



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 11 May 2010

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Associated Press, radioactive water that leaked from Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Lacey Township, New Jersey has now reached a major underground aquifer that supplies drinking water to much of southern New Jersey, the state's environmental chief said on May 7. (See item [47](#))
- The Associated Press reports that a 17-year-old with a grudge against his former Long Island, New York high school planned with his girlfriend to buy shotguns, enter his old school, and indiscriminately shoot down students and teachers, days before his ex-classmates were scheduled to graduate, police said on May 7. The two teenagers set a June 10 date for the planned attack on Connetquot High School in Bohemia. (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 10, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **BP says oil spill costs \$350M so far, shares hit.** Oil company BP Plc said the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico had cost it \$350 million so far,

suggesting the final bill could be much higher than many analysts predicted. The news sent the company's share price tumbling to a six-month low. BP said in a statement May 10, its expenses referred to the cost of spill response, containment efforts, relief-well drilling, payments to the Gulf Coast States to speed up their response plans, some compensation claims and federal costs.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE6490AK20100510?type=marketsNews>

2. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Faulty equipment blamed for outage that hits 45,000 customers in suburban Cleveland.** A power company reports it has resolved a problem that cut service to more than 45,000 customers in suburban Cleveland. FirstEnergy says Sunday night's blackout was caused by a piece of equipment that failed at a substation that feeds other substations. Hardest hit was Rocky River, where more than 10,000 customers lost service. Other communities that were affected included Westlake, Fairview Park, and North Olmsted. FirstEnergy replaced the faulty equipment and got the power back on by early Monday.  
Source: <http://www.fox59.com/news/sns-ap-oh--clevelandareaoutage,0,1248893.story>
3. *May 9, allafrika.com* – (International) **Shell shuts down production in Rivers, Nigeria.** Royal Dutch oil giant, Shell Petroleum Development Company has shut down oil production in Nigeria, following a massive pipeline fire which ravaged the Trans-Niger-pipeline in two major oil-bearing communities of Ogoni land, Rivers State last week. The multinational company said it has stopped feeding the pipeline with crude to forestall further damage. Shell's spokesman in Nigeria confirmed the incident in a May 8 text message. He said that there were several leaks and two major fires on a section of the Trans-Niger Pipeline located at Bodo west and Bera communities in the Gokana local government area.  
Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201005101032.html>
4. *May 8, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Regulators reject using corroded pipeline.** A major oil company's request to continue using a corroded undersea pipeline at an offshore platform in Cook Inlet off the coast of Alaska has been roundly rejected by federal regulators. As a result, Chevron Corp. said it shut down oil production at its Anna Platform last week. Before the shutdown, the platform on the west side of Cook Inlet had been producing roughly 900 barrels of oil per day. Chevron had sought a waiver from federal rules that require pipelines in sensitive locations to be repaired when corrosion has eaten away more than 50 percent of their wall thickness. In one section of pipe near the seafloor, the line had lost more than 60 percent of its wall thickness. Instead of fixing it, about one year ago, Chevron asked for permission to keep using the corroded pipeline indefinitely. Chevron proposed to inspect the pipeline periodically and inspect the area weekly by air to look for an oil sheen. Federal regulators asked for public comment on the oil company's proposal this year and got just one: from the state's Petroleum Systems Integrity Office.  
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2010/05/07/1268807/feds-nix-corroded-undersea-pipe.html>

5. *May 7, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Firefighters guard downed power line for 15 hours.** Downed electrical lines, Lee, Maine’s volunteer fire department chief said, can take as little as 30 minutes to repair. That is why he was puzzled May 6, by what he called a possible communications or planning mishap that caused firefighters to have to guard a live line for about 15 hours after it went down in heavy winds and rain on Arab Road late May 3. Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. utility crews were in Lee when the line fell, the volunteer chief said. But they told the chief they had higher priorities of lines that had to be fixed elsewhere and that they would get to Arab Road when they could. The chief did not believe his men were in danger, but when the arcing line was removed, they found that the 15 hours of continuous electricity, 7,200 volts, had melted gravel and rocks to form a single glassy rock 3-feet long and 8-inches deep. A chief since 1984, he said he has never seen firefighters left hanging for so long. Firefighters commonly tend to downed lines for hours, a Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. spokeswoman said, but the utility will assess whether its crews handled the storm improperly.  
Source: <http://www.bangordailynews.com/detail/142830.html>
6. *May 7, Colorado Independent* – (Colorado; Kentucky) **Feds shut down 6 Kentucky coal mines, issue 16 citations to Colorado mine.** Federal regulators shut down operations at six Kentucky coal mines targeted by surprise inspections in the wake of last month’s deadly West Virginia mine explosion. The only Colorado mine targeted – Twentymile’s Foidel Creek Mine in Routt County – was allowed to keep operating but did receive 16 safety citations. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration May 6 released the results of last month’s “inspection blitz,” which targeted 57 coal mines around the country with a “history of significant and/or repeat violations of safety standards concerning methane, mine ventilation and rock dusting.” A deadly buildup of improperly vented methane gas is suspected in the April 5 explosion at Massey Energy’s Upper Branch Mine in West Virginia that killed 29 miners. None of the six Kentucky mines forced to suspend operations are owned by Massey, which is the subject of a criminal investigation in the West Virginia case.  
Source: <http://coloradoindependent.com/52970/feds-shut-down-6-kentucky-coal-mines-issue-16-citations-to-colorado-mine>
7. *May 6, Southeast Missourian* – (Missouri) **Jackson police looking for man who stole car from power plant.** The Jackson, Missouri, Police Department was still searching May 5 for a suspect who broke into the city’s power plant and stole an old police car around 4 a.m. May 4. The water distribution center in Jackson was also broken into, a police official said, although nothing was stolen. He said the suspect, a heavyset man, climbed over the fence to gain entry to the Jackson Power Plant at 420 Florence St. A maintenance worker heard the suspect drive through the gate and contacted police.  
Source: <http://www.semissourian.com/story/1632299.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

8. *May 10, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **SFK comments on chemical fire at Fairmont plant.** The investigation into a chemical fire at a Fairmont, West Virginia, plant continues. Authorities evacuated homes around the SFK Pulp Mill in Fairmont May 8, due to hydrogen sulfide leaking from the plant. A small fire in a chemical storage room broke out around 8 p.m. Saturday, SFK officials said. The storage room is specifically designed with safeguards to control the effects of a chemical release, including sealing off the room and starting the sprinkler system, officials explained in a written statement issued May 9. Those safeguards worked as they should, and the fire was quickly brought under control with no injuries to mill personnel, officials said. The chemical stored in the room is formamidinesulfonic acid, and is used by SFK as a reducing agent in the paper and pulp industry, and is also routinely used in other industries like leather, photographic and textile processing, according to the statement. Some gases from the incident were ventilated to the outside atmosphere, as part of the safeguard process, officials explained. The Office of Homeland Security set up monitoring in areas surrounding the SFK property and, according to that office; no harmful gases were detected at these locations, the statement reads. SFK is still looking into the cause of the fire. Homes in Rivesville, Sanford, Montana Mines and Five Forks were all evacuated for about three hours May 8.

Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=79585>

9. *May 10, Environmental Protection* – (National) **Agrichemical company allegedly imports misbranded pesticide.** Albaugh, Inc., an agrichemical company based in Ankeny, Iowa, has agreed to pay a \$27,360 civil penalty to the United States to settle allegations related to the importation of nearly 1,000 tons of misbranded pesticide from Argentina. According to a consent agreement and final order filed in Kansas City, Kansas, Albaugh violated the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) by importing a total of 1,990,440 pounds of the misbranded pesticide 2,4-D Acid to the Kansas City Port of Entry during March and April. The six shipments, comprising a total of 1,026 bags of the pesticide, were delivered to Albaugh's facility at 4900 Stockyards Expressway, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Under FIFRA, the bags were considered to be misbranded because they did not have required labeling that must include directions for the safe and proper use and handling of the pesticide. Albaugh was ordered to hold the material until it was relabeled with the correct information. As part of the consent agreement, Albaugh has certified that it is now in compliance with FIFRA and its regulations.

Source: <http://eponline.com/articles/2010/05/10/agrichemical-company-allegedly-imports-misbranded-pesticide.aspx>

10. *May 10, Middletown Journal* – (Ohio) **Firefighters remain hospitalized two days after fatal accident.** Two firefighters remain hospitalized after being overcome by gaseous fumes while responding to an incident Friday, May 7, in which a city worker died. Both firefighters were taken by medical helicopter to area hospitals: Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton and Atrium Medical Center. A third firefighter was treated and released from Atrium May 7. The three men were overcome by fumes when they attempted to rescue a Middletown maintenance worker. The 31-year-old was overcome by fumes and fell into a manhole in front of Air Products and Chemicals Inc. at 2500

Yankee Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy is scheduled to be performed to determine whether he was killed by the fall or the fumes. The firefighters were not wearing breathing apparatuses at the time of the rescue because they believed they were responding to a fall, a Middletown police major said Friday. On Saturday, crews continued testing air quality at the scene of the fatal accident, although officials have said the fumes present no danger to those in the immediate area because depleted oxygen levels were detected only below the road's surface. The police major said Air Products and Chemicals Inc. could not be ruled out as the source of the fumes. Based in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the company provides oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen to AK Steel's Middletown Works.

Source: <http://www.middletownjournal.com/news/middletown-news/firefighters-remain-hospitalized-two-days-after-fatal-accident-696931.html?imw=Y>

11. *May 10, Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **Ammonia leak blocks SW Sixth.** No one was injured when an agricultural-sized tank of anhydrous ammonia rolled off a trailer at S.W. 6th and MacVicar about 1:40 p.m. May 8, allowing toxic gas to leak from a damaged valve. Topeka fire and police officials sealed off the intersection and evacuated homes to the south as far as S.W. 8th and MacVicar. By about 2:40 p.m., the leak in the white tank carrying liquid ammonia had been plugged by a fire department hazardous-material team, the shift commander said. The white tank had a capacity of 500 gallons. The intersection remained closed to traffic until it was reopened at 5:25 p.m. She said a man driving a pickup truck on S.W. 6th was turning north onto S.W. MacVicar when the tank of ammonia rolled off the trailer and struck the concrete curb on the northeast corner. The tank's relief valve was hit, causing the ammonia to leak. The driver apparently evacuated the truck, which was parked near the tank. People who called the fire department complained they could smell the ammonia. At the time of the leak, the wind was blowing toward the south at 12 mph. Haz-mat team members wearing protective gear approached the tank and used a wooden dowel to plug the valve. Fire officials were awaiting the inspection of the tank before opening S.W. 6th and MacVicar and taking down a perimeter of police cars and officers sealing off the area. Firefighting equipment, the Life Star helicopter, search and rescue dogs, American Medical Response paramedics, and other fire and police agencies were meeting children and their parents in the park.

Source: [http://cjonline.com/news/local/2010-05-08/ammonia\\_leak\\_blocks\\_sw\\_sixth](http://cjonline.com/news/local/2010-05-08/ammonia_leak_blocks_sw_sixth)

12. *May 9, Access North Georgia* – (Georgia) **Large fire overnight at Jackson Co. chemical plant.** Jackson County firefighters worked overnight to put out a fire at the H W Wilson chemical plant near Commerce, Georgia. Fire crews were called just after midnight May 9 to the plant located near the airport at the intersection of Highway 82 and Lyle Field Road. Officials said it took between five and six hours to gain control of the fire and haz-mat was called in. No one was hurt in the blaze. No word yet on a cause.

Source: <http://www.accessnorthga.com/detail.php?n=229274>

13. *May 8, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Captured German tanker heads for Somalia: EU.** A German-owned chemical tanker with an international crew of 22

appeared Sunday to be heading to Somalia, a day after its capture by pirates, a European naval task force said. The tanker “is heading back towards the Somali coast, it is clearly in the hands of pirates,” a EU-NAVFOR spokesman told AFP, a day after armed pirates hijacked the 13,000-ton Marida Marguerite off Oman. The crew — made up of 19 Indians, two Bangladeshis, and a Ukrainian — were said on Saturday to be “well” by the anti-piracy task force, citing radio contact with the vessel. The capture added to at least 25 ships now held by ransom-seeking pirates, according to Ecoterra International, an environmentalist group monitoring maritime activity in the region.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gEd7JksLsYRTXefywx2klsuwmXcQ>

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

14. *May 10, Miami Herald* – (Florida; Michigan; Nebraska) **Activists question Turkey Point nuclear plant.** During 2009, Florida Power and Light’s (FPL) nuclear plant at Turkey Point in Homestead, Florida met all safety standards, members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission told local activists last week. But the activists remained skeptical. “There was a problem with the storage of spent fuel in the Unit 3 spent-fuel pool,” said the NRC’s senior resident inspector at Turkey Point. A FPL spokesman said the problem lay with two of 1,400 Boraflex panels, which absorb neutrons and help cool the fuel, adding that the utility found the panels had degraded. He said one of FPL’s vendors was late in delivering a set of boron inserts to reinforce the panels, causing the company to miss an NRC deadline for resolving the problem. “It was a compliance issue, not a safety issue.” The NRC has noted similar degradation of Boraflex panels at locations including Michigan’s Palisades plant and Nebraska’s Fort Calhoun plant. Most of the meeting’s attendees were activists known in their communities for their opposition to FPL’s plan to add two new reactors at Turkey Point and string high-voltage lines along U.S. 1 to move the added power to a Downtown Miami substation. And they did not seem too impressed with the NRC report. They expressed concerns about the overall safety of nuclear power plants — particularly in a hurricane-prone coastal area — and Turkey Point’s possible impact on the ecosystems of the two national parks, Biscayne and Everglades, that flank it and on folks living nearby. The NRC inspector said the plant’s flood wall was built with the surge from the strongest hurricanes in mind, and with two extra feet thrown in for good measure. In response to concerns voiced about radiation emissions from the plant possibly harming neighboring residents, the FPL spokesman said most of the radiation people are exposed to daily comes from natural sources.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/05/07/1619328/activists-question-turkey-point.html>



15. *May 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Congressmen vow to fight against abandonment of plans for nuke waste repository in Nevada.** Two U.S. Representatives from Washington state have said they will fight to keep the federal government from abandoning a proposed nuclear waste repository in Nevada. In a visit to the Northwest's lone commercial nuclear plant in Richland, Washington, the congressmen said the Yucca Mountain repository 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas is vital to ridding Washington state of spent nuclear fuel and waste. Energy Northwest, operator of Columbia Generating Station, has installed storage containers to safely hold its used nuclear fuel. But the utility recently won \$56.9 million in damages from the U.S. Department of Energy because the agency failed to begin accepting the utility's spent fuel at a national repository. The DOE has filed notice of its intent to appeal that ruling.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-nuclear-fuel,0,2779473.story>
16. *May 6, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (National) **NRC seeks additional public input on groundwater contamination.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is soliciting additional public input on ways to improve the agency's approach to groundwater contamination. This is an additional opportunity for public input beyond that of the agency's April 20 workshop. Recent tritium contamination of groundwater wells and soil from buried piping leaks at several nuclear power plants has raised questions regarding the completeness of NRC actions to date and whether those actions need to be augmented. A task force was formed in response to these incidents.  
Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2010/10-083.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

17. *May 9, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Fire breaks out at Berrien Springs plant.** Fire crews were busy late the morning of May 9 when a fire broke out at a Berrien Springs, Indiana plant. Just before 11:30 a.m., crews were dispatched to the Premier Tool and Die plant in the 9800 block of North Tudor Road in Berrien Springs. When crews arrived, they were able to see flames coming through the ventilation ducts. They were able to prevent the fire from spreading to the rest of the building, and the fire only took about 20 minutes to put out. Crews had to be careful not to get water on the molten metal inside the tool and die plant. "One of the things they produce here is, they have aluminum castings and they use a molten aluminum to form those," said the assistant chief for the Berrien Springs Fire Department. "And we have to be very careful that we don't get any water in the molten aluminum, as the water would vaporize that aluminum and cause an explosion with the metal." The plant sustained minor damage. No one was injured. Berrien Springs Fire was assisted by Niles Township Fire.  
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/93233999.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

18. *May 8, Jackson Sun* – (Tennessee) **Explosion at Milan Arsenal injures two.** An accident at the Milan Army Ammunition Plant in Tennessee May 4 sent two people to the hospital. The accident, which caused an explosion, occurred at about 5:10 p.m., according to a Milan Arsenal news release. Neither Army officials nor employees of American Ordnance, which operates the facility, could be reached for comment by phone or e-mail May 7. One of the employees was sent to Regional Medical Center in Memphis for injuries to his left hand, the release states. The other worker was taken to Humboldt General Hospital for evaluation and released. As of May 7, the cause or size of the accident, and the extent of the injuries to the workers involved were not known. Source: <http://www.jacksonsun.com/article/20100508/BUSINESS/5080304>
19. *May 7, Gainesville Sun* – (Florida) **Five people injured, two hospitalized in explosion at Lafayette County ammunition maker.** Five people were injured, with two hospitalized, May 7 in an explosion at a Lafayette County company that makes ammunition and other products, a company official said. In the afternoon May 7, Bulova Technologies Ordnance Systems' technical director said that the hospitalized employees are in stable condition. He said the plant immediately was shut down after the blast. Investigations will be done by the company, the state fire marshal, and the Defense Contract Management Agency. According to the company's website, Bulova Technologies makes fuses, arming devices, and explosive simulators, along with a variety of pyrotechnic devices, ammunition, and other materials for the U.S. government and allied governments worldwide. The company in April 2009 was awarded a \$30 million contract by the U.S. Army for the delivery of non-standard weapons to allied forces in Iraq. The company employs about 80 people. Source: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20100507/ARTICLES/100509540?p=1&tc=pg>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

20. *May 9, KEZI 9 Eugene* – (National) **ATM users on alert after skimming cases along West Coast.** An unidentified suspect is wanted by authorities in three different states, including Oregon. Police said he is stealing bank card numbers and pins using an ATM skimming device. He then produces cloned bank cards and pilfering accounts. A surveillance photo taken at a Vancouver, Washington, bank shows a white male, around 30 to 40 years old. Police said he has short brown hair, a mustache and a goatee. They said he's about 5'9" to 6 feet tall and has a stocky build. Vancouver is one area the suspect allegedly hit the hardest. Police said they are still looking for him. The case extends to California, Nevada, Idaho and Washington, with incidents occurring from August 2009 to April 2010. Source: <http://kezi.com/news/local/173171>



21. *May 9, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Grays Ferry man is sought in 4 Center City bank heists.** Federal agents continued their hunt May 8 for a serial Center City bank robber whose latest of four heists was occurred just before lunchtime May 7 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's business district. The FBI released a photo and description of the 31-year-old suspect saying he was linked to the Susquehanna Bank holdup at 1635 Market St. around 11:35 a.m. May 7 and three other downtown bank robberies since April. The FBI said the suspect had been captured on videotape inside the Susquehanna Bank and had "presented a threatening note to a teller." The robber fled on foot with an unknown amount of cash, the FBI said. Authorities believe the suspect is also linked to the robberies of Republic First Bank at 1601 Market St. Monday, the TruMark Financial Credit Union branch at 1811 JFK Blvd. April 26, and PNC Bank at 230 S. Broad St. April 21.

Source:

[http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20100509\\_Grays\\_Ferry\\_man\\_is\\_sought\\_in\\_4\\_Center\\_City\\_bank\\_heists.html](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/pa/20100509_Grays_Ferry_man_is_sought_in_4_Center_City_bank_heists.html)

22. *May 8, Bank Info Security* – (National) **Four banks fail May 7.** State and federal regulators closed four banks Friday, May 7. These closings raise to 75 the number of failed institutions so far in 2010. The Bank of Bonifay, Bonifay, Florida, was closed by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. The First Federal Bank of Florida, Lake City, FL will assume all of the deposits of the failed bank. The failed bank had \$242.9 million in total assets. The estimated cost to the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$78.7 million. Access Bank, Champlin, MN, was closed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce, which appointed the FDIC as receiver. The bank's assets were sold to PrinsBank, Prinsburg, MN. Access Bank had \$32 million in assets. The estimated cost to the DIF will be \$5.5 million. Towne Bank of Arizona, Mesa, AZ, was closed by the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions, which appointed the FDIC as receiver. Commerce Bank of Arizona, Tucson, AZ will assume all of the deposits of the failed bank. The Towne Bank of Arizona branch will become a branch of Commerce Bank of Arizona. Towne Bank of Arizona had \$120.2 million in total assets. The FDIC estimates that the cost to the DIF will be \$41.8 million. 1st Pacific Bank of California, San Diego, California, was closed by the California Department of Financial Institutions, which appointed the FDIC as receiver. The six branches of 1st Pacific Bank of California will reopen as branches of City National Bank. 1st Pacific Bank of California had \$335.8 million in assets. The estimated cost to the DIF will be \$87.7 million.

Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=2502](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=2502)

23. *May 8, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Visa warns of fraud attack from criminal group.** Visa is warning financial institutions that it has received reliable intelligence that an organized criminal group plans to attempt to move large amounts of fraudulent payments through a merchant account in Eastern Europe, possibly as soon as this weekend. In an alert sent to banks, card issuers and processors this week, Visa said it "has received intelligence from a third-party entity indicating that a criminal group has plans to execute "a large batch settlement-fraud scheme." The alert states that the

criminals claimed to have access to account numbers and the ability to submit a large batch-settlement upload to occur over a weekend. Visa does not have any information as to when the fraudulent settlement activity may occur. The criminals claim to have access to a merchant account placed with a bank in Eastern Europe. Upon receipt of this notification from the third-party, Visa immediately implemented monitoring of large-settlement activity for banks located in Eastern Europe. To date, Visa has not seen abnormal or large-settlement activity. Visa is continuing to monitor and will alert any affected Visa clients of abnormal activity, if necessary. Visa said institutions should start monitoring for large or unusual settlement activity, conduct monitoring daily, especially over weekends and long holidays, and review settlement and charge-back activity for high-risk merchants and agents.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/visa-warns-of-fraud-attack-from-criminal-group/>

24. *May 8, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Improper disposal of hundreds of loan applications raises security concerns.** The financial and personal details of about 300 property-loan applicants were compromised when confidential documents were mistakenly tossed into an outdoor waste bin. The paperwork, belonging to FHG Finance, a home-loan business at 548 Contra Costa Blvd. in Pleasant Hill, California was discarded recently by a cleaning crew hired to clear out a portion of the building where FHG is based, an official at the business said. The documents, which contained bank account and Social Security numbers, were found by employees at a neighboring store, who alerted FHG. The company secured the trash bin with a padlock until the documents could be shredded. The vice president of FHG described it as a close call.
- Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci\\_15041466](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_15041466)

25. *May 8, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **National Bank again targeted in scam.** The National Bank of Blacksburg, Virginia has been the target again of a scam that attempts to obtain confidential account information from residents. Bank officials said May 7, that residents are reporting receiving scam phone calls requesting confidential debit card and bank account information. The fraudulent automated calls say they are from the National Bank of Blacksburg, which is a subsidiary of National Bankshares Inc. The National Bankshares' chairman, president, and CEO said in a news release that the bank's computer system has not been compromised and the bank is not the source of any information, including phone numbers. Officials said the calls appear to be a continuation of a large-scale phishing attack on the bank in mid-April when fraudulent e-mails, phone calls and text messages using the bank's name, logo and Web site were sent to some Southwest Virginia residents.
- Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/wb/246122>

26. *May 7, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* – (Florida) **Bomb used as weapon in Bradenton bank robbery.** The Manatee County Sheriff's bomb squad is examining a device left inside a Bradenton, Florida bank during a robbery May 7. A man put the pipe-bomb type device on the counter of a Wachovia bank in the 3700 block of Manatee Avenue West and demanded money about 2:40 p.m. He fled with an undisclosed amount of money, leaving the device on the counter, said a sheriff's spokesman. Bomb squad

deputies are using a robot to check out the device. The bank has been evacuated. The man is described as white, in his 30s, about 5-foot-9 with dark hair and a scruffy beard. He was wearing a black shirt, sunglasses and a black baseball cap.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20100507/BREAKING/100509812/2055/NEWS>

27. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **3 accused in massive bank fraud.** Federal prosecutors said two former executives of Integrity Bank of Alpharetta, Georgia, and a Florida developer are charged with fraud in connection with \$80 million in loans made before the bank collapsed two years ago. A U.S. attorney said May 7, the 50-year-old developer of Coral Gables, Florida, used some of the loan money to buy a private island. She said the 40-year-old and 42-year-old executives dumped their Integrity stock before the failed loans came to light. The indictment alleges that with the assistance of individuals within the bank, the developer paid interest on existing loans with money from other loans, and kept borrowing to pay interest.

Source: <http://wsbradio.com/localnews/2010/05/3-accused-in-massive-bank-frau.html>

28. *May 6, U.S. Government Accountability Office* – (National) **Financial crisis highlights need to improve oversight of leverage at financial institutions.** In 2009, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted a study on the role of leverage in the recent financial crisis and federal oversight of leverage, as mandated by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. This testimony presents the results of that study, and discusses (1) how leveraging and deleveraging by financial institutions may have contributed to the crisis; (2) how federal financial regulators limit the buildup of leverage; and (3) the limitations the crisis has revealed in regulatory approaches used to restrict leverage and regulatory proposals to address them. The crisis has revealed limitations in regulatory approaches used to restrict leverage. First, regulatory capital measures did not always fully capture certain risks, which resulted in some institutions not holding capital commensurate with their risks and facing capital shortfalls when the crisis began. Federal regulators have called for reforms, including through international efforts to revise the Basel II capital framework. The planned U.S. implementation of Basel II would increase reliance on risk models for determining capital needs for certain large institutions. The crisis underscored concerns about the use of such models for determining capital adequacy, but regulators have not assessed whether proposed Basel II reforms will address these concerns. Such an assessment is critical to ensure that changes to the regulatory framework address the limitations the crisis had revealed. Second, regulators face challenges in counteracting cyclical leverage trends and are working on reform proposals. Finally, the crisis has revealed that with multiple regulators responsible for individual markets or institutions, none has clear responsibility to assess the potential effects of the buildup of system-wide leverage or the collective effect of institutions' deleveraging activities.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-10-555T>

29. *May 5, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **ATM skimmers, which can steal info in seconds, becoming more popular.** Investigators said a person can get cleaned out in seconds when they unknowingly slip a debit card through a crook's skimming device.

It's a new crime, and now the Secret Service and the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division say card skimming cases are up, five times higher, so far this year. "This is actually a skimming device that was recovered from one of the local area grocery stores, here in Columbia," said a Secret Service agent as he showed a device agents found about a month ago. The skimmer came from an ATM outside the Harbison Publix. A crook put it on the machine, and stole electronic data from dozens of debit cards. The Secret Service spent 12 hours waiting for the crook to come back for the skimmer, but the crook never showed before agents took the device as evidence. Luckily, agents took the skimmer off the ATM before the bad guys could download the information and create a new batch of victims.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12399919>

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## **Transportation Sector**

30. *May 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Cape Air grounds planes on bomb threat.** Planes at Cape Air were grounded briefly May 9, after a bomb threat was phoned in and later found to be a hoax. A spokeswoman for the Cape Cod, Massachusetts airline said Sunday the call came in on the airline's 800 number Saturday and was taken by an employee in Maine. She says the airline's Cessna 402 planes are small, with 10 seats, making inspections relatively easy. No explosives were found. She said it was a quick event to take care of, noting disruptions were minimal. The FBI is investigating.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2010-05-10-cape-air-bomb-threat\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2010-05-10-cape-air-bomb-threat_N.htm)
31. *May 10, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Pakistan grills suspect after airport alert.** Pakistani police were questioning a man arrested at Karachi airport trying to board a plane for the Middle East with batteries and an electrical circuit found in his shoes. The 30-year-old civil engineer, who was detained May 9 when a scanner sounded an alarm as he proceeded towards boarding a Thai Airways flight to Muscat, allegedly told police that his footwear was an in-built massage system. The bearded man was not carrying explosives. An Airport Security Force spokesman termed as "worrying" the discovery of four batteries, a circuit and an on-off button secreted in his shoes, which he said could easily have triggered a bomb. Strict security arrangements are in place and flights are now operating normally from Karachi, which is Pakistan's busiest international hub.  
Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iVpWS6u9ja\\_9sNY\\_FCzpHtsmS2RQ](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iVpWS6u9ja_9sNY_FCzpHtsmS2RQ)
32. *May 9, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Pilot brings plane down on Pine Bluff, Ark., city street after emergency in air.** The pilot of a single-engine, kit-built airplane brought it down May 9 afternoon on a Pine Bluff, Arkansas street after an emergency in the air. The plane, a 1990 kit model known as a Cozy, ran over street signs and

struck an automobile as it made an emergency landing on East Harding Avenue, a wide main thoroughfare on the city's east side, near the Pines Mall. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the airplane was flying over the city at 2:45 p.m. when its canopy opened and some debris flew back to strike the plane's rear-mounted propeller. The airplane sustained substantial damage, but no one was injured. The FAA is investigating the accident.

Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/sns-ap-ar--citylanding,0,6098271.story>

33. *May 9, Associated Press* – (New York) **Staten Island ferry slams into dock; dozens hurt.** A Staten Island ferry with a history of accidents malfunctioned as it approached its terminal May 8 and smashed into a pier with a jolt that tossed passengers to the deck and hurt as many as 37 people. The accident happened at around 9:20 a.m. as the Andrew J. Barberi arrived at the St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island, carrying 252 passengers and 18 crew. The approximately 3,000-ton, 310-foot-long ferry was moving at about 5 knots, or 5.8 miles per hour, when it hit. Coast Guard officials said the ferry suffered serious damage to its ramps and gouges in the decks above the waterline. Ramps on the pier were also damaged. The Department of Transportation described the damage to the vessel and terminal and slip as minor and said the Barberi would be taken out of service.

Source: [http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/05/09/general-us-staten-island-ferry\\_7589080.html](http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/05/09/general-us-staten-island-ferry_7589080.html)

34. *May 9, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Train derails in Walker County.** Emergency workers responded to a train derailment in Walker County, Alabama. A dozen or more train cars came off the track this afternoon in Parish. The derailment happened close to American Junction Road. Officials would not confirm if hazardous materials were on the train cars, but did say they evacuated everyone within a quarter-mile radius of the accident. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.myfoxa.com/Global/story.asp?S=12453898>

35. *May 9, Clarksville Leaf Chronicle* – (Kentucky) **Safety zone issued for Kentucky Lake.** Due to flood-like conditions, the U.S. Coast Guard captain at Port Ohio Valley has issued a Safety Zone Warning for portions of Kentucky Lake (Tennessee River) between Calvert City, Kentucky and Little Bear Creek; and on the Cumberland River, including Lake Barkley, Cheatham Reservoir and Old Hickory Reservoir, from Smithland, Kentucky to Carthage. All recreational boat traffic is prohibited in the Safety Zone. The closings were authorized under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act and in partnership with local, state and federal officials. Persons found to be in violation of the closings can be fined under U.S. Code 31, with a maximum penalty of \$32,500. The Coast Guard also reports the high waters have made the navigation buoys on the rivers unreliable. Water levels and river conditions are being evaluated several times daily by local, state and federal officials. Officials at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area report the only open boat ramps are at Grays Landing and Twin Lakes South. All other boat ramps are closed because of the Safety Zone or flood conditions.

Source: <http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20100509/COLUMNISTS11/5090315>



36. *May 8, Maui News* – (Hawaii) **Brush fire near airport almost under control.** A fire in thick hau brush near Kahului Airport in Spreckelsville, Hawaii was almost under control May 7 by firefighters who worked through the night to protect nearby houses from the blaze. Bulldozers, the fire department's Air One helicopter, and fire crews were doing "extensive mop-up" May 7 at the 3-acre fire scene off Stable Road on the Makai side of Hana Highway. The fire was reported at 10:03 p.m. May 6 on state-owned land near Kahului Airport. Engine crews from Paia and Kahului, a Kahului hazardous-materials crew and tankers from Kahului and Wailea responded, according to the acting fire battalion chief. An airport fire crew with four units also responded to the fire. Airport operations were not affected by the fire. No structures were damaged, and no injuries reported. The cause of the fire remained under investigation.

Source: <http://www.mauinews.com/page/content.detail/id/531314.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

37. *May 7, United Press International* – (Texas) **Salad bowls lead to arrest.** Prosecutors said salad bowls used in the creation of a homemade bomb led to the arrest of a 51-year-old, Fort Worth, Texas man. A federal prosecutor said the man's ex-wife returned from church May 1 and opened a FedEx package that turned out to contain an explosive device made from the two bowls taped together, a six-volt battery and a large bag of what appeared to be gunpowder, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported May 7. "Taking the bowls apart was supposed to have formed a circuit that would have set off the gunpowder," the prosecutor said. "The detectives determined that these bowls were sold only at Bed, Bath and Beyond." He said detectives then found the only nearby location that had sold two of the bowls in the same day during the past month and a review of April 14 surveillance camera footage identified the suspect as the man who bought them. He was arrested and charged with possession of an unregistered destructive device. The suspect was taken to the Parker County jail and a hearing to determine whether he will be released with conditions is scheduled for May 11.

Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4101596>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

38. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Food poisoning suspected in 3 Louisiana hospital deaths.** A health official said food poisoning perhaps from an ingredient in chicken salad could be what killed three Louisiana mental-health hospital patients and sickened 40 others. Officials said patients at Pineville's Central State Hospital showed signs of gastrointestinal stress beginning the morning of May 7. The three deaths — a 43-year-old woman, 41-year-old man and 52-year-old man — happened late May 7 or early the morning of May 8. A spokeswoman for the state department of health and



hospitals, said the patients had chicken salad May 6. She said something bad could have been in the chicken, lettuce or mayonnaise. Officials said the poisoning appears to be isolated to the hospital in Pineville, located between Shreveport and Baton Rouge. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,592523,00.html>

39. *May 10, Star Telegram* – (Texas) **Firefighters say ‘no danger’ found at Miller Brewery.** Employees were briefly evacuated May 10 from the Miller Brewing Co. while authorities investigated a possible gas leak at the south Fort Worth, Texas brewery. By 9 a.m., however, the chlorine odor that had sparked concerns of a leak had “dissipated without an obvious source being located” and firefighters had left the scene, said a Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman. He said Miller personnel will monitor the plant as a precaution. The MillerCoors Web site said that 700 people work in the building.  
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/05/10/2176634/possible-leak-prompts-evacuation.html>
40. *May 8, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Ammonia leak forces evacuation, closes Oxnard roads.** Hazardous materials experts responded to an ammonia leak May 8 at Gills Onions in Oxnard, California. No one was injured at the processing facility at Pacific Avenue and East Wooley Road, but 181 employees were evacuated, officials said. “The leak was secured quickly,” said an Oxnard Fire Department spokeswoman. She said Oxnard firefighters responded at 6:20 a.m. to an ammonia alarm and remained on scene until 10:40 a.m. After securing the leak, crews ventilated the facility before allowing plant maintenance workers to return, the spokeswoman said. Two roads were briefly closed as a precaution, including Wooley between Telstar Drive and Richmond Avenue, and Pacific Avenue between Mountain View Avenue and Wooley. The closures were lifted by 11 a.m. The cause of the leak was not known, the spokeswoman said. Regional hazardous-materials teams from the Ventura County Fire Department and Ventura Federal Fire Department assisted the Oxnard crew. A total of 20 firefighters were on scene and Oxnard police handled traffic control.  
Source: [http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire\\_News\\_Display/1182822856.html](http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire_News_Display/1182822856.html)
41. *May 7, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Illinois; Minnesota; Wisconsin) **Illinois firm recalls mini-pretzel dog products due to lack of inspection.** Vienna Beef Ltd., a Chicago, firm is recalling about 49,600 pounds of fully cooked mini-pretzel dog products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced May 7. These products were previously recalled in FSIS Recall Notification Report # RC-015-2010. The new recall reflects a determination by FSIS that a change in status from a Class III to a Class II recall was warranted due to a lack of inspection. The products subject to recall include 16-ounce bags of “Vienna Beef Mini Pretzel Dogs” with a sell-by date ranging from February 2, 2010 to July 1, 2010; and 32-ounce bags of “Vienna Beef Mini Pretzel Dogs” with a sell-by date ranging from May 31, 2010 to October 24, 2010. The products were produced between December 2, 2009, and April 30, 2010, and were distributed at the retail level in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. FSIS and Vienna Beef have received no reports of

illness or adverse reactions.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_031\\_2010\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_031_2010_Release/index.asp)

42. *May 7, FoodProductionDaily.com* – (International) **New report shows gaps in FDA’s food import oversight.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) needs more authority to oversee imported foods, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has said in a new report. There are about 189,000 registered foreign sites where food is made for sale in the United States, according to the report. Of those, the FDA inspected just 153 in 2008. Last year, it estimated that it would inspect 200 sites, and 600 in 2010. Meanwhile, the amount of food imported into the United States is increasing, and now accounts for 15 percent of the total food supply, including 60 percent of fresh fruits and vegetables and 80 percent of seafood. “GAO identified certain statutory authorities that could help FDA in its oversight of food safety,” the report said. “Specifically, GAO previously reported that FDA currently lacks mandatory recall authority for companies that do not voluntarily recall food products identified as unsafe. Limitations in FDA’s food recall authorities heighten the risk that unsafe food will remain in the food supply.” The findings of the GAO report were presented at a House committee hearing May 6, along with the findings of a previous study released in September last year in which the GAO said the FDA and USDA should work together to close gaps in the food safety network. The new GAO report is at [www.gao.gov/new.items/d10699t.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10699t.pdf). Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/Supply-Chain/New-report-shows-gaps-in-FDA-s-food-import-oversight>
43. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA fines company for plant violations.** A federal safety organization said an Illinois milk-related company has agreed to pay \$535,000 in fines stemming from safety violations at a Wisconsin plant. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration May 5, announced the settlement with Milk Specialties Co. The firm is based in Carpentersville, Illinois. Its products include protein supplements for dairy cows. The fines stem from a 2008 inspection at the Whitehall, Wisconsin plant. OSHA said the plant was cited for violations including combustible-dust hazards and having untrained employees working in potentially dangerous areas. The company said the settlement does not represent an admission of wrongdoing. It said the citations stemmed from a newly acquired plant, noting that it is committed to workplace safety. Source: [http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/local/article\\_7abbea30-598d-11df-aa56-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/local/article_7abbea30-598d-11df-aa56-001cc4c002e0.html)
44. *May 7, Gadsden Times* – (Alabama) **Pilgrims Pride plant evacuated during bomb threat.** Pilgrims Pride on Goldkist Street in Boaz, Alabama, was evacuated May 6 as a precautionary measure after being contacted by a 911 operator who stated a caller said a bomb was on a truck or in the plant, according to a news release from the Boaz police chief. The plant and vehicles were searched and nothing was located. At about the same time, Pilgrim’s Guntersville plant also was evacuated and searched because of a bomb threat. About 2:15 p.m., another call was received stating the bomb at the Boaz site was not found, and that it would go off about 3:30 p.m. The Boaz plant was evacuated again

as a precaution, and the Guntersville plant also was evacuated. Nothing was found at the Boaz plant and work resumed around 3:50 p.m. The incident is being investigation by Boaz and Guntersville police departments and other agencies.

Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20100507/NEWS/100509892/-1/blogs?Title=Pilgrims-Pride-plant-evacuated-during-bomb-threat>

45. *May 6, WLFI 18 Lafayette* – (Indiana) **Shot fired at Indiana Packers building.** A shot was fired into a Delphi, Indiana workplace May 5, according to the president of Indiana Packers Corporation. A company press release stated that a single shot was fired through a window of a security building at around 11 p.m. The release stated that the shot appeared to come from a passing vehicle. The company stated that no one was injured by the shot. It indicated that company officials are working with law enforcement, adding that they had no reason to believe that there is any threat of a future incident of this kind. Indiana Packers is offering a \$5,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the incident.

Source: <http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/crime/shot-fired-at-indiana-packers-building>

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## **Water Sector**

46. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va regulators cite 2 water plants for discharges.** Virginia regulators have fined the operators of two water treatment plants in Bedford and Franklin counties for discharging too much copper, zinc, or nickel. In Bedford County, the Department of Environmental Quality fined the Western Virginia Water Authority \$3,500 for discharging excessive levels of copper into Falling Creek. An authority spokeswoman said the problem is being corrected. In Franklin County, the Ferrum Water and Sewer Authority must pay a \$2,200 fine for discharging too much zinc and nickel into Storey Creek.

Source: <http://www.wtkr.com/news/dp-va--waterfines0510may10,0,7192800.story>

47. *May 8, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Tainted nuke plant water reaches major NJ aquifer.** Radioactive water that leaked from the nation's oldest nuclear power plant has now reached a major underground aquifer that supplies drinking water to much of southern New Jersey, the state's environmental chief said May 7. The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection has ordered the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Lacey Township to halt the spread of contaminated water underground, even as it said there was no imminent threat to drinking-water supplies. The department launched a new investigation May 7 into the April 2009 spill and said the actions of plant owner Exelon Corp. have not been sufficient to contain water contaminated with tritium. The tritium leaked from underground pipes at the plant April 9, 2009, and has been slowly spreading underground at 1 to 3 feet per day. At the current rate, it would be 14 or 15 years before the tainted water reaches the nearest

private or commercial drinking water wells about two miles away. But the mere fact that the radioactive water — at concentrations 50 times higher than those allowed by law — has reached southern New Jersey's main source of drinking water calls for urgent action, the chief said. He ordered the Chicago-based company to install new monitoring wells to better measure the extent of the contamination, and to come up with a plan to keep the tainted water from ever reaching a well. Should the plant fail to stem the spread of the contaminated water, the state will do it and bill the company for three times the cost as a penalty, the environmental department said.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jrD4xonSoPnaXaZTftwd4RXuoA2gD9FI7LJ80>

48. *May 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Sauk Village facing hefty fines over contaminated water.** Already besieged by political and financial turmoil, south suburban Sauk Village, Illinois, now faces millions of dollars in fines after dangerous levels of the carcinogen vinyl chloride was found in its drinking water. The Illinois attorney general's office is suing Sauk Village to force cleanup of one of three groundwater wells that serve as the community's primary source of drinking water, following the discovery of vinyl chloride and fecal contamination during routine testing in 2009. Sauk Village disabled the well shortly after the tests were confirmed and it is no longer in public use, the mayor said. A spokeswoman for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said officials do not yet know the source of contamination or how long the community's 11,000 residents may have been exposed to polluted drinking water.

Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2010-05-07/news/ct-met-0507-sauk-village-attorney-gen20100507\\_1\\_vinyl-chloride-village-attorney-lake-michigan-water](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2010-05-07/news/ct-met-0507-sauk-village-attorney-gen20100507_1_vinyl-chloride-village-attorney-lake-michigan-water)

49. *May 7, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **An oily mystery on Lake Winnebago.** The source of a petroleum sheen on Lake Winnebago continues to baffle the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). People living near the channel north of Oshkosh are expressing concerns about a strong diesel-like smell coming from the water. The DNR says the source of that sheen remains a mystery as they work to decontaminate the channel off Lake Winnebago just between Starboard Court and Nicolet Avenue. Concerns of a fuel spill have people living near Starboard Court asking a lot of questions. The DNR said it started receiving complaints about the smell about three weeks ago, in mid-April. The agency set up a number of booms, hoping to control the sheen from spreading. "We're not seeing any fresh product out here. What we're seeing is something old, something degraded, so that's kind of why we don't think there's an ongoing release right now," the DNR spill team leader said. At this point, the DNR does not know exactly what type of petroleum is in the channel, or where it came from. That is why the city is asking for the public's help.

Source: <http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=12443280>

50. *May 7, Associated Press* – (Alabama; Louisiana; Mississippi) **Oil spill may endanger human health, officials say.** With a huge and unpredictable oil slick drifting in the Gulf of Mexico, state and federal authorities are preparing to deal with a variety of

hazards to human health if and when the full brunt of the toxic mess washes ashore. The list of potential threats runs from minor nuisances such as runny noses and headaches to nausea. While waiting to see how bad things will get, public health agencies in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi are monitoring air quality, drinking water supplies, and seafood processing plants and advising people to take precautions. Some communities, including New Orleans, get their supplies from the Mississippi River. Its southerly currents will prevent oil from drifting upstream to city intake pipes, and the Coast Guard is making sure that any ships with oil-coated hulls are scrubbed down before proceeding up the river, said Louisiana's state health director. Even so, the state health department has ordered testing of municipal water systems near the Gulf for signs of oil. The department began taking samples at seafood processing plants. Officials have ordered a temporary moratorium on fishing in federal waters from the Mississippi River to the Florida Panhandle, but sampling will provide benchmarks enabling scientists to track any increases in contaminant levels once fishing is allowed to resume. Louisiana health officials said they believe fish, shrimp, and other Gulf delicacies already on the market are safe. There is little chance of getting cancer from tainted seafood even if people ate it for many years, said the director of Tulane University's Center for Applied Environmental Public Health. The telltale smell likely would deter consumers from eating oily seafood, she said, but if people did eat it, they might get gastrointestinal sickness.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ijOsR46YC28zcsDSil3PAz7QHnMAD9FI4D3G1>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

### 51. *May 10, Help Net Security* – (National) **U.S. federal data security**

**vulnerabilities.** Data-security vulnerabilities continue within U.S. federal agencies due to employees' use of unsecure methods to exchange information, such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) — despite the Secure File Sharing Act, which the U.S. House of Representatives passed March 24, 2010 to prevent government employees from using peer-to-peer file-sharing software, including FTP. This is one of the results of a survey by MeriTalk and Axway. According to the Federal File Transfer Report, federal employees are exposing data to cyber criminals. Though 71 percent of federal IT and information security professionals are concerned with federal file-transfer security, 54 percent admit they do not currently monitor for FTP use within their agencies. Federal employees admit to using unsafe methods to transfer files, specifically citing the following: 66 percent use physical media (e.g., tapes, CDs, DVDs, USB drives, etc.);



60 percent use FTP; 52 percent e-mail work files through personal e-mail accounts (e.g., Gmail, Yahoo, etc.). The Federal File Transfer Report shows that agencies must secure top management support and educate employees to lock down federal data. Federal employees at agencies with management that understands the impact of threats are more than twice as likely to follow these policies (53 percent to 12 percent); and currently, just 58 percent of those surveyed are aware of agency file-transfer policies. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9269>

52. *May 10, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Man jailed after bomb threats to Reno school.** A 60-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly making bomb threats to a Reno, Nevada school. The threats prompted officials to close Our Lady of the Snows School May 10 as a precaution. A sergeant said the suspect was arrested for allegedly calling 911 more than 20 times May 8 and making threats against the school. The sergeant said bomb-sniffing dogs sent to the Catholic school did not find anything. The suspect was being held in Washoe County Jail. Parents of students were notified Saturday night of the situation. Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2010/may/10/man-jailed-after-bomb-threats-to-reno-school/>
53. *May 8, Associated Press* – (New York) **2 NY teens arrested in plot to attack high school.** A 17-year-old with a grudge against his former Long Island, New York high school planned with his girlfriend to buy shotguns, enter his old school and indiscriminately shoot down students and teachers, days before his ex-classmates were scheduled to graduate, police said May 7. The two teenagers extensively researched bomb making, attempted to buy a shotgun and set a June 10 date for the planned attack on Connetquot High School in Bohemia, a Suffolk County police sergeant said. Evidence from the 16-year-old girl's computer and cell phone showed they had searched bomb-making and explosives Web sites, and exchanged text messages in which they discussed plans to buy firearms and kill people, police said. Both were arrested and charged as adults with conspiracy. The boy pleaded not guilty at his arraignment May 7, while his girlfriend entered a not-guilty plea last week. Each could face up to a year in jail if convicted. Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hMAjanxTBpm4bq3Ph\\_FSNH KxpnsgD9FID3600](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hMAjanxTBpm4bq3Ph_FSNH KxpnsgD9FID3600)
54. *May 7, San Antonio College Ranger* – (Texas) **Emergency notification not needed in mailroom incident, officials say.** When a mailroom worker suffered a reaction after contact with a FedEx envelope May 6 causing the evacuation of Fletcher Administration Center at San Antonio College in Texas, many employees and students questioned why the college's mass notification system was not used. The "mass comm" system creates an automatic contact for every college employee and student by e-mail, text message and phone message. In the May 6 incident, the communications assistant in the mailroom first contacted his supervisor, who called the college nurse, then the district's police department, which turned the investigation over to city police. The San Antonio Police Department called in firefighters, ambulances and the hazardous-



materials response team. After decontamination of the package and tests for explosives and airborne pathogens and chemicals came up negative, the FBI took the envelope for further testing. Meanwhile, college officials tasked with keeping the population safe were experiencing some confusion and miscommunication. People on the second floor of Fletcher were put in lockdown and quarantined, while the third floor and basement level were evacuated. Some people on the south hall of the second floor, however, were told to leave the building rather than remain in lockdown. A spokeswoman for the public information officers, said that the public relations staff did not post a notice on the college Web site that Fletcher was temporarily closed because they were displaced from their office on the third floor. The public relations director said in a telephone interview May 6, the notification system was not used because the incident was limited to one building. He said the envelope was contained, and the person who broke out in the rash is fine.

Source: <http://www.theranger.org/news/emergency-notification-not-needed-in-mailroom-incident-officials-say-1.2261263>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

55. *May 10, New York Post* – (New York) **FDNY crew lost en route to fatal fire.** A Queens, New York man died from lack of oxygen as confused New York City Fire Department (FDNY) firefighters circled his house for 37 minutes because they could not find the address on their outdated map, The New York Post has learned. The retired stationary engineer for Fordham University, was in his bedroom at his Little Neck home on Van Nostrand Court just after 10 p.m. Monday when he lost consciousness, his distraught family said. While his son tried to revive him, firefighters rushing to his aid drove by his cul-de-sac several times without spotting the entrance. Their rig was not equipped with GPS or electronic maps — which are not installed in any FDNY or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) vehicles. The city has no plans to install electronic mapping in fire or EMS rigs, the FDNY said.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/fdny-crew-lost-en-route-fatal-fire>

56. *May 10, USA Today* – (National) **More police, fire recruits flunk fitness test.** When the Jackson Mississippi, Police Department tried to recruit new officers this spring, more than a third of the applicants were not able to pass the initial physical fitness test. The city's police academy's initial fitness exam includes push-ups, a 1.5 mile run, an obstacle course and a flexibility test, the deputy police chief said. Mississippi has the highest rate of obesity in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Overweight and out of shape recruits for police, fire and emergency medical services are presenting increasing staffing problems for agencies around the nation. Last year, the Cambridge Health Alliance and researchers from Harvard University and Boston University found that 77 percent of fire and emergency medical technician trainees in Massachusetts were either overweight or obese. A Harvard School of Public Health professor, one of the authors of the report, said no national

studies on recruits exist, but in localized studies researchers “consistently find that among police and firefighters, generally three-quarters are overweight and that includes one-third that are obese.” The picture may be worse, he said. Some departments have lowered physical strength standards to avoid discrimination lawsuits, he said. “In combination with a less fit pool,” he said, “that will end up allowing more obese recruits to successfully join these services.”

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-05-09-obese-recruits\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2010-05-09-obese-recruits_N.htm)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

57. *May 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **Highly critical vulnerability in Safari for Windows.** A vulnerability has been discovered in Apple Safari 4.0.5 for Windows, which can be exploited to compromise a system. The vulnerability is caused due to an error in the handling of parent windows and can result in a function call using an invalid pointer. This can be exploited to execute arbitrary code when a user e.g. visits a specially crafted Web page and closes opened pop-up windows.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9267>

58. *May 10, TG Daily* – (International) **Hackers target WordPress in large-scale attack.** Hackers have reportedly targeted a number of Web sites powered by the popular WordPress platform. The attacks have affected sites hosted by various providers, including DreamHost, GoDaddy, Bluehost and Media Temple. In addition, other PHP-based management systems - such as Zen Cart eCommerce - have also been targeted in the ongoing cyber offensive. “The hacked Web pages appear to have been infected with scripts, which not only install malware on users’ systems, but also prevent browsers like Firefox and Google Chrome, which use Google’s Safe Browsing API, from issuing an alert when users try to access the page,” reported H Open. “When Google’s search bot encounters such a specially crafted page, the page responds by simply returning harmless code. This camouflage strategy takes advantage of the browser switch normally used by developers to return browser specific code to suit functional variations in different browser, such as Internet Explorer and Firefox.”

Source: <http://www.tgdaily.com/security-features/49690-hackers-target-wordpress-in-large-scale-attack>

59. *May 10, The Register* – (International) **Dodgy Facebook pages used to power ‘spam a friend’ joke scam.** Dubious Facebook pages host rogue Javascript code that creates a means for miscreants to spam people on a user’s friends list, security researchers warn. A security researcher at Sunbelt Software, who goes by the online name Paperghost, explains that the ruse relies on duping prospective marks into completing surveys. Users who complete these studies would inadvertently grant access to their friends list by following instructions on misleading dialogue boxes. Baits being used in the ruse offer supposed access to the “world’s funniest joke,” among other ruses. Users are taken through a series of steps that results in them copying and then pasting JavaScript code into their address bar. Once this happens a “suggest this to your friends” dialogue

box will automatically appear briefly on users' screens before it is replaced by a captcha prompt. Users who follow through will post a spam-link on the news feed of anybody who happens to be their friend. This "spamvertised" link, in turn, promotes a fake Internet survey aimed at flogging "expensive ringtones, and fake iPod offers, as explained in a blog post. A depressing total of over 600,000 links to four pages containing the malicious JavaScript reveals that numerous users have been exposed, if not already taken in, by the scam.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/10/facebook\\_spam\\_friend\\_scam/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/10/facebook_spam_friend_scam/)

60. *May 7, eWeek* – (International) **Worms attack Skype, Yahoo Messenger.** Security researchers have reported a new wave of attacks targeting users of Yahoo Messenger and Skype. BKIS (Bach Khoa Internetnetwork Security) researchers May 7, said the attack comes via messages such as, "Does my new hairstyle look good? bad? perfect?" and "My printer is about to be thrown through a window if this pic won't come our right. You see anything wrong with it?" The messages contain malicious links. "The users are more easily tricked into clicking the link by these messages, because users tend to think that 'their friend(s)' are asking for [advice]," said the BKIS blog post. "Moreover, the URL shows a .jpg file to users, reinforcing the users' thought of an image file." BKIS' discovery follows the appearance of another worm targeting Yahoo Messenger that was reported recently. "The page at the end of the link is basic and does not employ any exploits in order to install the worm, it relies solely on social engineering to trick victims into believing they are opening a picture from a friend, while in fact they run the worm," explained a Symantec researcher May 2. Once executed, "the worm copies itself to %WinDir%\infocard.exe, then it adds itself to the Windows Firewall List, blocks the Windows Updates service and sets the following registry value so that it runs whenever the system boots:

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run"Firewall

Administrating" = "%WinDir%\infocard.exe," the researcher wrote. With that done, the worm then blasts itself out to everyone on the victim's Yahoo Messenger contact list, and it may also download and execute other malicious files.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Security-Researchers-Report-Attacks-on-Skype-Yahoo-Messenger-199929/>

61. *May 7, Kapersky Lab Security News Service* – (International) **Main PHP-Nuke site compromised.** Researchers at Websense found that the main site for the PHP-Nuke content-management system software, phpnuke.org, has been compromised and is serving malicious iFrame exploits to visitors. The attack uses the common iFrame-redirection technique to hijack users' browsers and send them off to a malicious site. The code on that site is highly obfuscated and contains exploits for three separate vulnerabilities, two in Internet Explorer and one in Adobe Reader. The first attack tries to exploit a four-year-old flaw in Internet Explorer. If that part of the attack works, it downloads a Trojan onto the victim's machine. The malware then tries to connect to several Web sites, the researchers said. The second attack uses a Java exploit, which ends up with the same infection routine as the first one. The third exploit is a PDF exploit — this actually merges three exploits targeting Adobe Reader. First the JavaScript in the HTML page checks if Adobe Reader is exploitable by checking its

version number.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/main-php-nuke-site-compromised-050710](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/main-php-nuke-site-compromised-050710)

62. *May 7, The Register* – (International) **New attack bypasses virtually all AV protection.** Researchers say they have devised a way to bypass protections built in to dozens of the most popular desktop anti-virus products, including those offered by McAfee, Trend Micro, AVG, and BitDefender. The method, developed by software security researchers at matousec.com, works by exploiting the driver hooks the anti-virus programs bury deep inside the Windows operating system. In essence, it works by sending them a sample of benign code that passes their security checks and then, before it's executed, swaps it out with a malicious payload. The exploit has to be timed just right so the benign code is not switched too soon or too late. But for systems running on multicore processors, matousec's "argument-switch" attack is fairly reliable because one thread is often unable to keep track of other simultaneously running threads. As a result, the vast majority of malware protection offered for Windows PCs can be tricked into allowing malicious code that under normal conditions would be blocked. All that is required is that the AV software use SSDT, or System Service Descriptor Table, hooks to modify parts of the OS kernel.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/07/argument\\_switch\\_av\\_bypass/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/07/argument_switch_av_bypass/)

63. *May 7, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Botnets exploit Linux owners' ignorance.** A lack of knowledge and awareness about how to use Linux mail servers could be contributing to the disproportionately large number of Linux machines being exploited to send spam, according to new Symantec Hosted Services research. The firm's latest monthly MessageLabs Intelligence Report found that Linux-based computers are five times more likely to send spam than Windows PCs. A malware data analyst at Symantec Hosted Services explained in a blog post May 6 that he decided to dig deeper into the potential causes. "On investigating the originating IPs of a random selection of spam from Linux, I found that in most cases it came from a machine running an open-source mail transfer agent, such as Postfix or SendMail, that had been left open," he said. "This suggests that one reason there is so much spam from Linux could be that many companies that have implemented their own mail servers, and are using open-source software to keep costs down, have not realized that leaving port 25 open to the Internet also leaves them open to abuse."

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2262681/botnets-exploit-linux-owners>

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

64. *May 10, Washington Post* – (New York) **U.S. blames Pakistani Taliban for Times Square bomb plot.** The U.S. Attorney General said investigators had “developed evidence that shows the Pakistani Taliban was behind the attack,” a sharp escalation from the initial assessment that the Time Square car-bomb suspect had acted alone and without sophisticated training. The Attorney General’s remarks, coupled with similar statements by other senior U.S. officials over the weekend, highlighted the emerging role of an al-Qaeda-affiliated group that appears to have only recently moved to follow through on its ambition, expressed for years, of striking inside the United States. The suspect told investigators that he trained in Waziristan, a base of operations for al-Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban in the mountainous border region near Afghanistan. The Times Square plot would mark the first time the Pakistani Taliban has tried to strike on American soil, signaling that the group may be moving beyond its earlier targets in Pakistan and, much more rarely, Afghanistan. A top counter-terrorism adviser at the White House said the administration is “taking very seriously” the threat posed by the Tehrik-e-Taliban, or TTP, calling it a “very determined enemy.”  
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/09/AR2010050901143.html>

65. *May 10, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Palm Bay police investigate bomb threats.** Palm Bay, Florida police are investigating multiple bomb threats made by an individual to several businesses in the city this past weekend. A Palm Bay police log showed five calls made to businesses in the 1100 and 1200 block of Malabar Road May 9. The businesses that received the phone calls include a Publix Supermarket, a Dollar General store, and a Walgreens pharmacy. The Brevard County Sheriff’s Office is also investigating the threats and whether the calls are connected to similar calls made in other cities recently. “We believe it is the same individual. He was calling all these businesses asking them to leave money out in the parking lot or in a dumpster. If they did not, he was going to detonate a pipe bomb,” a Palm Bay police spokeswoman said.  
Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20100510/BREAKINGNEWS/100510007/1006/NEWS01/Palm+Bay+police+investigate+bomb+threats>

66. *May 10, NorthJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **2 victims in Meadowlands sports center crash improve.** Two soccer fans who were mowed down in a hit-and-run incident after the May 7 Mexico-Ecuador game at the Meadowlands Sports Center in East Rutherford, New Jersey were in improved condition May 10 at Hackensack University Medical Center, state police said. Two other victims from the Friday night incident also remained in the hospital. Four other fans who were hit by the car after departing the

sold-out soccer game just before midnight were treated and released May 8. A 21-year-old Bronx man has been charged with driving while intoxicated, assault by auto, and leaving the scene of a dangerous accident. He also had attended the game and then drove his car into a crowd of people who were attempting to cross six lanes of Route 120. Overflow parking for games attracting big crowds — such as the 77,000 people attending the scoreless soccer contest — is available at the Izod Center, across Route 120 from the new Meadowlands football stadium that opened last month as a replacement to Giants Stadium. The issue of fans knocking down a fence to cross Route 120 after sold-out events has been a longstanding problem at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. The overpass walkway above Route 120 is narrow, so when sporting events conclude, there can be thousands of fans backed up trying to get onto the overpass.

Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/transportation/051010\\_2\\_victims\\_in\\_Meadowlands\\_sports\\_center\\_crash\\_improve.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/transportation/051010_2_victims_in_Meadowlands_sports_center_crash_improve.html)

67. *May 9, New York Post* – (New York) **BMW prototype sparks bomb scare on Upper West Side.** A disguised BMW X6 prototype caused a bomb scare on the Upper West Side in New York City after the driver covered the black-and-white vehicle with a tarp and left the engine running. An alert passer-by called police after noticing that the vehicle was parked directly in front of the main entrance to the Museum of Natural History on Central Park West. For several hours, CPW between West 77th and West 81st streets was closed as the New York Police Department bomb squad smashed the rear and side passenger windows of the vehicle — covered with small black-and-white swirls — to search it. The car's interior also was covered with tarps. Police sources identified the driver as a BMW brand manager. The brand manager apparently did not press the correct button on his key fob to remotely turn off the engine to his car, and it runs so silently that he did not even notice it was still on when he left, a source said.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bomb\\_scare\\_outside\\_museum\\_of\\_natural\\_aqJMqtShf57d9X4WcZRRNK](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bomb_scare_outside_museum_of_natural_aqJMqtShf57d9X4WcZRRNK)

68. *May 9, Associated Press* – (California) **13 injured in Los Angeles apartment fire.** Fire officials said 13 people have been injured in a three-story, 42-unit apartment fire near downtown Los Angeles, including a woman who jumped from a window and 2-year-old girl who suffered third-degree burns. The city fire captain said crews plucked residents from the building after fire broke out about 9 a.m. May 8 in a corner apartment. The injuries include broken bones, scratches and smoke inhalation. Two people are in critical condition, including the woman who broke a leg while jumping from the building and the 2-year-old who is being treated at a burn center. The fire started on the second floor of the apartment building in a densely populated area about a mile west of downtown. At least one second-floor unit was destroyed, and flames lapped up to the third floor. The fire was knocked down in about 15 minutes. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-05-08-fire-los-angeles\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-05-08-fire-los-angeles_N.htm)



69. *May 8, AMNews.com* – (Kentucky) **Bomb scare forces evacuation of Danville trailer park.** A bomb scare at a Danville, Kentucky trailer park forced residents from their homes for more than three hours before a homemade explosive device was rendered safe by experts from Kentucky State Police (KSP). The device, a foot-and-a-half long tube packed with gunpowder, was discovered in a trailer at Imperial Mobile Home park at about noon May 7. Danville police and firefighters went door-to-door to evacuate people from the park's mobile homes. KSP's hazardous devices team arrived on the scene about 2 p.m. and made two entries to the trailer before rendering the device safe about 3:30 p.m. A suspect, 37, was taken into custody about noon on an outstanding warrant and later charged with possession of a destructive device or booby trap, wanton endangerment and disorderly conduct. He was being held without bond May 8 at the Boyle County Detention Center. The assistant Danville Police Chief said police were called to the suspect's residence about 11:40 a.m. after he allegedly threatened the trailer park's lawncare worker with a gun for mowing a neighbor's yard while he was trying to sleep. When police arrived May 7, the suspect refused to answer the door. Officers contacted his son who helped them gain access to the trailer. Once inside, police did not find a gun but discovered the explosive device hidden under a couch. The KSP bomb squad arrived and two members donned protective gear and made an initial sweep of the trailer. A second entry was made about 3:15 p.m. and the device was X-rayed and then sprayed with a high-pressure water stream to render it safe. Source: <http://www.amnews.com/stories/2010/05/08/loc.358826.sto>

70. *May 8, Associated Press* – (New York) **Abandoned water cooler causes Times Square scare.** Police cleared streets around Times Square May 7 and called in the bomb squad after finding a cooler and a shopping bag left on a sidewalk about a block from where a failed car bomb was found over the weekend. They opened streets to traffic after finding out the cooler contained only water bottles. The shopping bag left in a flower pot had books and a gift wrapped in pink tissue paper. Police had earlier cordoned off a pedestrian mall and nearby streets with yellow tape around 1:15 p.m., while yelling "Get back, get back" at onlookers, and guiding bomb-sniffing dogs through the area. Six New York City Police Department officers opened the cooler, took out the contents and carried it off about an hour later, when the department said there was no threat. The department has had a 30 percent uptick in the number of suspicious package reports since the failed bombing in Times Square. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g0lyiB3OL6efIUYNXaDR9Rd7FAgQD9FI9BLO0>

71. *May 7, Central Florida News 13* – (Florida) **Downtown activity just a drill.** More than 200 police officers and 100 firefighters took part in a training exercise six months after a man opened fire in a downtown Orlando, Florida, office building. Authorities said the man stormed into the Gateway Center in November 2009 and shot six people in the office where he was fired over two years earlier. Officials said they learned so much from the chaotic incident, and now that they have been able to process what happened, they wanted everyone to come together and practice in case it ever happens again. SWAT and bomb squad officers all participated in the training, to work to

improve their response time.

Source:

[http://www.cfnews13.com/News/Local/2010/5/7/downtown\\_police\\_activity\\_just\\_a\\_dri1l.html](http://www.cfnews13.com/News/Local/2010/5/7/downtown_police_activity_just_a_dri1l.html)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

72. *May 10, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Traffic detoured as Toms Creek bridge is replaced.** The National Park Service received millions of dollars from the massive federal economic stimulus package, and some of the money is now being spent locally on improvements within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (DWGNRA). Money received from the stimulus bill will not only finance the construction of facilities, replacement of equipment, preservation and repair of historical resources in the park system, but also pay for updating park roads and bridges. Throughout the summer, motorists traveling through the DWGNRA along Route 209 in Lehman Township, Pennsylvania will witness the “money” at work as traffic is diverted to Toms Creek and Little Egypt roads. The detour from the park’s main artery onto side roads is necessary as the aging bridge that spans Toms Creek is replaced. The project is expected to be completed in the fall.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100510/NEWS/5100323/-1/NEWS01>

73. *May 10, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Montana) **Yellowstone developing Old Faithful area plan.** Yellowstone National Park has begun to develop a long-range plan for the Old Faithful area. The public can submit comments until June 7. Officials said they need a plan to identify ways to enhance visitors’ experiences and accommodate park operational needs while protecting resources in the area. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Yellowstone National Park will prepare an environmental assessment for the Old Faithful area during the next 16 months. Officials said the environmental document will provide a deeper understanding of resources through inventories, focus on resource protection and address visitor connections to the resources. The process will also evaluate alternative proposals and their potential impacts to multiple resources, including natural, cultural and scenic, as well as visitor use and experience, park operations and public health and safety.

Source: [http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art\\_id=5956](http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=5956)

74. *May 9, KGUN 9 Tucson* – (Arizona) **2 wildfires burn in southern Arizona.** Two wildfires were still burning in southern Arizona May 9, and one of them, the larger, South Fork Fire, is 50 percent contained. Because of the fire, South Fork Road remained closed May 9 at the Cave Creek Road intersection. Winds in the area were out of the southwest, gusting to 29 miles an hour, according to a media release from the Coronado National Forest. About 80 fire personnel are working the fire with a helicopter, hot-shot crews and other firefighters. No buildings were threatened by the

fire. The other fire, the Hunter Fire, is located in Sierra Vista and encompassed 33 acres when it began May 8. It was zero percent contained May 9. The fire perimeter is a half mile from any structures. No roads are closed in the area but traffic is being controlled on Hunter Canyon Road. This fire is also human-caused, according to a Coronado National Forest press release.

Source: <http://www.kgun9.com/Global/story.asp?S=12453687>

75. *May 9, Huntsville Item* – (Texas) **Forest service to close boat ramp for repair.** The U.S. Forest Service has announced the closure for repair of the Cagle Recreation area boat ramp and dock in Sam Houston National Forest in Texas. Located on Lake Conroe, the boat ramp and dock were damaged in 2008 by Hurricane Ike. Repairs are now underway and campers should expect the ramp and dock to remain closed until work is completed in June.

Source: <http://itemonline.com/local/x892954399/Forest-service-to-close-boat-ramp-for-repair>

76. *May 8, City News Service* – (California) **3.4 mag quake hit east of Borrego Springs.** A 3.4 magnitude earthquake hit the mountains between the Salton Sea and Borrego Springs, California May 8. The quake was epicentered 15 miles east of Borrego Springs, and 10 miles south of Desert Shores, near the intersection of the Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial county lines. It is within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. It hit at 6:47 a.m. It was about 40 miles north of the cluster of thousands of aftershocks that are rattling the site of the 7.2 magnitude Easter Sunday quake near Mexicali.

Source: <http://www.sdn.com/sandiego/2010-05-08/local-county-news/3-4-mag-quake-hit-east-of-borrego-springs>

77. *May 7, Waterland Blog* – (Washington) **Dash Point State Park to reopen Saturday as fuel spill clean-up ends.** Clean-up from last week's diesel fuel at Dash Point State Park in Washington wrapped up May 7, and the day-use area — closed since April 30 — will reopen Saturday, May 8. Fuel spilled in the early evening of April 29 from a 300-gallon tank owned by a contractor performing work for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on the F.B. Hoit Bridge along State Route 509 through the park. Crews removed 250 tons of potentially impacted soil, asphalt, curbs and rip rap, and replaced them with clean materials. To access contaminated areas, a cleanup contractor cut through and repaired small areas of a parking lot and road. The cleanup also involved the removal of trees and other vegetation along Thames Creek, which flows through the park. New native plants will be planted along the restored stream bank next week. Erosion-control mats and fences remain in place in the meantime. Crews placed diesel-absorbent materials along the creek and adjacent beaches and tidal areas and removed leaves, twigs and other natural debris contaminated by the fuel. By mid-week the creek and beaches showed no remaining signs of the spill. There were no reports of harm to fish or wildlife.

Source: <http://www.waterlandblog.com/2010/05/07/dash-point-state-park-to-re-open-saturday-as-fuel-spill-cleanup-ends/>

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