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- Los Angeles' mayor Wednesday defiantly rejected a warning by a top Arizona utilities official that the state could cut off power to Los Angeles should the city proceed with its boycott of all things Arizona. A commissioner on the five-member Arizona Corporation Commission, wrote a letter to the mayor slamming his city council's decision to boycott the Grand Canyon State — in protest of its immigration law — by suspending official travel there and ending future contracts with state businesses. Noting that a quarter of Los Angeles' electricity comes from Arizona power plants, he threatened to pull the plug if the city council does not reconsider. (See [1](#))
- A man attempting to board a flight from Puerto Rico to Boston was arrested with a carry-on bag stocked with four box cutters, a switchblade knife, a stun gun and information about New York City, federal law enforcement officials said Wednesday. The man was stopped Tuesday at an airport security checkpoint after the screening of a carry-on bag led to a physical search that turned up the dangerous items, authorities said. (See [22](#))

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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 19, FOX News* – (Arizona; California) **L.A. mayor dismisses warning that Arizona could cut off power over boycott.** Los Angeles' mayor Wednesday defiantly rejected a warning by a top Arizona utilities official that the state could cut off power to Los Angeles should the city proceed with its boycott of all things Arizona. A commissioner on the five-member Arizona Corporation Commission, wrote a letter to the mayor slamming his city council's decision to boycott the Grand Canyon State — in protest of its immigration law — by suspending official travel there and ending future contracts with state businesses. Noting that a quarter of Los Angeles' electricity comes from Arizona power plants, he threatened to pull the plug if the city council does not reconsider. "I am confident that Arizona's utilities would be happy to take those electrons off your hands," he wrote. "If, however, you find that the City Council lacks the strength of its convictions to turn off the lights in Los Angeles and boycott Arizona power, please reconsider the wisdom of attempting to harm Arizona's economy." The Arizona commissioner told FoxNews.com that he was speaking for himself, not the entire commission, though he has the support of at least one other member. But Arizona has some serious leverage over Los Angeles, as well as the rest of California. The state and city get electricity from a nuclear power plant outside Phoenix, as well as from coal-fired power plants in northern Arizona and two, giant hydroelectric power generators along the Colorado River.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/05/19/arizona-official-threatens-cut-los-angeles-power-payback-boycott/>
2. *May 19, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **ND refinery ending month-long maintenance.** A month-long \$125-million overhaul at Tesoro Corp.'s Mandan, North Dakota refinery will be completed on time and within budget, the company said. North Dakota's sole oil refinery was idled April 16 for maintenance and upgrades. The work included installation of additional pollution controls, and bumping up the capacity by about 2,000 barrels daily of ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel used in off-road construction and farm equipment. Work is slated to be finished this week with start-up scheduled for early next week. Production in North Dakota's prolific oil patch continues to grow exponentially, with a record number of wells drawing crude at nearly twice the daily rate of two years ago. At the current pace, North Dakota is quickly gaining ground on California, the nation's third-biggest oil producer, industry officials say.
Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2010/05/19/1483543/nd-refinery-ending-monthlong-maintenance.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *May 20, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Source of fatal nitrogen leak identified.** Experts said they have identified the source of the nitrogen gas leak that evacuated oxygen from the work site where a Middletown, Ohio, worker died and three firefighters were injured May 7. Officials said leaks were detected in nitrogen lines running from Air Products & Chemicals to AK Steel Corporation. Currently the lines are being carefully excavated. A hydro-excavation process is being used to dig out the lines. Officials said the process uses water rather than heavy equipment, so no damage is done to the lines or any of the other underground pipelines or electrical lines at the excavation site. Officials also said they are reviewing their options for repair. Once the repairs are finalized, testing will begin to verify that all the leaks have been found and stopped. Further testing will be conducted to assure that the source of nitrogen has been fully identified and resolved. In the meantime, Yankee Road, from Lafayette to Pershing, will remain closed to traffic.
Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/23611670/detail.html>
4. *May 20, Livingston County Daily Press & Argus* – (Michigan) **Chemical spill snarls up traffic.** An overturned chemical-transport truck spilled industrial lubricant onto eastbound Interstate 96 near Pleasant Valley Road in Brighton, Michigan Wednesday, leading emergency crews to close the expressway in both directions during the afternoon and into the evening hours. Police and firefighters believed the leaking chemical was potentially explosive. The roadway was reopened on the westbound side last evening and the eastbound side Thursday morning. Officials at the scene Wednesday were not sure what caused the accident, which also involved a passenger car, or how the semi-truck overturned. The driver of the truck was hospitalized; the other motorist was not injured. The truck carried 70, 55-gallon drums of an industrial lubricant called Mono-Lube 3004, produced by Chem-Trend LP of Howell, which was determined at the scene to be a “hazardous substance of explosive nature.” Crews from area fire departments worked immediately to dike off the spilled chemical, then quickly created a 300-meter perimeter around the crash site when it became known that the drums could rupture. Eastbound I-96 traffic was closed immediately after the accident between U.S. 23 and Kensington Road; officials closed westbound traffic shortly after at the same point.
Source: <http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20100520/NEWS01/5200307>
5. *May 19, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Excelsior man hurt when semi carrying chemical rolls over in North Dakota.** A Minnesota man was listed in satisfactory condition Tuesday evening at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks after his semi-truck rolled over Monday night on U.S. 2 in Nelson County. The North Dakota Highway Patrol said the driver, 53, of Excelsior, Minnesota, was hauling anhydrous ammonia from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to Michigan, North Dakota. While driving through a construction zone 2 miles west of Niagara, North Dakota, at about 10:10 p.m., the tires of his truck caught the edge of the road, the patrol said. The driver lost control of the truck which slid across the road, entered the median and rolled. The tanker was not ruptured during the crash. Pressure-release valves released a very small amount of anhydrous ammonia. The westbound lanes were closed and traffic detoured for about two hours, then again later for another hour while the tanker was removed.

The eastbound lanes were closed for about 20 minutes during the tanker removal. The semi was totaled.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_15117537?nclick_check=1

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *May 20, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Entergy granted extension by PSB.** Late on May 14, the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) granted Entergy an extension to answer discovery requests about a leak of tritiated water submitted by the Conservation Law Foundation, the Windham Regional Commission and the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution. But the PSB denied a request by Entergy that the board rule many of the requests are outside the PSB's jurisdiction and therefore do not require responses from Entergy. Questions about the PSB's jurisdictional authority cannot be answered until all discovery requests are responded to by Entergy, wrote the three members of the PSB. The PSB is investigating whether: it should force Yankee to cease operations pending completion of repairs; it has cause to modify or revoke the plant's certificate of public good, which is required to operate any public utility in Vermont; Entergy should be fined for any violations of state statutes or board orders. But before the PSB can address any of those questions, it must first determine if it has the authority to review the tritium leak, or if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has the sole authority to do so. Entergy had argued that it was "unreasonable to require Entergy VY to respond now to hundreds of requests concerning radiological safety issues and plant operation ..." while the board had not yet determined if it had the jurisdiction to review the leak. Entergy also argued that it was not possible for it to supply all the answers until after the plant's refueling outage has been completed. The plant is expected to begin powering back up on or about May 24.

Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_15122136

7. *May 20, Morning Sun* – (Michigan; Utah) **Breckenridge radioactive dump site cleanup under way.** About 300 cubic yards of low level radioactive waste has been put into huge "superbags" to be removed from what is called the Breckenridge dump site in Michigan. Employees of Energy Solutions have a long way to go to remove all the contaminants from the 2.2-acre site that is actually in Bethany Township. The acreage had been used by Michigan Chemical to dispose of its waste in the making of picture tubes that required some radioactive elements. Officials from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expect that about 1,900 cubic yards will have to be removed. Two representatives from the NRC spoke to Pine River Task Force members Wednesday night, detailing the project. When the cleanup is completed, the land will have no restrictions and can be used for commercial, industrial or even residential use. Two NRC representatives stressed the safety of the operation. Local workers were hired and trained on handling the radioactive dirt, they said. The bags will be taken to railcars in Hemlock and shipped to an approved site in Utah owned by Energy Solutions. The

railcars are also owned by the same company and the railcar employees are employed by Energy Solution as well.

Source:

<http://www.themorningsun.com/articles/2010/05/20/news/srv0000008319656.txt>

8. *May 19, Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Radiation training set for I-15 near Yermo.** FBI trucks and military vehicles are helping to scan traffic along Interstate 15 near the desert community of Yermo, California today for any signs of radiation during a training exercise that officials say is no cause for alarm. Part of the training is designed to help screening personnel differentiate between routine sources of radiation - like medical implants - and true threats like improvised nuclear devices that could be used in terrorist attacks, said a San Bernardino County Fire Department spokeswoman. Role-play vehicles are joining the traffic flow, carrying onboard training devices that will test the screeners' ability to detect a radiological or nuclear weapon, prevent the spread of contamination and manage people exposed to radiation. Signs announcing the exercise are set up near the screening site during regular business hours at the Agricultural Inspection Station. Agencies participating in the drill range from the FBI and Centers for Disease Control to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

Source: <http://blogs.pe.com/news/digest/2010/05/radiation-training-set-for-i-1.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *May 20, Industry Week* – (Mississippi) **OSHA slaps \$1.3 million fine on Mississippi shipbuilder.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has fined VT Halter Marine Inc. \$1.322 million for a November 2009 explosion and fire that killed two workers and injured two more, the U.S. Department of Labor agency announced Thursday. Following its investigation of the incident, which occurred in the inner bottom void of a tugboat being constructed at the company's Escatawpa, Mississippi facility, OSHA cited the company for 17 alleged willful, and 11 serious violations. OSHA said the willful violations were for failing to inspect and test the confined space prior to entry, failing to prevent entry into confined spaces where the concentration of flammable vapors exceeded the prescribed limits, and failing to use explosion-proof lighting in a hazardous location. Serious violations included a lack of machine guarding, allowing the use of defective electrical equipment and failing to properly ventilate a confined space, OSHA said.

Source: http://www.industryweek.com/articles/osha_slaps_1-3_million_fine_on_mississippi_shipbuilder_21889.aspx?SectionID=3

10. *May 18, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Three men charged with stealing copper wire.** Three men now face burglary charges for stealing copper wire from an Eau Claire, Wisconsin company. Eau Claire Police said they caught the three men in the act at National Presto Industries earlier this month. Investigators say the suspect had drills, saws, and other tools at the time. All three men are scheduled to be in Chippewa

County Court June 8.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/94219909.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *May 18, Associated Press* – (National) **AF Test didn't include troubled GPS unit.** The military did no advance testing on a specific type of military GPS receiver that had problems picking up locator signals after a change in ground-control software, the Air Force said Monday. The Air Force tested other equipment, but none of it contained the type of receiver that was unable to lock on to Global Positioning System satellites after the change, said a spokesman for the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center. The manufacturer of the receivers, Trimble Advanced and Military Systems, said it ran its own advance tests using specifications from the Air Force GPS Wing and found no problems. "Once the upgrade [on the ground-control software] went live, the compatibility problems were immediately identified and Trimble worked with the GPS Wing to resolve them," a Trimble spokeswoman said in an e-mail. The Air Force spokesman said earlier that the problem, which occurred in January, was identified in less than two weeks. A temporary fix was installed in all the receivers and a permanent fix is being distributed, he said.

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/af-test-didnt-include-troubled-gps-unit.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *May 20, Help Net Security* – (International) **Twitter malware campaign features a banking Trojan and keylogger combo.** A malware campaign that uses fake Twitter accounts and sends out messages marked with popular hashtags, containing the text "haha this is the funniest video ive ever seen" and a malicious shortened link, has been launched. The messages pop-up when users search for trending topics. The shortened links in the messages all point to a Web page that hosts a Java exploit whose goal is to drop a keylogger/banking Trojan on the visiting computer. F-Secure advises everybody who does not need Java in their browser to disable it, making this kind of attack misses its mark.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1349

13. *May 20, SpamfighterNews* – (International) **Phishing Web sites of top Indian financial institutions deceiving customers.** Security company Symantec has disclosed in its latest study that cyber crooks are attacking online customers by launching phishing sites in the name of reputed Indian banks and financial institutions. The number of phishing sites on Indian government bank brands surged by 35 percent from

February to March 2010. RBI (The Reserve Bank of India) was one of the crucial targets. Thus, from the example of RBI, Symantec informed that although the phishing site of RBI carried the RBI logo, the Web page is totally different from the authentic RBI Web site. The fake Web page is designed by using a single template, enabling hackers to spoof several brands just by replacing the logo and some keywords. Phishing sites that spoof other brands by making use of this design template are hosted on the same IP with distinct domain names. Further, Symantec stated that phishing mail carries an URL link. After clicking the link, the attacked user will reach a site showing the name of a government department or a bank. The mail asks the user to reveal private details such as- bank account number and log-in password. Fascinatingly, most of the phishing sites designed during March 2010 have URL extension .in, reportedly showing that they are Indian sites. But after examination, it was disclosed that the servers of these sites are situated in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.spamfighter.com/News-14425-Phishing-Websites-of-Top-Indian-Financial-Institutions-Deceiving-Customers.htm>

14. *May 20, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **Credit card phone scam back on the line in Greeley area.** For at least the third time this year, con artists are calling cell phone numbers in the Greeley, Colorado area and telling people their accounts or credit cards have been canceled. In most cases, the targets of the scam are told their account at the Weld Schools Credit Union needs to be updated, and they are told to call another number. There, they receive instructions to leave their credit card number so the matter can be corrected. In other cases, the targets of the scam are told their ATM card was canceled and they need to leave the number on a phone message. Police and bank officials said the calls are a scam, attempting to get the victims' credit card numbers. At the credit union, the marketing director said about 500 people have called in the last few days to ask if there is a problem with their accounts. A Greeley police fraud investigator said the best thing to do when one receives such a call is to hang up.

Source:

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20100520/NEWS/100519612/1002&parentprofile=1001>

15. *May 19, Pasco Suncoast News* – (Florida) **Skimming device found on ATM at New Port Richey bank.** Detectives with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office are searching for a pair who placed a skimming device and a pin-hole camera on a New Port Richey, Florida bank's ATM machine Saturday, May 15 in an attempt to steal ATM card account numbers and pin codes. The skimming device was found at the Bank of America's River Crossing branch, located at 5242 Little Road, according to the sheriff's office. The report said the first suspect was wearing a hat and driving what appears to be a Dodge minivan. He placed the skimming device on the ATM at 8:35 a.m. This suspect was trailed by an associate, wearing a baseball cap and driving a 4-door BMW, the report noted. The skimming device was discovered and retrieved by a customer at 8:42 a.m., who then took the device to another Bank of America branch to ask about the object. The suspects returned at 9:45 a.m. and removed a pin-hole camera which was not detected by the customer, the report said.

Source: <http://suncoastpasco.tbo.com/content/2010/may/19/190827/skimmer-device-found-new-port-richey-bank-atm/>

16. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Heartland, MasterCard settle over data breach.** Heartland Payment Systems has made a third settlement deal, this time with MasterCard, related to a massive data breach two years ago at the card payments processor. As part of the deal, Heartland has agreed to pay as much as US\$41.1 million to MasterCard issuers that lost money as a result of the data breach. The deal is contingent on financial institutions representing 80 percent of the affected MasterCard accounts accepting the offer by June 25. MasterCard is recommending that issuers accept the offer. Heartland has already agreed to settlements with Visa, worth \$60 million, and with American Express, for \$3.6 million.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/196711/>

17. *May 19, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Bandit sought in robberies of 3 Philadelphia banks.** The FBI and the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department are searching for a suspect who has robbed three banks within a matter of days. The latest robbery occurred May 18 at the Polonia Bank branch located at 2646 East Allegheny Avenue. Investigators believe the suspect also robbed the Beneficial Bank branch located at 826 East Allegheny Avenue on Monday, May 10, and the Third Federal Bank branch located at 2330 East York Street on Saturday, May 15. In all three incidents, the thief made threatening verbal demands to the teller and then fled the scene on foot after obtaining cash. There have been no injuries in the robberies.

Source: <http://cbs3.com/topstories/FBI.Philadelphia.Kensington.2.1702004.html>

18. *May 19, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (Kentucky) **Man dressed as woman arrested for attempted bank bombing.** Prestonsburg, Kentucky Police said a suspect in an attempted bank bombing entered the BB&T bank located on Glynnview Plaza twice before he was taken into custody. Police said he first walked in and asked about opening a safety-deposit box. The bank informed the suspect that they do not have safety-deposit boxes, and he left. BB&T called the police after the man left because he was acting suspicious. The suspect then entered the bank a second time asking to open a checking account. BB&T then called the police again. Police said that the suspect was carrying a purse full of explosives, but it was not able to detonate. Police also said his wife has cancer and he just lost his job. A Prestonsburg police detective said the suspect was trying to disguise himself as a woman, wearing lipstick, glasses and a wig. He has not been charged yet.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/94281099.html>

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Transportation Sector

19. *May 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Fumes force riders from T in downtown.** Boston firefighters and medics responded to a call May 18 reporting that passengers were coughing and complaining of eye and throat irritation at the

Downtown Crossing MBTA station. People began leaving the station shortly before 9:30 p.m., coughing and complaining of eye and throat irritation, which fire officials at the scene said was consistent with the release of some sort of pepper-spray chemical, said the deputy fire chief. Six people were evaluated at the scene by Boston EMS for minor respiratory irritation. None was taken to a hospital. Firefighters found no device and could not determine the cause of the odor. Sensors and gauges picked up no traces of harmful chemicals. Investigators also could not determine the cause of the odor Tuesday night. There was a large emergency response, as incidents involving potentially hazardous materials call for specialized units.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/05/19/fumes_force_riders_from_t_in_downtown/

20. *May 19, CNN* – (National) **FAA expedites windshield inspection order after cockpit fire.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is expediting an order requiring airlines to inspect windshield heaters on Boeing jets following an incident Sunday in which a fire broke out in the cockpit of a United Airlines B-757, shattering the plane's windshield and forcing an emergency landing. The FAA said an investigation into Sunday's incident is ongoing, and that the cause of the fire has not been established. But it said the incident prompted the agency to review the windshield heater issue and to speed up the inspection order. An FAA spokeswoman said the agency will issue the order "as fast as possible," but that the release date is still unclear. Originally, the order was to be issued in August. Both the FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating whether Sunday's fire aboard United flight 27 is related to the windshield heater or some other cause. The plane, traveling from New York to Los Angeles, California, was about a half hour into its flight when a fire broke out near the plane's windshield, shattering the windshield in "a loud explosion," a passenger said the pilot later told him. The pilots donned oxygen masks, declared an emergency and landed at Dulles International Airport near Washington. None of the plane's 105 passengers or seven crew members was injured.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/TRAVEL/05/19/plane.windshield.heaters/>

21. *May 19, CBS Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Trains reopened at airport after electrical problem.** Trains are running again at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta after an electrical fire in Concourse A shut them down Wednesday. There was a problem in part of the electrical equipment that runs the trains under the airport. The area around the fire was evacuated for a brief time. The malfunction caused some smoke, but no fire. Officials instructed passengers to leave the immediate area affected, but the airport was not evacuated. "The trains were shut down for about an hour," said an airport spokesperson. "We are still investigating the cause of the fire, but the trains are now up and running," he said. Passengers waited in lengthy lines that extended through the airport's atrium. No flights were delayed because of the incident. The airport is investigating the cause of the malfunction.

Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/news/23608189/detail.html>

22. *May 19, Los Angeles Times* – (Puerto Rico) **Box cutters found in carry-on bag for flight from Puerto Rico to Boston.** A man attempting to board a flight from Puerto Rico to Boston was arrested with a carry-on bag stocked with four box cutters, a switchblade knife, a stun gun and information about New York City, federal law enforcement officials said Wednesday. The man was stopped Tuesday at an airport security checkpoint after the screening of a carry-on bag led to a physical search that turned up the dangerous items, authorities said. He also carried pepper spray, two lighters, matches, scissors, a flight simulation program and a wire device that sets off an electric charge, authorities said. The man was arrested and charged with attempting to carry dangerous weapons aboard Jet Blue Flight 860, which was about to depart from Puerto Rico's Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico. "We're still looking into his motive, still determining if he has any ties to any specific terrorist organization," said a government source who has been briefed on the arrest but who was not authorized to discuss it. Terrorism, he said, "is not ruled out." A second government official said it appeared "highly unlikely" that the man had direct connections to a radical Muslim organization. He added that investigators were trying to determine whether the man suffers from a military service disability.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-flight-arrest-20100520,0,693427.story>
23. *May 19, NBC Los Angeles* – (California) **18 port workers think they're sick after being exposed to a white powder.** There was a pretty good scare at the Los Angeles Port Wednesday night when a mysterious white powder poured out of a large cargo container. First responders at 9:03 p.m. found 18 port workers complaining of mild respiratory problems. But no one wanted to go to the hospital. As the investigation developed at San Pedro Berth 126, a private contractor using chemical equipment declared the white powder to be nothing more than silica, a granular or beaded, white material. There was no threat. Once Los Angeles firefighters told everyone what they had discovered, the incident was shut down and everyone went home.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local-beat/15-Workers-Overcome-at-Los-Angeles-Port-by-White-Powder--94375374.html>
24. *May 19, Dothan Eagle* – (Alabama) **Newton man arrested in connection to explosive device.** Dothan, Alabama police have released the identity of the suspect who they say possessed an explosive device in his vehicle Tuesday, causing traffic to be delayed along Highway 84, just west of Dothan. According to a Dothan Police Department statement, agents with the FBI will charge a 22-year-old with the importation, manufacture, distribution, and storage of explosive materials. Police said they will be charging the man with two misdemeanor crimes, including second-degree possession of marijuana and carrying concealed brass knuckles. The Dothan Bomb Squad and Houston County Sheriff's Department of Homeland Security bomb robot were called out to the highway to examine the suspicious device. The traffic stop led police and other area authorities to get a search warrant for a residence in Newton. No information was released on whether the search warrant resulted in police seizing anything illegal.
Source:

[http://www2.dothaneeagle.com/dea/news/crime_courts/article/arrest_made_in_connecti
on_to_explosive_device/154555/](http://www2.dothaneeagle.com/dea/news/crime_courts/article/arrest_made_in_connecti
on_to_explosive_device/154555/)

25. *May 18, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Stolen manhole covers investigated.** Thieves have struck Atlanta hard and made off with more than 650 street grates and 25 manhole covers in recent months according to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Each grate cost taxpayers up to \$450 and each manhole \$30. The DOT estimated the loss at more than \$500,000 over the past year. “It’s a serious problem and a real safety issue we’re concerned about,” said a DOT spokesman. DOT officials have told scrap yards to be leery of accepting street iron.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/23594821/detail.html>

26. *May 18, CBS and Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Delta pilot packin’ heat? Police claim Matthew McDaniel had loaded gun in carry-on.** Police arrested a Delta Air Lines pilot Saturday in Atlanta when screeners allegedly found a loaded handgun in his carry-on luggage. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the pilot was stopped when he tried to pass through security at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. A Delta spokeswoman said the three-year veteran pilot was off duty at the time and she did not know why he was at the airport. Police said the pilot had a Taurus .38 special loaded with five rounds as he tried to pass through the T north security checkpoint. Authorities said the pilot, who has a permit to carry a concealed handgun, told them he forgot he had the weapon. The pilot was released on a \$5,700 bond from the Clayton County Jail within hours after he was booked, according to CBS affiliate WGCL.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-504083_162-20005278-504083.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *May 20, West Side Leader* – (Ohio) **Sharon residents voice concerns over anhydrous ammonia tank.** Nearly 70 people attended the May 11 Sharon Township Board of Trustees meeting to convey their concerns about the potential safety hazards of allowing a 12,000-gallon anhydrous ammonia tank to be located on a Beach Road farm in Sharon, Ohio. “We don’t want to wait until the end of May to take action,” said a group representative. Trustees set a date for a meeting for further discussions for June 10 at 7 p.m. and said they will invite several Medina County representatives, including the prosecutor, director for emergency management and the sheriff, as well as a couple of state and federal legislators. Ohio Department of Agriculture officials, who approved

the application for the tank submitted by the proprietor of South Spring Farms, last month, already have declined the invitation to attend a meeting in Sharon, but said they would hold a separate meeting with their legal counsel in Columbus for trustees, EMS staff and a select few residents. The Sharon safety advocate said her group has hired their own attorney, and a petition opposing the tank is in circulation. She said they are concerned about the potential harm to the community and livestock in the event of a leak. A Sharon trustee said the trustees are concerned about it, but legally they have no jurisdiction in the matter. The Sharon Fire Chief said the department does have software to tell where an anhydrous ammonia spill would spread and who would be affected.

Source: <http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?aID=9050>

28. *May 20, KARE 11 Twin Cities* – (National) **Team diarrhea: A model for food detectives around the country.** After Minnesota played a huge role in solving two of the nation's major salmonella outbreaks, some federal lawmakers want to duplicate the state's approach to handling food-borne illnesses. A Democratic Minnesota Senator is co-sponsoring legislation that would create four or five centers of excellence around the country to investigate suspected food safety problems, like salmonella and E. coli. The centers would be modeled after Minnesota, which requires doctors to report all suspected cases of food-borne illness to the state Department of Health. Each confirmed case is quickly investigated by University of Minnesota graduate students, who are known as "Team Diarrhea" or "Team D." They call the patients and ask a series of questions about their symptoms and the food eaten before getting sick. Their investigative work last year helped solve a major peanut butter salmonella outbreak, which killed nine people nationwide, including three from Minnesota. Food safety advocates are also pushing a larger bill — the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act — which would make a series of changes to make America's food system safer. The bill would require more inspections and give the Food and Drug Administration more authority for mandatory recalls.
- Source: http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=849674

29. *May 20, Brainerd Dispatch* – (Minnesota) **Salads linked to church illness outbreak.** Vegetables and baby mixed greens, served at a fundraising event April 25 at a Baxter church, are believed to be linked to a norovirus outbreak that sickened about 35 people, a spokesperson from the Minnesota Department of Health said May 19. He said laboratory tests confirmed that the norovirus was involved in the outbreak at a New Pathways Inc. fundraiser at Lakewood Evangelical Free Church. About 275 people attended the banquet, which was catered by Prairie Bay Restaurant in Baxter. Investigators interviewed about 60 people who attended the banquet and found 35 people who said they became ill. The spokesman said the source of the contamination could not be confirmed. However, state health investigators determined through statistical analysis that the consumption of seasonal vegetables and baby mixed greens served in a salad were associated with the illness. "We don't know how those food items became contaminated," the spokesman said. "The most common way that something becomes contaminated is with an ill food worker but in this case, we did not determine there was an ill food worker or we weren't able to identify one." Prairie Bay

Restaurant, which donated labor to service the buffet line, passed a full scale inspection following the outbreak. The spokesman said investigators determined it did not appear that there were any practices by the restaurant or by its food service workers that may have led to the outbreak, reporting that it was a “well-run restaurant.”

Source: http://www.brainerddispatch.com/stories/052010/new_20100520091.shtml

30. *May 18, San Mateo County Times* – (California) **Blaze damages French sausage factory in South San Francisco.** A three-alarm fire raced through a French sausage and pate factory May 16 in South San Francisco, causing up to \$1 million in damage, a fire official said. The blaze, which appears to have started near some refrigeration units at around 4:15 p.m., caused major damage to the Marcel & Henri Charcuterie Franaise facility at 145 Browning Way, said the South San Francisco fire marshal. No one was injured. The fire marshal said the roughly 10,000-square-foot building could be salvaged, but it will require major repairs. He estimated the damage to be between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The blaze seems to have started when some electrical equipment malfunctioned. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, however. The Marcel & Henri facility is about 2.5 miles from the site of a similar business that was badly damaged by fire last summer. The Columbus Salame slicing and packaging facility on Cabot Road was gutted by a massive four-alarm fire that drew firefighters from all over the peninsula. The Columbus Salame fire also appeared to have started because of a problem with the electricity.

Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=79377>

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Water Sector

31. *May 20, Logan Herald Journal* – (Utah) **Blaze destroys research station.** An early-morning electrical fire destroyed a research station inside a portable trailer at the Logan, Utah wastewater treatment facility near 2600 West and U.S. Highway 30 Wednesday. The damaged facility housed a joint research effort between Utah State University and the city of Logan. According to a USU Research Foundation spokesman, the trailer was a pilot facility designated to extract phosphorus from the Logan city waste lagoons. The facility also harvested algae that consumed nitrogen and phosphorus to convert them into biofuels. Damage is estimated at \$100,000. No injuries were reported. The Logan fire marshal said a motorist noticed flames coming from the 10-foot by 60-foot building just after 5 a.m. and called 911. Firefighters from around the county were dispatched to the scene. Logan firefighters extinguished the flames soon after arrival. He said the trailer is badly damaged, but that the bulk of the research being done there was already complete. Crews were initially concerned about hazardous chemicals inside the facility, but the blaze was quickly contained.

Source: http://news.hjnews.com/news/article_6e80c150-63c4-11df-a82c-001cc4c002e0.html

32. *May 20, WTVW 7 Evansville* – (Indiana) **Brown water raising contamination concerns.** Boonville, Indiana, residents are being told to drink up, even though the

water coming out of their taps is discolored. Tests are not in, but some experts said the discolored water coming from their taps is safe. The water in Boonville Tuesday was so dark it could easily be mistaken for coffee. Boonville's water company, Veolia, assured reporters and residents the water is safe enough to pour into a baby's bottle but not everyone is convinced. A semi struck a fire hydrant earlier this week. When repaired, a brown substance from the pipes discolored the water. Veolia officials claim Boonville's water though brown is completely safe to drink, yet admit they will not know the results of bacteria tests until Thursday. Veolia officials said they did not issue a boil water order. They said they decided not to issue the notice because there was no drop in water pressure and bacterial contamination is not expected. Officials said the water should look normal in one or two days.

Source: http://tristatehomepage.com/fulltext?nxd_id=159255

33. *May 20, The News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Leak triggers a fine for UNC-CH.** The state of North Carolina has fined University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (UNC-CH) \$15,000 for treated wastewater leak from an animal-research facility that reached a creek feeding the Haw River. The fine plus investigative costs totals \$16,612. UNC-CH officials first suspected that a partially filled 1.6-million-gallon storage pond at the Bingham Facility was leaking in October, according to university correspondence. They did not report it to the state until December as they continued to investigate the problem.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/05/20/491034/leak-triggers-a-fine-for-unc-ch.html>

34. *May 19, Water Technology Online* – (National) **Panel recommends water-filtering devices for cancer prevention.** In its official annual report, the President's Cancer Panel recommended the use of home-filtering devices to decrease exposure to cancer-causing agents, according to a press release. In the report, titled "Reducing Environmental Cancer Risks: What We Can Do Now," the panel stated, "Individuals and families have many opportunities to reduce or eliminate chemical exposures. For example, filtering home tap water or well water can decrease exposure to numerous known or suspected carcinogens or endocrine-disrupting chemicals." "This reaffirms what independent testing shows," said the executive director of the Water Quality Association (WQA). "Home water treatment is a proven final barrier against many harmful chemicals." The President's Cancer Panel is a three-person body that reports to the President of the United States on the development and execution of the National Cancer Program.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=74130

35. *May 19, KTVO 3 Kirksville* – (Missouri) **Emergency repairs needed at water plant.** The ground storage tank at the Kirksville, Missouri, water treatment plant is getting a much needed facelift. The tank was drained and inspected this week revealing damage that divers were unable to see. Therefore an extra \$125,000 is needed to repair parts of the tank during the routine improvements. A new tank would cost over \$1 million. "When we drained the tank and were able to get into the tank and look closely, we found out that there was damage to some of the components, especially the beams

that support the roof to the tank, which are going to have to be repaired,” the public works director said. The tank needs additional reinforcement so it will last for years to come. The tank was built in 1970 and was last drained 18 years ago. Other improvements include work on pumps, the electrical system, transformers, and more. The ground storage tank alone holds 1.5 million gallons of water which is about a third of the total water the city stores. The tank also provides water for fire protection and to clean the filters at the plant. The funds are provided through a state revolving loan fund and user fees from water bills. The public works director said the tank should be back in service in 30 days.

Source: <http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=459341>

36. *May 18, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Sewage flows into creek.** A pump malfunction at Tiffany Lake sewage lift station caused as much as 7,000 gallons of raw sewage to run into a northwest Kansas City creek, Missouri officials said Tuesday. The malfunction began Monday morning and was stopped at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, according to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). High water levels in the creek from several days’ rains are expected to mitigate the environmental damage to the creek. The DNR considers discharges of sewage from sewer systems to be potential health threats.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/05/18/1955412/sewage-flows-into-creek.html>

37. *May 17, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* – (Pennsylvania) **Tough new standards to protect PA waterways from drilling wastewater take major step forward.** On May 17, The Environmental Quality Board of Pennsylvania approved first-of-its-kind regulations that will protect waterways from the effects of natural gas drilling wastewater, better enabling the state’s Marcellus Shale reserves to be developed without sacrificing the health and quality of the state’s vital water resources. The Environmental Protection secretary said the new regulations are an appropriate and necessary measure to ensure that drilling wastewater containing high concentrations of Total Dissolved Solids, or TDS, do not pollute drinking-water supplies, damage industrial equipment, or endanger delicate aquatic life. “Drilling wastewater contains TDS levels that are thousands of times more harmful to aquatic life than discharges from other industries. Without imposing limits on this pollution, treatment costs for this wastewater are passed along to downstream industries and municipal ratepayers,” he said. “All other industries in Pennsylvania are responsible for the waste they generate and the drilling industry should be no exception.” The EQB-approved TDS rules now move on to the Environmental Resources and Energy committees in the state House and Senate, as well as to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission for a 30-day review period. Under the new regulations, wastewater discharges from new and expanded facilities must meet a concentration threshold of 2,000 milligrams per liter, and wastewater discharges from drilling operations cannot exceed 500 mg/l.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/tough-new-standards-to-protect-pa-waterways-from-drilling-wastewater-take-major-step-forward-93952789.html>

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *May 20, St. Paul Business Journal* – (Minnesota) **Twin Cities nurses authorize strike.** Nurses working at Twin Cities hospitals voted Wednesday night to authorize a strike. More than 90 percent of the 9,000 nurses voting rejected labor contracts proposed by local hospitals. At least 60 percent needed to reject the contracts if union leadership was to have the authority to call a strike. The Minnesota Nurses Association said in a press statement it will submit a 10-day strike notice to hospitals in coming days. After a one-day strike, nurses will turn in a formal request to go back to work. The association claims the strike would be the largest in U.S. history.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/stories/2010/05/17/daily32.html>
39. *May 19, Nextgov* – (National) **Poor security leaves VA systems open to attack, watchdog says.** The Veterans Affairs Department (VA) runs unsecure Web application servers, uses weak or default passwords to protect its hardware and software, and does not comprehensively monitor connections between its systems and the Internet, according to an internal agency watchdog. These conditions leave department systems vulnerable to penetration or attack, said the VA Assistant Inspector in testimony before the House Veterans Affairs Committee Wednesday. The 2002 Federal Information Security Management Act requires federal agencies to develop, document and adhere to detailed information security programs. But the VA continues to have significant information security deficiencies. She said the IG office found several VA database systems used outdated software that could allow unauthorized users to access mission-critical data and alter databases. Most of VA's 153 hospitals do not segment access to their medical networks. As a result, IG investigators were able to penetrate the networks — including those hosting medical diagnostic and imaging systems — from remote locations.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20100519_3450.php

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Government Facilities Sector

40. *May 20, Pioneer Press* – (Illinois) **Several Central students stay home due to bomb threat.** The largest class for a female, junior student at Hinsdale Central High School in Hinsdale, Illinois, normally has 25 students. On Wednesday, her largest class had 11 students. Many students stayed home because of a threatening message found scratched into the wall of a bathroom stall. Neither Hinsdale Central nor Hinsdale police reported any incidents from the heightened security measures in response to a threatening message.
Source: <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/clarendonhills/news/2292694,hinsdale-bomb scare-052010-s1.article>
41. *May 19, Del Mar Times* – (California) **Bomb threat made at San Dieguito Academy.** A bogus bomb threat forced a several-hour evacuation and law-enforcement search at a North County secondary school Wednesday. Several staff members at San

Dieguito High in Encinitas, California received the menacing message by e-mail from an unknown sender about 7 a.m., a sheriff's official said. Administrators cleared all students out of their classrooms at the Santa Fe Drive campus and kept them on the school's football field while authorities searched each building and all district vehicles parked on the grounds. Nothing hazardous or suspicious was found, according to the sheriff's official. Students and their teachers were able to return to their classes shortly after 9 a.m.

Source: <http://www.delmartimes.net/news/269744-bomb-threat-made-at-san-dieguito-academy>

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Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

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Information Technology Sector

42. *May 20, The New New Internet* – (International) **Over 80 Chinese government Web sites hacked.** In China, 81 government Web sites were hacked from May 10 to May 16, according to a report by the National Computer Network Emergency Response Technical Team. This represents a drop in attacks by 35 percent from the previous week. As of noon May 17, at least 29 of the Web sites were still down. In China, a number of threats are exploited by malware and unpatched systems. China has one of the largest rates of pirated software, which allows cyber criminals easy access to systems that remain unpatched. Between May 2 and May 9, 124 government Web sites were hacked. "The report revealed 150 .CN malicious domain names, five malicious codes and five software loopholes. And .xorg.pl, a malicious domain group registered in Poland, has more than 100 malicious domain names and has been used to tamper with many Chinese Web sites and users," according to The People's Daily.

Source: <http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/05/20/over-80-chinese-government-websites-hacked/>

43. *May 20, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Microsoft to give governments heads up on security vulnerabilities.** Microsoft will share technical information on security vulnerabilities with some government organizations before it publicly releases security patches to help governments protect critical infrastructure. Government organizations that participate in both of two existing Microsoft programs designed to share security information with governments can get advance access to the vulnerability data through a new pilot program named the Defensive Information Sharing Program (DISP). Microsoft will start the pilot program this summer and begin the full program later this year, Microsoft's group manager for response communications said in an e-mail

statement. The group manager said early access to that information would let the government organizations get an early start on risk assessment and mitigation. “This will allow members [of DISP] more time to prioritize creating and disseminating authoritative guidance for increasing network defensive posture actions,” the group manager said. DISP is one of two pilot programs that a senior security program manager lead in the Microsoft Security Response Center, detailed in a blog post May 17. The senior security program manager also described another program to share with governments known as the Critical Infrastructure Partner Program. It provides insights on security policy such as approaches to help protect critical infrastructures.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2010/05/19/web-microsoft-patch.aspx>

44. *May 19, DarkReading* – (National) **Hacking the security infrastructure.** Security tools are some of the most trusted and critical devices in an organization — and that is exactly what makes them so attractive to potential attackers. A trio of researchers who discovered vulnerabilities in Cisco firewalls and in Cisco and McAfee security-management software will demonstrate proof-of-concept attacks against these products at the upcoming Black Hat USA conference. “There’s a good degree of trust in [security] devices. Once someone gains access to them, they can directly modify the security posture of the organization — [including] opening additional access from the Internet to further compromise additional resources,” said a firewall engineer at SecureWorks. “Both the firewall and intrusion prevention system (IPS) often act as choke points where traffic from a number of hosts passes through. Attackers may be able to intercept [traffic] and compromise credentials.” But organizations typically overlook the security of their security products. Despite the critical posture of a firewall, IPS, or security-management console, organizations rarely include them in their vulnerability and risk assessments, said the engineer and his colleagues, the director of research and security engineer at SecureWorks, who will present their research at Black Hat in July.

Source:

http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability_management/security/perimeter/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224900427

45. *May 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft chases ‘click laundering’.** Microsoft said it has uncovered a new kind of click fraud, filing two lawsuits against people it said are using the scam. One of the suits, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, accuses the Web site RedOrbit.com and the site’s president of using click laundering, a term Microsoft came up with to describe a new way of boosting the number of clicks on advertisements on a Web site. “What was at one point thought to be highly or almost impossible to do, we have uncovered it is technically possible to do,” said an attorney in Microsoft’s digital crimes unit. Microsoft accuses RedOrbit, which was once an approved site on its AdCenter network, of using botnets and so-called parked sites to dramatically drive up the number of clicks on ads on the RedOrbit site. But rather than simply use the botnets and sites to direct clicks to ads on RedOrbit.com as fraudsters commonly do, RedOrbit directed the traffic to its own servers where it scraped out the traffic-referring information and replaced it with code that made it look like the traffic came directly to

the approved RedOrbit site, Microsoft said. Parked sites are sites with little value that typically only include long lists of links or search bars that return lists of links. Microsoft said it discovered the potential fraud early in 2009 when it noticed hits from RedOrbit.com spiked from an average of 75 a day to around 10,000 a day, said the general counsel for Microsoft.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9176995/Microsoft_chases_click_laundering

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

46. *May 20, The Gloucester County Times* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Copper thieves blamed in Woolwich phone service outage.** Phone service was shut down to a number of residents in Woolwich Township, New Jersey until the early morning hours of Monday after thieves swiped Verizon telephone wire on Kings Highway. The theft occurred sometime late May 16 or early May 17 near Moravian Church Road. “Our guys checked around and there’s no evidence out there,” a Woolwich police captain said. “According to the Verizon people, it looks like someone cut it with a hacksaw or Sawzall.” A spokesman for Verizon said the thieves made off with a 215-foot section of 900-pair phone wire. It’s not a common occurrence, but it’s not uncommon, he noted. It’s a relatively new thing for this part of the state, but similar incidents are widespread elsewhere. “We’re dealing with a spate of thefts out in Western Pennsylvania,” the spokesman said. “On Monday, we put out a \$50,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of those responsible.”

Source: <http://www.nj.com/gloucester/index.ssf?/base/news-15/1274360777233200.xml&coll=8>

47. *May 19, The Register* – (California) **ISP shuttered for hosting ‘witches’ brew’ of spam, child porn.** A federal judge has permanently pulled the plug on a California Web-hosting provider accused of harboring a “witches’ brew” of pernicious content on behalf of child pornographers, spammers, and malware purveyors. San Jose, California-based 3FN.net, which also operated under the name Pricewert, was also ordered to liquidate all assets and surrender more than \$1 million in illegal profits. The ruling by the U.S. district judge was in response to a complaint filed in June in which Federal Trade Commission (FTC) lawyers portrayed 3FN as a haven for some of the Internet’s most objectionable content. FTC attorneys cited a mountain of evidence to

support their claims, including Instant Message transcripts from high-level 3FN employees and logs from NASA servers that showed attacks originating from IP addresses controlled by 3FN. They also submitted findings from a computer-forensics expert of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, NASA's office of the inspector general, and researchers from Spamhaus and Symantec in proving the allegations.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/19/3fn_permanently_shuttered/

48. *May 17, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Police search for waverly park copper thieves.** Louisville, Kentucky metro police (LMPD) are looking for three people who stole copper from the Waverly Hills tower site in Waverly Park. The theft happened at about 3:30 p.m. Surveillance pictures provided by LMPD showed three people. Police are looking for two white men and a white woman who cut the lock to the gated complex and stole copper belonging to Metro Safe and AT&T. The vehicle appeared to be a dark-colored, two-door Saturn.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/23581673/detail.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *May 19, Kane County Chronicle* – (Ohio) **Sugar Grove Hair Cattery receives a bomb threat.** A Sugar Grove, Illinois shopping center was evacuated for about two hours May 19 after hair-salon employees received a bomb threat. The call came in at 12:43 p.m. to the Hair Cattery in the 400 block of North Route 47. The caller said there was "a bomb in the building," prompting police to evacuate the entire shopping plaza as they investigated the threat. After about a two-hour search, which included K9 units, police found there were no explosives in the plaza, and employees and customers were allowed to return.
Source: <http://www.kcchronicle.com/articles/2010/05/19/15812945/index.xml>
50. *May 19, San Bernardino County Sun* – (California) **Cleaning solvent blamed for making 23 ill at casino.** A cleaning solvent was the culprit that caused hysteria among 23 San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino employees who reported feeling dizzy and nauseated last month. After determining that the mysterious odor that invaded a cash-counting room April 28 in the Highland, California casino was not hazardous, fire and health officials set about retracing the employees' steps in the hours before they reported feeling ill. They discovered that employees were doing routine cleaning, using compressed air cans with high-powered sprays. The manufacturer of the sprays had added Bitrex in products to produce a bad taste, mitigating the risk of accidental poisonings. It is not known to cause any symptoms but emits a faint odor and has a bitter taste. Casino officials said they have discontinued use of the product.
Source: http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_15119731
51. *May 19, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **Brevard officials frustrated over bomb threats.** Investigators say a 48-year-old homeless man has made more than 30 bomb threats and believe he may be tied to numerous threats made May 19. Even though he is

homeless, investigators said the man is able to make calls from cell phones and has been able to block those calls from being traced. But investigators discovered that the suspect has been able to use two different phones, and continue to try to track them. They also believe he is simply using a phone book to access numbers to the different businesses. Agents say another complication is the fact the suspect has no family in the area. One thing has changed in how police are approaching the investigation: they recognize his voice; so not every bomb-threat call has prompted evacuations.

Source: http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/news/brevard_news/051910brevard-officials-frustrated-over-bomb-threats

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Crews battle 2 Mich. forest fires over 9,800 acres.** Firefighters continue battling to contain two wildfires that have consumed at least 15 square miles of Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. Thus far, the fires have destroyed or damaged at least 18 homes and 39 other buildings. Still, no injuries have been reported, but a number of people remain evacuated from their homes. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment is investigating the blaze, which was mostly on state and federal land and appeared to have started as a debris fire that roared out of control. The second fire is about 25 miles away in Kalkaska County, and has burned about 1,000 acres, mostly within the Camp Grayling National Guard training complex.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/05/20/general-us-michigan-forest-fires_7622613.html?boxes=Homepagebusinessnews

53. *May 20, The Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma tornado causes \$13 million in damage to Lake Thunderbird.** Preliminary estimates released by officials with the state tourism department stated that the tornado that swept through central Oklahoma last week caused nearly \$13 million in damage to public and private property on Lake Thunderbird. Members of the Tourism Commission May 19 approved an emergency declaration for the park that sustained major tornado damage. The declaration allows the department to issue contracts for cleanup, debris removal and reconstruction of structures damaged in the storm. The state will see a loss of approximately \$1.9 million in damage to structures and lost revenue from the May 10 tornado. The twister damaged rest rooms at two campgrounds, camping areas and the Little River Marina on the north side of Lake Thunderbird. Storm damage also was reported at Lake Tenkiller, Lake Murray, Great Salt Plains, Boiling Springs and Sequoyah Bay state parks. Lake water quality wasn't affected. The marina at Lake Thunderbird had 250 boat slips and many of the boats remain scattered across the lake. Officials closed the lake for cleanup, but they expect to open it up again May 28 for the Memorial Day weekend.

Source: http://www.newsok.com/oklahoma-tornado-causes-13-million-in-damage-to-lake-thunderbird/article/3462499?custom_click=pod_headline_usnational-news

Dams Sector

54. *May 20, Jackson Sun* – (Tennessee) **Unregulated dams to be inspected.** Officials have agreed to inspect every unregulated dam in Tennessee this year if they get the owner's permission, a state senator said late Wednesday. "The commitment is to start with the 70 high-hazard dams and then do the rest," the senator, D-Dresden, said. "They think they can get it done by January." The Department of Environment and Conservation, which oversees the Tennessee Safe Dams Program, committed to the inspections, he said. More than 500 non-federal dams are exempt from regulation in Tennessee, including the 70 high-hazard dams. A high-hazard rating means people would likely die if the dam fails. Many unregulated dams qualify for what is known as a farm-pond exemption and are not inspected for safety. The law says a "farm pond" can be any size or hazard category as long as it is used for conservation, recreation or agriculture by the owner and is not open to the public. The exemption can take in watershed dams, which often create lakes much larger than typical farm ponds.

Source:

<http://www.jacksonsun.com/article/20100520/NEWS01/5200313/Unregulated+dams+to+be+inspected>

55. *May 20, Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Corps to begin inspecting levees in Tri-Cities.** Inspection of the Tri-City levees in Washington for culvert breaks and seepage could begin within the next week. The Army Corps of Engineers discussed its plans and safety ratings for the Tri-City levees, also known as the McNary Levee System, and the Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor locks and dams with about 30 people at a Wednesday meeting. The levees received the second lowest safety rating possible. A national review identified the levees as an urgent risk, with possible seepage and erosion problems. The two Snake River dams received the next highest rating, due to overtopping concerns and possible navigation lock gate failure. In 2007, the Corps started a nationwide inventory of its dams and levees and began rating them using a system based on risk of failure and the consequence of risk. The Corps has not seen evidence that the Tri-City levees have seepage or culvert breaks, an official said. But culvert breaks are a concern because the levees are more than 50 years old, and culverts have about a 50-year life cycle. Also, water could be seeping into the levee embankments along the culverts. If that seepage occurs, the levees could erode. At the two Snake River dams, an extreme flood could cause water to go over the earthen embankment or the railway and cause the dams to fail.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/05/20/1193785/corps-to-begin-inspecting-levees.html>

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