



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 7 May 2010

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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### Top Stories

- The Associated Press reports that a truck explosion and fire at the AGE Refining facility in San Antonio on Wednesday threatened to ignite nearby fuel supplies. Residents and businesses were urged to stay at least one mile from the fire. The National Parks Traveler also reports that the explosion temporarily closed parts of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park. (See items [4](#) and [61](#))
- The Register reports that Facebook engineers on Wednesday disabled the site's live chat function after people outside the company discovered a bug that allowed users to eavesdrop on their friends' conversations. (See item [53](#))

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### Energy Sector

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

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

1. *May 6, Chico Enterprise Record* – (California) **Young Corning woman killed in head-on crash; tanker fire closes Highway 99.** A tanker truck loaded with gasoline and diesel fuel burned for several hours north of Chico Wednesday following an 8:45 a.m. head-on crash that claimed the life of a young woman. Highway 99 was closed in

both directions between Anita Road and South Avenue in Tehama County until 2:45 p.m., when it was opened to one-way controlled traffic. The CHP said it expected to fully open the road at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. Flames also burned into high-voltage power lines, which PG&E crews began replacing late Wednesday afternoon. Thick, black plumes of smoke from the crash could be seen from Chico and Paradise. Due to air quality concerns, residents living near the crash were initially advised to remain in their homes. That advice was later changed to recommend they evacuate the area. If that was not possible, they were advised to close doors and windows and keep ventilation systems off. An official with Williams Tank Lines said the truck had just loaded up with 1,500 gallons of diesel in the forward tank and 7,000 gallons of gasoline in the trailing tank.

Source: [http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci\\_15027740](http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_15027740)

2. *May 6, Associated Press* – (International) **Russian special forces storm oil tanker, free ship.** Russian special forces rappelled onto a disabled oil tanker taken over by Somali pirates and freed 23 Russian sailors early Thursday, the commander of the EU Naval Force said. Ten pirates were arrested and one was killed. The raid on the Liberian-flagged ship Moscow University came 24 hours after pirates had taken the ship over and the crew locked itself in a safe room. The vessel is carrying 86,000 tons of crude oil worth about \$50 million. The special forces had been aboard the Russian anti-submarine destroyer Marshal Shaposhnikov, which rushed to the scene after Wednesday's seajacking. A helicopter was dispatched to investigate and was fired on by the pirates, EU Naval Force said. The Russian warship returned fire on the pirates, it said.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gB7YMEDuCwwY9ncDOtPAkEI4-H2wD9FH8U480>

3. *May 6, CNN* – (Louisiana) **Containment dome arrives at gushing oil well site.** A four-story container has arrived at a spot in the Gulf Coast that is about 5,000 feet above a massive oil spill on the seabed, a spokesman for BP said Thursday. BP plans to lower the container into the water later Thursday, he said. "If all goes according to plan, we should begin the process of processing the fluid and stop the spilling to the sea on Monday," said BP's chief operating officer. But he added: "It's very complex, and it will likely have challenges along the way." The hope is that the container will collect the leaking oil, which would be sucked up to a drill ship on the surface. If the operation is successful, BP plans to deploy a second, smaller dome to deal with a second leak in the ruptured pipe, the company has said. Getting the large structure into position could take several days, BP said. The technique has never been attempted at the depth of about 5,000 feet underwater.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/05/06/gulf.oil.spill/?hpt=Sbin>

4. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Fuel fire stabilized after San Antonio refinery explosion.** One person was critically burned and one person remains missing following an explosion and fire at a San Antonio refinery. San Antonio's fire chief says they are still looking for the driver of a truck that exploded late Wednesday morning, causing

chain reaction blasts at the AGE Refining facility on the city's southeast side. The driver of another truck has been hospitalized with critical burn injuries. The fire chief says several other workers have been treated for injuries, but they have accounted for everyone but the driver of the truck that exploded. He says they are working to figure out if they can reach shut-off valves that would cut off the fuel while they tamp the flames down. A black plume of smoke was visible 40 miles away as firefighters went going door-to-door urging residents to stay at least one mile from the fire, which threatens to ignite nearby fuel supplies. The company, which serves the U.S. Air Force, handles jet fuel and diesel. The fire also affected plane and bus travel in the area, according to officials.

Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/92887949.html>

See item [61](#)

5. *May 5, The Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Storms hits WMass; thousands lose power.** A swiftly moving storm system, bringing with it heavy rain and estimated 50 mph winds, swept through the Pioneer Valley from Greenfield to Southwick Tuesday afternoon, knocking down scores of trees, causing thousands to lose electricity and creating havoc for police, firefighters and utility crews. Western Massachusetts Electric Co., the largest electrical utility in the area, reported more than 16,800 customers were without power as of 9 p.m. and electrical crews were scrambling to restore service. The National Grid and local utilities in Westfield and Holyoke also reported outages. At the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, the wind caused at least \$80,000 damage to a solar power energy array on the roof of the Knowles engineering building. Five solar panels were torn free.

Source: <http://www.masslive.com/metrowest/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-26/1273043727159050.xml&coll=1>

6. *May 4, HeraldNet and Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wind knocks out power; avalanche risk high in mountains.** An unusual winter-like storm swept through the Puget Sound area on May 3, knocking down power lines and increasing the risk of avalanches in the mountains. Wind gusts topped out at 47 mph in Everett by Monday afternoon. The high winds knocked tree branches onto power lines throughout Snohomish County. More than 15,000 people lost power throughout the day, a PUD spokesman said. Outages were reported in Marysville, Arlington, Smokey Point, Lake Stevens and Granite Falls, among other areas. By late evening, only 2,500 were without power. The National Weather Service has a winter storm warning in effect until 6 a.m. May 4 in the Cascades. The state Transportation Department has closed the North Cascades Highway because of avalanche danger. High winds and spring sunshine might make all that snow unstable, increasing the risk of avalanches, said the director of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center. The conditions can be particularly hazardous, since many people are not focused on avalanches in May, he said.

Source:

<http://www.enterprisewspapers.com/article/20100504/NEWS01/705049869/0/ETPZoneLT>

## **Chemical Industry Sector**

7. *May 6, Oregon Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Trailer leaking a chemical is contained near Woodburn.** A Salem hazardous materials crew helped clean up a spill north of Woodburn on Wednesday. A Reddaway company truck was headed from Portland to Salem when it stopped for an inspection three miles north of Woodburn, the Salem deputy fire marshal said. The driver found that the load inside one of two trailers had shifted and punctured a 55-gallon drum of sodium hydroxide, he said. The driver was able to back the leaking trailer over a retention area to contain the chemical, which is a strong cleaning agent, the deputy fire marshal said. He said sodium hydroxide is an acidic liquid cleaner that is an inhalation hazard and can burn skin if touched. He said he had no reason to think anyone had come into contact with the spill. HAZMAT responders and fire crews from Salem, Woodburn, Aurora and Oregon Department of Transportation wore protective gear when dealing with the spill. A cleanup company was called to deal with the truck. The spill was discovered about 1 p.m.  
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20100506/NEWS/5060347/1001>
8. *May 6, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Chemical spill forces evacuations in La Cygne.** A retirement home was evacuated Wednesday afternoon because of an acid spill at a chemical business. According to authorities, crews at a building on Industrial Street were unloading ferric chloride when it spilled. Hazardous materials crews from Overland Park were sent to help clean up the 300 gallons of the chemical that spilled. As a precaution, people within a quarter mile of the business were asked to leave. As of 4 p.m., residents were being allowed to return home.  
Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/news/23465675/detail.html>
9. *May 5, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Pool chemicals spill following Simi Valley traffic crash, road closed.** A section of a Simi Valley roadway was closed the morning of May 5 after several gallons of pool cleaning chemicals spilled following a traffic crash, authorities said. The crash was reported shortly before 10:40 a.m. at the intersection of Wood Ranch Park and Country Club Drive. At least three vehicles were involved in the collision, including a pool cleaning truck, said an officer of the Simi Valley police. Three people were taken to local hospitals with injuries from the crash, he said. One person was seriously injured, one had a moderate injury and one had a minor injury, said a captain of the Ventura County Fire Department. Three gallons of pool acid spilled as a result of the crash, Ventura County Fire Department officials said. The common pool cleaning chemicals — chlorine and muriatic acid — were quickly contained by fire department personnel. Officials estimated it would take about two hours to clean up the hazardous materials spill. Wood Ranch Parkway was closed from Madera Road to Lake Park Drive as a precaution, said the lieutenant.  
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/may/05/pool-chemicals-spill-following-simi-valley-crash/>
10. *May 5, Manchester Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Hazmat workers clean up chemical spill.** Rescue workers donned self-contained suits and breathing apparatus to

clean a chemical on May 4 that was so strong it ate out the floor of the tractor trailer where it spilled, a fire official said yesterday. Workers spent hours cleaning up the 30-percent hydrochloric acid solution from the parking lot at the Freudenberg plant at 450 Pleasant St., said fire captain. They also roped off the lot. Vapors from hydrochloric acid can burn the lungs and the skin of people, the captain said. She said the truck driver was using a two-wheeled cart to remove the plastic drum of the chemical when he noticed a leak. He moved the trailer away from the building and left the rear open. The Bristol Fire Department called for help from the Central New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Team. Freudenberg called in Clean Harbors, and the state Department of Environmental Services was also involved. Fellows said rescue workers used chemicals to control and neutralize the spill. Firefighters kept everyone at least 150 feet from the spill.

Source:

[http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire\\_News\\_Display/1180546885.html](http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire_News_Display/1180546885.html)

11. *May 5, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **Coast Guard officer overcome by fumes at Port of LA.** A Coast Guard officer was briefly hospitalized Wednesday after he was overcome by fumes from a flammable liquid during a routine check of cargo containers stored at the Port of Los Angeles, officials said. The man became nauseated around 10:30 a.m. at the TraPac terminal while examining a container holding acetone, an industrial solvent, a spokesman for the Coast Guard. He was taken to St. Mary Medical Center in Long Beach as a precaution and released, said a port spokesman. No evacuations were ordered by the Coast Guard or the Los Angeles Fire Department's hazardous materials crew. It was unclear whether the liquid had leaked from the cargo container, which was moved to a secure site for further examination, he said.  
Source: [http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci\\_15026263](http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_15026263)

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

12. *May 6, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Sanders: Vt. has lost confidence in nuke plant.** A U.S. Senator from Vermont told the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Wednesday that Vermonters have lost confidence in the owner of the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor because of ongoing problems at the plant, including this winter's radioactive leak of tritium and other isotopes. The Senator, a Vermont independent, speaking at an NRC oversight hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, also questioned the effectiveness of the NRC in enforcing federal regulations, noting none of the 27 nuclear reactors that have developed tritium leaks had faced any regulatory fines. He said he supported the Vermont senate's strong bipartisan vote earlier in the year against Vermont Yankee's continued operation. In Vermont, the Senator said, there is "overwhelming distrust of the plant," in large part due to the fact that company executives misled the public and state officials on the existence of underground pipes that leaked the radioactive tritium. "Vermont is showing the nation we do not need nuclear," the Senator said. The NRC Chairman told the Senator that the NRC had changed its oversight process and how it

dealt with such enforcement problems, noting it no longer fines plant operators for such issues.

Source:

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20100506/NEWS02/5060376/1003/NEWS02>

13. *May 6, Bloomberg* – (North Carolina) **Progress shuts Brunswick reactor in North Carolina after fault.** Progress Energy Inc. shut the Brunswick 1 reactor in North Carolina after a pump malfunctioned, according to a report from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The 938-megawatt unit shut after a reactor feed pump tripped offline, which caused water levels to fall, according to a regulatory filing. The unit is in “hot shutdown,” meaning parts of the plant remain heated and pressurized so the unit can return to service more quickly. Brunswick 2, another unit at the site two miles north of Southport with a capacity of 937-megawatts, is operating at full capacity.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aaXeOnTb91H0>

14. *May 4, Treasure Coast Palm* – (Florida) **St. Lucie Nuclear Plant ‘clean and safe,’ with only one issue needing monitoring, regulators say.** In their annual performance review of FPL’s St. Lucie (Florida) Nuclear Power Plant for 2009, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspectors deemed the Hutchinson Island facility “clean and safe” with only one matter that requires additional oversight. “These annual assessments are required by statute and are our view of the plant’s performance in 2009,” said the NRC public affairs officer. Calling the two-reactor plant a “great, safe, clean plant,” an on-site NRC inspector said the agency identified 12 findings of “very low safety significance” last year and one incident that resulted in a “yellow” risk determination or substantial safety issue. In the case where the plant failed to meet a NRC safety benchmark, the problem centered less on the incident itself than the time it took for plant managers to fully explore and understand the cause. In the last quarter of 2008 and again in the last three months of 2009, the plant’s Unit 1 reactor experienced air intrusion into its component cooling system. The component-cooling water system is separate from water contained in the reactor core, which was never in jeopardy. Though the incidents did not threaten plant safety or cause any specific mechanical problems when they occurred, the introduction of air into any hydraulic system poses at least the potential for trouble, such as causing the pumps that circulate the water to seize. However, “the plant never lost functionality,” the NRC inspector said. Though the cause of the intrusion was eventually determined and rectified, regulators felt Florida Power & Light could have been more timely in reaching its conclusions as to how the intrusion occurred.  
Source: <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2010/may/04/st-lucie-nuclear-plant-clean-and-safe-with-only/>

15. *May 4, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **EPA says Ariz. uranium mine operating illegally.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said a uranium mine north of the Grand Canyon is operating in violation of the law and its owner could face thousands of dollars in fines. The EPA contends Denison Mines Corp. failed to apply for and obtain federal approval for its Arizona 1 Mine, about 20 miles from the Grand Canyon’s northern border. The EPA said the former approval for the mine expired

when the mine became inactive in the early 1990s. Denison restarted operations late last year and plans to mine 110,000 tons of uranium ore per year at the site. Denison's president said he was surprised by the notice and that he would work with the EPA to address the issues raised.

Source: <http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=12425534>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

16. *May 5, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Paper bales catch fire at former Waterloo Industries plant.** Paper bales caught fire over the noon hour at Corkery Industries, a scrap metal processor which is located in the former Waterloo Industries manufacturing plant in Waterloo, Iowa. Smoke could be seen emanating from the building. Employees were removing paper bales from the building, Courier staff at the scene said. Firefighters were called shortly before noon and had the fire under control within about a half hour but were standing by in the event of rekindling.  
Source: <http://dailyme.com/story/2010050500004656/brief-paper-bales-catch-fire-waterloo.html>
17. *May 5, Reuters* – (National) **GM recalls over 126,000 Hummer H3s.** General Motors Co is recalling about 126,130 Hummer H3 models to address the risk that part of the hood could detach from the vehicle while driving. GM said in a filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that clips holding the hood louver on some of the vehicles could break, causing the part to break loose and strike a vehicle behind the Hummer in traffic. The recall covers 2006 through 2010 model year Hummer H3 vehicles.  
Source:  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6442M020100505?type=domesticNews>
18. *May 4, Reuters* – (International) **Nissan recalls Infiniti G35 sedans, coupes.** Nissan Motor Co recalled Infiniti G35 sedans and coupes affecting as many as 134,000 cars due to a connector that could cause airbags not to deploy during a crash, U.S. regulators said on Tuesday. The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said as many as 134,215 Infiniti G35 sedans from model years 2005-2006 and G35 coupes from model years 2005-2007 are subject to the recall. The affected models were made at a Nissan plant in Japan. No injuries or accidents have been reported. NHTSA said a wire harness for the airbags may wear down to the point that it could interrupt a signal to deploy the airbags in the event of a crash. Most of the vehicles involved are in the United States, but cars are also recalled in South Korea, Canada, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, Guam, and the Middle East. Nissan informed federal officials of the potential problem two weeks ago, NHTSA reports show.  
Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idINIndia-48218420100504>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

19. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **2 dead after explosion at Ala. Army base.** Two contract workers died after being injured in an explosion while removing a propellant from rockets at Redstone Arsenal, where the Army conducts missile and weapons research. The public affairs office at the post in Huntsville said the two died Wednesday night after being flown to the burn unit at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. Both worked for a Redstone contractor, Amtech Corp., and were injured in an explosion at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday while removing ammonium perchlorate from rockets at a test site. There was no word on what caused the explosion, which left part of the building in wreckage. A third worker was nearby but escaped harm, and there was no environmental impact from the accident, the Army said. A statement from a Deputy Public Affairs Officer said the building recently passed safety inspections and was designed to minimize the impact of possible explosions, but “the work that we perform is inherently dangerous work.”

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ib9IO6WUJd3Owlp6BCvi2XcNBB3wD9FHE3RO0>

20. *May 6, Naval Open Source Intelligence* – (National) **Raytheon-Boeing team demonstrates JAGM can be employed from Super Hornet.** Raytheon Company and The Boeing Company completed wind tunnel testing of the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile. The test proved the team’s JAGM can be flown and employed from the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet’s outboard wing station. “The warfighter can place a full Raytheon-Boeing JAGM missile load on the outer wing stations, enabling the system to safely exceed the objective load-out requirement on the Super Hornet,” said the Raytheon vice president of Advanced Missiles and Unmanned Systems. The Raytheon-Boeing offering features a Boeing body and warhead combined with a Raytheon tri-mode seeker. The tri-mode seeker, which leverages the same technology used on the Raytheon GBU-53/B Small Diameter Bomb II, enables the weapon to attack a variety of fixed and moving targets in all weather conditions.

Source: [http://nosint.blogspot.com/2010/05/raytheon-boeing-team-demonstrates-jagm.html?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+blogspot/fqzx+\(Naval+Open+Source+INTelligence\)](http://nosint.blogspot.com/2010/05/raytheon-boeing-team-demonstrates-jagm.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+blogspot/fqzx+(Naval+Open+Source+INTelligence))

21. *May 6, Idaho Statesman* – (Idaho) **Chemical fire puts Micron worker in the hospital.** A Micron employee suffered burns to his head and arms in a fire on the company’s East Boise campus Tuesday morning. Three emergency workers — two Ada County paramedics and a Boise firefighter — were briefly hospitalized as a precaution due to possible exposure to chemicals. The injured employee was decontaminated by Boise Fire Department’s hazardous materials experts before being taken to an area hospital. A Boise fire spokeswoman said regular operations at the Micron campus were not affected. Police officials say it appears the employee was wearing required protective gear and working with undisclosed chemicals in a small room — about six feet by eight feet — in building 24c when the substances reacted and caused a small “flash fire.” The fire was extinguished almost immediately by sprinklers

inside the building. A Micron emergency response team got the man outside the room, and Boise fire crews and paramedics arrived a short time later. The room that caught fire is where waste chemicals used in the manufacture of semi-conductors are mixed together to be made stable so they can be removed from the Micron campus and safely disposed of. Two Micron buildings were evacuated for about a hour. Building 24c remained closed off and Boise fire crews continued to participate in the cleanup effort. Those crews will have undergo the decontamination procedures, and ambulances and fire equipment will also need to be thoroughly ventilated and washed with soapy water as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2010/05/05/1178795/chemical-fire-puts-micron-worker.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

22. *May 6, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **Seven South Floridians charged in mortgage fraud scheme.** Seven South Floridians were indicted on charges they took part in a mortgage fraud scheme that defrauded three financial institutions out of about \$5 million in loans. Each were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire and bank fraud. According to the indictment, unsealed Wednesday, two of the men were employed at Infinity Mortgage Solutions in Miami and were involved in the fraudulent financing of mortgages for at least eight residential properties in Miami-Dade County. The two allegedly recruited individuals to pose as purchasers of the properties, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. The others acted as straw buyers. Once the properties were purchased, the men allegedly made mortgage payments until the properties could be flipped at an inflated price and used the profits to purchase more properties, according to the news release. “Eventually, they stopped making the loan payments and the properties went into foreclosure, resulting in significant losses to Countrywide Home Loans, Fremont Investment & Loan, WMC Mortgage and other lenders,” the news release stated. If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison on each count of conspiracy and wire fraud.

Source:

<http://southflorida.bizjournals.com/southflorida/stories/2010/05/03/daily69.html>

23. *May 5, IDG News Service* – (International) **Hacker develops multi-platform rootkit for ATMs.** One year after his Black Hat talk on Automated Teller Machine security vulnerabilities was yanked by his employer, a security researcher plans to deliver the talk and disclose a new ATM rootkit (bugs in the software used to run the machines) at the computer security conference. He will demonstrate several ways of attacking ATM machines, including remote, network-based attacks. He will also reveal a “multi-platform ATM rootkit,” and will discuss things that the ATM industry can do to protect itself from such attacks. He was set to discuss ATM security problems at last year’s conference, but his employer, Juniper Networks, made him pull the presentation after getting complaints from an ATM maker that was worried that the information he had

discovered could be misused.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176371/Hacker\\_develops\\_multi\\_platform\\_rootkit\\_for\\_ATMs](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176371/Hacker_develops_multi_platform_rootkit_for_ATMs)

24. *May 5, eWeek* – (International) **How cyber-crooks turn stolen data into money on eBay.** In a quickswapping scheme, a cyber-crook will use sites such as eBay or Amazon to offer an expensive item at a cheap price. After a deal is reached, the scammer will make an enticing offer — they will agree to ship the item to the buyer and only accept payment after the person has checked it out. Next, the scammer will use credit card information he or she previously pilfered with malware such as Zeus to purchase the item and send it to the buyer. After the buyer sends the agreed payment via Western Union or WebMoney, the scammer disappears, leaving the person whose card was stolen with an illegal charge and the quickswapping buyer at risk of having the item confiscated by police as stolen merchandise. While quickswapping is new, it is very similar to a reshipping scam. “As recently as two or three years ago, these types of scams were run by one to two individuals or groups, but as online fraud increases in both numbers and sophistication there has become a growing need for specialization within each portion of the scam,” the senior manager of identity protection and verification at RSA told eWeek.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/How-CyberCrooks-Turn-Stolen-Data-into-Money-on-eBay-603320/>

25. *May 5, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **N.J. exec pleads guilty over online stock scam.** The New Jersey executive admitted on Wednesday to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud before a U.S. district judge in Newark, New Jersey, U.S. Investigators including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accused the executive and a colleague of diverting money from clients of three companies they ran, despite saying the money was being invested safely. The men diverted money from clients of their Sherbourne Capital Management Ltd and Sherbourne Financial Ltd, to their payroll services company Ameripay LLC, and diverted money from Ameripay clients to cover other obligations. The Saddle Brook resident was released on bail pending an August 4 sentencing, where under recommended federal guidelines he could receive a prison term of 97 to 121 months plus a fine. He also agreed to make \$10.2 million of restitution to victims. The scheme ran from December 2004 to May 2009, and that the case against the colleague is still pending.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6445EL20100505?type=domesticNews>

26. *May 4, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Gauze-wearing bandit uses improvised explosive device to Rob Wyncote Bank.** The FBI is searching for a bandit who used an apparent improvised explosive device to rob a Montgomery County bank Tuesday afternoon. The heist happened shortly before 3 p.m. at the Citizens Bank branch located at 3201 West Cheltenham Avenue in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. According to investigators, the suspect entered the bank carrying a bag. He presented a threatening demand note to a teller, and displayed what appeared to be an improvised explosive

device in the bag he was carrying. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled the scene on foot.

Source: <http://cbs3.com/local/Wyncote.Montgomery.County.2.1674957.html>

27. *May 4, DarkReading* – (International) **Adobe’s new privacy feature for Flash clashes with online fraud detection.** When Adobe releases Flash Player 10.1 in the next couple of months, users of the application will have clearer, easier-to-set privacy options for their browser cookies. But more user privacy comes at the expense of fraud detection processes: The upgraded software is likely to disrupt some ecommerce and online banking sites that rely on cookies as another layer to authenticate their customers. Many ecommerce and online banking sites use these so-called user “tags” to confirm the user is legitimate and to prevent unauthorized access to legit user accounts on their sites. But Adobe’s move to let users wipe Flash cookies clean signals the end of this practice, security experts say, making it obsolete in the next three years. If Flash’s new privacy features are widely adopted by users, then it will have a major ripple effect on online banking, says a vice president and analyst at Gartner. Businesses will be forced to adopt different fraud prevention approaches, which she says is good news for fraud detection: “Banks and others will have to rely on more sophisticated technologies,” she says. “Flash objects and cookies are good at identifying good people, but they do nothing to identify bad people. Bad people aren’t going to have these objects on their PCs.” Some of the largest financial institutions and ecommerce players already are starting to implement alternative authentication methods, she says. She suggests clientless device identification as well as secure downloads of tagging software users can be prompted to execute.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/app-security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224700726&subSection=Application+Security>

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## **Transportation Sector**

28. *May 6, Associated Press* – (New York) **Bridge reopens after NYPD investigates abandoned truck, X-rays it, finds nothing.** A suspicious truck abandoned Wednesday several yards from a toll booth near the Manhattan side of the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge turned out to be empty and not a threat, the New York Police Department said. The NYPD bomb squad and other emergency responders rushed to the scene. The bridge reopened for traffic after being closed briefly Wednesday night. A police spokesman said a bridge authority officer believed he smelled gasoline coming from the truck and he saw a man flee the vehicle. Police X-rayed the truck and cut a hole in the side and discovered it was empty. They inspected the engine and the undercarriage. “Nothing was found,” the spokesman said. Police were looking to speak to the person who abandoned it. “We don’t know why he fled,” the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/article/d9fh6pro0/bridge-reopens-after-nypd-investigates-abandoned-truck-x-rays-it-finds-nothing.html>

29. *May 6, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Sea-Tac airport evacuation caused by battery charger.** A partial evacuation of Sea-Tac Airport was caused by a battery charger smoking inside a bag near gate A-3. An employee-only area of Sea-Tac airport was evacuated after firefighters received a report of a smoking bag in a baggage handling room. The FBI, a Port of Seattle bomb squad and other law enforcement responded at 5:30 a.m., airport an spokeswoman said. The bomb squad destroyed the bag and the smoking item was determined to be some sort of battery charger.  
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/23472695/detail.html>
30. *May 5, Aviation Week* – (National) **FAA sanctions against Atlas Air.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plans to assess \$572,150 in civil penalties against Atlas Air of Purchase, NY, a scheduled air cargo airline, for alleged violations of the Federal Aviation Regulations. The FAA alleges that Atlas Air incorrectly installed a replacement cockpit window on a Boeing 747F, and then operated the aircraft on 49 flights between April 4 and April 27, 2009, when it was not in compliance with those regulations. The FAA said Atlas Air replaced one of the windows at the first officer's position, but failed to use the methods, techniques and practices specified in the manufacturer's maintenance manual or alternate procedures accepted by the FAA for the B-747F. The airline then approved the aircraft for return to service. As a result, the replacement window suffered pressurization leaks while in flight according to multiple reports made by crews operating or maintaining the aircraft. The FAA has proposed a penalty of \$506,150 for those violations.  
Source: [http://www.aviationtoday.com/asw/topstories/FAA-Sanctions-Against-Atlas-Air\\_68027.html](http://www.aviationtoday.com/asw/topstories/FAA-Sanctions-Against-Atlas-Air_68027.html)
31. *May 5, Computerworld* – (National) **Bomb attempt leads to tighter No Fly List rules.** The close call Monday in which a suspected terrorist nearly took off on a plane to Dubai after a botched bombing attempt in New York City has led the Transportation Security Administration to tighten procedures for checking passengers against the U.S. government's No Fly List. Effective immediately, airlines will be required to review No Fly Lists within two hours of being notified of a list update, according to an official at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Up to now, airlines had 24 hours to review the lists after receiving word of an update. The new requirement is designed to ensure that airlines vet "expedited additions" to the No Fly List in a timely fashion, the official said.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176346/Bomb\\_attempt\\_leads\\_to\\_tighter\\_No\\_Fly\\_List\\_rules](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176346/Bomb_attempt_leads_to_tighter_No_Fly_List_rules)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

32. *May 6, Anniston Star* – (Alabama; International) **Colorado man charged in anthrax hoax at congressman's Anniston office.** A Colorado man who allegedly mailed threatening letters and white powder to a U.S. Representative faces federal charges of mailing hoax anthrax letters. The 41 year-old, who hails from Denver, was charged by the U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama Wednesday in relation to hoax anthrax mailings that temporarily shut down the Representative's Anniston, Alabama office in January. The suspect also is accused of similar mailings to two Republican U.S. senators. He is already in federal custody in Colorado, where he faces charges of threatening communications. Court documents from the Colorado district paint the suspect as a man engaged in a bizarre campaign of harassment by mail. He mailed packages containing white powder to Argentinian consulates and embassies in February, according to an affidavit by a FBI agent. Some of the packages, the affidavit said, were marked "Por los Desparacidos," an apparent reference to dissidents killed in Argentina during the "Dirty War" of the 1970s.  
Source: [http://annistonstar.com/view/full\\_story/7328222/article-Colorado-man-charged-in-anthrax-hoax-at-congressman's-Anniston-office?instance=1st\\_left](http://annistonstar.com/view/full_story/7328222/article-Colorado-man-charged-in-anthrax-hoax-at-congressman's-Anniston-office?instance=1st_left)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

33. *May 5, KOVR 13 Sacramento* – (California) **Driver in coconut oil spill investigated for drugs.** The Sacramento (California) Police Department said the driver of a truck that wrecked and spilled coconut oil across a busy South Sacramento street is being investigated for drug use. Fire crews said a tanker truck driver was having a hard time handling his truck when it flipped on its side on Florin-Perkins Rd. and Belvedere Ave. at around 2 a.m., May 5. It could take several hours, possibly an entire day, before the 57,000 pounds of slippery coconut oil is cleaned from the affected street and drainage ditches. "These ditches are about two to three feet deep. We may need to get a vacuum truck in to suck up the product out of the ditches, and then they'll take maybe the top layer of dirt that it soaked into to get everything out of here," said a Sacramento Fire Department spokesman. The slick mess will require some special equipment and may even require repaving part of the roadway.  
Source: <http://cbs13.com/local/coconut.oil.spill.2.1675770.html>
34. *May 5, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Ky. agriculture hard hit by flooding.** Flash flooding that swamped stretches of cropland has left some farmers facing the costly prospect of starting over with spring planting as Kentuckians continued to assess damage from the deadly torrents of weekend rain. More than half of Kentucky's counties declared states of emergency, and the governor May 5 asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for federal disaster assistance for drenched Kentucky farmers. Across rural Kentucky, it's too early to put a dollar figure on crop losses, but in some areas more than half the corn crop was probably destroyed in portions of western Kentucky, said a spokesman for the state Department of Agriculture. The wheat crop suffered significant damage, he said, but the situation

“may be salvageable” for many farmers, depending on the depth of flood waters and how soon they recede. There were reports of widespread damage to fences, barns and other farm buildings, he said. In a letter to the USDA Secretary May 5, Kentucky’s governor noted that the flooding had impacted all facets of Kentucky’s agricultural industry even though the flooding has not yet reached its peak. The governor’s office said the written request was the first step toward the process of obtaining a Secretarial Disaster Declaration, which would make federal assistance available to farmers statewide.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2010/05/05/1253381/ky-agriculture-hard-hit-by-flooding.html>

35. *May 5, Eat, Drink and Be* – (Oregon) **17 people sickened in Oregon salmonella outbreak.** Oregon health officials have confirmed an additional 10 cases of Salmonella from people who ate at Los Dos Amigos Mexican Restaurant in Roseburg, Oregon, in mid-April. The update brings the total number of food poisoning victims to 17. “We have not been able to pinpoint the source, whether that is a food item, whether there is cross-contamination. We have not been able to do that, but we do have sampling that is pending, and those results should be in later this week,” a spokeswoman for the Douglas County Health Department told CBS 4 News. Officials are still investigating the outbreak to pinpoint a source by interviewing people who ate at the restaurant and testing food items. The spokeswoman said the restaurant has been fully cooperating with officials to identify and correct the potential cause.

Source: [http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0505\\_or\\_updateoresalmonella](http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0505_or_updateoresalmonella)

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## **Water Sector**

36. *May 5, WBZ 38 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Backup water system used during water emergency was not contaminated.** Test results released on Wednesday reveal that the backup water system used during the water emergency earlier this week was not contaminated. Officials tapped into the backup system after a pivotal pipeline that carries millions of gallons of water to Boston and surrounding areas leaked. Immediately after the break, a boil water order was issued for 2 million consumers because the MWRA began using untreated reservoirs to supplement the system. Test results from water samples taken during the emergency show the water was not contaminated — something officials did not know when issuing the order, since test results take more than a day. “Under federal law, once you treat the water, it cannot reach open air until it reaches the customer, and so therefore, whenever there is a breach in the water system, you must issue a boil water alert,” explained a spokesman of the MWRA. Immediately after the break was fixed, crews began to focus on finding the metal collar that caused all the damage. It washed into the Charles River on Saturday, along with 250 million gallons of water. Officials with the MWRA are getting ready to dredge part of the Charles River to find the metal ring. “We’ll be removing the soil. We’ll be storing it on site. No materials will be leaving the site. As the buckets of material come in, we’ll be looking for the collar, pieces of the collar or

pieces of the break.”

Source: <http://wbztv.com/local/water.main.break.2.1676398.html>

37. *May 5, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Oily substance leaks into the Boise River.** An oily substance seen spilling into the Boise River Wednesday afternoon has been stopped. It was around 12:30 p.m. when hazardous materials crews arrived to contain the slick substance. They immediately put down absorbent booms and pads, and by 3 p.m. the leak was contained. Officials still do not know exactly what it is, where it came from, or how much of it spilled. The booms that crews put out the spillway to soak up the oily substance are gone, so is the vac truck that they used to suck up whatever they could, but an oily sheen still remains. It was around the lunch hour that someone on the Greenbelt saw something on the Boise River that did not belong. “Firefighters got on scene immediately quickly started putting out booms and rags to try to contain and mop up as much as they could,” said a spokeswoman of the Boise Fire Dept. The State’s Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) believes the spill was contained before it could do any permanent damage. “At this point, there does not appear to be any impact to the wildlife or the river. Fortunately they got on it quick and it appears to be a very small release,” said a spokeswoman of DEQ.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/local/Boise-Fire-is-responding-to-a-mysterious-substance-that-is-leaking-into-the-Boise-River-92897109.html>

38. *May 4, Nashville City Paper* – (Tennessee) **Conservation not working; city’s reserves dip to 37 percent capacity.** “Nashvillians” do not appear to be heeding a state order to conserve water in Davidson County. Customers were asked to cut their usage by half when one of the city’s two water treatment plants flooded Saturday night. But many Nashvillians continued to water lawns — often by sprinklers automatically set by a timer — and wash cars splattered with dirt and mud from the record weekend rainfall. On Monday, Metro’s water reserve was at 64 percent of its capacity. The available supply dipped to 48 percent Tuesday morning, and by afternoon it was down to 37 percent. The Metro Water Services’ director has been urging customers to cut their usage as he provides incremental updates on the city’s dwindling reserves. Metro police have asked Nashville’s private car wash operators to close up shop until the water shortage has passed. But contrary to some reports, police are not cruising the city and shutting down operations doing business. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation issued a statewide mandatory order to cut water usage in half on Tuesday, the first time it has ever done so on such a scale.

Source: <http://nashvillecitypaper.com/content/2010-flood/water-conservation-not-working-city-s-reserves-dip-37-percent-capacity>

39. *April 7, United Press International* – (National) **Beetle-infested forests pose water threat.** U.S. forest managers say threats to watersheds from fire-prone dying forests are so severe they need help from local water utilities, ski resorts, and others. The crisis, experts say, is a beetle epidemic that has killed more than 17 million acres of national forest, The Denver Post reported Wednesday. The Forest Service spends nearly \$1 billion a year to clear and treat beetle-ravaged forests, but it is looking for help, the newspaper said. “The federal government does not have enough resources to deal with

this,” said the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s undersecretary for natural resources and environment. The problem is erosion and sediment, which can clog reservoirs and water delivery systems, the Post said. But enlisting the aid of local water utilities like Denver Water in funding the removal of infested trees could mean higher water rates for consumers, utility officials say. Denver Water is considering the government’s request for help. “It’s in our self-interest,” said the president of Denver’s Board of Water Commissioners. “It will be far more cost-effective to manage the watershed than it would be to wait for another forest fire to occur.” Dealing with erosion after a 2002 forest fire is expected to cost Denver Water \$41 million, and contractors are still dredging reservoirs and clearing pipes, the Post said.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2010/05/05/Beetle-infested-forests-pose-water-threat/UPI-29991273102365/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2010/05/05/Beetle-infested-forests-pose-water-threat/UPI-29991273102365/)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

40. *May 5, Reuters* – (National) **Bar-code system lowers medication errors: study.** Using a bar code on patient wristbands cut drug errors by more than half, researchers at one U.S. hospital reported on Wednesday. Researchers at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston found a bar-code system that matched patients with their medicines reduced the chance of getting the wrong drug by 57 percent. “Having this technology is a good thing,” a doctor at Brigham and Women’s said in a telephone interview. “Patients receive a lot of medications when hospitalized. It’s good to have the additional safety net.” The chances of getting the wrong dose fell 42 percent and of getting a drug when no doctor ordered it fell 61 percent, the doctor’s team reported in the New England Journal of Medicine. Under the system, bar codes on the patient’s wristband and on the drug container let nurses cross-check the person’s identity against the medicine about to be given. It is usually part of a larger electronic medication administration system that also uses bar codes.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6445NV20100505>

41. *May 5, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Fire causes significant damage at UNM medical lab.** A fire that broke out shortly before 9:00 at a lab building near the campus of the University of New Mexico Hospital Wednesday morning caused significant damage before firefighters were able to put it out. According to fire officials, two maintenance men were working on a generator on the first floor of UNM Health Sciences Center building at about 8:45 when they noticed smoke emitting from it. They called the fire department, but the blaze rapidly grew out of control and had spread upward to the third floor before fire fighters managed to douse it. No injuries were reported. Some 400 people were evacuated from the building and people who needed to get to the hospital were told to enter from the west side of the campus.

Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S1545092.shtml?cat=504>

42. *May 4, Health Day* – (National) **H1N1 fears led to overcrowded ERs.** A new study suggests that last year’s H1N1 pandemic led to overcrowding of pediatric emergency

rooms as worried parents rushed their children to be examined. “Our study shows that public fear of disease, even when actual disease is not present, can bring about the problems of emergency department overcrowding,” said the assistant professor of pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine and adjunct professor of law at the University of Utah. He and his colleagues studied patients at a pediatric emergency department over three week-long periods. The first week was before concern over H1N1 (also known as swine flu), the second was before the disease was publicized but had not appeared in the community, and the third was when local people were getting sick. Compared to the first week, the number of patients grew by 16.3 percent in the second week period, which the researchers called “fear week.” Kids aged 1-4 years made up more than half of the increase. During the third week, known as “flu week,” the number of patients was 22.4 percent above the level during the first week, and kids aged 5-18 accounted for 91.7 percent of the increase. The research is scheduled to be released Tuesday at the Pediatric Academic Societies annual meeting in Vancouver.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/638456.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

43. *May 6, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Bomb squad called to investigate suspicious package near Army recruiting center.** The bomb squad was called to a Brookfield, Wisconsin, shopping center to examine a suspicious package outside the Armed Forces Recruiting Center. The squad determined the package was not dangerous. Recruiters at the center called police to report the package after they saw someone acting suspiciously. Businesses nearby were evacuated as a precaution. Police are trying to figure out who left the boxes and why.

Source: <http://www.fox6now.com/news/witi-100506-suspicious-package,0,3787386.story>

44. *May 6, Post Tribune* – (Indiana) **Bomb threats empty four schools in Gary.** Police and school district officials are working to identify who called in a string of bomb threats at four Gary, Indiana Community School Corp. schools Wednesday morning. Initial calls were made at around 7:30 a.m. to West Side and Roosevelt high schools, Lincoln Achievement Center and Banneker Achievement Center, both elementary schools. Police believe all four calls originated from the same person, but declined to provide additional information while they investigate leads in the case. No one was injured and investigators found no evidence of bombs at any of the school buildings. The cost for emergency response services will be passed onto the individual who made the calls, according to a spokeswoman for Gary public schools. “Our priority is to keep students safe,” the spokeswoman said, “and to identify the person and hold them responsible.” Students were evacuated and waited in fields or playgrounds nearby the schools until the superintendent’s office received word that the campuses were secure. Police determined the calls were placed by a voice that sounded like a young man’s, the spokeswoman said. Earlier calls into the high schools and Lincoln made threat demands

asking for \$1 million to be dropped at various road intersections.

Source: <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/2240834,new-gthreats0506.article>

45. *May 5, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Bomb threat closes College of the Sequoias temporarily.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation of thousands of College of the Sequoias (COS) students just after 11 a.m. May 4. The Visalia, California college's human resources office received a non-specific threat via telephone, a COS spokesman said. The voice was male, he said. An order was given to clear out every building and move staff and students to the parking lots on the perimeter. "I was waiting to go into my English class and the teacher told us we had to leave the building right away," a student said. "Usually this is a drill situation, but this time you could tell that it was serious." Police cordoned off the area and brought in fire and ambulance units. Teams from the Visalia Police Department and the college spent two hours combing through buildings with the help of a bomb-sniffing canine on loan from the Farmersville Police Department. COS campus police took the lead in the search and investigation, a Visalia police spokesman said. Nothing suspicious was found and the all clear signal was given at 12:45 p.m.

Source:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20100505/NEWS01/5050313/Bomb+threat+closes+College+of+the+Sequoias+temporarily>

46. *May 5, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Cleaning solvent leads to Sandy middle school lockdown.** A Sandy, Utah middle school student caused quite a scare and sparked a lockdown May 5 when he brought in a cleaning solvent that reacted with water. School officials called in the fire department and more than 1,000 students at Indian Hills Middle School, at 1180 E. Sanders Road (11620 South), were locked down from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. while hazardous-materials crews investigated the substance. The lockdown was put in place in case the substance was toxic and students had been exposed to it. A Canyons School District spokesman said the student brought a bottle of an industrial-strength cleaning solvent. "It wasn't something that was exotic," he said. A school resource officer saw the student with the bottle and asked him what it was. The student said it was rubbing alcohol that he was using to clean his earrings as he had recently had his ears pierced. The liquid in the bottle smelled stronger than rubbing alcohol, so the resource officer confiscated the bottle. While trying to figure out what the liquid was the resource officer mixed some of it with water, causing a rapid chemical reaction. "That obviously was cause for concern from the administration at the school," the spokesman said. Officials called the Sandy Fire Department, which called in special crews to look at the substance. They looked at the bottle in an area of the school where there were no students. There was no evacuation. The incident is still being investigated, but the spokesman said he didn't think the student brought the solvent in for malicious purposes. He would not comment on whether there would be any disciplinary action against the student.

Source: [http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci\\_15025737](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_15025737)

47. *May 4, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Louisiana) **Hammond man pleads guilty to interfering with the safety of U.S. Army National Guard aircraft.** A resident of

Hammond, Louisiana pled guilty May 4 in federal court to a one-count bill of information charging him with impeding and interfering with certain officers of the United States, announced a U.S. Attorney. His arrest on October 28, 2009 stemmed from an investigation conducted by the FBI and the Federal Air Marshal Service after receiving information from the U.S. Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 244 Assault Helicopter Battalion, based at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport, Hammond, Louisiana. On October 6 at approximately 8:00 p.m., the U.S. Army National Guard flight crew of a UH-60 Military Blackhawk helicopter were returning to base at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport after conducting a training operation. The operation included five additional UH-60 Blackhawks and one C-12 aircraft, all of which were in-flight in close proximity. While approaching the airport, pilots and crew were temporarily blinded several times by a strong light emanating from the ground and aimed at the nose of the aircraft. (Crew members were flying on night vision goggles which automatically shut down when exposed to too much light.) Further investigation revealed that, on October 6, the man aimed a Brinkmann Q-Beam, three million candle power flood light at the military aircraft in an effort to deter it from flying near his home. His actions deterred pilots and flight crew from conducting normal operational procedures, thus endangering the safety of those on board, other aircraft, and citizens.

Source: <http://neworleans.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel10/no050410.htm>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

48. *May 6, Urbana Daily Citizen* – (Illinois) **Residents asked to report malfunctioning tornado sirens.** Although many Champaign County residents heard tornado sirens Monday night after a funnel cloud was reported on the county's west side, at least eight siren sites were silent. The problem sites include Terre Haute, Fountain Park, Mechanicsburg, Woodstock, Cable, Kingscreek, Middleton and Rolling Hills. The director of the county Emergency Management Agency is asking for residents' assistance to ensure all sites are in working order now and in the future. Sirens are tested at noon the first Monday of the month, and so were tested at noon this past Monday. While some of the sirens evidently only malfunctioned during Monday night's alert, the director said he now knows others have been silent quite some time, but that no one contacted officials about the problem.

Source:

<http://www.urbanacitizen.com/main.asp?SectionID=3&SubSectionID=5&ArticleID=153825>

49. *May 5, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Arsonist sets fire to police vehicle.** Fire investigators say an arsonist set fire to a Chesapeake Police Department K9 SUV Wednesday morning. Investigators say the vehicle was parked in the City Library parking lot on Volvo Parkway. The assistant fire marshal told WAVY.com a passerby

reported the fire to Fire Station #14, located right next door to the library. Crews responded and were able to quickly extinguish the fire. He said only moderate damage was sustained to the vehicle. No other cars were damaged and no one was hurt. Police do not yet have any suspect information in this case.

Source: [http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/arsonist-sets-fire-to-police-vehicle](http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/arsonist-sets-fire-to-police-vehicle)

50. *May 5, San Bernardino Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Hemet renews declaration that emergency exists.** The Hemet City Council on Tuesday reaffirmed that an emergency exists in the city, a vote that will allow the Police Department to continue to hire contractors to make security improvements without going through a time-consuming bidding process. The council, which passed the resolution 5-0 Tuesday, is required to take the vote at every regularly scheduled meeting now that a contractor has been hired, according the state Public Contracts Code. On April 15, the city hired Pacific Bulletproof Co. of Anaheim to install bullet-resistant barriers in the three public lobbies at the police building at a cost of \$70,700, according to a staff report. Some of the glass has already been installed.

Source:

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_E\\_eb06\\_council.3bbe744.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_E_eb06_council.3bbe744.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

51. *May 6, Computerworld* – (International) **Security firm reveals Microsoft's 'silent' patches.** Microsoft silently patched three vulnerabilities last month, two of them affecting enterprise mission-critical Exchange mail servers, without calling out the bugs in the accompanying advisories, a security expert said Thursday. Two of the three unannounced vulnerabilities, and the most serious of the trio, were packaged with MS10-024, an update to Exchange and Windows SMTP Service that Microsoft issued April 13 and tagged as "important," its second-highest threat ranking. According to the chief technology officer of Core Security Technologies, Microsoft patched the bugs, but failed to disclose that it had done so.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176373/Security\\_firm\\_reveals\\_Microsoft\\_s\\_silent\\_patches](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176373/Security_firm_reveals_Microsoft_s_silent_patches)

52. *May 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Security risks of web application programming languages.** A new WhiteHat report examined the security of specific programming languages. Nearly 1,700 business-critical websites were evaluated to provide organizations with insight into the relative security of the development frameworks they deploy, and the associated vulnerabilities that put them at risk. Perl had the highest average number of historical vulnerabilities found at 45 percent followed by Cold Fusion at 34 percent. Additionally, Perl, Cold Fusion, JSP and PHP were most likely to contain at least one serious vulnerability at approximately 80 percent of the time. Among the lowest historical vulnerability averages were ASPX (Microsoft's .NET) and DO (Struts Java) with 19 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

WhiteHat's latest report contains data collected between January 1, 2006 and March 25, 2010, and finds that the percentage of high, critical or urgent issues continue to slowly increase. Vulnerability remediation rates are climbing as well, particularly in the Urgent and Critical categories, with an average rate of roughly 70 percent. Still, with up to 30 percent of vulnerabilities remaining open for an average of nearly three months, many websites remain in an uncomfortable risk position. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) maintains its position in the Top 10 list along with many other common classes of attack. Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) did not make the Top 10 list for languages such as Perl and PHP, but Directory Indexing did. The diversity of vulnerability issues across languages can be attributed to the fact that one website can possess hundreds of unique issues from a specific class such as XSS and Content Spoofing, while other sites may not contain any.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9252>

53. *May 5, The Register* – (International) **Facebook bug allowed users to eavesdrop on chats.** Facebook engineers on Wednesday disabled the site's live chat function after people outside the company discovered a bug that allowed users to eavesdrop on their friends' conversations. The site also had to take emergency action to correct a separate hole that allowed users to see their friends' pending friend requests. Ironically, the gaffes were the result of a new "preview my profile" service Facebook added late last month in an effort to give users more control over their privacy settings. In a statement issued a few hours after the bug was reported by TechCrunch, Facebook said it temporarily suspended the chat function while it patched the information leak. With that work completed, it said it expected to turn chat back on "shortly." Over the past month, Facebook has been under siege by a variety of critics who say the site is imperiling the privacy of its 400 million or so users.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/05/facebook\\_eavesdropping\\_bug/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/05/facebook_eavesdropping_bug/)

54. *May 5, InformationWeek* – (California) **Gmail ditched by major university.** In a potential blow to Google's efforts to establish itself as a major player in enterprise software, a leading public university has ended its evaluation of Gmail as the official e-mail program for its 30,000 faculty and staff members. In a joint letter last week to employees, the University of California-Davis CIO, Academic Senate IT chair, and Campus Council IT chair said the school decided to end its Gmail pilot because faculty members doubted Google's ability to keep their correspondences private. The UC Davis IT leaders' letter additionally stated that "outsourcing e-mail may not be in compliance with the University of California Electronic Communications Policy." Google officials insisted that their privacy controls are adequate. "By and large, it's not typical of what we're seeing in the market. We're seeing lots of schools move their students and faculty onto Gmail," said a business development manager in the Google Apps for Education group, who also noted that UC Davis students are continuing to use the service and that Gmail users' privacy is protected by contractual assurances that govern data handling.

Source:

<http://www.informationweek.com/news/windows/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224700847>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

55. *May 4, Data Center Knowledge* – (Virginia) **Terremark extinguishes fire, stays online.** Early on April 30, a fire broke out in one of the data center electrical rooms at Terremark's NAP of the Capital Region in Culpeper, Virginia. The facility remained online throughout the entire event. The incident happened at about 12:30 a.m. in a basement electrical room in Data Center B, the second of the two operational facilities at the NAP of the Capital Region. "We had a fault in the medium voltage room," said the Senior VP of Infrastructure for Terremark. A preliminary investigation points to a malfunction in a transformer. "The UPS and generators responded as they were designed to, and the customers upstairs didn't realize anything had happened," he said. Terremark staff were able to isolate the room from the rest of the facility's operations, and along with the local fire department, used halon extinguishers to contain and put out the fire. He also noted the value of a good relationship with local emergency officials. "When we opened this facility, we invited the fire department and local emergency officials to come and tour the place and ask any questions they had," he said. "The fire department knows what risks exist, and in which areas. We were able to isolate the problem, and prove to them that there was no power to that room, and they didn't make us shut down." Data Center B remains on generator power as Terremark repairs and replaces the equipment in the electrical room where the incident occurred. In the meantime, the generators are supported by more than 520,000 gallons of on-site diesel storage.

Source: <http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2010/05/04/terremark-extinguishes-fire-stays-online/>

56. *May 3, DatacenterDynamics* – (Texas) **Network outages disrupt traffic for The Planet data center customers.** Technical support team of data center service provider The Planet was left to dig through a tall pile of SLA request tickets from customers who suffered effects of network outages that affected the company's Houston and Dallas data centers late Sunday and throughout Monday morning. The first outage that affected two Houston facilities was followed by another disruption on Monday morning, affecting Dallas and Houston facilities. The first outage began around 11:45 p.m. on Sunday and service was fully restored in about 1.5 hours, according to a supervisor for the company's overnight technical support. The network issue, affecting connectivity in The Planet's core network in Houston was caused by failure of one of

four border routers there “to properly maintain standard routing protocols.” The issue prevented some customers’ servers from being able to connect to the Internet. Besides inability of traffic headed for the said router to move within The Planet’s core network, the traffic also could not reach several Internet transit providers directly connected to the device. The company did not provide any more specifics about the issue’s root cause, saying only that it had isolated the router from the network and had “escalated the issue to our vendor for further analysis.” The vendor’s name was not disclosed. According to initial analysis, the second disruption, which happened around 8 a.m. on Monday, was caused by “a circuit between Dallas and Houston, according to a post on The Planet’s Twitter feed. The issue had been fixed by the time the update was posted. The company said it believed the two issues were unrelated.

Source:

<http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=news&mod=News&mid=9A02E3B96F2A415ABC72CB5F516B4C10&tier=3&nid=DF8F65EF22A5485EA1CD8BD2DF1062A8>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

57. *May 6, Associated Press* – (New York) **Official: NY car bomb suspect did a dry run.** Days before the failed car bomb in Times Square, a Pakistani-American scouted the bustling district in the same vehicle and then, on a second trip, left a getaway car blocks from his chosen target, a law enforcement official has told The Associated Press. The suspect drove a 1993 Nissan Pathfinder to Times Square from Connecticut on April 28, apparently to figure out where would be the best place to leave it later, the official said Wednesday. He then returned April 30 to drop off a black Isuzu, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the investigation. The Pakistani-American from Connecticut admitted to rigging the Pathfinder with a crude bomb based on explosives training he received in Pakistan, authorities say. He was pulled off a Dubai-bound plane Monday and has been cooperating with investigators. For a second day Wednesday, he had yet to appear in Manhattan federal court. Investigators had already started searching for suspects, when he returned to the scene on Sunday with a second set of keys to pick up the Isuzu, parked about eight blocks from the car bomb site, the official said.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/may/06/official-ny-car-bomb-suspect-did-a-dry-run/>

58. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fla. tourism officials try to quell oil concerns.** There are no tar balls on Florida beaches. No sheen has washed ashore anywhere in the state. Forecasters are predicting it will be five days or more before any oil from the Gulf spill could arrive on Florida’s shores — and even then they say the damage may be minimal and isolated. But that reality is not the perception among some would-be out-of-state tourists, who have been calling seaside resorts this week from the Panhandle to the Keys, fearing the beaches are about to blackened and their vacations ruined. Some hotels are reporting 10 percent cancellations. “We’ve got a horrible

problem with rumor control,” said the state’s emergency management director. “We are not two or three days away from it hitting the shore. We need to dispel those rumors ... The beaches are still open.” A spokeswoman for Visit Florida, the state’s tourism bureau, said the agency has put an advisory and interactive map on its website to remind visitors how big the state is and that even if oil stains one beach there are plenty more. Tourism is the state’s No. 1 industry, bringing \$65 billion to the state.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9FHB1SO0.htm>

59. *May 6, KFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **4 shot at women’s flag football game.** Miami-Dade, Florida police are looking for three men who opened fire on a crowd at women’s flag football game May 5 in a southwest Miami-Dade park. Four men were shot and a woman broke her arm trying to escape the hail of gunfire at West Perrine Park, located at SW 168th Street and 104 Avenue. Police said they hope to get these guys off the street fast. “We know they are dangerous, we know they’re armed, they just proved to be dangerous a little while ago,” said a Miami-Dade police spokesman shortly after the evening shooting. “We believe they are carrying handguns, possibly nine millimeter 40-caliber deadly weapons. Certainly dangerous enough to severely injure four people here today.” Investigators said they do not think this was a random shooting. Three of the men were shot in the leg, the fourth in the shoulder. Two of the men were taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital where they are listed in stable condition. Source: <http://cbs4.com/local/FLAG.FOOTBALL.SHOOTING.2.1678484.html>

60. *May 4, Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Opryland crippled; tourism hurt.** The weekend’s historic floods struck Nashville’s tourism industry at its heart, taking out a signature hotel and other attractions just as the city enters its peak summer visitor season. The flooded Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center will not reopen for several months, leaving Nashville without 12 percent of its hotel rooms and wiping out as much as a fourth of the convention business that comes to town. Honky-tonks and shops along Lower Broadway and on Second Avenue, including the Wildhorse Saloon and Hard Rock Cafe, closed Monday and did not know when they would reopen because of flooding in their basements. Water damage also shut down major tourist attractions including the Grand Ole Opry and Opry Mills shopping center, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Most should bounce back in time for the CMA Music Festival on June 10-13, if not well before then, said the president and CEO of the Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau. But Gaylord Opryland, with its nearly 2,900 hotel rooms and 600,000 square feet of meeting and exhibition space, will be out of commission indefinitely, and the city will be without a fifth of its hotel taxes, the amount typically collected by Gaylord. Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100504/BUSINESS01/5040350/2221/BUSINESS/Opryland+crippled++tourism+hurt>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

61. *May 6, National Parks Traveler* – (Texas) **Refinery accident causes brief concerns at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.** An explosion at a jet fuel and diesel refinery May 5 in San Antonio, Texas temporarily closed parts of a nearby national park. Two structures that are part of San Antonio Missions National Historic Park were closed temporarily and precautionary measures were taken for possible contamination of important waterways. Officials were concerned that the refinery fire could ignite nearby fuel tanks holding hundreds of thousands of gallons of jet fuel. Park officials immediately responded by closing Mission San Juan and Mission Espada, two of the four key historic sites in the park. The park visitor center at Mission San Jose remained open during the incident, with park officials closely monitoring the situation due to the large cloud of smoke created by the fire. The fourth key site in the park, Mission Concepcion, was not affected. Park officials said the park staff worked closely with emergency haz-mat teams to identify the locations of critical park resources located immediately adjacent to the refinery. Aggressive work by 100 firefighters brought the fire under control without further damage. The park was back open for business May 6, according to park officials.

Source: <http://www.nationalparkstraveler.com/2010/05/refinery-accident-causes-brief-concerns-san-antonio-missions-national-historical-park5829>

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62. *May 4, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Fencing won't be part of security measures for Liberty Memorial.** Liberty Memorial officials face a dilemma: How to provide modern security for a national historic landmark without changing what makes it historic. It appears one solution will not be erecting a fence around the 47-acre monument and grounds located in Kansas City, Missouri. A committee that met May 4 reached a consensus on security measures that did not include a fence, which had earlier been suggested but criticized by some. At a cost of \$800,000, even a partial fence was the most expensive option for the panel, which has a budget of \$1.4 million. And a fence would have the most impact on the historical integrity of the site. So the committee opted for surveillance cameras, audio warning systems and automated vehicle barriers. The security is necessary because of some recent incidents, according to the site's security chief. He said someone once tossed a crude explosive device at the base of the tower, and thieves stole some original fountain fixtures from the north lawn. There also have been cases of vandals in vehicles carving doughnuts in the turf on the south mall and driving up and down the stone steps to the monument's deck. Layne Consultants International, a security company hired to assess the issue, calculated the memorial's "crime predictability score" at 279 on a scale of up to 2,000. By comparison, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art's score is 240 and Chicago's Millennium Park's is 750. The security chief still had concerns. "Without fencing, how do you stop cars from going onto the (memorial's) platform?" he asked. The committee agreed to consider adding bollards at the head of the ramps down to the museum doors and at the top of the ramps up to the deck.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/05/04/1925136/fencing-wont-be-part-of-security.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

63. *May 4, LEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Gates opened at Dix Dam due to rise in Herrington Lake.** Dix Dam on Herrington Lake had 9 of the 10 gates on it opened to allow rising water to be released, prevent water from going over the dam following the weekend storms that dumped over 8 inches of rain in the area. Before this weekend, the lake level was low. In fact, it was below winter pool, but torrential weekend rains rose the lake 33 feet. At one point, it was rising at 20 inches an hour. On Monday, the decision was made to open 9 of the 10 gates and they have been releasing water for 24 hours. Dam officials coordinated with Corp of Engineers and Kentucky Emergency Services. Four gates were closed Tuesday, leaving five open. The lake appears to have crested, and if the levels hold and begin to drop, officials will close the other gates but release the water later to get down to summer pool. The current lake is at 756.5 feet above sea level. The top of the dam is at 761 feet above sea level.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/gates-opened-at-dix-dam-due-to-rise-in-herrington-lake>

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