



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Associate Press reports that two police officers looking for illegal drug smuggling on a busy Arkansas interstate were shot and killed by two men with assault rifles May 20. The suspects later died in a shootout with police in a crowded Walmart parking lot. (See item [29](#))
- According to The Associated Press, at least 16 people later linked to terror plots passed through U.S. airports undetected by federal officials who were on duty to spot suspicious behavior, a new Government Accountability Office report found. The airport-based officials were part of a federal behavior detection program designed to spot potential terrorists and others who pose a threat to aviation. (See item [67](#))

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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 20, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Man charged in attempted theft of copper from KC electrical substation.** Kansas City police arrested a 38-year-old man

Thursday after he and another man allegedly tried to steal copper from a Kansas City Power & Light substation. The thieves didn't get any copper but caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage, police said. Two men entered a fenced area and used bolt cutters to cut copper from electrical transformers and other equipment. Security guards called police, who arrived while the thieves were on the scene. They ran, but officers caught one. A ground wire had been pulled up and cut away from the ground, police said. Several other pieces of copper wire had been cut away from a transformer tower. Officers also found a hole in the fence.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/05/20/1960084/man-charged-in-attempted-theft.html>

2. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **BP concedes Gulf oil spill is bigger than estimate.** BP conceded May 20 that more oil than it estimated is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico as heavy crude washed into Louisiana's wetlands for the first time, feeding worries and uncertainty about the massive month-long spill. A spokesman for oil giant BP PLC told The Associated Press that a mile-long tube inserted into a leaking pipe over the weekend is capturing 210,000 gallons a day — the total amount the company and the Coast Guard have estimated is gushing into the sea — but some is still escaping. He would not say how much. Several professors who have watched video of the leak have said they believe the amount spewing out is much higher than official estimates. The 210,000 gallons — 5,000 barrels — has always been just an estimate because there is no way to measure how much is spilling from the seafloor. A live video feed of the leak posted online Thursday at the insistence of lawmakers shows what appears to be a large plume of oil and gas still spewing next to the tube that is carrying some of it to the surface. The House committee Web site where it was posted promptly crashed because so many people were trying to view it.

Source: <http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20100520/NEWS/100529987/1007>

3. *May 20, The Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Firefighters: Asbestos removal efforts likely sparked power plant fire.** Firefighters from six departments battled a fire at the Ohio Edison plant on a Lorain, Ohio lakefront Wednesday afternoon. The fire broke out shortly after 5 p.m. at the plant near Oberlin and West Erie avenues. Crowds gathered as the initial thick black smoke billowed. The Lorain assistant fire chief said that the fire started on the lakefront ground floor of the largely unused facility, but extended up an old conveyor belt. Coal was stored on the ground floor, then sent up the conveyor belt to go to the boilers that generated the electricity. The fire did not occur in an area where power was currently generated. The cause of the fire is believed to be asbestos removal being done at the facility. A spark may have fallen to the ground floor, smoldered, and ignited after the workers had left. Fire trucks from Lorain, Carlisle Township, South Amherst, Amherst, and Eaton Township responded. Several of the out-of-town trucks were tanker trucks — the county's water shuttle team — bringing water to the lakefront side of the plant where the fire was, as there were no working hydrants near the fire. The fire appeared to be under control in 45 minutes, although firefighters were on the scene for about two-and-a-half hours.

Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2010/05/20/firefighters-asbestos-removal-efforts-likely-sparked-power-plant-fire/>

4. *May 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Costly, time-consuming test of cement linings in Deepwater Horizon rig was omitted, spokesman says.** BP hired a top oilfield service company to test the strength of cement linings on the Deepwater Horizon's well, but sent the firm's workers home 11 hours before the rig exploded April 20 without performing a final check that a top cementing-company executive called "the only test that can really determine the actual effectiveness" of the well's seal. A spokesman for testing firm Schlumberger said BP had a Schlumberger team and equipment for sending acoustic testing lines down the well "on standby" from April 18 to April 20. But BP never asked the Schlumberger crew to perform the acoustic test and sent its members back to Louisiana on a regularly scheduled helicopter flight at 11 a.m. At a few minutes before 10 p.m., a belch of natural gas shot out of the well, up a riser pipe to the rig above, igniting massive explosions, killing 11 crewmembers and sending millions of gallons of crude oil into the Gulf. The rig's owner, Transocean, blames failed cement seals installed by Halliburton for the disastrous blowout.
Source: http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/05/costly_time-consuming_test_of.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *May 20, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **Worker injured in Pasadena chemical factory explosion.** A worker was hospitalized with minor injuries after an oven explosion at a chemical manufacturing plant in Pasadena, California, authorities said. The incident was reported about 6 p.m. Wednesday at Materia Inc., 60 N. San Gabriel Boulevard. The worker, a man in his 20s, suffered minor lacerations and possible inhalation injuries. A small explosion and fire had occurred in one of the company's processing ovens. The fire was out when firefighters arrived, but the building remained full of smoke. The fire remained contained to the oven and caused about \$7,000 worth of damage.
Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_15130459
6. *May 19, Boston.com* – (Massachusetts) **Order issued against chemical plant.** The town of Framingham, Massachusetts, issued a cease and desist order against a local chemical waste-disposal company Tuesday, ordering the company to keep toxic chemicals out of the water in its fire-prevention system. Testing of a water storage tank used for fire prevention at the General Chemical Corp. plant on Leland Street revealed several chemicals that should not be present, according to the building commissioner. The Framingham Fire Department and Building Department issued the order. "We don't think it's practical for them to have those chemicals in a system to prevent fires," he said. He said the town was not certain how the chemicals ended up in the storage tank, but after they became aware of the contamination, officials acted quickly. The cease and desist order comes after several weeks of public struggles for the waste-disposal company. After rains in March flooded the basement of a home next to the

plant, the owner had the water tested and found high levels of harmful neurotoxins. Earlier this month, the health board called for a public review of General Chemical's site assignment, a permit issued by the town for the plant. Chemical contamination found over the years in groundwater around the plant has led health officials to install monitoring wells. Two years ago, higher than allowed levels of toxic chemicals were found in monitoring wells near the Woodrow Wilson School, which is near the plant. The contamination was cleaned up while the school was on Thanksgiving recess.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/framingham/2010/05/order_issued_against_chemical.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *May 21, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **NRC praises Entergy for tritium leak response.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) gave Entergy Nuclear praise for its response to the radioactive tritium leak at the Vermont Yankee reactor earlier this year, but said the company didn't do nearly enough to prevent such a leak according to standards set by the nuclear industry. In a report released Thursday, the NRC said that there were "gaps" and "missing elements" in Entergy's adoption of the Nuclear Energy Institute industry ground-waste protection initiative adopted in 2007. Entergy had installed three monitoring wells on the banks of the Connecticut River as part of the voluntary industry initiative. The NRC report said that Entergy failed to undertake a "formal site-specific ground water monitoring program and plan" and that a final safety analysis report had not been updated with new information on the site's hydrology and geology. Until the radioactive leak, the latest site-specific hydrogeological evaluation was done in January 2007, and that report had identified "significant knowledge gaps" which had not been fully addressed, the NRC said. In addition, the risk assessment and leak-detection program had not been updated regarding potential on-site contamination and leaks to the groundwater, based on the plant's network of monitoring wells. Also missing, the NRC said, were what it called "enhancements" of existing leak-detection methods, enhancements to prevent spills and leaks from reaching the groundwater, as well as preventive maintenance of equipment. According to the NRC, Entergy Nuclear has pledged to address the identified problems by August. An Entergy Nuclear spokesman said the company agreed with the NRC assessment.

Source:

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20100521/NEWS02/5210364/1003/NEWS02>

8. *May 21, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **NRC worker questioned its oversight of Besse.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) released internal records May 20 that show one of its senior employees filed a pair of complaints questioning the agency's own diligence in obtaining Davis-Besse documents from FirstEnergy Corp. in 2005 and 2007. Those records also show the employee was later told by NRC brass that the

agency - highly critical of FirstEnergy in the past - believes it did everything within its power to get more cooperation. The official, an NRC employee for 24 years who now helps the agency review technical documents, filed the complaints as a senior reactor inspector in 2006 and 2008. Such records, often kept secret, were authorized by the NRC official to be made public. He told The Blade Thursday he still questions if FirstEnergy has learned its lesson for withholding vital information about the Oak Harbor, Ohio plant's operating status in the fall of 2001. At the time, government regulators at NRC headquarters nearly executed a rare shutdown order because they thought the plant might have been operating in a dangerous condition. Their fears were confirmed when an inspection showed Davis-Besse's old reactor head had been put back into service in bad shape in 2000. It was so weak that it nearly burst apart in early 2002 because of acid that had eaten away most of its steel. That kept the plant offline until 2004, its longest outage. Federal laboratory tests showed the plant was weeks, if that, from a rupture that would have allowed radioactive steam to form in containment for the first time since half of Three Mile Island Unit 2's reactor core melted in 1979. Source:

<http://toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100521/NEWS16/5210330>

9. *May 20, Idaho Reporter* – (Idaho) **DOE approves \$2-billion loan for Areva's nuclear facility in Idaho Falls.** The U.S. Department of Energy Thursday approved a \$2-billion loan guarantee for the French company Areva to build a nuclear power facility near Idaho Falls, Idaho. The proposed \$3.3-billion facility, called the Eagle Rock Uranium Enrichment Plant, could lead to 400 permanent jobs and up to 1,000 jobs to build the plant, and bolster the state's nuclear energy efforts. The Idaho governor applauded the move. "The loan guarantee confirms that Idaho continues to lead the nuclear renaissance in America," he said in a news release. "The decision also paves the way for new careers and economic recovery across the state." The governor had written to the federal energy department asking them to approve the loan for Areva, and mentioned the plant in Idaho Falls during campaign appearances. Areva still must obtain a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before it can begin construction of the facility.

Source: <http://www.idahoreporter.com/2010/doe-approves-2-billion-loan-for-areva%E2%80%99s-nuclear-facility-in-idaho-falls/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *May 21, South Bend Tribune* – (Indiana; Arizona) **Fire forces Honeywell evacuation.** A small fire Thursday forced evacuation of the Honeywell plant on Bendix Drive in South Bend, Indiana, but resulted in no injuries. A Honeywell spokeswoman said the fire took place in the carbon-manufacturing area of the plant, on the western side of the large complex. Firefighters called to the scene received initial reports of an explosion or a toxic spill but found instead a chemical fire. "It was a small enough fire that the sprinklers didn't have to come on," said a company spokeswoman based in Arizona. Because of the unusual nature of the fire, firefighters first were concerned

about using water to put it out, but the blaze was contained by 12:38 p.m. All of Honeywell's employees were evacuated from the building to the parking lot, where many sat in cars and waited to return to work. Others spent the time walking laps around the parking lot or playing catch with a frisbee. Because of the fire and subsequent cleanup, first-shift employees were allowed to leave the property about 1:30 p.m. The plant was expected to resume normal operations at 3:30 p.m., the start of the second shift. The plant makes fuel lines and carbon brakes for commercial and military aircraft and has about 700 employees.

Source: <http://www.southbendtribune.com/article/20100521/News01/5210312/1130>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *May 21, Associated Press* – (National) **M-4 not suited to warfare in Afghan hills.** The U.S. military's workhorse rifle is proving less effective in Afghanistan against the Taliban's more primitive but longer range weapons. As a result, the U.S. is re-evaluating the performance of its standard M-4 rifle and considering a switch to weapons that fire a larger round largely discarded in the 1960s. The M-4 is an updated version of the M-16, which was designed for close quarters combat in Vietnam. It worked well in Iraq, where much of the fighting was in cities such as Baghdad, Ramadi and Fallujah. But an Army study found that the 5.56mm bullets fired from M-4s don't retain enough velocity to kill an adversary at distances greater than 1,000 feet. In hilly regions of Afghanistan, NATO and insurgent forces are often 2,000 to 2,500 feet apart. Afghans have a tradition of long-range ambushes against foreign forces. During the 1832-1842 British-Afghan war, the British found that their Brown Bess muskets could not reach insurgent sharpshooters firing higher-caliber Jezzail flintlocks. Soviet soldiers in the 1980s found that their AK-47 rifles could not match the World War II-era bolt-action Lee-Enfield and Mauser rifles used by mujahedeen rebels. The heavier bullets enable Taliban militants to shoot at U.S. and NATO soldiers from positions well beyond the effective range of the coalition's rifles. To counter these tactics, the U.S. military is designating nine soldiers in each infantry company to serve as sharpshooters. They are equipped with the new M-110 sniper rifle, which fires a larger 7.62mm round and is accurate to at least 2,500 feet.

Source: http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_m4_052110/

12. *May 21, Naval Open Source Intelligence* – (National) **Boeing, Air Force research lab, to conduct X-51A WaveRider flight test on May 25.** The Boeing Company announced today that the X-51A WaveRider will make its first hypersonic flight test attempt from Edwards Air Force Base Tuesday, May 25. The unmanned aerial vehicle will be released from a B-52 bomber off the southern California coast. The X-51A is expected to fly autonomously for five minutes — powered by a supersonic combustion ramjet (scramjet) motor, accelerate to about Mach 6, and transmit large amounts of data to ground stations before it splashes down into the Pacific and breaks up.

Source: <http://nosint.blogspot.com/2010/05/boeing-air-force-research-lab->

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13. *May 20, Associated Press* – (National) **U.S. agrees to announce missile launches.** The U.S. has agreed to notify other nations before it launches most ballistic missile tests or satellites, in a measure that builds on a landmark arms agreement with Russia and is meant to encourage Moscow to reciprocate. The American decision was contained in a confidential note made available Thursday to The Associated Press and confirmed by three diplomats familiar with the issue. The move is less far-reaching or binding than the treaty signed last month by the U.S. and Russian presidents that outlines cuts in both nations' massive nuclear arsenals. But it is significant in reflecting Washington's determination to build on the success of that agreement. For years, Russia voluntarily provided such pre-notifications regarding the launch of ballistic missile tests or satellites. But it stopped doing that two years ago, complaining that the U.S. and other nations were not following suit. One senior diplomat familiar with the issue said that Moscow is now expected to resume its reporting. That would add to the confidence building that received a huge push with last month's signing of the nuclear arms agreement. "The United States ... will provide pre-launch notification of commercial and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space launches as well as the majority of intercontinental ballistic and submarine-launched ballistic missile launches," said the note forwarded to HCOG, an organization overseeing efforts to curb the spread of such weapons.

Source: http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2010/05/ap_missiles_launch_052010/

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *May 21, USA Today* – (National) **Feds unite to form a new financial fraud task force.** On May 21, federal officials plan to unveil May 21 a potentially important effort to investigate and prosecute financial fraud cases. The launch will take place in eastern Virginia instead of the most prominent venue, New York City. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Richmond will coordinate the Virginia Financial and Securities Fraud Task Force with representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, FBI, U.S. Postal Service and IRS, as well as state law enforcement agencies. "It will allow us to share information, connect the dots, and pursue criminal as well as civil tracks," said the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. The new effort could boost Virginia's prominence in legal circles as a center for splashy cases similar to the one that the SEC announced last month against Goldman Sachs.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/money/companies/regulation/2010-05-20-taskforce_N.htm

15. *May 21, Associated Press* – (National) **FDIC says number of ‘problem’ banks is growing.** The number of troubled banks kept growing last quarter even as the industry as a whole had its best quarter in two years. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said May 20 that the number of banks on its confidential “problem” list grew to 775 in the January-March period from 702 in the previous quarter. “The banking system still has many problems to work through, and we cannot ignore the possibility of more financial market volatility,” the FDIC chairman acknowledged. But she added: “The trends continue to move in the right direction.” The largest banks showed the most improvement, though a majority of institutions posted gains in net income. Banks overall posted net income of \$18 billion, up from \$5.6 billion in the same quarter a year earlier. In another sign of health, the FDIC’s deposit insurance fund, which fell into the red last fall, posted its first improvement in two years. Its deficit shrank by \$145 million to \$20.7 billion.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/20/AR2010052005362.html?hpid=sec-business>
16. *May 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Ex-Wachovia VP charged in 9-year, \$11M bank scam.** A former vice president for North Carolina-based Wachovia Bank faces federal charges that he was at the core of a conspiracy that fleeced the company of \$11 million. Attorneys for 47-year-old suspect of Mooresville did not immediately respond to requests for comment May 21. Federal prosecutors have charged the suspect with mail fraud and tax evasion. Authorities said the scam went on for nine years. Two other men also have been charged in the scam. An indictment accuses the main suspect of getting the two other men and some others to turn in fake invoices for goods and services the bank never received. Attorneys for the two other suspects said they will plead guilty in a deal with prosecutors. The bank declined comment.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/21/AR2010052101841.html>
17. *May 21, Canwest News Service* – (International) **Suspects identified in Ottawa firebombing.** Police have identified suspects in the May 18 firebombing of a Royal Bank as Ottawa residents linked to an anarchist group, FFFC-Ottawa. The firebombing, which was filmed and posted online, was an unsophisticated attack, said detectives who have collected trace evidence from the burned-out building at Bank Street and First Avenue. Investigators have obtained security video from storefronts along the streets, including high-definition images. The suspects, of which there are believed to be at least four, said in the video that they firebombed the building because the Royal Bank was a sponsor of the Vancouver Olympics. They made their getaway in a SUV. The suspects are linked to an online independent media site and an anti-establishment network that organizes protests against G8 and G20 summits, unfair trade and government cuts to welfare. Police said some of the network’s meetings are held at a coffee and juice shop in Ottawa’s Chinatown. Several anarchist Web sites are threatening confrontations at the June G8 summit in Huntsville, Ontario, and the G20 summit in Toronto.
Source: <http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/story.html?id=3055957>

18. *May 20, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Chase Bank robber suspected in 3 other crimes.** A man who targeted a Chase Bank branch in Spokane, Washington Tuesday may be a serial robber responsible for three other holdups at two banks since December. The FBI is looking into the robberies, the first of which was December 22 at Sterling Savings Bank, 3000 S. Grand Blvd. Chase Bank, 2215 W. Northwest Blvd, was robbed February 13 and April 19. In each of those robberies, the gunman wore a mask and a hooded jacket, though a different one each time. In Tuesday's robbery, the culprit wore a motorcycle helmet and forced an employee to the ground at gunpoint. The man is described as white, 6-feet tall, in his 30s with a thin-to-medium build and fair complexion.

Source: <http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/05/20/4801453.htm>

19. *May 20, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Six charged with wire fraud based on \$20-million mortgage fraud scheme.** A 10-count indictment has been unsealed in San Diego, California charging six individuals with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud, a U.S. attorney announced. The defendants are charged with submitting false and fraudulent mortgage loan applications and related documents to banks and other lending institutions, thereby inducing the institutions to make approximately 36 loans totaling approximately \$20.8 million. The indictment alleges that the defendants devised a scheme to defraud mortgage lenders and to obtain money and property by false and fraudulent means, and diverted the proceeds for their personal use and benefit. According to the indictment, from May 2008, the defendants agreed to submit false loan applications to mortgage lenders to obtain financing to purchase residential properties. The defendants recruited "straw buyers" who had sound credit histories but who otherwise would not have qualified to purchase the residential properties selected by the defendants. The indictment further alleges that, as part of the conspiracy, two of the suspects prepared fraudulent loan applications on behalf of the straw purchasers, falsely stating the employment and monthly salaries of the straw purchasers. The indictment further alleges that the defendants submitted fraudulent loan applications on behalf of the straw purchasers to mortgage lenders, including OwnIt Mortgage Solutions Inc., WMC Mortgage Corp., Argent Mortgage Company, Countrywide Home Loans, First Franklin, Finance America LLC and other mortgage lenders. The defendants then caused escrow agents to disburse the funds to the defendants and others so that the defendants could divert to themselves and others the proceeds of the fraud.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/six-charged-with-wire-fraud-based-on-20-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme-94530144.html>

20. *May 20, New York Times* – (National) **Bill passed in Senate broadly expands oversight of Wall St.** The U.S. Senate May 20, approved a far-reaching financial regulatory bill putting Congress on the brink of approving a broad expansion of government oversight of the increasingly complex banking system and financial markets. The legislation is intended to prevent a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis, but also reshapes the role of numerous federal agencies and vastly empowers the Federal Reserve in an attempt to predict and contain future debacles. The vote was 59 to 39, with four Republicans joining the Democratic majority in favor of the bill. Two Democrats opposed the measure, saying it was still not tough enough. Democratic

Congressional leaders and the U.S. President must now work to combine the Senate measure with a version approved by the House in December, a process that is expected to take several weeks. While there are important differences — notably a Senate provision that would force big banks to spin off some of their most lucrative derivatives business into separate subsidiaries — the bills are broadly similar, and it is virtually certain that Congress will adopt the most sweeping regulatory overhaul since the aftermath of the Great Depression.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/21/business/21regulate.html>

21. *May 20, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **FBI catches alleged bank robber dubbed ‘portfolio bandit’**. An accused bank robber has been caught and indicted on 11 counts. The suspect, dubbed the “portfolio bandit” by the FBI, allegedly robbed 11 banks in Denver. The FBI told 11 News a month ago, they thought the suspect would eventually hit Colorado Springs, Colorado banks if he was not caught. Because he was featured on the news, investigators said they received tips about the suspect’s whereabouts. According to the indictment, on 11 different occasions, the suspect did knowingly, by force and violence, and by intimidation, take and attempt to take money from FDIC insured banks. If convicted, the suspect faces up to 20 years in federal prison, and up to a \$250,000 fine, per count, plus restitution.

Source: <http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/94533524.html>

22. *May 20, Libby Western News* – (Montana) **Bank phone scam targets locals**. Montanans are being targeted by a new version of a phone scam, the Montana attorney general warned May 17. A Libby resident reported to authorities that she had received a phone call purportedly from First National Bank requesting her ATM card information. She did what bank and law-enforcement officials advise — refused to give out sensitive personal or financial information. She hung up and reportedly contacted First Montana Bank (formally First National Bank) and learned that several customers have received the same phone call scam. The attorney general’s Office of Consumer Protection became aware of the scam when its lead attorney also received an automated call on his cell phone claiming to be from First National Bank. The message said his ATM card had been “suspended because it was compromised” and directed him to press 1 and then to enter his 14-digit ATM card number. The lead attorney hung up without providing the information and instead called the bank. The chief executive officer with First Montana Bank confirmed that the phone pitch is a scam and that he has heard from half a dozen customers who have provided their card numbers. While the message purports to be from First National Bank, the calls are part of a “phishing” scam that tries to trick unsuspecting consumers into giving up their personal account information.

Source: http://www.thewesternnews.com/news/article_505bee22-6453-11df-8c26-001cc4c002e0.html

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Transportation Sector

23. *May 21, Aviation Week* – (National) **FAA brass pushes NextGen.** The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) biggest guns — current and past — turned out to urged the swift implementation and funding of NextGen, the satellite-based, air-traffic management system, at Aviation Week's "NextGen ahead" symposium in Washington, D.C. On Thursday, a former FAA administrator, now president of the Aerospace Industries Association, told the gathering, "It's time to reach consensus on accelerating NextGen." She said the question of which aviation users would benefit from the new system, which requires new equipment on aircraft, is misplaced since the benefits of reduced congestion and more efficient traffic movement with reduced fuel burn and emissions, benefit all. The current FAA administrator is to present evidence of the agency's commitment to ATC modernization in a presentation to the group this morning.
Source: http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=busav&id=news/awx/2010/05/20/awx_05_20_2010_p0-228456.xml
24. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Police take gun from JetBlue pilot.** Massachusetts State Police said they took a gun off a JetBlue pilot at Logan International Airport after he allegedly told an acquaintance he might harm himself. The incident occurred May 20, and the pilot was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital for evaluation. The airline said no passengers were harmed nor was any flight in jeopardy. A state police spokesman said a federal air marshal alerted troopers after the acquaintance relayed the message. He said police confronted the pilot at a crew lounge and he surrendered the weapon. The pilot was not charged with illegal possession of a firearm, suggesting he was a member of the Federal Flight Deck Officer program. The post-9/11 program screens, trains, arms, and deputizes pilots as a last line of aircraft security. The Transportation Security Administration is investigating.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/21/AR2010052102418.html>
25. *May 21, KTBS 3 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Train derailment in Caddo spills 3,000 gallons of fuel.** A train derailment in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, led to the spill of approximately 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel after a locomotive fuel tank ruptured. The derailment happened just before 6 a.m. Friday at Flournoy Lucas Road and Pinkarde Road. Caddo sheriff's deputies said two locomotives of a Union Pacific freight train jumped the tracks. The train was being operated by remote control and did not have an engineer, deputies said. They believe a problem with the switcher might have caused the derailment. Deputies said the leaking diesel fuel is not considered a public hazard and there is no need for evacuations.
Source: <http://www.ktbs.com/news/train-derailment-in-caddo-spill-3000-gallons-of-fuel/>
26. *May 20, Associated Press* – (New York) **FAA: Plane overshoots NY airport runway; 4 injured.** A small plane attempting to land at a Hudson Valley airport overshot the runway and crashed into a residential area, seriously injuring two passengers. Two other passengers suffered minor injuries. A Federal Aviation Administration

spokesman said four people were in the single-engine Cessna 172 when it crashed at Kobelt Airport in Wallkill, New York Thursday night. A spokesman said no one else was injured. The amount of damage to the four-seater was unknown. The spokesman said the plane attempted to land about 9:20 p.m. but went long and off the departure end of the runway. The airport is also known as the Wallkill AirPark, and is run by a private company. It is about 80 miles northwest of New York City.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=12518897>

27. *May 20, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **FAA: Low-flying jet was practicing landings.** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials knew there was no way a monstrous 747 jet was 200 feet off the ground Wednesday in York County, Pennsylvania. “The earth would have moved if that were the case,” an official said. What they discovered was the jet’s crew was practicing takeoffs and landings at Harrisburg International Airport. The 747 Boeing was registered to the United States of America, and its crew, Venus One, is with the 89th Air Wing stationed out of Andrews Air Force Base. According to an Andrews fact sheet, the 89th Air Wing operates two Boeing 747s, and the jets are used to transport the President, known by the call sign Air Force One, when the President is aboard. Throughout the exercise, the jet was under constant FAA contact and being tracked on radar, the official said. York County 911 received a few calls about a jet flying at less than 1,000 feet in the area of East Prospect and Cape Horn roads, according to a dispatcher. At no time was the public, the jet or its crew in danger, the official said.

Source: http://www.ydr.com/ci_15127224

28. *May 20, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Hazmat oil spill at Allston rail yard.** Hazmat crews were called to the Allston Massachusetts Railroad Yard near Storrow Drive and the Doubletree Hotel Thursday for a report of an oil spill. According to the Boston Fire Department, recent rains fell into an uncovered dumpster and forced out around 100 gallons of petroleum into the ground. The site, referred to as Beacon Yards, contains rent-out space that is used as a transfer station for construction dumpsters. The site holds around 100 roll-off dumpster containers with open tops. Boston Fire Hazmat Techs, Boston police, Boston EMS, health inspectors, water and sewer workers and state environmental protection officials were all on site to investigate the spill. A clean up crew is on site dealing with the spill. Fire officials said they thought the clean up process would take a day.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/hazmat-oil-spill-at-allston-rail-yard-20100520>

29. *May 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Report: Airport watchers miss 16 linked to terror.** At least 16 people later linked to terror plots passed through U.S. airports undetected by federal officials who were on duty to spot suspicious behavior, according to a government report. The airport-based officials were part of a federal behavior detection program designed to spot potential terrorists and others who pose a threat to aviation. The program, started in 2003, is one of 20 layers built into the nation’s aviation security system. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) questioned the scientific basis of the entire program in a report released May 20. The program is

dubbed SPOT — Screening Passengers by Observation Techniques. It was instituted by the Transportation Security Administration “without first validating the scientific basis for identifying passengers in an airport environment,” the GAO said. “A scientific consensus does not exist on whether behavior-detection principles can be reliably used for counterterrorism purposes,” the congressional auditors said. The agency did not agree with all of the GAO’s findings. “TSA strongly believes that behavior detection is a vital layer in its aviation security strategy. ... Leaders within the community of behavior detection researchers agree,” the director of the Homeland Security Department’s GAO liaison office said in a response included in the report.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i7joS3JurVi2zkrioZpGcxxOYrBgD9FQU7L00>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

30. *May 20, Georgetown News Graphic* – (Kentucky) **Suspicious package found at Georgetown Post Office.** A suspicious package reported Thursday morning at the United States Post Office on North Bradford Lane in Georgetown, Kentucky was determined to be nonhazardous and nonexplosive, Georgetown police said. Around 9:49 a.m., Georgetown police responded to a call from the post office about the package. They called the FBI and Lexington Police Department’s hazardous devices unit for assistance, a Georgetown police spokesman said. Once the situation was resolved, the FBI took the package as evidence, the spokesman said.

Source:

http://www.georgetownnews.com/articles/2010/05/20/breaking_news/doc4bf56a3a0af4a376809405.txt

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Agriculture and Food Sector

31. *May 21, Food Safety News* – (National) **Phages: a new means of food safety.** The goal of making food safe is never-ending. Within the last few years, food growers and producers have begun to use a novel means of improving food safety through the use of bacteriophages. Also known as lytic viruses or phages, bacteriophages take up residence inside certain strains of foodborne bacteria, begin multiplying, and eventually destroy the bacterial cell. The consensus among microbiologists is that phages do not have any known adverse effects on humans, animals, or the environment, and in fact gravitate toward wherever bacteria live, including the human body, water, and the environment. For this reason, many scientists and food-safety experts predict that bacteriophages could become a useful tool in the reduction of dangerous pathogens in beef, cold cuts, produce, and more. A research microbiologist for the United States

Department of Agriculture (USDA), has conducted phage tests on a variety of produce and has concluded that phage treatments could be effective in killing E. coli O157:H7 in a produce commodity. “The treatments reduced pathogens on the samples of fresh-cut cantaloupe by 100-fold over untreated controls,” he said in an USDA release. His test studies also found that phages could have an equally potent effect on refrigerated fresh-cut lettuce, the source of a current E. coli O145 outbreak that has sickened 30 people in 23 states.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/05/phages-a-new-means-of-food-safety/>

32. *May 21, Food Safety News* – (National) **USDA study shows gaps in local meat infrastructure.** A preliminary study revealed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) May 20 maps exactly where gaps exist in the local meat-processing infrastructure by showing the availability of slaughter facilities for small and very small producers. The maps were released yesterday during an agency briefing on the “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food” initiative, which recently took some heat from Republicans in the U.S. Senate. Yesterday’s briefing was meant to clarify the initiative’s goals and provide details on various inter-agency-coordinated projects. According to the USDA, the assessment of slaughter availability was done to identify regions with “relatively high densities of small livestock and poultry producers, but without a nearby slaughter facility,” so that eventually assistance can be provided to existing and new facilities. Supporting slaughter availability for small livestock and poultry producers will benefit both local food systems and the public health, the agency said. When asked whether USDA’s initiative to support local meat infrastructure will lead to an increase in the number of meat inspectors, the director of program evaluation and improvement at the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) told Food Safety News that the agency “hadn’t gotten to that point yet,” as the initiative is just beginning.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/05/usda-study-shows-gaps-in-local-meat-infrastructure/>

33. *May 20, Bloomberg* – (International) **U.S. bans Japanese beef imports after foot-and-mouth outbreak in Miyazaki.** The U.S. banned beef from Japan after an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the southern prefecture of Miyazaki. Imports of boneless beef were banned in an import alert issued April 21, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said in an e-mailed statement May 20. Japan shipped about \$6 million worth of beef to the U.S. in 2009, Dow Jones reported May 20.

Source: <http://preview.bloomberg.com/news/2010-05-20/u-s-bans-japanese-beef-imports-after-foot-and-mouth-outbreak-in-miyazaki.html>

34. *May 20, Eat, Drink and Be* – (Ohio) **Mysterious salmonella outbreak in Ohio.** An unprecedented number of salmonella cases have emerged in Greene County, Ohio, leaving health officials scrambling to find the source of illness that has sickened four people in 48 hours. All four victims are adults in the Beavercreek and Fairborn areas. Two of the four people were hospitalized for their symptoms. Health officials are investigating the illnesses and suspect a common food source. The most common carriers of salmonella are undercooked or raw meat, undercooked eggs and

unpasteurized milk. In the meantime, experts are cautioning residents to wash their hands, be careful not to cross contaminate and thoroughly cook all meat and egg products.

Source: http://eatdrinkandbe.org/article/index.0520_or_ohiosalmonella

35. *May 19, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota has first confirmed anthrax case of the year.** North Dakota's state veterinarian is urging ranchers to protect their animals against anthrax. She said an anthrax case has been confirmed in eastern Sioux County - the first in that area in many years. It also is the first confirmed case in the state this year. The state veterinarian is urging ranchers to make sure their animals are properly vaccinated. Anthrax bacteria spores lie dormant in the ground and become active under conditions such as heavy rainfall, flooding or drought. North Dakota usually has a few anthrax cases every year. In 2005, the disease resulted in an estimated 1,000 dead cattle, bison, horses, sheep, llamas and farmed deer and elk.
Source: <http://www.bovinevetonline.com/newsCN.asp?contentid=1082361>
36. *May 19, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Flooding poses threat from anthrax.** The state veterinarian's office said flooding and rain this spring could increase the risk of anthrax poisoning in livestock. Anthrax spores occur naturally in the soil and can remain dormant for years. Drought, floods or wind expose the spores and they can be ingested when livestock graze close to the ground. Vaccines can protect livestock. Once anthrax is detected, the herd is quarantined and the carcasses of infected animals must be burned or buried. It can infect humans who handle infected animals or inhale the spores released by the bacteria. Anthrax is treatable with antibiotics.
Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/Global/story.asp?S=12505867>

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Water Sector

37. *May 21, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Water quality in Grand Lake addressed.** First year findings from a three-year study funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service show some degradation of a Grand Lake St. Marys, Ohio tributary, however, increased use of conservation measures will help restore water quality, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The study, which is being conducted by the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University, is focusing on Chickasaw Creek because it is representative of the Grand Lake St. Marys watershed. The purpose of the study is to look at the conditions of water entering Grand Lake St. Marys and determine the impact of conservation practices as they are applied in the next two years. Analysis of the study's first-year data indicate that concentrations of suspended solids were higher in Chickasaw Creek than in Rock Creek and Lost Creek, two comparable streams in northwest Ohio. Total phosphorus concentrations exceeded the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's standards on more than 80 percent of the days sampled.
Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/23631073/detail.html>

38. *May 20, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **CDC misled District residents about lead levels in water, House probe finds.** A House investigative subcommittee concludes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made “scientifically indefensible” claims in 2004 that high lead in the water in Washington D.C. was not causing noticeable harm to the health of city residents. As District parents demanded explanations for the spike in lead in their water, the CDC hurriedly published its calming analysis, knowing that it relied on incomplete, misleading blood-test results that played down the potential health impact, the investigation found. The city utility said lead levels have been in the safe range in D.C. water since 2006, after a chemical change to reduce lead leaching. But the House report raises concerns about children in 9,100 residences throughout the city with partial lead-pipe replacements. Their parents may not know CDC research has found that children in such homes are four times as likely to have elevated lead in their blood. The House science and technology subcommittee investigation, which was slated to be released May 20, was spurred last year by one scientist’s research and Washington Post reporting suggesting that the 2004 CDC analysis was missing many test results for children who might have lead poisoning.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/05/19/AR2010051902599.html>
39. *May 20, KVUE Austin* – (Texas) **Hazmat crews respond to chlorine gas leak.** A chlorine gas leak shut down a northeast Austin, Texas neighborhood for six hours Thursday. “About 100 pounds leaked from a 150-pound tank,” said an Austin firefighter. The Austin Fire Department Hazardous Material team was called to an Austin water treatment plant in the Harris Branch area around 10 a.m. Thursday. Employees noticed a tank was leaking a small amount of chlorine. Special operation crews were quick to stop the leak. As a precaution, the fire department evacuated more than a dozen homes near the water treatment plant. They were afraid when they tried to move the tank it would start leaking again. Students at Bluebonnet Elementary rode the bus home. They were not allowed to walk home. Crews removed the tank around 6 p.m. Thursday. The water treatment plant is back to normal operations.
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/Chlorine-gas-leak--prompts-evacuation-of-northeast--94541749.html>
40. *May 20, Environmental Protection* – (National) **EPA, INL ultrafiltration device detects possible terrorists’ water contamination.** The possibility of terrorists or criminals intentionally contaminating drinking water with pathogenic microorganisms is a significant public health concern. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this concern has given rise to the need to rapidly and effectively sample water to detect small concentrations of potentially dangerous microorganisms. Analysis of water for the presence of low levels of microorganisms requires that either a large volume sample be collected and transported to a laboratory where the sample is concentrated before analysis, or that the sample is concentrated in the field with cumbersome, yet delicate laboratory equipment. To improve upon this situation, EPA, in partnership with the Department of Energy’s Idaho National Laboratory (INL), developed a rugged and automated field deployable sample concentration

(ultrafiltration) device. The device significantly reduces the sample volume by concentrating the microorganisms contained in a large sample into a small volume of water. The device can concentrate the microbes contained in a 26-gallon sample into less than two cups of water, often in under an hour. Following concentration, the smaller, concentrated sample can be more easily and safely transported to a laboratory. Using a computer-controlled system, the ultrafiltration device automates the process of concentrating microorganisms. The system was also designed to reduce human exposure to potentially contaminated water and to generate samples that are appropriate for the analyses of several types of microorganisms. The underlying technology has been tested by several laboratories, with further testing being conducted by both EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Source: <http://eponline.com/articles/2010/05/20/epa-inl-ultrafiltration-device-detects-possible-terrorists-water-contamination.aspx>

41. *May 19, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **DEP to propose new water standards on dissolved solids.** West Virginia regulators plan to propose a new water quality standard aimed at least in part at protecting state rivers and streams from pollution created by large-scale natural gas drilling. State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials unveiled their proposal during a meeting Wednesday in Charleston, and plan to issue it formally for public comment early next month. The DEP proposal would set a legal limit for “total dissolved solids,” of 500 milligrams per liter. It would apply in-stream to waterways statewide, making it more stringent than the existing standard in Pennsylvania, which applies a 500-milligram-per-liter standard only at the intake pipes for public drinking water systems.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201005190834>

42. *May 19, Science Daily* – (Tennessee) **Viruses found in untreated East Tennessee drinking water.** An earth and planetary sciences professor in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Arts and Sciences, sampled eight community water-supply sources in East Tennessee and found concentrations of viruses and bacteria linked to human feces that could potentially cause waterborne disease. The study is published in the electronic version of Ground Water and will appear in a special edition of the journal Pathogens and Fecal Indicators in Ground Water later this year. The professor surveyed samples of raw water from eight wells or springs throughout East Tennessee. Half of the water sources were considered high-risk for fecal contamination and the other were considered low-risk, based on previous data. She primarily sampled wells and springs in karst aquifers, which are made of limestone, because they are commonly used as water sources in the region and have a reputation for carrying bacteria. All of the high-risk water sources contained E. coli, coliforms, Bacteroides and infectious viruses. One of the low-risk water sources had E. coli and coliforms; half had Bacteroides; and three-quarters had infectious viruses. All of the wells and springs sampled in the study are used for public water supply, but the water is treated before being distributed, so the contamination measured in the study does not represent a direct risk to consumers. However, these results shed light on a potential health hazard for part of the Tennessee population.

Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/05/100519114631.htm>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

43. *May 21, AHN News* – (National) **Vaccine shows promise against ebola virus.** U.S. federal health researchers have developed an experimental vaccine that shows promise in protecting against the potentially deadly Ebola virus. Scientists with the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention said in a statement May 21, that the drug protected monkeys from two of the most lethal Ebola virus species, and a new species that was identified in 2007. No specific treatments or vaccines are available to control Ebola outbreaks, common on the continent of Africa. The researchers said the vaccine has two main components – a “prime” that is made up of a DNA vaccine containing a small piece of genetic material encoding surface proteins from the Zaire Ebola virus; and a “boost” that consists of a weakened cold virus that delivers the Zaire virus surface protein. The researchers recently found that it is protective in preventing the 2007 Bundibugyo virus. The report on the virus appears in the May 20 edition of the journal Public Library of Science Pathogens.
Source: <http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7018763239>

44. *May 21, Associated Press* – (California) **Nine hospitals fined \$550,000 for endangering patients.** Nine California hospitals were fined a total of \$550,000 for serious medical errors that included a newborn getting morphine instead of the baby’s mother, a girl being burned, and an elderly man who died after a fall. Four of the hospitals fined by the California Department of Public Health are in San Diego County, with the rest in Alameda, San Bernardino, Marin, Orange and Riverside counties. Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla was fined twice, for a total of \$125,000. In one instance, a surgeon performing a hip replacement reported discovering dried blood on an instrument being used on a patient. In a statement, the hospital responded that it is considering appealing the penalty because the “device manufacturer failed to provide proper in-service education” to staffers tasked with sterilization of surgical equipment. In another instance at Scripps, a doctor unfamiliar with a specific type of catheter inserted the wrong end into a patient’s spinal column, causing the tip of the catheter to break inside the patient. Neither patient was harmed, the hospital said. The fines at Scripps are the third and fourth administrative penalties issued since the state began issuing them in 2007.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,593327,00.html>

45. *May 20, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Dengue fever outbreak reported in Key West.** The Monroe County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have confirmed multiple cases of Dengue Fever in 27 residents of Key West, Florida since July 2009. The latest case was reported on April 13, 2010. According to the CDC, the latest patient was a 41-year-old Key West resident who was hospitalized with symptoms including: a low platelet count, a decrease in white blood cells, joint

pain, muscle pain, and other symptoms. The man had not traveled outside the U.S. in over a year, which means the disease was most likely contracted in the Keys. The CDC said it conducted a random sample of 240 people in Key West in September 2009 that showed that 5 percent had evidence of recent dengue infection. Key West doctors also submitted specimens of people who had symptoms consistent with dengue and found 42 percent of those samples showed dengue fever. The outbreak in Key West, as the CDC is calling it, is the first outbreak of the disease in the continental United States outside of the Texas-Mexico border since 1945. The outbreak is the first in Florida since 1934. The CDC said it hasn't determined why the disease has resurfaced in Key West.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/05/20/1639790/dengue-fever-outbreak-reported.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

46. *May 21, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **All-clear sounded at state capitol.** An Oklahoma Highway Patrol bomb squad was called to the Oklahoma state capitol, Thursday, after a suspicious package was found in an adjacent parking lot, troopers said. There were no evacuations after the case was found in a lot to the east of the capitol. An OHP spokesman said it appeared that a computer or office machine component was inside the case. The bomb squad technician X-rayed the case and determined that what was inside it was not a safety risk. No evacuations were ordered. The all-clear was given at about 4:05 p.m.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/mostpopular/23624001/detail.html>

47. *May 21, WKYW 1060 News Radio Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Powder scare locks down government building in Center City.** For the second time in two days, a white powder scare shut down a major section of center city Philadelphia. On Friday morning, a city water department employee in the concourse (lower) level of the Municipal Services Building (MSB), across the street from city hall, opened an envelope that contained a yellowish, powdery substance. Other employees immediately called 911 and the area around the MSB was cordoned off by police and firefighters. The MSB, which occupies the block between Broad, 15th, Arch, and JFK Boulevard, was locked down with no one allowed in or out. A haz-mat team performed preliminary tests on the powder, all of which were negative. The two city workers who had come into contact with the powder were evaluated on scene by an EMS crew before being transported to a nearby hospital for further tests. About a half hour later, police were allowing people in and out of the building from the ground level, but the lower concourse level remained closed for an additional 30 minutes. Officials said the powder had been contained with a Philadelphia Water Department bill in a payment envelope that had apparently been damaged in transit and repackaged by the U.S. Postal Service. One source indicated that the powder may have been a crushed dietary supplement tablet.

Source: <http://www.kyw1060.com/Another-Powder-Scare/7123038>

48. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **2 weak tornadoes touch down in Sedalia; tower at Whiteman AFB evacuated.** Officials said two weak tornadoes that touched down in southwest Sedalia, Missouri caused only minor damage and no injuries. A meteorologist with the National Weather Service said the tornadoes touched down briefly in a field near Smith-Cotton High School and just west of the Katy Trail Estates. The Sedalia Democrat reports that damage included a downed power line that started a small house fire, minor damage to other buildings, and shingles torn from 10 to 12 homes. The Sedalia-Pettis County Emergency Management Agency director said about 30 people took cover during the storm in the La Monte and Smith-Cotton Junior High storm shelters. The meteorologist said funnel clouds were reported north of Holden and west of Knob Noster in Johnson County before the storm hit Sedalia. The control tower at Whiteman Air Force Base was evacuated during the tornado warning period.
Source:
http://www.digitalburg.com/artman2/publish/Warrensburg_Mo_News_2/2_weak_tornadoes_touch_down_in_Sedalia.shtml

49. *May 21, Troy Record* – (New York) **Bomb threat briefly interrupts school day.** Bomb threats prompted the evacuation of the Mechanicville High School/Middle School campus in Mechanicville, New York Thursday morning. School officials found notes in both the main office and the high school bathroom threatening that a bomb was in the building and implying that an explosion was coming. Students were evacuated to the bleachers in the school's track area and officials contacted the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department. A bomb dog and uniformed officers searched the school and determined no such device was present. Students returned to their normal school day at 9:45 a.m. A joint investigation between the sheriff's department and the school administration led to the arrest of two juvenile suspects. They were charged with first-degree falsely reporting an incident, a felony. Both cases were handed over to Saratoga County Family Court. The suspect's names were not released by the sheriff's department due to their ages. A statement on the school district's Web site said, "It is unfortunate that our student body had their instruction day interrupted; nonetheless, you can be assured all appropriate emergency management protocols were implemented."
Source:
<http://www.troyrecord.com/articles/2010/05/21/news/doc4bf5f395cc047217174801.txt>

50. *May 20, Edwards Air Force Base* – (California) **Improper disposal of electronic, hazardous and universal waste causes problems.** At Edwards Air Force Base in California, facility managers should know the drill. Electronic, hazardous and universal waste must be kept out of the trash, but recent finds by landfill workers show this is sometimes not the case. Last month, workers found nearly one ton of government-owned electronics, hazardous and universal waste dumped in the large metal trash bins located near some base facilities. The landfill team removed these items from the trash and coordinated with the hazardous waste team to have the items disposed of properly. "My guess is the people doing this didn't know who to call to find out how to dispose of these items, and so they dumped them in the garbage," said the hazardous materials/waste program manager at Environmental Management. "They might have been cleaning out a building, storage cabinet or something like that and thought, 'look

at all of this junk’ and didn’t know what else to do with it.” But ignorance won’t wipe away a notice of violation (NOV), which could have been given on the spot if a regulatory agency representative had dropped in for a no-notice inspection. The NOV could have also been accompanied by a fine of up to \$25,000 per violation per day. In addition, state scientists say hazardous, universal and electronic waste products leak toxic substances — mostly metals — into a typical landfill. Common items falling under hazardous, universal or electronic waste include, but are not limited to: televisions, computers, monitors, fluorescent lights, copy machines, toner cartridges, paint, cleaners, gas cans, aerosols and batteries. The landfill team found all of these items in the metal trash bins.

Source: <http://www.edwards.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123205506>

51. *May 20, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **Live pipe bomb found during Montclair drug bust.** Narcotics officers found a live 12-inch pipe bomb in a mobile home while making a drug bust May 19 in Montclair, California. Officers evacuated the trailer park and placed Burbank Elementary School on lockdown. Police arrested two suspects on suspicion of possessing an explosive device. The suspects were also held on suspicion of child endangerment due to the proximity of the school.

Source: http://www.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_15125664

52. *May 20, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Students exposed to mercury at Palm Bay school.** Several vials of mercury were broken in a classroom at Palm Bay Elementary School Thursday in Palm Bay, Florida, officials said. The Brevard County Fire-Rescue hazardous materials team, Palm Bay Fire Rescue firefighters and Palm Bay police cordoned off the area around the 700-student campus at 1200 Allamanda Road in the northeast section of the city. “It appears a student got a hold of some vials of mercury,” said the spokeswoman for the Palm Bay Police Department. “Everything is contained to one classroom.” Authorities on the scene reported that as many as 38 people, including some students, had a “limited exposure” to the mercury. It was not immediately known where the unidentified student got the mercury, officials said. Most of the students were allowed to go home. The school was scheduled to be closed Friday, the last day of school. Staff will not be allowed back in to the school until an environmental consultant clears the building.

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20100520/BREAKINGNEWS/100520013/1006/NEWS01/Palm+Bay+Elementary+locked+down+after+mercury+spill>

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Emergency Services Sector

53. *May 21, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **FEMA grant to help Vt. fill EMT shortage.** Three Chittenden County, Vermont, fire departments will share a \$500,000 grant from FEMA to start up a statewide paramedic training program. Essex, Colchester and South Burlington rescue squads will share the grant and Vermont Technical College will run the state’s first-of-its-kind program. It will provide a higher

level of training so that intermediate-level EMS personnel can become certified paramedics. The state is facing a shortage of EMTs, so lawmakers are doing away with a number of legal restrictions to help fill the ranks. Vermont will no longer require EMT testing every two years, and will allow military medics and nurses and physician's assistants volunteer on rescue squads without taking a test.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=12519899>

54. *May 21, Niagara Gazette* – (New York) **New York chief says faulty hydrant compromised firefighters' safety.** A few weeks ago, the Niagara Falls, New York Fire Department's attempt to put out a blaze and save a Falls Street structure was hampered by a faulty fire hydrant. Nobody was injured but the incident served as reminder of the dangers in battling fires without a reliable water source nearby. The fire chief said there are approximately 2,300 fire hydrants in the city, some more than 100 years old. Officially, only 72 are considered to be out of service and in need of repair by the Niagara Falls Water Board, which maintains the system. However, the chief noted that is because the board's requirement for a working hydrant is much lower than what is needed to battle a fire. Firefighters need to tap into hydrants that can pump out between at least 600 to 1,000 gallons of water per minute to effectively battle a blaze, he said. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/heated-over-fire-hydrants-falls-fire-chief-says-city-water-board-need-address-issue-faulty-hydrants>
55. *May 20, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Vandalism damages crucial Coast Guard communications in Palmetto.** Authorities are seeking information on vandalism that occurred at a crucial communication hub for the U.S. Coast Guard in Palmetto, Florida, according to a Coast Guard report. On May 16 at 11:30 p.m., Coast Guard officials in St. Petersburg lost power to a VHF communications system at its Palmetto facility, which handles crucial distress signals for the area. Upon investigation, authorities found that the system and a generator had been purposely damaged. "This particular incidence of vandalism degraded the Coast Guard's VHF communications system and potentially compromised public safety," a statement released by the Coast Guard said. Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2010/05/20/2301150/vandalism-damages-crucial-coast.html>
56. *May 20, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire hydrants out of service.** There is plenty of water in a Luzerne County, Pennsylvania community, but it is going to take firefighters longer to get it to fire scenes. All 49 fire hydrants in White Haven are covered in red plastic with signs that read, Not in Service. The water supplier, Aqua Pennsylvania, has taken its half-million gallon water tank offline. The manager of operations explained, "We are reconditioning the tank in order to provide a quality of water for the population." With the big tank disconnected there is not enough water to supply the fire hydrants. So what does that mean for fire protection? More tanker trucks, according to the White Haven Fire chief. White Haven fire officials said they do have a plan if there should be a fire in the borough of 1,200 people. Tanker trucks from White Haven would be joined by units from Foster, Kidder and Dennison townships when an alarm is sounded. It will be another three months before the hydrants are usable in White Haven.

Source: <http://www.wnep.com/news/countybycounty/wnep-luz-hydrants-white-haven,0,4798509.story>

57. *May 19, Reuters* – (National) **Who’s packing ERs? Not the uninsured.** One in five people in the United States visit an emergency room every year, and most of them have health insurance of some kind, according to a U.S. government survey released May 19. The survey contradicts a common perception that emergency rooms are packed with uninsured people and illegal immigrants. It also rejects some claims that people are using the emergency department for routine care — just 10 percent of visits were for non-urgent causes. “In 2007, approximately one in five persons in the U.S. population had one or more emergency department visits in a 12-month period,” the report from the National Center for Health Statistics reads. “Among the under-65 population, the uninsured were no more likely than the insured to have had at least one emergency department visit in a 12-month period.” “Since 1996, demand for emergency services in the United States has been rising,” the researchers wrote. “While the number of emergency departments (EDs) across the country has decreased, the number of ED visits has increased. As a result, EDs are experiencing higher patient volume and overcrowding, and patients seeking care are experiencing longer wait times,” they added. The American College of Emergency Physicians published a survey this month showing that 61 percent of emergency doctors surveyed believe U.S. health-care reform will send even more people to emergency departments.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE64I78X20100519?type=domesticNews>

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Information Technology Sector

58. *May 21, The Register* – (International) **Facebook gives users’ names to advertisers.** Facebook has been giving advertisers data that they can use to discover users’ names and locations, contrary to its privacy policy. The dominant social network tells users it will not share their details without consent, but according to the Wall Street Journal, it has handed over information that advertisers can use to look up individual profiles. MySpace had a similar loophole, it is reported. Both sites said they were making changes to stop the handover. Advertisers were getting reports whenever users clicked on their ads, as is typical across the Web. However, Facebook and MySpace’s reports contained the URL of the user’s profile page, which often included their real name or user name. Neither site had bothered to obscure the data, in breach of their own privacy policies. It is just the latest privacy failing by Facebook, which has suffered heavy criticism this month. Major changes to its privacy settings are expected after it decided to publish users’ private information, and Instant Message transcripts showed the CEO of Facebook calling those same users “dumb [expletive]s” for trusting him with their data.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/05/21/facebook_ads/

59. *May 20, Computerworld* – (National) **Google hit with class-action lawsuit over Wi-Fi snooping.** Google's secret Wi-Fi sniffing has prompted a class-action lawsuit that could force the company to pay up to \$10,000 for each time it snatched data from unprotected hotspots, court documents show. The lawsuit, which was filed by an Oregon woman and a Washington man in a Portland, Oregon federal court May 17, accused Google of violating federal privacy and data-acquisition laws. "When Google created its data collection systems on its GSV [Google Street View] vehicles, it included wireless packet sniffers that, in addition to collecting the user's unique or chosen Wi-Fi network name (SSID information), the unique number given to the user's hardware used to broadcast a user's Wi-Fi signal MAC address, the GSV data collection systems also collected data consisting of all or part of any documents, e-mails, video, audio, and VoIP information being sent over the network by the user [payload data]," the lawsuit stated. On May 18, the same plaintiffs filed a motion for a temporary restraining order to prevent Google from deleting the data, a move the company has said it would make "as soon as possible." Oral arguments before a U.S. district court judge on the restraining order are scheduled for May 24.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9177050/Google_hit_with_class_action_lawsuit_over_Wi_Fi_snooping

60. *May 20, DarkReading* – (International) **New Twitter worm abuses iPhone app news.** Twitter's new iPhone app is being used as a lure for a new worm attack that ultimately steals a victim's financial credentials. The attack abuses Twitter trending topics — a popular source of abuse — but with a twist: Rather than installing fake antivirus software like most similar attacks, it installs a new banking Trojan that steals online banking accounts, credit card PIN numbers, and online payment system passwords, according to Kaspersky Lab. The senior antivirus researcher at Kaspersky Lab said the attack injects malicious tweets from the attackers' own malicious Twitter profiles. Tweets include the words "Official Twitter App," which was No. 7 of the Top 10 trending topics on Twitter. In one case, the tweet includes a link to a "video" purportedly of the Olympic mascot. The aggressive Trojan also disables Windows Task Manager, regedit, and notifications from Windows Security Center as a way to avoid detection. The Trojan can also spread via USB devices. Kaspersky Lab discovered the Trojan worm copies itself onto the infected system with the name "Live Messenger," and it can check whether the hard drive is virtualized. If it is, the malware will not run. The anti-malware firm calls the Trojan "Worm.Win32.VBNA.b."

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224900502&subSection=Attacks/breaches>

61. *May 20, SC Magazine* – (International) **Over 4,500 logins uploaded to open source content site.** Over 4,500 logins have been published on a 77-page document on a shared content Web site. A malware researcher at Sunbelt Software claimed that as Scribd allows users to share written content online, converting PowerPoint, PDFs and Word documents into Web documents that can be viewed through sites such as Facebook and other social networking services, it was inevitable that a scammer would

decide to use such a service for foul means. He detected that a little over 4,500 mail logins (mostly from .ru domains, and possibly used for a .ru social networking site) in the form of a 77-page text document available for anybody to download and plunder was uploaded to the site. At the time of this writing, the document had been viewed 94 times and by the time it was deleted, that figure had increased to 152. With 970 uploads, the account was up to 1,308 with fresh (and entirely random) uploads appearing constantly, possibly by an automated process. The researcher also pointed at a Russian forum, where victims noticed an increase in spam coming from their account, and a Web search saw their stolen logins sitting on the Scribd page.

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/over-4500-logins-uploaded-to-open-source-content-site/article/170599/>

62. *May 20, Wired.com* – (Pennsylvania) **School spy program used on students contains hacker-friendly security hole.** A controversial remote administration program that a Pennsylvania school district installed on student-issued laptops contains a security hole that put the students at risk of being spied on by people outside the school, according to a security firm that examined the software. The LANrev program contains a vulnerability that would allow someone using the same network as one of the students to install malware on the laptop that could remotely control the computer. An intruder would be able to steal data from the computer or control the laptop Webcam to snap surreptitious pictures. The vulnerability was discovered by researchers at Leviathan Security Group, who provided Threat Level with a video demonstrating an exploit they developed. They began examining the program after customers who saw media coverage of the Pennsylvania case expressed concern that the program might be exposing their employee computers to intrusion from outsiders. The same software is used by many businesses to monitor and maintain their employee laptops.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2010/05/lanrev/>

63. *May 20, eSecurity Planet* – (International) **Malware is South America's new growth industry.** Malware syndicates in China have been implicated in a number of recent high-profile, targeted cyber attacks against American companies and organizations, but the latest data from security software vendor Zscaler indicates a new and equally dangerous threat is emerging in South and Central America. In its first-quarter "State of the Web" report, Sunnyvale, California-based Zscaler aimed to provide some meaningful analysis and context for enterprises struggling to safeguard their data networks from organized groups of hackers and phishers who are exploiting both lax local enforcement and a laissez-faire attitude by international hosting companies to steal identities, assets and intellectual property. To no one's surprise, the Zscaler report pegs the U.S. as the leading source of malicious traffic including botnets, worms and aggravating SQL-injection attacks. Of course, that is to be expected because the U.S. is also the runaway leader in generating and serving up Internet traffic of all types. What is interesting is that when Zscaler analyzed each country based on the largest percentage of malicious versus benign servers, seven of the top 10 countries with high saturations of malware-distributing servers were South and Central American nations. Honduras checked in with a ratio of 7.5 percent, good enough (or bad enough, depending on one views it) for second in the world behind only the Cayman Islands

(10.2 percent). The rest of the Malware Top 10 included Bolivia (6.25 percent); Peru (6.11 percent); Argentina (6 percent); Paraguay (5.13 percent); Ecuador (5.05 percent); Columbia (4.54 percent); Luxembourg (4.47 percent) and Turkey (3.94 percent).

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/features/article.php/3883331/Malware-Is-South-Americas-New-Growth-Industry.htm>

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

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Communications Sector

64. *May 20, WGHP 8 Greensboro* – (North Carolina) **Copper theft impacts phone service in Davidson Co., again.** For the second time in two months, phone customers in Davidson County, North Carolina were without telephone and 911 service after someone cut copper wiring from a telephone line Thursday. A spokesperson with Windstream said 800-1,000 customers in the Southmont area of Oakwood Acres were without phone service for the morning and early afternoon. Service was restored shortly after 2 p.m. Customers unable to reach 911 were advised to go to the Southmont Fire Department for assistance. In March, a copper thief stole 50 feet of copper wiring from a telephone line near the same area. The theft disrupted land-line telephone service to 300-400 households.

Source: <http://www.myfox8.com/news/wghp-story-davidson-co-phone-100520,0,1137192.story>

65. *May 20, IDG News Service* – (National) **FCC frees up 25MHz of wireless spectrum for broadband.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted rules that would allow mobile broadband providers to offer services on a 25MHz band of spectrum that has been controversial because of interference concerns from satellite radio provider Sirius XM Radio and other users of nearby spectrum. The FCC May 20 voted to amend the Wireless Communications Service (WCS) spectrum rules to include mobile broadband uses, in addition to fixed wireless services previously permitted. The commission's action to free up the WCS spectrum for mobile broadband use is the first step in the FCC's plan to find 500MHz of spectrum for mobile broadband over the next 10 years, a goal outlined in the agency's national broadband plan released in March. The WCS spectrum, in the 2.3MHz band, surrounds spectrum used by Sirius to deliver its service. Complaints about potential interference have been levied by both WCS owners and satellite radio operators since the late '90s, when the FCC auctioned off both the WCS spectrum and the satellite radio spectrum. Comcast and BellSouth (now AT&T) were among the big winners in the WCS spectrum auction in 1997.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9177053/FCC_frees_up_25MHz_of_wireless_spectrum_for_broadband

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Commercial Facilities Sector

66. *May 21, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Officials: Fire at SC church was an accident.** Officials said a fire that destroyed the sanctuary of a church in northern South Carolina was an accident. The Anderson County fire chief told multiple media outlets that an electrical short caused the fire that was reported shortly before 6 a.m. May 20 at Centerville Church of God. It took firefighters about 45 minutes to put out the fire. No injuries were reported. Fire crews were able to save most of the education wing of the church, but the sanctuary was completely destroyed. Crews were expected to stay at the church putting out hot spots through the morning of May 21.

Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=460111>

67. *May 21, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Latest news issued on West Memphis officer shooting.** Two police officers looking for illegal drug smuggling on a busy Arkansas interstate were shot and killed by two men with assault rifles May 20. The suspects later died in a shootout with police in a crowded Walmart parking lot. Police said an officer pulled over a white minivan with Ohio license plates while “running drug interdiction” on Interstate 40 in east Arkansas, and another officer arrived moments later to provide backup. Two men with AK-47s got out of the van, pushed one officer to the ground and opened fire. One officer died at the scene, the other died later at a hospital. Investigators believe the van then sped away. Traffic stopped as authorities searched vehicles on I-40 looking for the suspects, who were later spotted in the parking lot of a Walmart. Dozens of officers swarmed the van, and both men inside were shot and killed. During that shootout, the Crittenden County sheriff was shot in the arm and his chief deputy was shot in the abdomen. Both are in serious condition this morning. Identities of the slain suspects were not released. During and after the standoff, Walmart employees moved shoppers into the store’s lawn-and-garden section and eventually told them they could get their cars if the vehicles were outside police tape cordoning off the shooting scene.

Source:

<http://www.jacksonsun.com/article/20100521/NEWS01/100521009/Latest+news+on+West+Memphis+officer+shooting>

68. *May 20, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Suspicious device found near Phoenix condos was pipe bomb.** Phoenix police officers are investigating after a maintenance worker found a suspicious device in a condominium complex, 8:30 a.m. May 20. The maintenance worker reportedly picked up the device and moved it away from some units so it would not hurt anyone. A bomb squad was called to the scene and the device was determined to be a pipe bomb. Phoenix police said the device was a PVC pipe wrapped in plastic with a shoelace attached to it and an explosive filler inside. Investigators are trying to determine who put it in the courtyard of the complex. No one

was evacuated, but residents were informed about the incident.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Bomb-squad-investigating-suspicious-device-in-Phoenix-94484384.html>

69. *May 20, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Residents return to Mesa apartments after teen’s bomb threat.** Residents in a Mesa, Arizona apartment complex returned to their homes late May 20, after a teen threatened to blow up one of the apartments earlier in the day. Dispatchers received a call of a family fight and in the background heard “I’m going to blow you up.” Officers spoke to a 19-year-old male who said he had a small propane tank hooked up with wires in a backpack and was going to blow up the apartment. Officers then started evacuating nearby apartments. Two propane cans and an assortment of wires were found inside the teen’s backpack. The bomb squad reportedly dismantled the items and removed them from the scene before allowing residents back into their apartments. The teen was taken in for questioning and possible charges are pending.

Source: <http://www.abc15.com/content/news/southeastvalley/mesa/story/Residents-return-to-Mesa-apartments-after-teen-s/qjxkKrcgWE6yd3A7cDHSsg.csp>

70. *May 19, Virginian Pilot* – (Virginia) **More than 200 gallons of chemical spilled in Newport News.** About 200 to 250 gallons of a sanitizing agent used in swimming pools leaked into the parking lot of an apartment complex in Newport News, Virginia May 19. Newport News Fire Department crews were called to the Wendwood Square Apartments in the 12000 block of Nettles Drive about 11:45 and found a faulty valve on a hypochlorite tank had leaked into the parking lot. The haz-mat crew was able to stop the leak in about 15 minutes and contained the spill to the parking lot. They were able to use water to dilute the material and eliminate the chemical hazard. No injuries or damage was reported.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2010/05/more-200-gallons-chemical-spilled-newport-news?cid=ltst>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

71. *May 20, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Balloon containing flour prompts evacuation of Liberty Bell.** A park official said a white powder found in a balloon near the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia was flour. The balloon was found May 20 inside the building that houses the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell Center and part of a street next to it were evacuated as a precaution. A guard found the balloon inside the visitors entrance to the Liberty Bell Center, which is in downtown Philadelphia near office buildings, a federal courthouse and Independence Hall.

Source: <http://www.kwch.com/Global/story.asp?S=12516879>

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Dams Sector

72. *May 20, Waste and Recycling News* – (National) **EPA releases plan to make coal ash impoundments safer.** Action plans developed to make coal ash impoundments safer have been released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plans, developed by 16 electric utilities, were created in response to the government's assessment reports of the nation's coal ash impoundments following the disastrous failure of the Tennessee Valley Authority's coal ash impoundment pond in Kingston, Tennessee, in December 2008. Since May 2009, the EPA has been conducting on-site assessments of coal ash impoundments and ponds at electric utilities and generating reports on their structural integrity for the utilities. The action plans released May 20 address recommendations from assessments of 40 impoundments at the 16 facilities. Many of these facilities have already begun implementing EPA's recommendations, officials said. Also available are reports on 37 coal ash impoundments at an additional 15 facilities that the EPA said have a "high" or "significant" hazard potential.

Source:

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/headlines2.html?id=1274366754&allowcomm=true>

73. *May 18, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Norwich will seek federal aid to fix dams.** The city of Norwich, Connecticut is seeking federal disaster money to repair a pair of hydroelectric dams that were damaged in the rain and flooding of late March. The general manager of Norwich Public Utilities said the Occum and Greeneville dams on the Shetucket River still are producing electricity. And though damage assessments are still incomplete, there is no danger of a breach, he said. "And even if one [were breached], there would be no danger because these are low-hazard dams," he said. "There would be no impact at all on property." Norwich received near-record rain on March 29 and March 30, with the city sustaining more than \$1 million in damage and lost equipment as a result. The dams are owned by the city and operated by the utility. The assessment of the Occum Dam is about 80 percent complete, while Greeneville will take longer because of the current water level. "We will have to wait for lower-flow periods in June and July to complete [the damage assessment]," he said. The Norwich city manager told the City Council May 17 that the final repair costs could hit \$200,000. With the declaration of a federal disaster in April, Norwich is eligible for funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that will cover up to 75 percent of the repair costs.

Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/communities/x1070014641/Norwich-will-see-federal-aid-to-fix-dams>

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