soto National Memorial, Everglades National Park and the Dry Tortugas National Park. Source: <http://www.examiner.com/x-4661-National-Parks-Travel-Examiner~y2010m4d29-Gulf-Islands-National-Seashore-Oil-spill-landfall-update-NPS-preparations-continue>

79. *April 28, Desert Dispatch* – (California) **Fresh vandalism, theft reported at petroglyph site.** Art older than the Mona Lisa graces the Mojave Desert's vermilion rocks, yet the only security system that protects it is secrecy and a harsh landscape. With people accessing these remote areas with off-road vehicles, vandalism and theft has increased. In March, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received reports of people loading up rocks with petroglyphs into a pickup truck. People have also been

using Inscription Canyon for target practice. Bullet holes dot some of the remaining petroglyphs. Vandalism and theft of an archaeological site is a felony that can carry a 10-year prison sentence. Theft of archaeological sites includes stealing arrowheads, stone tools and coins. Anything that's more than 50 years old is considered an artifact. The Mojave River Valley Museum president and a volunteer with the Society for California Archaeologists' Site Stewardship Program encourages witnesses to vandalism and theft to get license plate numbers of the people involved if they can and to report it to the BLM or law enforcement.

Source: <http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/site-8385-mojave-art.html>

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Dams Sector

80. *April 30, Wheeling Intelligencer* – (West Virginia) **AEP repairing cracks in dam following fly ash spill.** Officials with American Electric Power (AEP) said cracks in a structure that caused a recent spill at an area fly ash pond should be repaired in about a week. AEP officials last week said the company was working with contractors to repair a spill, which occurred in the area of the Conner Run Dam off W.Va. 2 and Fish Creek Road in Marshall County. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection began investigating the leak after receiving reports of black water running into Fish Creek on April 14, officials said. “We stopped all water to the creek and reported the black water to the DEP spill line as soon as possible,” said an official last week. However, he was unsure how long the leak had been going on before it was discovered, and did say some wildlife was killed. All water flow from the pond was halted while crews cleaned up the spill. According to the official, the cleanup took about two days of around-the-clock work, and reported leaks were coming from “concrete stone logs” in the ash pond. The logs are used to control the level of the pond. Although there was no physical damage to the Conner Run Dam or the waterway flowing into the creek reported, in 2009, the National Inventory of Dams gave the Conner Run Dam a “high hazard rating.”

Source: <http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/537277.html?nav=510>

81. *April 26, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Work on Crystal Springs Dam about to begin.** Peninsula bikers and drivers face nearly three years of detours when a popular section of Skyline Boulevard is shut down this summer to clear the way for improvements to the 122-year-old Crystal Springs Dam. To make it possible to work on the dam, the narrow, aging bridge above the dam is slated to be demolished in August, closing Skyline Boulevard just south of Crystal Springs Road. Cyclists and motorists who use the scenic two-lane road as it runs alongside the Lower Crystal Springs Reservoir will be forced to take a long, steep detour to get to the other side of the dam. The planned dam improvements would more than double the width of the spillway, thicken the parapet wall atop the dam and raise the height of that wall by 9 feet, returning the level of the reservoir to its historic levels, allowing another 3.6 billion gallons of storage. A new, larger concrete stilling basin will be built at the bottom of the dam to accommodate the increased flow from the wider spillway.

Erosion control work also will be done along lower San Mateo Creek, below the 140-foot-tall dam.

Source: http://articles.sfgate.com/2010-04-26/bay-area/20868581_1_dam-spillway-road

82. *April 26, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Work begins at Waltham's Moody Street Dam.** The state began work April 26 on the catwalk and flashboard system at Waltham's Moody Street Dam, diverting water from upstream into Mother Brook and the Neponset River so inspectors could check for damage. The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) expects the river level to drop low enough by Wednesday, and that the flashboards will not be replaced until inspections are completed and any necessary repairs are made. The Moody Street Dam is located in Waltham, a city which suffered from flooding this spring after two hundred-year storms struck in less than two weeks.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/waltham/2010/04/work_begins_at_walthams_moody.html

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