



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 10 May 2010

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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### Top Stories

- The Associated Press reports that Freshway Foods of Sidney, Ohio has recalled lettuce sold in 23 states and the District of Columbia because of an E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 19 people in Michigan, Ohio, and New York. The FDA is focusing its investigation on lettuce grown in Arizona as a possible source for the outbreak. (See item [31](#))
- The U.S. Department of Justice announced on May 6 that Operation Network Raider, a domestic and international enforcement initiative targeting the illegal distribution of counterfeit network hardware manufactured in China, has resulted in 30 felony convictions and more than 700 seizures of counterfeit Cisco network hardware and labels with an estimated retail value of more than \$143 million. (See item [48](#))

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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 7, Suffolk News-Herald* – (Virginia) **Wide-spread power outage reported.** Dominion Power is en-route to a power substation on Kings Fork Road, the

likely culprit of a wide-spread power outage affecting a large section of Suffolk, Virginia. City officials reported the outage affecting residences, businesses and schools along the Route 58, Route 10 and Route 460 corridors. According to a release, Suffolk emergency communications is currently being “inundated with calls for burglar alarms, traffic light outages” and other outages. The city also stated that “calls to emergency communications to report power outages are not necessary.”

Source: <http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/news/2010/may/07/wide-spread-power-outage-reported/>

2. *May 6, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Safety fluid was removed before oil rig exploded in Gulf.** The investigation into what went wrong when the Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20 and started spilling millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico is sure to find several engineering failures, from cement seals that did not hold back a powerful gas bubble to a 450-ton, 40-foot-tall blowout preventer, a stack of metal valves and pistons that each failed to close off the well. There was, however, a simpler protection against the disaster: mud. An attorney representing a witness says oil giant BP and the owner of the drilling platform, Switzerland-based Transocean Ltd., started to remove a mud barrier before a final cement plug was installed, a move industry experts say weakens control of the well in an emergency. A lawyer for a rig worker who survived the explosions said the mud was being extracted from the riser before the top cement cap was in place, and a statement by cementing contractor Halliburton confirmed the top cap was not installed. Mud could have averted catastrophe. If all of the mud had still been present, it would have helped push back against the gas burping up toward the rig, though it might not have held it back indefinitely.

Source: [http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/05/safety\\_fluid\\_was\\_removed\\_befor.html](http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/05/safety_fluid_was_removed_befor.html)

3. *May 6, Williston Herald* – (North Dakota) **Oil tank explodes near Alexander.** One man was injured when an oil tank exploded in McKenzie County, North Dakota on May 5, officials said. Four oil tanks owned by Landtech Enterprises were destroyed in the ensuing fire that lasted for hours, and smoke could be seen for miles. The blast occurred between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., about 15 miles south of Williston, along U.S. Highway 85, near Alexander. The cause of the explosion is not yet known, said Landtech Enterprises’ owner, who was at the scene Wednesday evening. He said one worker was hurt in the explosion, suffering burns, and was transported to Ramsey Burn Center in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Source:

<http://www.willistonherald.com/articles/2010/05/06/news/doc4be2e06c1797b579427557.txt>

4. *May 6, Reuters* – (Texas) **Exxon reports exchanger leak in Beaumont refinery.** Exxon Mobil reported a leak in an unidentified exchanger to an alkylation cooling tower at its 348,500 barrel-per-day refinery in Beaumont, Texas, according to a filing with state environmental regulators. In a filing with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, the company said the leak was at Alkylation No. 2 Cooling

Tower No. 17. The company said it was working to determine the source of the leak. A company spokesman was not immediately available to comment on any production impact.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN0611553720100506?type=marketsNews>

5. *May 6, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **Repair costs for power plant fire not likely to affect budget process, officials say.** Pasadena Water and Power officials and city fire department officials remained at odds Thursday over damage estimates for a Tuesday fire at the power plant. The Pasadena Water and Power general manager said that initial fire department estimates of \$20 million in damage are likely way too high. “I don’t think \$20 million is even in the ball park,” she said. She declined to name a specific figure as an estimate. A Pasadena fire department spokeswoman said she believes the estimate was done properly.  
Source: [http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci\\_15034379](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/ci_15034379)
6. *May 5, Firehouse.com* – (California) **Calif. FFs contain hazmat spill in Long Beach.** A little after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, the Long Beach Fire Department was dispatched to an overturned tanker truck at Paramount Blvd. and the on-ramp to the Westbound 91 Freeway. Crews noticed the tanker-trailer was on its side and leaking a fair amount of fuel. It was later estimated to have been leaking at a rate of about 25 gallons per minute. Additional resources were called to the scene, including the hazmat task force and additional engine companies for manpower. A total of 47 firefighters responded to this incident; 38 from Long Beach and 9 from our Vernon and Santa Fe Springs Fire Departments. They also provided hazmat teams. Initial emergency operations focused on protecting life safety, containing the leaking fuel, controlling the leak and eliminating ignition sources. Water supply was established and a foam blanket was put down to control vapors. This foam blanket was maintained throughout the incident. Once the incident became stabilized, hazmat operations were initiated. This included air monitoring, environmental monitoring and preparing for a “Stinger” operation. This operation is used to access the leaking product and place a recovery tube into the tank to off-load the product prior to up-righting the rolled over tanker. No injuries were reported. A total of 2,600 gallons of diesel fuel were recovered from the rolled over tank during the off-loading process. In addition, 1,400 gallons of leaking diesel fuel and water/foam mixture were recovered from the containment area. About 500 gallons of diesel fuel were estimated to have entered the storm drain system. This estimate is on the high end.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/incident-type/hazmat/haz-mat-spill-long-beach-california>
7. *May 5, WFIE 12 Evansville* – (Kentucky) **Small fire at Owensboro’s Elmer Smith power plant.** Owensboro, Kentucky, Firefighters had to put out a small fire at a power plant off Highway 60 Wednesday night. The fire broke out around 8:30 Wednesday night in a fan motor on the 5th floor at OMU’s Elmer Smith power plant on the east side of the city. No one was hurt and firefighters were on the scene for about an hour.  
Source: <http://www.wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=12435438>

8. *May 5, WISN 12 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Small fire starts at Oak Creek power plant.** Several fire departments responded to a small fire at the We Energies power plant at South Chicago and Elm streets in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, on Wednesday morning. We Energies said the fire started on a line that brings coal into the plant. “What we were able to do immediately was contain it to that spot and put that fire out. At the same time, we called the Oak Creek Fire Department so they could get there as well. And by the time they got there, we had it under control and pretty much out,” a We Energies spokesman said. The cause of the fire it not yet known. According to police, no one was hurt and employees were back at work within an hour.  
Source: <http://www.wisn.com/news/23458759/detail.html>
9. *May 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Shell spilled nearly 14,000 tons of oil in Nigeria.** Royal Dutch Shell PLC spilled nearly 14,000 tons of crude oil into the creeks of the Niger Delta last year, the company has announced, blaming thieves and militants for the environmental damage. The amount of oil spilled by Shell’s Nigerian subsidiary was more than double what poured into the delta in 2008, and quadruple what was spilled in 2007 highlighting the worsening situation the oil major faces in Nigeria. The oil giant faces regular attacks by militants who have targeted pipelines, kidnapped petroleum company workers and fought government troops since 2006. Its chief executive officer has even hinted that the company can no longer depend on Nigeria as a profit-maker, despite its 50-year history in the country. Shell blamed the majority of last year’s spills on two incidents one in which thieves damaged a wellhead at its Odidi field, and another where militants bombed the Trans Escravos pipeline. In all, some 13,900 tons spilled into the swamps, but Shell said it was able to recover nearly 10,000 tons of that.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2010-05-04-Nigeria-oil\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2010-05-04-Nigeria-oil_N.htm)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

10. *May 7, KTRE 9 Lufkin* – (Texas) **18-wheeler fatality crash diverts 59 to one lane near Timpson.** Haz-mat crews are cleaning up the scene on U.S. 59, one mile south of Timpson, Texas, after an 18-wheeler wrecked early May 7, killing one. The rig was carrying acetone paint thinner and muriatic acid, according to haz-mat officials. An employee with the department of public safety confirmed one person died in the wreck, which haz-mat said happened around 2:30 a.m.  
Source: <http://www.ktre.com/Global/story.asp?S=12445221>
11. *May 6, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Highway closed due to hazmat situation.** Authorities shut down a highway near Hartsel, Colorado, May 6, due to a rollover crash involving hazardous materials. The Park County Sheriff’s Office said CO Highway 9 was closed in both directions, south of Hartsel. Deputies said a tractor trailer carrying Versatrol, a dry chemical used as an additive when crews are drilling into mud, rolled over near milepost 33, halfway between Hartsel and Guffey. According to deputies, the chemical is not very toxic, but there was concern it could get

into the water at Four Mile Creek. A haz-mat crew was on scene, along with the Colorado State Patrol, as well as an ambulance in case anyone got sick. The driver of the truck did not suffer serious injuries in the single-vehicle crash. No evacuations were ordered.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=138324&catid=346>

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

12. *May 7, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **DEP launches new probe into Oyster Creek’s radioactive water leak.** The state Department of Environmental Commission May 7 ordered the owners of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant to cooperate with the state’s investigation into the seepage of radioactive tritium into the ground. The DEP said it is launching a “new and thorough state investigation” into the 2009 tritium leak. The “Spill Act” directive issued today requires plant owner Exelon Corp. to cooperate with the DEP and take action to prevent the radioactive substance from reaching the region’s potable water supplies. It is believed that at least 180,000 gallons of contaminated water was released from the plant April 9, 2009, through two holes in separate pipes. The Oyster Creek leak was the second highest discharge of tritium in U.S. commercial nuclear plant history, in terms of radioactivity. Tritium is a byproduct of nuclear fission, which is used by the plant to generate electricity. To date, there is no evidence of an immediate threat to private or public drinking water supplies. The underground flow of the tritium-tainted water has been measured at a rate of one to three feet per day, and the nearest well is two miles away.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20100507/NEWS/100507060/DEP-launches-new-probe-into-Oyster-Creek-s-radioactive-water-leak>

13. *May 6, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Minnesota) **NRC schedules regulatory conference to discuss an issue related to Prairie Island Emergency Preparedness Program.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will meet with the staff of Northern States Power Company, Minnesota, on May 11, to discuss a preliminary finding of low to moderate safety significance associated with the plant’s emergency preparedness program. In May 2009 the utility informed the NRC about a problem with the plant’s capability to declare an Alert emergency classification for certain events involving effluent releases from the plant. Specifically, the highest measurement capability of three effluent radiation monitors was too low to identify radiation levels that would lead the plant to declare an Alert, the second lowest of the NRC’s four emergency classifications. In 2006, the plant adopted a new scheme for set points that would lead to different emergency declarations and the set point for declaring an Alert was increased. However, the utility failed to make changes to its program to ensure that Alerts would be declared in a timely fashion. There have been no actual emergency conditions at the plant that would have required an Alert declaration using this equipment. After the regulatory conference, the NRC will review the information received during the meeting and make a final determination on the

safety significance of this issue.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2010/10-015.iii.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

14. *May 7, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Fire hits New Hope factory.** Firefighters extinguished a blaze at a manufacturing company in New Hope, Minnesota, May 7. The fire, reported about 8 a.m., was burning on the roof of the Tube Technologies plant at 51st and Boone Avenues N., a fire dispatcher said. It was brought under control within about an hour, she said. The eight-year-old company manufactures machined parts for the earth-boring industries.

Source:

<http://www.startribune.com/local/93066924.html?elr=KArksLckD8EQDUoaEyqyP4O:DW3ckUiD3aPc: Yyc:aUUI>

15. *May 7, Times-Georgian* – (Georgia) **Southwire missing \$500,000 in copper.** A brazen heist last month has Southwire and law enforcement officials wondering what happened to \$500,000 worth of copper. The theft reportedly occurred on April 29, but was reported to Carrollton, Georgia police on May 4. Three 18-wheeler trucks — green, white, and red in color — arrived that day and were loaded with copper destined for Indiana. The trucks displayed the name of L. Transport in arch style writing. The trucks had been sent to Southwire by an independent broker for the purpose of making the Indiana delivery. The broker had received faxed information for these loads showing the trucking company name to be LaRolle Transport out of Miami/Hialeah, Florida. “LaRolle states these are not their trucks,” a Carrollton Police police lieutenant said. “The broker received paper work for LaRolle but the trucks themselves had L. Transport on them.” The loads did not arrive as scheduled in Indiana, and the identity of the true owners of the trucks is unknown. The Southwire spokesman said the drivers appeared to have all the proper documents to pick up the shipment, but the documents were indeed fakes. He described the theft as an “isolated incident.” The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is now involved and Carrollton Police have made contact with law enforcement officials in Hialeah, Florida, who are also assisting with the case.

Source: [http://www.times-georgian.com/view/full\\_story/7343540/article-Southwire-missing--500-000-in-copper?instance=TG\\_home\\_story\\_offset](http://www.times-georgian.com/view/full_story/7343540/article-Southwire-missing--500-000-in-copper?instance=TG_home_story_offset)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

16. *May 7, V3.co.uk* – (National) **Input error leads to huge Dow Jones fall.** The Dow Jones fell by nearly 1,000 points, and the Nasdaq and New York Stock Exchange announced that all trades more than 60 per cent above or below market that occurred between 2.40pm and 3.00pm New York time would be cancelled. The dramatic fall in the Dow Jones industrial average appears to have been caused by a trader hitting the button for ‘billion’ not ‘million’. Procter & Gamble shares fell by over a third on the day’s trading. A report on CNBC said that the problem came when a deal involving Procter & Gamble shares was incorrectly entered. “We, along with the rest of the financial industry, are investigating to find the source of today’s market volatility,” Citigroup said in a statement. “At this point we have no evidence that Citi was involved in any erroneous transaction.” “We don’t know what caused it,” said a Procter & Gamble spokeswoman. “We know that that was an electronic trade, and we’re looking into it with Nasdaq and the other major electronic exchanges.”  
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2262620/computer-input-error-leads>  
See items [19](#) and [51](#)
17. *May 7, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Fun with ATM skimmers, part III.** According to the European ATM Security Team (EAST), a not-for-profit payment security organization, ATM crimes in Europe jumped 149 percent from 2007 to 2008, and most of that increase has been linked to a dramatic increase in ATM skimming attacks. During 2008, a total of 10,302 skimming incidents were reported in Europe. A short video authorities in Germany released recently showing two men caught on camera there installing a skimmer and a pinhole camera panel above to record PINs. EAST estimates that European ATM fraud losses in 2008 were nearly 500 million Euros, although roughly 80 percent of those losses resulted from fraud committed outside Europe by criminals using stolen card details. EAST believes this is because some 90 percent of European ATMs now are compliant with the so-called “chip and pin” or EMV (an initialism for Europay, Mastercard and VISA) standard. U.S. based financial institutions do not require chip-and-PIN, and that may be a contributor to the high fraud rates in the United States. The U.S. Secret Service estimates that annual losses from ATM fraud totaled about \$1 billion in 2008, or about \$350,000 each day.  
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/>
18. *May 7, WBBM 780 Chicago* – (National) **Sad stories as mortgage scam complaints leap.** The number of complaints involving mortgage foreclosure scams is up 126 percent, according to the Better Business Bureau. Officials with the organization say consumers need to continue to research the potential company offering to help, talk to the lender involved, and take time before signing a contract.  
Source: <http://www.wbbm780.com/Sad-stories-as-mortgage-scam-complaints-leap/6994297>
19. *May 7, Marketwatch* – (National) **Stock sell-off leads to probe of faulty trade.** Securities and futures regulators said they were working with exchanges to examine “unusual” trading activity during the day’s massive sell-off, which saw

bellwethers such as Procter & Gamble Co. plunge nearly 40%, and prompted a senator to call for tighter trading controls. The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission said in a joint statement late May 6 that they are working closely with other financial regulators and exchanges “to review the unusual trading activity that took place briefly this afternoon.” The regulators said they would make the findings of their review public. In a brief statement, the Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. said later in the evening that it will cancel all trades made between 2:40 p.m. Eastern time and 3 p.m. Eastern time which were “greater than or less than 60% away from the consolidated last print in that security at (2:40 p.m.) or immediately prior.” Reports said the New York Stock Exchange would also cancel some trades.

Source: [http://www.marketwatch.com/story/stocks-sell-off-leads-to-faulty-trade-probe-2010-05-06?reflink=MW\\_news\\_stmp](http://www.marketwatch.com/story/stocks-sell-off-leads-to-faulty-trade-probe-2010-05-06?reflink=MW_news_stmp)

20. *May 6, KDAF 33 Dallas* – (Texas) **Woman warns of bombs during bank robbery; Wal-Mart evacuated.** McKinney, Texas, police are looking for a woman who robbed bank inside of a Wal-Mart and caused the entire store to be evacuated by saying there were two bombs in the store. According to police, she entered a Woodforest National Bank just before 11 a.m. and handed a teller a note demanding money. The teller gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money. Police say she also told the teller there were bombs in the store. She then left the bank inside the Wal-Mart in a silver, four-door sedan. Wal-Mart management evacuated customers from the store. Officers on the scene helped management walk through the store to look for any suspicious packages or devices in the store. Nothing suspicious was found.

Source: <http://www.the33tv.com/news/kdaf-woman-bomb-robs-mckinney-bank-walmart-story,0,6220710.story>

21. *May 6, Bloomberg* – (National) **Freddie Mac falls after seeking \$10.6 billion from Treasury.** Freddie Mac fell 8 percent in New York trading after requesting \$10.6 billion more in Treasury Department aid while reporting a first-quarter loss. Freddie Mac asked for aid and reported a \$6.7 billion first-quarter loss in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing May 5. The new request would add to the \$50.7 billion in taxpayer aid the company has received since November 2008. The company’s shares fell 11 cents to \$1.32 at 12:21 p.m. in New York Stock Exchange composite trading. Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have borrowed almost \$137 billion from the Treasury since U.S. regulators seized the two government-sponsored enterprises in September 2008, after rising delinquencies and foreclosures pushed them to the brink of collapse. However, the Treasury Secretary said the current Administration “made a choice” not to seek legislation to address Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac this year.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601206&sid=aS5g.vrcsoZM>

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## **Transportation Sector**

22. *May 7, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Police say 2 charged in NH bus bomb scare; 1 for resisting arrest, 1 for obstruction.** Two passengers have been arrested on



May 7 in connection with a day-long bomb scare on a Greyhound bus in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Police said a Lewiston, Maine man was charged with resisting arrest for his behavior after he got off the off the Maine-to-New York bus. Another passenger, a New York City man, was charged with obstructing officers. Both are to be arraigned in Portsmouth later May 7. The bomb scare and standoff began May 6 when a passenger reported hearing another passenger say a bomb was on the bus and called 911, prompting police to surround the bus. The overheard man was from Burundi and refused to get off the bus for many hours. He will not be charged.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-bus-bomb-threat,0,6784053.story>

23. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Emergency landing made at BWI for unruly flyer.** Airport officials said police are questioning a passenger who exhibited suspicious behavior during a Continental Express approach to BWI airport, May 6. An airport spokesman said the problem happened aboard Flight 2699, operated by ExpressJet Airlines, from Newark, New Jersey, to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport about 6 p.m. He said the crew noticed a passenger behaving suspiciously and the captain declared a precautionary alert. The plane, a regional jet Embraer-145 carrying 44 passengers and three crew members, landed safely and passengers were allowed to leave the aircraft. There were no injuries. Maryland Transportation Authority Police were questioning the passenger.

Source: <http://wjz.com/local/passenger.emergency.landing.2.1680089.html>

24. *May 6, Associated Press* – (New York) **Jet briefly stopped at JFK in ‘no fly’ scare.** Authorities detained two passengers aboard an Emirates Airlines plane May 6 at New York’s John. F. Kennedy Airport after spotting a name similar to one on the “no-fly” list, then released them after it was determined it was a false match, officials said. The Dubai-bound Flight 204 had begun taxiing from the runway at 11:36 a.m. when customs officials spotted the passenger’s name, a top police spokesman said. Authorities brought the plane back to the gate. A man and the woman were taken off the flight but later were released and allowed back on the plane, two officials said. The plane then left at 12:51 p.m. An FBI spokesman said the callback of the airliner was a false alarm. An administration official said there was no indication of a security threat. Emirates Airlines said in an e-mailed statement that it was cooperating with federal authorities and that two passengers were incorrectly identified by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, but were later cleared by the agency.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36989787/ns/us\\_news-security/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36989787/ns/us_news-security/)

25. *May 6, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Passenger arrested at Indianapolis airport after crew says she disrupted safety instructions.** Police said an intoxicated woman was kicked off a flight at Indianapolis International Airport for repeatedly interrupting preflight safety instructions. A report from airport police said the 51-year-old Indianapolis resident was arrested May 5 after she yelled at flight attendants during the safety demonstration, saying “let’s get this over with.” An attendant on the Denver-bound Southwest Airlines flight told police officers that the plane had to taxi back to the terminal after the woman continued to be loud and disruptive. Police reported that

she smelled strongly of alcohol, had bloodshot, eyes and was slurring her speech. The woman faces preliminary charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. She was released from jail May 6 on \$1,500 bond.

Source:

[http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2aeb1a7cdf0d498da7cdf4c84e76c755/IN--Flight\\_Arrest/](http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2aeb1a7cdf0d498da7cdf4c84e76c755/IN--Flight_Arrest/)

26. *May 5, Midland Reporter-Telegram* – (Texas) **Woman arrested after calling in false report of terrorists at airport.** A 46-year-old Midland, Texas woman was arrested early May 5 for allegedly calling 911 and falsely reporting an imminent attack on Midland International Airport by a group of terrorists. The woman was charged with false-alarm report of an emergency, a state-jail felony. Midland police said the suspect called 911 around 1:40 a.m. and “sounded intoxicated in the recording,” according to an arrest affidavit. She told dispatchers certain individuals were entering the airport as terrorists. Authorities said she refused to give her full name and how she knew of the possible attack and quickly hung up. When the dispatcher tried to call back the number, she received a voicemail for the cell phone of the suspect authorities said. Dispatchers were able to use their computers to pinpoint where the call was placed. Authorities wrote that false reports are usually filed as class A misdemeanors unless the emergency involves a public primary or secondary school, public transportation, public water, gas or power supply, or other public service. Then the charge is escalated to a state-jail felony and can be punishable by six months to two years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. The suspect was being held at the Midland County Detention Center on a \$25,000 bond.

Source:

[http://www.mywesttexas.com/articles/2010/05/06/news/top\\_stories/midland\\_international\\_airport\\_terrorist\\_mpd\\_fbi\\_creekmore.txt](http://www.mywesttexas.com/articles/2010/05/06/news/top_stories/midland_international_airport_terrorist_mpd_fbi_creekmore.txt)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

27. *May 7, Republican-American* – (Connecticut) **Chemical cloud blamed on barrels’ ‘burp’.** A vapor cloud discovered in the back of a Fed-Ex delivery truck Thursday forced emergency crews to lockdown an area between South Leonard Street and Eagle Street in Waterbury, Connecticut. The tractor trailer was dropping off 12 barrels of a chemical used to sanitize dairy equipment at Hubbard Hall, a global chemical distribution company, around 11:25 a.m. when the driver opened the back of his truck and noticed the cloud, the fire chief said. “He did exactly what he was trained to do when he saw the vapor cloud: pull away from the loading dock and call for help,” he said. Police and fire department SUVs and trucks rushed to the scene and set up a staging area on South Leonard Street about a 100 yards from the truck, which was parked in an open area between South Leonard and Eagle streets. Emergency crews

were confident within about a half an hour the cloud was not a safety concern.

Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2010/05/07/news/local/481756.txt>

28. *May 6, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Building at SAC evacuated after suspicious package found.** A suspicious envelope forced the evacuation of a building at San Antonio College near downtown just before 11:00 a.m. May 6. The Fletcher Administration Center was evacuated and police, firefighters, and members of the Hazardous Materials Response Team were called in to investigate. Although the envelope was unopened, a skin rash developed on a mail room employee who handled the package. EMS was observed applying bandages to the employee's arms at the scene. San Antonio College officials said the hazmat team determined the material was not airborne and not explosive, but were unsure what caused the skin reaction. Everyone was allowed to return to the building around 12:30 p.m. The letter was removed from the building, decontaminated, and will be analyzed further. The envelope is addressed to the SAC International Studies Department, and originated from overseas, possibly from the Country of Qatar.

Source: <http://www.woai.com/mostpopular/story/Building-at-SAC-evacuated-after-suspicious/XQzZrUljdkOLje2W0erZkw.csp>

29. *May 6, KOB 4 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Cake mix creates stir at Kirtland AFB.** A delivery of a container of cake mix to Kirtland Air Force Base prompted base officials to cordon off 300 yards around the base's mail receiving area Thursday morning while officials attempted to determine what the white powder was. Base officials called in a hazardous material squad and the FBI to help determine what the powder was shortly before 10:00. The media was told about 11:15 that the powder is cake mix.

Source: <http://www.kob.com/article/stories/S1547455.shtml?cat=500>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

30. *May 7, San Bernardino Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Cattle truck overturns, more than 40 calves killed.** A big rig hauling young cattle overturned May 6 in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 in Redlands, California, killing more than 40 of the animals and triggering an hours-long commuter nightmare. About 160 calves were aboard the tractor-trailer, which overturned after a minor accident about 2:30 p.m. between University and Sixth streets. Animal control officers from San Bernardino County and Redlands worked through the afternoon and late into the night to keep the calves alive and move them out of the trailer into a small temporary corral set up on the freeway. At the height of the evening commute, traffic backed up into Colton, about nine miles west of the accident scene. By 8:40 p.m., 43 calves had been pulled dead from the trailer, said a California Highway Patrol (CHP) spokeswoman. About two dozen animals were still inside, their fates unknown at that hour. The work was still going on — and keeping lanes closed — at 10 p.m. Redlands firefighters used 14-inch saws to cut 5-by-6-foot holes in the trailer, through which animal control officers

pulled live animals. Veterinarians treated the animals and euthanized those suffering from severe injuries. Cattlemen from the area arrived in trucks to take the surviving calves off the freeway. The big rig was on its way from the Central Valley city of Visalia to a ranch in the Imperial County community of Brawley. The accident occurred when the rig's driver tried to change lanes, clipped a Dodge Ram pickup and overcorrected, the CHP spokeswoman said. No one was hurt in the collision, she said. The pickup sustained minor damage.

Source:

[http://www.pe.com/localnews/sbcounty/stories/PE\\_News\\_Local\\_W\\_ncattle07.28e9c2a.html](http://www.pe.com/localnews/sbcounty/stories/PE_News_Local_W_ncattle07.28e9c2a.html)

31. *May 7, Associated Press* – (National) **E. coli outbreak sickens 19 people in three states.** A food company has recalled lettuce sold in 23 states and the District of Columbia because of an E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 19 people, three of them with life-threatening symptoms. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said May 6 that 12 people had been hospitalized and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said it was looking at 10 other cases probably linked to the outbreak. Freshway Foods of Sidney, Ohio, said it was recalling romaine lettuce sold under the Freshway and Imperial Sysco brands because of a possible link to the E. coli outbreak. College students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Ohio State in Columbus and Daemen College in Amherst, New York, are among those affected, according to local health departments in those states. The FDA is focusing its investigation on lettuce grown in Arizona as a possible source for the outbreak, according to two people who have been briefed by the agency. Freshway Foods said the lettuce was sold to wholesalers, food service outlets, in-store salad bars and delis. The company issued a statement May 6 that said the FDA informed it about the positive test in New York, May 5. The statement said “an extensive FDA investigation” of Freshway Foods’ facility in Sidney has not uncovered any contamination at the plant. The recalled lettuce has a “best if used by” date of May 12 or earlier. The recall also affects “grab and go” salads sold at Kroger, Giant Eagle, Ingles Markets, and Marsh grocery stores. The lettuce was sold in Alabama, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,592365,00.html?test=latestnews>

32. *May 6, Eat, Drink and Be* – (Minnesota) **Suspected Norovirus outbreak sickens 35 at church fundraiser.** The Minnesota Department of Health is continuing their investigation of a suspected Norovirus outbreak after 35 people reported ill following a church fundraiser April 25. In total, 275 people attended the event at Lakewood Evangelical Free Church in Baxter. The food was supplied by a caterer, Prairie Bay Restaurant, which is fully cooperating with the health department. The catered food was arranged in a buffet and staffed by volunteers who set up tables and cutlery. Officials are still unsure about the source of the virus. Because of the nature of a buffet-style event, Norovirus could have originated from a volunteer, a sick person in line who touched shared utensils or from the restaurant where the food was prepared. So far into

the investigation, 60 people have been interviewed, 35 of whom reported symptoms of the virus. Officials expect to discover more victims as interviews continue.

Source: [http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0506\\_or\\_churchnoro](http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0506_or_churchnoro)

33. *May 6, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Raw milk salmonella outbreak hits Utah.** Utah public health and agriculture officials are investigating six cases of salmonella they believe were caused by drinking unpasteurized milk. Milk samples are being tested for the bacteria at the state's public health lab, with results due next week, said an Utah County Health Department spokesman. "It's a known issue that unpasteurized milk will carry a lot of different things, including Campylobacter, E. coli and salmonella," he said. "We're investigating other possibilities but that's the suspicion at the moment." The sick range in age from a toddler to a 56-year-old, the spokesman said. He does not believe anyone was hospitalized. Four of the victims live in Utah County and the other two are from Salt Lake County and Wasatch County. The milk was bought in Orem and Heber at Real Foods Market, the spokesman said. The stores stopped selling the milk April 30. Health officials have not detected other cases since then. "It does appear to be contained," the spokesman said. The milk is from Real Foods' farm, Redmond Heritage Farms in Sevier County. The farm manager noted the milk is tested monthly to ensure it is just as clean as milk that has been heated to kill bacteria.

Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/2010/05/articles/foodborne-illness-outbreaks/raw-milk-salmonella-outbreak/>

34. *May 6, U.S Food and Drug Administration* – (Massachusetts; National) **Imported manouri cheese voluntarily recalled due to potential Listeria contamination.** Mt. Vikos, Inc., a Marshfield, Massachusetts, firm is voluntarily recalling all size packages and all lot numbers of Mt. Vikos Brand Manouri - Sheep & Goat's Milk Cheese because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Distributed nationwide, the cheese has the Mt. Vikos Manouri label and comes in clear plastic packaging in 4-oz. portions for the retail market, and in 1-kilogram logs for the food service market. The company is asking food-service customers to notify consumers who may have purchased the product. The company has notified their customers and has pulled the product. No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm211207.htm>

35. *May 6, KDRV 12 Medford* – (Oregon) **20 Amy's Kitchen workers sent to ER following haz-mat situation.** A haz-mat situation at the organic food manufacturer Amy's Kitchen in White City, Oregon, is under investigation. Twenty people were sent to the emergency room after a plant-wide contamination May 6. All employees were evacuated, but have since been let back into the plant. The employees' symptoms included difficulty breathing, tightness in the chest, and nausea. They were taken to three local hospitals including Rogue Valley Medical Center, Providence Medford Medical Center, and Three Rivers Hospital. First responders told NewsWatch 12 they do not know what was released, but say a haz-mat crew was not called in. Jackson



County Fire District No. 3 in Eagle Point officials said they do not know what caused the release and are investigating. About 650 employees currently work for Amy's Kitchen. Company representatives say all of the food that was being prepared May 6 was thrown away.

Source: <http://kdrv.com/news/local/172925>

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## **Water Sector**

36. *May 6, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **More oily substance found spilling into Boise River.** Cleanup crews are still watching the Boise River in Idaho after more oily substance spilled out May 6. Ada County Highway District (ACHD) officials said the substance is contained by booms and is not getting into the river. The booms will remain in place until the source of the spill can be determined. Around 10 a.m., May 6 an ACHD crew member saw more of the substance coming out of a spillway near Americana Boulevard and Shoreline Drive in Boise. Workers spent most of the morning in manholes collecting sediment samples from storm drains. But as they did that, one man noticed more of the oily substance coming out. Officials are trying to find out what the substance is. A member of the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) showed up around 10:30 a.m. and took some samples. He said it smelled like gasoline. He took the sample to a lab to get it tested and hopes to find out the results soon. Experts said they hope they can find the source of the substance so they can stop it from leaking into the river. On May 5, someone spotted the oily substance in the Boise River. The DEQ said the spill was contained before it could do permanent damage. Identifying the source of spill is challenging because there are hundreds of places where it could have entered the storm-drain system.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/More-oily-susbstance-spilling-into-Boise-River-92981974.html>

37. *May 6, Victoria Advocate* – (Texas) **Professor: Drinking water likely safe from uranium contamination.** A geology professor testified May 6 that mining fluids would not likely seep into drinking water sources at a proposed site for uranium mining in Goliad, Texas. The professor, who specializes in transport of particles in groundwater, stuck to testimony he gave before the state-contested case hearing. He argued that there is no evidence that suggests potentially harmful particles used during drilling would migrate into sources of drinking water. The hearing will play a factor in deciding whether Uranium Energy Corp. is permitted to mine uranium in Goliad. In areas ripe for uranium mining, ground-water quality is below drinking-water quality, he said. The aquifers that surround uranium-rich deposits, such as the ones UEC is proposing to mine, are not fit for consumption by humans or animals, he said. The groundwater there can be used only for industrial purposes. Uranium is mined through the injection of oxygen, which makes it easier to extract. It is possible for drilling fluids, which mix with uranium as it is being mined, to migrate and contaminate drinking water.

Source:



[http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2010/may/06/jv\\_uec\\_suit\\_050710\\_95434/?business&local-business](http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2010/may/06/jv_uec_suit_050710_95434/?business&local-business)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

38. *May 7, The Modesto Bee* – (California) **No injuries as chemical explosion hits cabinet in UCD research center.** Sacramento, California, fire department officials say a solvent-type chemical was responsible for a small explosion at the UC Davis Medical Center's Oak Park Research Building. The captain said the incident occurred in a lab on the second floor of the two-story building. He said employees heard an explosion and found the door had blown open on a cabinet used to store waste materials. About 40 people were evacuated as a precaution. No one was injured. The fire department's hazmat-firefighters entered the building and found that a small amount of waste material that had been properly stored caused the incident. The building was not damaged. The explosion occurred in a fireproof cabinet designed to contain flammable materials.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2010/05/07/1157510/no-injuries-as-chemical-explosion.html#ixzz0nFi2lzur>

39. *May 4, USA TODAY* – (National) **Cancer risks prompt doctors to try to lower imaging scan radiation.** Doctors are exploring ways to reduce the amount of radiation exposure from medical imaging tests in light of renewed concerns about the cancer risk, according to research presented at a radiology conference this week. Medical radiation from exams such as CTs, or computed tomography, causes 29,000 new cancers a year, a report in the Archives of Internal Medicine showed in December. An accompanying article found that the scans may expose people to four times as much radiation as previously estimated. The Food and Drug Administration is considering safeguards for CT scanners and other imaging machines. Radiologists have been working for several years to reduce unnecessary radiation exposure in children, whose growing bodies are more sensitive to radiation than adults', says the chairman of the American College of Radiology's Safety Committee. Later this year, he says, radiologists will expand the effort to adults.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-05-05-radiation05\\_st\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-05-05-radiation05_st_N.htm)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

40. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Monroe cleanup estimated at \$60M to \$70M.** Army officials estimate it will cost \$60 to \$70 million to remove munitions, pollutants and other debris from the soon-to-be closed Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia. Released May 6, those figures are the most concrete that have been revealed

since the Department of Defense announced in 2005 it would close the historic base. Previous estimates had the cost as high as \$700 million. Officials said the cleanup is two-thirds complete. Crews spent the past year scouring the base finding everything from a Civil War-era cannon to a potato masher. About half the costs will come from scrubbing weapon ranges that extended off the post into the Chesapeake Bay. That area contains artillery that dates to the 19th century. The Army plans to vacate the post by September 2011. After that, Virginia will assume ownership.

Source: [http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap\\_fort\\_monroe\\_050710/](http://www.armytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_fort_monroe_050710/)

41. *May 6, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Cops say NH student tosses ‘bomb bag’ into school.** New Hampshire police said an 18-year-old high school student is facing charges that he threw what is being described as a “bomb bag” into a classroom. Manchester police said the suspect threw a bag into the classroom at the city’s West High School, which made noise and began to expand before erupting in a minor explosion. The students in the classroom backed away for safety. Police described the device as a novelty item containing sodium bicarbonate and citric acid that was designed for outside use only. Police said that just before the incident, the school resource officer had just escorted the suspect off school property. Police said he was found with an additional “bomb bag.” The suspect was charged with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

Source: <http://wbztv.com/wireapnewsnh/NH.student.charged.2.1678908.html>

42. *May 5, Keene Sentinel* – (New Hampshire) **Suspicious backpack prompts evacuation.** A backpack left in the parking garage behind city hall in downtown Keene, New Hampshire, May 4 sparked suspicion, resulting in a swarm of firefighters and police who blocked a section of the street and evacuated nearby apartments and businesses of nearly 800 residents and workers. The “suspicious package” turned out to be a backpack that belonged to a man heading to Keene District Court in the city hall building, said a Keene police lieutenant. The backpack contained toiletries and several cans of beer, the he said. The backpack would not have made it through security because beer is not allowed in the courtroom, the lieutenant noted. A city hall employee noticed the backpack leaning against a wall behind a city vehicle in the lower deck of the parking garage after the vehicle pulled away, the Keene police chief said. The worker alerted authorities at about 9:45 a.m., he said. No one could determine who owned the backpack, so firefighters and police evacuated the city hall building, nearby apartments, and the Keene Family YMCA. The fire chief estimated that 750 people were directly affected by the backpack-related evacuations. He said the bag “almost certainly couldn’t have been in a worse spot in downtown. You had city hall, businesses, high-rise elderly housing, a YMCA and a school.” The state police bomb squad in Concord was on its way to Keene. The backpack’s owner was out on the street with other evacuees when he learned that a backpack in the parking garage had caused all the hoopla, the chief said. The man told a city police officer he thought the backpack was his, and then he described the bag. “From what I understand, the man was homeless and had his belongings in the backpack,” the chief said. “He just wasn’t comfortable bringing the backpack into court.”

Source: [http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/news\\_display/144617578.html](http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/news_display/144617578.html)

43. *May 5, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Cloud security: Feds on cusp of change.** The federal government is on the cusp of fundamental changes in the way it manages information-technology security risks, but those risks will grow more complicated as agencies begin embracing on-demand computing, according to a panel of public-sector, cloud-computing experts. The discussion was part of a May 4 technology conference on cloud computing, knowledge management and open-government innovations. Sponsored by 1105 Government Information Group, the convention took place in Washington, D.C. Coincidentally, the Treasury Department confirmed on the same day that it had shut down four Web sites hosted by a cloud-service provider after a security analyst found malicious code. Security in a cloud computing environment needs to be considered as three distinct areas, said the director of Cisco's Cloud and Virtualization Solutions. Security risks — and rules duplicating the work agencies must go through to certify the security of their information systems — remain one of the biggest obstacles to adopting cloud-computing strategies, said a computer scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technologies and vice chair of the federal government's Interagency Cloud Computing Advisory Council. He outlined how a new government program called FedRAMP aims to address that problem by streamlining the certification process, so that an information-technology application certified for one agency will be available for all agencies to use. This would help industry too, he said.  
Source: <http://fcw.com/Articles/2010/05/05/Securing-risks-in-the-cloud---Fed-on-the-cusp-of-change.aspx?p=1>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

44. *May 7, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **DC officials try to improve EMS after girl's death.** The death of a two year old District of Columbia (D.C.) girl, who paramedics refused to take to the hospital on February 10 in the first of two visits to her home after she experienced breathing problems, has prompted a rare criminal investigation and raised questions about ambulance policies in D.C. and emergency care for children nationwide. After the paramedics recommended she be taken into a bathroom to inhale steam from a running shower, the girl's family called back hours later and an EMS crew took her to a hospital. The child died from pneumonia the next day. D.C.'s fire and emergency medical services chief said an internal review of the case revealed some "abnormalities." He referred the case to the D.C. attorney general, who passed it to police. "The mere fact that the mother wanted the child transported, it was our obligation to transport the child," said the chief, who now is reinforcing long-standing policy that a patient has a right to be taken to a hospital.  
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gslbmDjSMpOczlejLfmirD3sYAmgD9FHTHE80>

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## Information Technology Sector

45. *May 7, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Microsoft planning two critical fixes in May update.** Microsoft has published its advance notification for this month's Patch Tuesday update on 11 May, revealing fixes for two critical vulnerabilities in Windows and Office. A group manager for response communications at Microsoft said in a blog post that both issues allow for the remote execution of code. Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 customers will be offered the Windows-related update, but the manager claimed that "they are not vulnerable in their default configurations." A recently uncovered problem with SharePoint will not be patched this month, as Microsoft is continuing to work on a solution. Administrators have been advised to apply an access control list to the SharePoint Help.aspx file to prevent unauthorized users gaining access to the vulnerable components, or to disable certain features in Internet Explorer. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2262645/microsoft-plans-slight-patch>
46. *May 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Chinese companies join to rid handsets of poisoned apps.** More than a dozen mobile phone makers in China have teamed up to tackle a growing problem of poisoned applications that are designed to slowly bleed money from a user in a number of ways, either by increasing phone usage charges, such as charging to the monthly bill every time a user clicks on the app, or offering products or services that are paid for but never delivered. The group of companies, which includes Lenovo, Haier, TCL and chip maker MediaTek, pledged to answer the call by China's Ministry of Industry and Information Technology to crack down on the illegal applications. They signed an agreement not to pre-install any such applications on the cell phones they make and to take appropriate action if they discover any such malicious software in their products. The government has worked to clean up the industry and the companies formed the group to support the efforts. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/050710-chinese-companies-join-to-rid.html?hpg1=bn>
47. *May 6, DarkReading* – (International) **Breaches rise in U.K. firms along with wireless, VoIP, social networking.** According to recent survey by Pricewaterhouse Coopers, more than 90 percent of large organizations (more than 250 employees) say they suffered a data breach in the past year, up from 72 percent in 2008, the last time the survey was conducted. About 83 percent of small organizations (50 or fewer employees) were hit last year, up from 45 percent in 2008. On average, large U.K. firms were hit with 45 breaches in the past year, three times as many incidents as they reported in 2008. Small firms were hit with an average of 14 breaches, more than two times the number they logged two years ago. At the same time, U.K. organizations are rapidly adopting new technologies and services. Nearly half use voice-over-IP (VoIP) — up from 17 percent two years ago — and 85 percent run wireless networks, twice as many as in '08. Social networking is important to business for 32 percent of the organizations, and 34 percent say they are "critically dependent" on cloud-based, hosted software services. Meanwhile, staffers lost or leaked confidential data in 46 percent of the large organizations, with 45 percent of those saying the information exposed was "very serious" or "extremely serious."

Source:

[http://www.darkreading.com/database\\_security/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224701015](http://www.darkreading.com/database_security/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224701015)

48. *May 6, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **Departments of Justice and Homeland Security announce 30 convictions, more than \$143 million in seizures from initiative targeting traffickers in counterfeit network hardware.** Operation Network Raider, a domestic and international enforcement initiative targeting the illegal distribution of counterfeit network hardware manufactured in China, has resulted in 30 felony convictions and more than 700 seizures of counterfeit Cisco network hardware and labels with an estimated retail value of more than \$143 million. In addition, nine individuals are facing trial and another eight defendants are awaiting sentencing. This operation is a joint initiative by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection working with the U.S. Department of Justice. On May 6, as a part of this joint initiative, a Saudi citizen who resides in Sugarland, Texas, was sentenced in the Southern District of Texas to 51 months in prison and ordered to pay \$119,400 in restitution to Cisco Systems. A federal jury found him guilty on January 22 of charges related to his trafficking in counterfeit Cisco products. He purchased counterfeit Cisco Gigabit Interface Converters (GBICs) from an online vendor in China with the intention of selling them to the U.S. Department of Defense for use by U.S. Marine Corps personnel operating in Iraq. The computer network for which the GBICs were intended is used by the U.S. Marine Corps to transmit troop movements, relay intelligence and maintain security for a military base west of Fallujah, Iraq. ICE and CBP seized more than 94,000 counterfeit Cisco network components and labels during the course of the operation. There has been a 75 percent decrease in seizures of counterfeit network hardware at U.S. borders from 2008 to 2009.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2010/May/10-crm-534.html>

49. *May 5, DarkReading* – (International) **Red Condor warns of ‘Adobe Security Update’ malware campaign.** Red Condor on May 5 issued a warning of a new malware threat crafted to appear as an email thread discussing vulnerabilities in Adobe software. The campaign targets Adobe customers and consists of a fake thread of forwarded emails that begins with a security update message from an employee in “Adobe Risk Management.” The campaign warns recipients of a “Denial of Service Vulnerability” in the Adobe software and “strongly advises” that companies running the software update their systems with the “latest security patch.” The most convincing and potentially damaging aspect of the campaign is the structure of the forwarded thread, which is spoofed and customized per message and recipient. The thread contains what appear to be the full names and email addresses of people in higher positions in the recipient’s organization, possibly a technique to make the message and call to action seem legitimate. Embedded in the body of the email are links to a PDF file that contains the update instructions for the security patch, and an executable, which has been identified as a Trojan virus. Red Condor is the first to detect the malware campaign; the vast majority of AV engines failed to recognize the malicious download.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224700896&subSection=Vulnerabilities+and+threats>

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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

50. *May 7, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **FCC chooses a middle ground in enforcing net neutrality.** The Federal Communications Commission has come up with a new way to apply some net neutrality rules that would force Comcast Corp., AT&T Inc. and other broadband Internet service providers to handle all Web traffic the same, without imposing limits on users or blocking websites. Its proposal released May 6 is aimed at blunting an April federal appeals court ruling involving Comcast that found the agency had limited authority to regulate broadband Internet service. FCC Chairman said in a statement that the Comcast decision had created a “serious problem” and that his agency believes more regulation of broadband Internet service is needed, though not the heavier restrictions that apply to telephone companies. The Democratic appointee to the commission said existing law allows the agency to apply a “narrowly tailored broadband framework” to regulate Internet traffic. His proposal seeks to give the agency direct authority over broadband service.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-internet-fcc-20100507,0,3891841.story>

51. *May 7, Computerworld* – (International) **Stock market crash takes down financial sites.** The stock market crash on Thursday afternoon took financial Web sites down with it, as people hurried online to make trades and check their investments. Yahoo Finance, Fidelity.com, and Google Finance are among the sites that people complained were unavailable or slow for a period during the afternoon. A Yahoo spokeswoman would say only that Yahoo Finance experienced intermittent issues. Google said a small percentage of visitors may have experienced “sluggishness” for a brief period of time. Fidelity said it saw near-record peak transaction volumes and had intermittent slowness but no interruption throughout the day.

Source:

[http://blogs.computerworld.com/16064/stock\\_market\\_crash\\_takes\\_down\\_financial\\_sites](http://blogs.computerworld.com/16064/stock_market_crash_takes_down_financial_sites)

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52. *May 6, BBC* – (International) **‘Historic’ day as first non-Latin web addresses go live.** Net regulator Iann has switched on a system that allows full web addresses that contain no Latin characters. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are the first countries to have so-called “country codes” written in Arabic scripts. The move is the first step to allow web addresses in many scripts including Chinese, Thai and Tamil. More than 20 countries have requested approval for international domains from the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (Iann). It said the new domains were “available for use now” although it admitted there was still some work to do before they worked correctly for everyone. However, it said these were “mostly formalities”. Iann’s senior director for internationalized domain names told BBC News that this has been “the most significant day” since the launch of the internet, adding that “it’s been a very big day for Iann, more so for the three Arabic countries that were the first to be introduced”. Iann president described the change as “historic.” Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/10100108.stm>
53. *May 6, Associated Press* – (International) **How an unfixed Net glitch could strand you offline.** A member of the “hacker think tank” called the LOpht told Congress in 1998 that he could use a Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) vulnerability to bring down the Internet in half an hour by misdirecting data. In recent years, the expert — who now works for the Pentagon’s Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency — has said the exploit would still work. However, it would likely take a few hours. In 2003, the Presidential Administration concluded that fixing this flaw was in the nation’s “vital interest.” Fast forward to 2010, and very little has happened to improve the situation. The flaw still causes outages every year. The crux of the problem is that each carrier along the way figures out how to route the data based only on what the surrounding carriers in the chain say, rather than by looking at the whole path. And while there is some progress being made, there is little industry-wide momentum behind efforts to introduce a permanent remedy. Data carriers regard the fallibility of the routing system as the price to be paid for the Internet’s open, flexible structure. Internet growth has also increased the risks exponentially. Spokesmen at AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. said they were unable to find anyone at their companies who could discuss the issue of routing reform. The chief technology officer at Qwest Communications International Inc. says that he would support some simple mechanisms to validate data routes, but he argues that fundamental reform is not necessary. Hijackings are typically corrected quickly enough that they do not pose a major threat, he argues. In the meantime, network administrators deal with hijacking the old-fashioned way: calling their counterparts close to where the hijacking is happening to get them to manually change data routes. Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/News/TechnologyNews/201005060418?page=1&build=cache>
54. *May 5, CNNMoney* – (National) **AT&T dropping more calls than ever.** AT&T announced in January that it was spending \$2 billion this year to improve its much maligned cellular network. A survey of smartphone customers was released May 4 by ChangeWave Research, the consumer polling division of InvestorPlace.com. In a poll

that asked 4,040 smartphone users in March how many dropped calls they had experienced in the past three months, AT&T — the exclusive U.S. carrier of Apple's iPhone and iPad mobile devices — came in last among the country's four largest carriers. Verizon customers reported losing only 1.5 percent of their calls over the past three months, the lowest in the smartphone industry and the lowest percentage for a carrier ever recorded by ChangeWave. AT&T customers, by contrast, reported 4.5 percent of calls dropped in the last three months. That is one out of every 22 calls — three times as many as Verizon's and the worst percentage ChangeWave has ever seen. Sprint was the country's second most reliable carrier, with 2.4 percent of calls dropped, and T-Mobile the third, with 2.8 percent of calls dropped. The survey was conducted between March 9 and March 23.

Source: <http://tech.fortune.cnn.com/2010/05/05/att-dropping-more-calls-than-ever/>

55. *May 5, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Qwest investigating cause of local Internet outage.** A high-speed Internet network serving the Twin Cities metro area was down for nearly an hour May 5. Qwest Communications International, the state's largest phone provider, is investigating the cause of the outage, which occurred from about 10:40 to 11:30 a.m., a spokeswoman said. The problem created a "routing loop" in the telecommunication company's Metro Optical Ethernet, or MOE. "Data was coming in but it couldn't figure out where to send itself," she said. "So it was looping and looping and looping and getting stuck." The outage knocked out Internet access to about 1,000 large-, medium- and small-business customers of Qwest, including the St. Paul Pioneer Press and St. Paul-based Minnesota Public Radio. IPHouse, a Minneapolis Internet service provider that serves MPR and uses the MOE service, was told by Qwest technicians that they could see no single point of failure in the network, the IPHouse CEO said. An unknown number of residential customers using DSL also may have been affected, the Qwest spokeswoman said. Qwest business customers that do not use MOE were not affected by the outage, she said.

Source: [http://www.twincities.com/business/ci\\_15023615](http://www.twincities.com/business/ci_15023615)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

56. *May 7, WBBH 2 Fort Meyers* – (Florida) **10,000 gallons of sewage spill into Port Charlotte waterway.** Tests could come back as early as May from Port Charlotte Beach in Florida after 10,000 gallons of raw sewage accidentally spilled into the water May 6. Charlotte County Utilities said the sewage spilled into the Fordham waterway, which leads to the Port Charlotte Beach Complex. The Florida Department of Health has issued a beach advisory for the area. Health officials will lift the warning when the waterway is determined to be free of bacterial contamination. According to the health department, if high concentrations of these bacteria are ingested or enter through an open cut or sore, they may cause disease or infection.

Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/Global/story.asp?S=12444602>

57. *May 7, Clifton Journal* – (New Jersey) **Soda ‘bombs’ found in Clifton store.** Three soda-bottle “bombs” were found after they “exploded” at the Dollar Tree store in the Styertowne shopping center at Allwood and Bloomfield avenues in Clifton, New Jersey, April 30. At first employees thought some of the balloons for sale in the store had popped when they heard some “popping sounds” at about 6:30 p.m., a Clifton police detective said on May 6. He noted that at about 7:59 p.m., employees heard “a much louder bang, or pop and a small explosion from a basket displaying pillows near the exit.” The employees looked and found a soda bottle with some duct tape and smoke was coming out along with a chemical smell. Employees called police and fire officials who responded with a hazardous-materials team and evacuated the store and surrounding stores. The FBI, the Passaic County Sheriff Department’s crime investigation team responded along with members of the state Environmental Protection Agency to investigate, the detective said. He said that authorities found that some type of unknown chemical was added to the soda bottle and wrapped with duct tape. Officials also found more soda bottles which are believed to have caused the earlier popping sounds, the detective said, adding a fluid was found around the bottles. No one was injured in the incident and the investigation is ongoing.

Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/93046709\\_Soda\\_bombs\\_found\\_in\\_Clifton\\_store.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/93046709_Soda_bombs_found_in_Clifton_store.html)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

58. *May 7, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission* – (Florida) **Apalachicola National Forest prescribed burning Friday.** Apalachicola National Forest officials have planned a prescribed burn for approximately 377 acres starting at about 10 a.m. May 7. The prescribed burn will take place in Tallahassee, Florida, in the area between U.S. 319 on the west, State Highway 260 in the south, Woodville Highway on the east and Capital Circle in the north. The burn will improve wildlife habitat, eliminate vegetation build up, and reduce the threat of wildfires. Tallahassee residents may see smoke in the air south of the city moving north and east. People are reminded that the smoke they may see in this vicinity is not coming from a wildfire. Motorists are cautioned to drive slowly with lights on while traveling in smoky areas.

Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/news/headlines/93068579.html>

59. *May 7, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **Fire season sparks to life.** Fire crews were on their second day on May 7 of battling a wind-stoked wildfire that has burned at least 550 acres, 9 miles north of Flagstaff, Arizona, near Timberline. A welding accident by the Arizona Game and Fish Department could be behind the blaze, which crossed Highway 89 and filled the area with pungent smoke. The state agency sent out a press release in the evening May 6, several hours after the fire started, saying it was reviewing the activities of a two-person field crew in connection with what it called “an

accidental wildfire.” The 89 Mesa fire was 0 percent contained as of 8 p.m. May 6, about eight hours after it was called in by an off-duty firefighter driving down Highway 89, said a Coconino National Forest (CNF) fire information officer. No evacuations were ordered or structures damaged, but the O’Leary and Bonito campgrounds were closed at least through May 7. By about 3 p.m. the fire had jumped Highway 89 near Sunset Crater, prompting the brief closure of a short stretch of road in both directions and lingering traffic jams. Sustained winds at 30-40 mph with gusts as high as 60 mph challenged firefighters during the day, causing managers to order crews to step back from the flames at times. The CNF fire information officer said crews expected some continued fire growth on May 7, but predicted the rate of increase would slow amid forecasts for lighter winds. The fire was moving in a northeasterly direction. The fire was upgraded to a Type 2 incident, and as of 8 p.m., May 7, it had about 200 firefighters on scene.

Source: [http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/article\\_5a67c40a-fc33-5665-b0b1-baa06d1f8c0a.html](http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/article_5a67c40a-fc33-5665-b0b1-baa06d1f8c0a.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

60. *May 7, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Wanahoo dam work drilling delayed.** The estimate last fall was that it would take about 30 working days this spring to get things wrapped up on the Lake Wanahoo dam in Nebraska. But that is not going to be the case. The coordinator reported the week of April 26 that subcontractors putting in the remaining two pressure-relief wells will have to find other equipment before that work can continue. They have tried multiple times to dig the holes for the well casings. Each time, the sides have collapsed in because of the sandy soil mixture in that area. Pouring of the final concrete crest atop the dam has also been put on hold for several weeks. The dam’s originally scheduled completion date was August 1.  
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20100507/NEWS01/100509664>

61. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Deadline extended for 2 Idaho dam projects.** A U.S. Senate committee voted to extend the deadline to begin construction on a pair of hydroelectric projects in southern Idaho. The move May 6 in the Senate Resources Committee affects projects on the Little Wood River and at the American Falls Reservoir. The proposed extensions now move to the full chamber as part of a package of relicensing bills. At the Little Wood River Ranch site, a private hydroelectric project is in the works about six miles west of the city of Shoshone. Both it and the American Falls Reservoir project, where several modifications to the existing dam are planned, would get a 3-year extension to begin construction, once this bill becomes law.  
Source: <http://www.fox12idaho.com/Global/story.asp?S=12444843>

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