



Homeland Security

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- According to WSOC 9 Charlotte, a fire damaged a chemical plant, destroyed two other businesses, and forced the evacuation of 750 people near Hudson, North Carolina. (See item [5](#))
- The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports a tour bus driver was charged with reckless driving after a bus crash that killed 4 passengers, injured 54 others, and shut a major interstate for 7 hours. (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

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

1. *May 30, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **More than 90,000 in southern Michigan still without power.** More than 90,000 southern Michigan electric customers were still without power May 30 after severe storms May 29 caused outages across the state. About 79,000 Consumers Energy customers were still without power at 4 p.m. May 30,

down from 105,000 affected by the storm, according to the company. Consumers Energy power customers still without service include 33,700 in Calhoun County; 17,000 in Ingham County; 4,450 in Lenawee County; 3,600 in Livingston County; 400 in Oakland County, and 800 in Washtenaw County. DTE Energy was receiving reports May 30 of 12,000 without power, down from a peak of 31,000 customers just after the May 29 storms.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110530/NEWS06/110530022/More-than-90-000-southern-Michigan-still-without-power?odyssey=nav|head>

2. *May 29, KTVU 2 Oakland; Bay City News* – (California) **Transformer explodes, Embarcadero shut down.** About a dozen fire personnel responded to an underground transformer explosion near Pier 3 in San Francisco, California, that blew two manhole covers off May 29, a fire dispatcher said. The San Francisco Fire Department sent carbon dioxide specialists along with firefighters and paramedics to the blown electrical transformer on the Embarcadero near Pier 3 minutes after the 8:27 a.m. call, a dispatcher said. No one was injured, but part of the road on the Embarcadero near Pier 3 was closed to traffic.

Source: <http://www.foxreno.com/news/28064660/detail.html>

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3. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Power outages in Texas City, insulator problem.** An insulator problem was blamed for power outages in Southeast Texas a month after electrical losses knocked several refineries offline. A Texas New Mexico Power Co. (TNMP) spokeswoman said most power was restored by 4 a.m. May 27, 2 hours after outages in Texas City and La Marque. About 13,500 homes and businesses lost electricity. The spokeswoman said the outage affected three industrial customers. A Valero Energy Corp. spokesman said its Texas City refinery lost electricity for 2 hours. The spokesman said power was restored around 3 a.m. May 27, and there was no damage to the refinery. The Texas City Homeland Security coordinator said no emergency was declared. TNMP said late April electrical outages were caused by salt and other residue on equipment.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7584079.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 30, Bloomberg* – (Illinois) **Lyondell chemical plant failure resulted in temporary evacuation.** A disruption at a Lyondell Basell Industries NV chemical plant in Morris, Illinois caused the temporary evacuation of about 100 residents May 29. People living near the Equistar plant were evacuated to Minooka after a power outage at the facility, according to the village president. An ethylene storage tank overloaded after the outage and was at risk of exploding, the National Response Center report said, citing an unidentified caller. U.S. refineries must notify the response center

if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities, according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/05/30/bloomberg1376-LM0VL71A74E801-59DBOSJLIJUN0NRFUJUBFD540E.DTL>

For another story, see item [47](#)

5. *May 29, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Explosion and fire rock Hudson plant.** A multiple-alarm fire ripped through a chemical manufacturing plant May 28, shutting down busy U.S. 321, and forcing evacuations of nearby businesses and hundreds of homes in Caldwell County, North Carolina. Fire officials said the fire was contained to a storage area of the Chemical Coatings plant in Hudson. However, flames spread to two upholstery businesses that were destroyed. Investigators do not know how the fire started. Residents were evacuated around 4 p.m. after explosions. Emergency officials evacuated about 750 homes, and many businesses in a 2-mile radius of the facility. The highway reopened just before 10 p.m. Officials said the chemicals inside are hazardous and have the volatility of gun powder in a fire. Fifteen agencies from Caldwell County along with representation from Lincoln, Gaston, Catawba, Alexander, Wilkes, Burke, and Mecklenburg counties responded. Two. The Red Cross is handling resident relocation centers. They said most people displaced by the fire stayed with family members. Two firefighters were treated for heat-related illnesses, officials said. No one was inside the plant at the time of the fire, and no one else was hurt. The Blue Ridge Electric Company said there were about 1,000 customers in Hudson without power for less than an hour after the fire knocked out a circuit. Chemical Coatings makes dyes, lacquers, and other coatings for furniture.
Source: http://firenews.net/index.php/news/news_article/3157/

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6. *May 28, Cherry Hill Courier-Post* – (Tennessee) **3 burned in chemical plant fire in Tenn.; firm based in Burlco.** Three workers were critically burned May 27 at a Tennessee chemical plant that is owned by a company that has its headquarters in Cinnaminson, Tennessee. The fire injured a total of five workers and was the third this year at the Hoeganaes Corp. plant in Gallatin. The Gallatin assistant fire chief said the latest fire was caused by a gas leak. Both the Tennessee Occupational Health and Safety Administration, and the Chemical Safety Board are investigating.
Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20110528/NEWS01/105280354/3-burned-chemical-plant-fire-Tenn-firm-based-Burlco>
7. *May 27, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Emergency crews responding to 100-gallon pesticide spill near Spring Lake.** Emergency crews responded May 27 to a property in Spring Lake Township, Michigan, to a report that 100 gallons of pesticide had spilled from a lawn-maintenance truck near Petty's Bayou. The type of pesticide was not immediately known, police dispatchers said. Firefighters at the scene called for a non-emergency response. A caller to dispatchers told them the pesticide had spilled

on concrete.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2011/05/emergency_crews_responding_to_7.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *May 30, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Nuclear reactor shuts down at Limerick.** One of the two nuclear reactors at Exelon’s Limerick Generation Station in Pennsylvania shut down unexpectedly May 29 as the result of an electrical malfunction. A release from Exelon said Unit 2 shut down at 5:02 a.m. “after the turbine tripped following scheduled testing and maintenance on an electrical system in the non-nuclear section of the plant.” The release said there were no injuries and no risk to the public. Company investigators are still trying to determine the cause of the problem. The senior communications manager for Exelon said while Unit 2 is down, about 1,200 megawatts of power would be unavailable to the region’s electrical grid. In February, the same reactor shut down unexpectedly due to problems with systems related to re-circulating pumps. That shutdown lasted for more than 2 days.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/05/30/news/srv0000011879431.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

For another story, see item [1](#)

9. *May 30, Deutsche Presse-Agentur* – (International) **German coalition agrees to close nuclear plants by 2022.** Germany’s ruling coalition agreed May 30 to close the last of its nuclear power stations by 2022, government sources said. Most of the plants are to be offline by 2021, the sources said, but three plants were to serve as a backup in case of energy shortages and would be closed a year later. Business supporters of the center-right government of the German chancellor had urged caution, warning power shortages could cripple industry. The agreement emerged after 12 hours of negotiations between the chancellor and the leaders of the three government parties — the Christian Democrats, the Christian Social Union, and the pro-business Free Democrats. The government is considering keeping 2,000 megawatts of capacity on standby after the shutdown in case of emergency, an idea that experts consider difficult to put into practice. Legislation passed in 2010 commits Germany to close all nuclear plants by the mid-2030s. Polls show a big majority of Germans want a shutdown far sooner, after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan damaged the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/29/3663271/german-coalition-agrees-to-close.html>

10. *May 27, Platts* – (Massachusetts; Vermont) **Massachusetts to join Vermont’s effort to shut Vermont Yankee.** A U.S. District Court judge in Vermont May 26 approved

Massachusetts' request to file a brief in support of Vermont's effort to force Entergy's Vermont Yankee nuclear plant to shut by March. The ruling will permit the Massachusetts attorney general to submit a friend of the court brief, by June 13, supporting Vermont's position that it can deny Vermont Yankee a new certificate of public good, effectively requiring it to close, regardless of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's March decision to renew the plant's operating license for 20 more years. Entergy in April filed suit in the court, asking it to issue an injunction to stop the shutdown. Entergy argued Vermont's action "is preempted by the federal Atomic Energy Act" of 1954 because a "state may not interfere with the federal government's exclusive authority over the operation of a nuclear power plant." A hearing is set for June 23 and 24 on Entergy's motion. Company officials have said the firm must decide by July whether to purchase nuclear fuel for the plant ahead of a planned October refueling outage.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6143493>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *May 31, InformationWeek* – (International) **Lockheed Martin suffers massive cyberattack.** A major online attack was launched earlier in May against the networks of Lockheed Martin, the largest defense contractor in the United States. Lockheed Martin released a statement May 28 confirming the attack, which it described as "significant and tenacious." The company said its information security team "detected the attack almost immediately and took aggressive actions to protect all systems and data." As a result, the company said, "our systems remain secure; no customer, program, or employee personal data has been compromised." Hackers reportedly exploited Lockheed's VPN access system, which allows employees to log in remotely by using their RSA SecurID hardware tokens. Attackers apparently possessed the seeds — factory-encoded random keys — used by at least some of Lockheed's SecurID hardware fobs, as well as serial numbers and the underlying algorithm used to secure the devices.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/229700151>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *May 31, The Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Four arrested in bank scam.** Four Seattle, Washington residents did not just steal \$33,000 from several

Spokane banks in one afternoon; they were handed the money as if it were theirs, according to court records. In a new example of identity theft, authorities said four people – one suspect has already pleaded guilty – went to local banks on March 12, 2010, with stolen credit cards. They identified themselves as the cardholders and sought cash advances that were declined. They would then call a number from their cell phones, talk to someone on the line, and then hand the phone to the bank teller; that official-sounding person directed the tellers to approve the transactions. Four tellers fulfilled those requests and two refused before four suspects were caught. An agent with the U.S. Secret Service questioned the suspects about the identity of the person who verified the accounts over the phone, but a detective said it is his understanding that the federal investigation has stalled.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/may/31/four-arrested-in-bank-scam/>

13. *May 27, Associated Press* – (National) **2 arrested in Alabama on ATM skimming charges.** Hoover, Alabama police have arrested two people they said were involved in an electronic ATM skimming operation that resulted in more than \$1 million in losses nationwide. Police said they arrested a 40-year-old man and a 34-year-old woman shortly after midnight May 20 outside a Regions Bank after police saw them standing outside the bank. Police said the two had attached an electronic skimming device to an ATM. A Hoover police captain said the suspects each were charged with offenses against intellectual property under the Alabama Computer Crime Act. Both are being held in the Jefferson County Jail without bond.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/2-arrested-in-Alabama-on-ATM-skimming-charges-1398712.php>
14. *May 28, Associated Press* – (California) **FBI says ‘Geezer Bandit’ robs 14th California bank.** Authorities said May 28 the “Geezer Bandit” robbed California bank number 14 — his first in San Luis Obispo County. The FBI said in a news release that a man believed to be the elderly bank robber struck a bank in Morro Bay after 11 robberies in the San Diego area starting in 2009. He is also suspected in a robbery in Bakersfield, and one in Santa Barbara. Authorities said the man believed to be in his 70s pointed a revolver at two tellers at a Heritage Oaks Bank branch May 27, threatened them, and demanded money. The suspect left with an undisclosed amount. A \$20,000 reward is offered for information leading to his capture and conviction. The FBI has considered that the man’s elderly features could be a disguise, after some witness reports that he was wearing a mask.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18163250
15. *May 26, Washington Post* – (National) **Former Nasdaq executive Donald Johnson pleads guilty to fraud for insider trading.** A federal crackdown on insider trading has nabbed a former executive of the Nasdaq Stock Market who pleaded guilty May 27 to one count of securities fraud for trading on confidential information about companies listed on the Nasdaq. The man placed illegal trades from his computer at Nasdaq offices in New York, using an online brokerage account in his wife’s name, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said. From 2006 to 2009, he reaped more than \$755,000 in illegal profits, the SEC said. From his perch at Nasdaq’s “market

intelligence desk,” the man received advance word of market-moving corporate developments such as changes in company leadership, earnings reports and the fact that a drug for hypertension had won approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the government said. He used the information to place secret trades, sometimes betting stocks would rise and other times betting they would fall, the government said.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/former-nasdaq-executive-pleads-guilty-to-fraud/2011/05/26/AGjUeGCH_story.html

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Transportation Sector

16. *May 31, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Bus driver charged with reckless driving in I-95 wreck.** The driver of a bus that flipped and overturned on Interstate 95 in Caroline County, Virginia May 31, killing four and sending 54 to 11 area hospitals, has been charged with reckless driving, Virginia State Police (VSP) said. The 37-year-old of Flushing, N.Y., was being held on \$3,000 bond at Pamunkey Regional Jail in Hanover County, VSP said. They said earlier that the wreck was caused by driver fatigue, and that the driver had been cooperating with authorities. The VSP Motor Carrier Safety Team has finished its investigation and ruled out mechanical errors or malfunctions as factors in the 4:55 a.m. wreck, which closed the northbound interstate until 11:30 a.m., officials said. The bus owned by Sky Express Inc. of Charlotte, N.C., left Greensboro, North Carolina, at 10:30 p.m. May 30 en route to a Chinatown stop in New York, state police said. The company has had a checkered safety record, according to federal data. The driver was the only person aboard the bus who did not require hospitalization. The driver’s seat was the only one equipped with seatbelts, authorities said. The 60-passenger bus had 59 aboard as it ran off the right side of the interstate less than a mile south of the Carmel Church exit at mile marker 104, hit an embankment and flipped, a VSP spokesman said. The 54 passenger who were hurt had injuries ranging from minor to life-threatening, authorities said. Sky Express has a troubled safety inspection history, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Web site. Sky Express performed worse than 97 percent of all passenger bus companies within the last 12 months and 99.7 percent worse in the last 24 months in the “Driver Fitness” category, FMCSA records show. The carrier’s registration information as of May 20, 2011, said the company has 34 vehicles and 53 drivers, and traveled 3.6 million miles in 2009.

Source: <http://www2.godanriver.com/news/2011/may/31/38/tour-bus-overturns-i-95-north-caroline-traffic-det-ar-1075341/>

17. *May 29, Glen Falls Post-Star* – (New York) **Flash floods damage roads in Thurman, strand some residents.** Town and county officials scrambled early May 29 to assess substantial damage brought on by flash floods that damaged much of the town’s primary thoroughfares, and stranded some residents. A thunderstorm May 28 left twisted culverts lying hundreds of feet from where they were installed, massive sections of roadways collapsed, and at least two town bridges severely damaged. Large

sections of eight roads lay in waste May 29 after up to 2 feet of water rushed from the slopes above, eroded the road beds, and overwhelmed culverts. Given the number of impassable roads, many bridges on two roads were heavily damaged and rendered impassable. A breach appeared on the century-old dam on Combs Road, which holds back one of the dozens of small creeks in the community. Emergency officials said the dam's failure would likely tear culverts beneath state Route 418 from the ground, leaving even more local residents with no way in or out.

Source: http://poststar.com/news/local/article_e3dc3f66-8a32-11e0-9fd8-001cc4c03286.html

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18. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Delta jet has rough landing in Atlanta; 4 hurt.** The landing gear of a Delta Air Lines jet apparently caught fire during a rough landing May 28 at Atlanta, Georgia's main airport, but the flight's approximately 50 passengers and crew were evacuated safely, authorities said. Four people suffered minor injuries that did not require hospitalization, Atlanta city fire officials said. Passengers were evacuated through the rear stairs. There were conflicting accounts as to what caused the trouble for Delta flight 2284 from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania which landed at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport around 4:18 p.m. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said the MD-88 jet either suffered a blown tire, a locked-up brake, or perhaps both, which caused a fire.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/28/3661327/delta-flight-evacuated-after-landing.html>
19. *May 28, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **2 killed, 21 injured in tour bus crash on I-90.** Two people were killed and 21 others were injured when a tour bus crashed on Interstate 90 near Cle Elum, Washington May 28. A Washington State Patrol Trooper said the driver lost control and the bus rolled over in the eastbound lanes, killing a man and woman who were on the bus. A disabled truck that was off to the side of the highway was hit by the bus when it crashed, he said. The man driving the truck was standing outside his vehicle when it was hit and he was seriously injured. He said another car that swerved to avoid the out-of-control bus crashed and rolled three times, ending up in the median of I-90. A woman and child who were in that car were taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. Nine people required hospitalization. Most suffered minor or moderate injuries. Eastbound traffic on I-90 was shut down near the scene while troopers investigated the crash to determine what caused the tour bus driver to lose control.
Source: <http://www.kimatv.com/news/122785794.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *May 28, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Police investigate suspicious letter at Sen. Snowe's Bangor office.** A letter that was flagged as suspicious and potentially

dangerous in the afternoon May 27 at a U.S. Senator's Bangor, Maine field office turned out to be harmless, according to a Bangor Fire Department official. Four people were quarantined for several hours. Employees of the Senator's reported that a letter received at the office contained powder that at first was seen as suspicious. The fire official said a regional hazardous materials team from Orono Fire Department removed the letter from the office and after consultation with postal officials, determined the powdery substance on it was harmless. He said it was uncertain what the powder was. Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/05/27/politics/police-investigate-suspicious-package-at-sen-snowe%E2%80%99s-bangor-office/>

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21. *May 27, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Postal worker faces robber, bomb threat.** A suspected serial robber in Nashville, Tennessee has a dangerous method: holding up cashiers with the threat of a homemade bomb. The man has been linked to two banks, and one post office hold-up. One of the Woodland Street Post Office cashiers who came face to face with the man May 26 said she knew immediately this was not one of her regular customers, and that what he placed on her counter was not a normal package or letter. It was a suspicious device he claimed was a bomb. The man took off running with his bomb but without any cash. Investigators are trying to figure out why he tried to rob a government building. Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14742101/postal-worker-h>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *June 4, Food Safety News* – (National) **Salmonella outbreak from backyard poultry.** A least 25 people in 11 states have become sick from human Salmonella serotype Altona after handling their backyard chicks and ducklings, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The CDC said a traceback investigation implicates a national mail-order hatchery, Feed Store Chain A, which supplies poultry for people raising flocks at home for fresh eggs, as the source. Seven people have been infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella in Ohio; four in North Carolina; three in Kentucky; two in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee; and one in Indiana, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, and Virginia, the CDC said. Laboratory testing in May confirmed Salmonella Altona bacteria matching the outbreak strain in three samples collected from a chick and the yard of an ill person's household in Ohio, as well as from three samples collected from chick and duckling displays at two locations of Feed Store Chain A in North Carolina. Onset of their illnesses was between February 25 and April 25, 2011. The case patients range in age from less than 1 year old to 84 years old; the median age is 8 years. Among the 21 patients with available information, 8 (38 percent) were so sick they had to be hospitalized.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/05/salmonella-outbreak-from-backyard-poultry/>

23. *May 31, New York Times* – (International) **Death toll rises to 13 in E.coli outbreak.** The health authorities in Europe stepped up efforts May 30 to halt a deadly outbreak of a virulent form of E. coli bacteria in cucumbers as a dispute broke out between Spain and Germany over the source of the illness. The effects of the outbreak were being felt as far away as the United States, where two people who had recently been traveling in Germany, and a third person, had fallen sick with the illness, the European Commission said. The federal and state authorities in Germany — where effects are by far most severe — said the death toll climbed to 13 by May 30, from 10 May 29, in one of the largest outbreaks its kind reported worldwide. Hundreds of people have been struck down across the European Union with symptoms such as bloody diarrhea and stomach cramps. Vegetables were pulled from shelves in many countries, though no official Continent-wide bans were announced. Health policy and disease control mainly remain in the hands of national governments. German authorities the week of May 23 had identified fresh Spanish cucumbers from Malaga and Almeria as one of the possible sources for the outbreak.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/31/world/europe/31iht-ecoli31.html?_r=1
24. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Another SE. Idaho field infected with microscopic potato pest.** Another southeastern Idaho field has been infected with a microscopic wormlike pest that attacks potato plants despite \$36 million spent on eradication efforts over the last 5 years, officials said. A U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman said the discovery earlier in 2011 of a 10th infected field is mainly due to the resilience of the potato cyst nematode. The nematodes were initially discovered in Bingham County, Idaho, in April 2006. Quarantine and fumigation efforts on 1,100 infected acres have been carried out ever since. The spokesman said the nematodes likely made it to the new field while attached to dirt from an infected field. Officials have not been able to determine when or how nematodes arrived. The Idaho Department of Agriculture's division of plant industries bureau chief said that farmers have been allowed to grow cover crops but not produce anything from the fields. Nematodes feed at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 80 percent. Officials said the pest is not harmful to humans and does not have any effect on the potatoes themselves. Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/44920803328f40b2908ebe2bea5d8728/ID--Potato-Pest/>
25. *May 27, DVM Newsmagazine* – (National) **Outbreak: Secondary exposures make up about half of all confirmed equine herpes virus cases, veterinary officials report.** Of the 47 cases of equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) now confirmed across 9 Western states, 14 were contracted through secondary or tertiary exposure, veterinary officials report. Another 28 cases of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy (EHM), the neurologic form of the disease, have been reported — 25 from direct exposure during the recent National Cutting Horse Association competition in Ogden, Utah. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services

(APHIS) now places the total number of EHV-1/EHM cases at 75. Eleven of those horses died or were euthanized. More than 400 horses in 19 states were exposed at the Utah event, and another 1,635 are at risk of secondary or tertiary exposure, APHIS said in its May 26 update on the outbreak. Although the incubation period for EHV-1 is 2 to 14 days, Washington's state veterinarian said the virus can shed for up to 28 days. Source: <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/Veterinary+Equine/Outbreak-New-equine-herpes-virus-cases-emerge/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/724806?contextCategoryId=378>

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Water Sector

26. *May 29, Montgomery County Courier* – (Texas) **Radiation contamination in two Montgomery County water systems.** Two public drinking water systems in Montgomery County in Conroe, Texas have been reported as being contaminated with radiation. Long-term exposure to the radionuclide contaminants within the water has been linked to an increased risk of cancer, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Hulon Lakes Subdivision and Vista Verde Water Systems, both near Lake Conroe, have exceeded the Maximum Contaminate Levels (MCL) as regulated by the EPA. Hulon Lakes and Vista Verde Water Systems have been cited multiple years in a row for exceeding maximum contaminate levels. Water analysts test for two primary radionuclide contaminants initially, the drinking water quality team leader with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality said, adjusted gross alpha radiation and combined radium-226/228. The MCL for the former is 15 picoCurie/liter (pCi/l), and the latter 5 pCi/l. Public drinking water exceeding these MCLs has been connected to increased risk of cancer. Across Texas, the public water systems contaminated with radionuclides frequently show up in clusters. Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/courier/news/article_9a07027d-1ec9-59e3-ad4e-ed788f871487.html

27. *May 28, Daily Auburn* – (Massachusetts) **Tank collapse on Millbury Street releases 300,000 gallons of water.** The water tank privately owned by Filene's Basement Distribution Center located behind the building at 26 Millbury Street in Auburn, Massachusetts, ruptured May 28, releasing nearly 300,000 gallons of non-hazardous water. The Auburn Fire Department received a report of the tank collapse just after 8 a.m. According to the Auburn fire chief, the water tank is used to support the buildings fire suppression system. Just after 7 a.m., the Auburn Water District began receiving calls from several neighborhoods reporting a loss of water pressure. Water district employees were out searching for a water main break when a security guard working the entrance gate reported the tank collapse. According to the Auburn Water District's superintendent, the tank "catastrophically failed" and broke a feed line adjacent to the water tank, connected to the district's water system. Filene's has hired contractors who are on site securing the utilities. The complex will remain closed through the weekend and has already canceled work for May 31.

Source: <http://www.thedailyauburn.com/Articles-c-2011-05-28-77756.113122-Tank-collapse-on-Millbury-Street-releases-300000-gallons-of-water.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *May 29, Associated Press* – (National) **VA infection issues lead to 13,000 veterans' tests.** About 13,000 veterans have been warned over the past 2 years that they should be tested for possible exposure to dangerous germs from poor infection control practices at hospitals run by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, and Tennessee. So far, there have been 8 confirmed HIV-positive results and 61 cases of hepatitis B or C. It is not known how many of the cases were caused by VA treatment, or by other sources. Health care-associated infections are a problem in public and private hospitals, and VA officials said their overall record of care to 6 million veterans a year is good.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/05/29/general-us-veterans-hospitals-infections_8490412.html
29. *May 28, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Patient info on stolen Spartanburg hospital laptop.** A hospital in Spartanburg, South Carolina said a laptop computer lost by an employee could put the personal information of patients at risk. Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System said May 27 the computer was stolen from a worker's car in March. Hospital officials said the information was in a password-protected file, and there is no indication that any names, addresses, Social Security numbers, or dates of birth have been improperly used. The hospital sent letters to affected patients May 27.
Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/05/28/2187630/patient-info-on-stolen-spartanburg.html>
30. *May 27, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Thumb drive of Loyola patient information stolen from car.** There are concerns some patients' confidentiality may have been compromised at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, WLS 7 Chicago reported May 27. A computer thumb drive containing information about patients was recently stolen from an employee's car. The hospital said fewer than 100 patients were affected. Letters have been sent to those patients. Loyola has released a statement, saying in part: "These patients were being treated for complex medical conditions that required the employee to have access to their information on a 24/7 basis. We are reviewing our portable electronic device policy and re-educating employees about securing information."
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8156954>
31. *May 27, KY 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Hospital collects medical records scattered by tornado.** KY 3 Springfield reported May 27 thousands of medical records were scattered for miles when an EF-5 tornado hit St. John's Regional Medical Center and several nearby pharmacies and clinics in Joplin, Missouri. Some documents and X-rays

landed 70 miles away in places such as Willard and Springfield. St. John's is now trying to gather all of those private medical records from area residents who might have found them. "Our privacy department will take care of it. And, if they can determine it's not from our Joplin hospital (and is in fact from the surrounding clinics), they will take care of that for us there," said a spokeswoman for Mercy Health Systems-St. John's. Joplin-area resident can return records to the hospital's mobile command center. That unit is set up at the Holiday Inn Convention Center on Range Line Road in Joplin. Springfield-area residents can mail the items directly to the hospital's campus in Springfield.

Source: <http://www.ky3.com/news/ky3-story-records052711,0,3929592.story>

32. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Surgeon killed in shooting at Orlando hospital.** Police in Orlando, Florida, identified the gunman who killed a surgeon in a parking garage at Florida Hospital and then fatally shot himself. Authorities said May 27 that the 53-year-old man had a patient-doctor relationship with the 41-year-old multi-organ transplant surgeon. They said a motive was still being determined. The shooting occurred May 26 near the elevators on the first floor of the garage used by employees and patients' families. The doctor taught at the University of Central Florida's College of Medicine.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/default/article/Surgeon-killed-in-shooting-at-Orlando-hospital-1398418.php>

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33. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Fire heavily damages Lincoln school district HQ.** More than 70 firefighters responded to a blaze May 30 that heavily damaged the Lincoln Public Schools district headquarters. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries. The alarm was raised around 11 p.m. when a district administrator who was working in the building noticed smoke. For a time, lightning from a passing thunderstorm kept fire crews from using their aerial ladders. About 250 people work in the building. School is out for the summer, but the administrative work continues. The superintendent said officials will explore use of a high school building for temporary offices. He said computer records are routinely backed up at a different site, but some paper records likely have been destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Source: <http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=14752410>

34. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Historic structures at Fort Reno damaged, destroyed by tornadoes; about 20 buildings harmed.** Tornadoes that ripped through El Reno, Oklahoma, damaged or destroyed historic structures at the Grazing Lands Research Laboratory at historic Fort Reno. The Oklahoman reports that an historic mare barn was among the structures damaged during devastating storms May 24. The mare barn was built in 1936. Staff members at the facility said other buildings built the same year were destroyed, including a separate mare and stallion breeding facility for Army race horses. Four historic pasture barns were also leveled. About 20 of 80

buildings at the research complex were damaged or destroyed.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/97ac79ea80a24bc5b8f8a6be70b2f3d9/OK--El-Reno-Historic-Structure-Damage/>

35. *May 29, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Woman injured in Frederick courthouse crash.** Police in Frederick, Maryland, said a 20-year-old Hyattsville woman was critically injured May 28 when her car crashed into the Frederick County courthouse. Police said the car traveled the wrong way down West Patrick Street before striking the courthouse, and investigators believe the woman was involved in a dispute at a gas station about a mile away before fleeing. Police said the car is also believed to have knocked loose a fire hydrant and may have hit several cars before striking the courthouse. Damage to the brick building did not appear to be significant. She was listed in critical condition late May 28 at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/default/article/Woman-injured-in-Frederick-courthouse-crash-1401012.php>

36. *May 28, WPBF 25 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Bomb squad checks out Boca Raton library.** Deputies from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and the bomb squad have left the scene at the Glades Road Public Library May 28 in Boca Raton, Florida. A perimeter had been set up within 500 feet of the library, after a suspicious package was found inside, according to a sheriff's office spokesperson. Investigators said the package was a cooler full of books. Five homes were evacuated as a precaution. All roads near the library are back open.

Source: <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/28058116/detail.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *May 29, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Milwaukee) **Teen brothers arrested after crashing truck into police station.** Two teen brothers are under arrest for crashing their parents' pickup truck into the Milwaukee Police Department's District 3 building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin May 29, police said. The teens went out for a joy ride in their parents' truck without permission, the lieutenant said. The brothers were driving north on 49th Street near the intersection of North and Lisbon avenues around 2:40 a.m. when the driver lost control of the vehicle. He drove up the sidewalk, took a left and hit two city-owned light poles, and crashed into the east side of the District 3 building at 2333 N. 49th Street. The driver was not hurt, but the passenger was slightly injured and taken to the hospital, he said. The driver had an instructional driving permit, and police suspect he was under the influence of drugs, the lieutenant said. Both brothers were arrested.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/crime/122798109.html>

38. *May 29, Austin American Statesman* – (Texas) **Justice Department closes investigation of Austin Police Department.** Saying they could not find evidence that the Austin, Texas Police Department was violating the law or the U.S. Constitution, federal officials have closed a 4-year investigation into the department.” The official, of the department’s special litigation section, wrote that Austin police have implemented nearly all recommendations the U.S. Justice Department (DOJ) made in 2008 regarding Austin police use of force, complaint investigation procedures, training, and community relations. The memo made four more recommendations to the police department, including the early identification of officers with a tendency to violate use-of-force policies and scrutiny of the department’s internal affairs process by the police monitor’s office. The DOJ began investigation in 2007, 3 years after the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Texas Civil Rights Project filed a complaint that the department was violating citizens’ civil rights.
Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/local/justice-department-closes-investigation-of-austin-police-department-1506709.html?viewAsSinglePage=true>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *May 31, Softpedia* – (International) **New scareware campaign uses fake Firefox security alerts.** Security researchers from Sophos warn of a new scareware campaign that directs Firefox users to rogue pages mimicking security alerts normally issued by the browser. Firefox leverages Google’s Safe Browsing API to prevent users from visiting Web sites flagged as malicious. The service aggregates data from various third-party sources and Google’s own specialized crawlers. When a rogue page is opened in Firefox, the browser displays a security alert saying the request has been blocked and providing the user several options. According to Sophos, the people behind this scareware distribution campaign have cloned the page and modified it to appear as if a computer scan is also performed and infections are found. “Mozilla Firefox recommends you to install proper software to protect your computer,” the phishing page says and presents a “Start Protection” button. Clicking it will prompt people to download and install a rogue antivirus application designed to scare them into buying a license to allegedly clean the fictitious infections. The scam is browser-aware and will direct Internet Explorer users to a different page mimicking a classic Explorer window.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Scareware-Campaign-Uses-Fake-Firefox-Security-Alerts-203305.shtml>
40. *May 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Phishers store rogue forms on Google Docs.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor F-Secure have found phishing forms stored as spreadsheets on Google Docs. The files seem to be part of different phishing campaigns. “Spreadsheets can even contain functionality, such as forms, and these can be published to the whole world. Unfortunately, that means we regularly see phishing sites via Google Docs spreadsheets and hosted on spreadsheets.google.com,” said F-Secure’s chief research officer. In one case, a spreadsheet titled “webmail account

upgrade” contains fields for inputting Web mail account credentials. In another, a form is gathering student data. One page, claiming to be a Google Voice account transfer form, is crafted so well that F-Secure researchers are not sure if it is legitimate or not. On the one hand, it asks for Google Voice numbers, e-mail addresses and secret PIN codes like a phishing scam, but on the other, Google employees have linked to it on support forums.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Phishers-Store-Rogue-Forms-on-Google-Docs-203230.shtml>

41. *May 30, H Security* – (International) **Critical vulnerability in open source Eucalyptus clouds.** Researchers at Ruhr-University Bochum have discovered a critical vulnerability in Eucalyptus, an open source implementation of the Amazon EC2 cloud APIs. An attacker can, with access to network traffic, intercept Eucalyptus SOAP commands and modify them or issue their own arbitrary commands. To do this, the attacker must only copy the signature from an XML packet sent by Eucalyptus to the user. As Eucalyptus did not properly validate SOAP requests, the attacker could use their own copy in commands sent to the SOAP interface and have them executed as the authenticated user. All versions up to and including 2.0.2 are vulnerable; a fixed version, 2.0.3, is available to download. Ubuntu’s Eucalyptus-based Ubuntu Enterprise Cloud (UEC) is also vulnerable; updates for Ubuntu 10.04 LTS, 10.10 and 11.04 are already available in Canonical’s repositories. Eucalyptus said the changes made to close the holes may lead to some existing tools failing to work as the system will interpret them as a replay attack if they issue commands too rapidly.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-vulnerability-in-open-source-Eucalyptus-clouds-1252593.html>
42. *May 29, H Security* – (International) **Cross-site scripting vulnerability in TweetDeck’s ChromeDeck.** Chrome TweetDeck, the browser-based version of the Tweetdeck Twitter client, has been found to be suffering from a cross-site scripting vulnerability (XSS). The Chrome TweetDeck application, also known as ChromeDeck, executes scripts placed within a tweet that pop up a dialog box with “Scanned” displayed as the text, indicating it had run the JavaScript. The hole has now been closed and an update has been released to ChromeDeck users who should install it as soon as possible. TweetDeck was recently acquired by Twitter.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Cross-site-scripting-vulnerability-in-TweetDeck-s-ChromeDeck-1251989.html>
43. *May 27, Computerworld* – (International) **New malware scanner finds 5% of Windows PCs infected.** One in every 20 Windows PCs whose users turned to Microsoft for cleanup help were infected with malware, Microsoft said the week of May 23. This was one statistic Microsoft cited from data generated by its new Safety Scanner, a free malware scanning and scrubbing tool that re-launched May 12. The 420,000 copies of the tool downloaded in the first week of its availability cleaned malware or signs of exploitation from more than 20,000 Windows PCs, Microsoft’s Malware Protection Center reported May 25. That represented an infection rate of 4.8 percent. On average, each of the infected PCs hosted 3.5 threats, which Microsoft

defined as either actual malware or clues a successful attack had been launched against the machine. Of the top 10 threats found by Safety Scanner, 7 were Java exploits.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217113/New_malware_scanner_finds_5_of_Windows_PCs_infected

44. *May 27, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **HP expands recall of notebook computer batteries due to fire hazard.** Hewlett-Packard Company, of Palo Alto, California, issued a recall May 27 for about 162,000 additional lithium-ion batteries used in HP and Compaq notebook computers (54,000 and 70,000 batteries were previously recalled in May 2010 and May 2009, respectively). The recalled lithium-ion batteries can overheat and rupture, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. Since the May 2010 recall expansion, HP has received 40 additional reports of batteries that overheated and ruptured, resulting in 7 burn injuries, 1 smoke inhalation injury, and 36 instances of property damage. The batteries were sold at computer and electronics stores nationwide, hp.com, and hpshopping.com from July 2007 through July 2008.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11234.html>

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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

45. *May 30, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Floods halt phone service in Mont. cities as rain continues, snowmelt looms; SD town on alert.** Flooding disrupted emergency phone service across a broad swath of eastern Montana May 30 as areas of the state remained inundated and downstream communities prepared for the worst. In southeast South Dakota, residents of the small town of Dakota Dunes were told to be ready to leave their homes by May 29 — and prepare to be gone awhile — as the Missouri River continued to rise. Knox County emergency manager told the Norfolk Daily News that Nebraska Highway 12, which connects Lazy River Acres with Niobrara and Verdel, could be flooded over soon. In Montana, flooding near Hardin on May 29 brought down telephone equipment that handles 911 and long-distance calls for Glendive, Miles City, Sidney, Fairview, Colstrip, Forsyth, Wibaux, and Terry. Emergency calls were rerouted until full service was restored at about 11 a.m. May 30, Qwest spokeswoman said.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/soaked-montana-gets-more-rain-downstream-states-prepare-for-reservoir-releases/2011/05/30/AGIpugEH_story.html

46. *May 27, Ithaca Journal* – (New York) **Verizon DSL service restored this afternoon.** Service was restored to Verizon high-speed Internet customer by 2:30 p.m. May 27 after storms knocked out service May 26 to as many as 8,700 Verizon high-speed Internet customers from Binghamton to Syracuse, New York. A vicious storm severed a fiber-optic line south of Binghamton. A Verizon spokesman said repairs were made and service was restored between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. May 27. The affected fiber-optic line was on County Route 117, south of the city. The line is owned by First Energy. Verizon customer service lines were flooded with calls about service interruptions in the region. Traditional phone lines were not affected by the Internet service interruption.

Source:

<http://www.theithacajournal.com/article/20110527/NEWS01/110527014/Verizon-DSL-service-restored-afternoon?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Local News|s>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *May 31, Reuters* – (International) **France, Belgium, Dutch investigate IKEA blasts.** French, Belgian, and Dutch police have launched investigations after minor explosions struck IKEA stores in each country May 30 in what appears to have been a coordinated attack. No one was seriously hurt in the blasts at the world's biggest furniture retailer, although two workers in Belgium suffered minor injuries. Rigged alarm clocks blew up in IKEA stores in Ghent in Belgium and Lille in France, and there was an explosion in a bin outside the IKEA store in Eindhoven in the Netherlands. The alarm clocks were linked to small amounts of gunpowder, and prosecutors said they did not think that the bombers had intended to cause significant injury. The affected IKEA stores in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands all opened as usual May 31.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/31/ikea-blasts-idUSLDE74U12U20110531>

48. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Powerboat explosion after refueling at Erie, Pa., yacht club leaves 1 dead, 6 injured.** Officials said a powerboat exploded after refueling at the Erie Yacht Club in Erie, Pennsylvania, May 30 killing one person and injuring six others. The general manager of the Erie Yacht Club, said the 32-foot vessel had just been refueled at about 6:30 p.m. May 30 and was being started when it exploded. He told the Erie Times-News that five people were on the boat at the time of the explosion, including the woman who was killed. Four of those injured were passengers on the boat, and the two others who were injured were employees of the yacht club.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/powerboat-explosion-after-refueling-at-erie-pa-yacht-club-leaves-1-dead-6-injured/2011/05/31/AGpilFFH_story.html

49. *May 30, Associated Press* – (California) **Fire breaks out at Dodger Stadium; no one injured.** Authorities said a small, pre-dawn fire occurred at Dodger Stadium in Los

Angeles, California May 30 in the same storage area where a fire broke out May 28. Dodger Stadium is home of the Los Angeles Dodgers Major League Baseball team. The fire was reported shortly after 5 a.m. and was quickly extinguished. A Los Angeles fire spokesman said it appears the first fire rekindled in an upper-deck storage area. No one was injured. Paper products caught fire in the storage room made out of cinder blocks near a top deck stairwell May 28 as the Dodgers played the Florida Marlins. Smoke billowed above the stadium, but there were no reports of injuries, and no one was evacuated. The cause of the May 28 fire is under investigation.

Source:

<http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/2011/baseball/mlb/05/30/fire.dodger.stadium.ap/>

50. *May 30, Twin Cities Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Mall of America bomb scare didn't pose threat.** Bloomington, Minnesota police responded to the Mall of America on a possible bomb threat May 30 but concluded there was no danger, a police sergeant said. About 9 a.m., mall security noticed a suspicious person at a food court table working on a device with wires, a police sergeant said. The Bloomington bomb squad inspected the device, he said. It was found to be harmless. The man was escorted off mall property. He was not charged.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_18172657?nclick_check=1

51. *May 28, Arizona Republic News* – (Arizona) **Fire, natural gas leak at Phoenix Circle K.** Phoenix, Arizona fire crews contained an aggressive fire May 28 that triggered a natural gas leak and wreaked havoc on a Circle K, and a nearby building. Thick rows of 20-foot-tall oleanders on the side of the convenience store, which is also a gas station, caught fire at about 5:40 p.m., a Phoenix fire spokesman said. When fire officials arrived, Circle K had evacuated and portions of its exterior were up in flames. Once it was mostly contained, they discovered a gas leak on the side of the building. A meter that supplies the store with natural gas had melted right above the shut-off valve and a hazmat team was called in to shut off and monitor the leak. Firefighters then started working on a small commercial building to the north that had also caught fire. Flames had crept into the attic through a large structural crack that was there previously, the spokesman said. No one was believed to have been inside the northern building at the time and no injuries were reported. Fire officials are still trying to determine a cause.

Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2011/05/28/fire-natural-gas-leak-at-phoenix-circle-k/>

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52. *May 28, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (New York) **New York man arrested after 'Men' bomb threat.** A New York man was arrested May 27 for allegedly threatening to detonate a bomb at television station WPIX if they continued to air reruns of the show "Two and a Half Men," according to the New York Post. Police traced the calls and arrested the man at his home on suspicion of falsely reporting an incident, and aggravated harassment. The 48-year-old man has prior arrests for robbery, criminal mischief, and sale of a controlled substance, according to New York State booking

records.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-tv-station-threat,0,5075309.story>

53. *May 27, WMGT 41 Macon* – (Georgia) **Forsyth bomb scare investigation.** A bomb scare in Forsyth, Georgia, May 27 forced officers to close off part of the city while they worked to get the situation under control. The manager of the Captain D's on North Lee Street called police when he saw a strange package near the back door of the business. Police found the package, wrapped with duct tape and filled with nails and shrapnel, then evacuated the area. The GBI used a bomb robot to help with their investigation. Officials plan to look at security camera video from the area to try to determine who left the package.

Source: <http://www.41nbc.com/news/local-news/4720-forsyth-bomb-scare-investigation>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Fire near Alpine burns 1,400 acres.** A wildfire burning in the White Mountains of eastern Arizona had burned more than 1,400 acres as of May 31. The Wallow fire is located about 23 miles southwest of Alpine. The U.S. Forest Service said the fire is spreading and is located inside and outside of the Bear Wallow Wilderness area. Flames are burning mixed conifer. Meanwhile, more than 900 firefighters are still battling a wildfire in southeast Arizona that charred about 100 square miles of forest land. The Horseshoe Two wildfire south of Portal was 50 percent contained. Burnout operations continued along the northwest part of the 66,000-acre fire and to the south.

Source: <http://www.kold.com/Global/story.asp?S=14753435>

55. *May 31, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado; New Mexico) **Wildfire near Trinidad grows to 5,000 acres.** The Bear Fire along the Colorado-New Mexico border grew to 5,000 acres and was still only 5 percent contained as of May 31. Most of the fire, 4,600 acres, is burning in Colorado. It is burning on the Horseshoe and Barela Mesa, about 25 miles southeast of Trinidad. It is with a half-mile of four structures, but fire crews have built a line to protect them. No evacuations have been ordered, although that remains a possibility. Firefighting aircraft were not able to fly May 30 due to high winds. Crews from Colorado and New Mexico have been fighting the Bear Fire. A specialized “incident management team” has been called in to take over management of the firefighting efforts. A second fire in the area has burned several hundred acres in the Purgatoire River Canyon to the northeast of the Bear Fire. Firefighters said there are restrictions in place on Grey Creek Road near the fire and only residents are being allowed through.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/Fire_Burning_In_NE_New_Mexico_Crosses_Colorado_State_Line_122769624.html

56. *May 30, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Veterans park in Shelton vandalized.** Vandals in Shelton, Connecticut, defaced monuments at the town's Veterans Park twice in a week. The week of May 23, vandals painted graffiti on walkways and railings, but over the Memorial Day weekend someone attacked the monuments themselves. The day before the Memorial Day ceremonies, someone sprayed graffiti on the monuments and the walkway around them. The vandals also uprooted flags, tossing them on the ground. The monuments were dedicated 10 years ago, and people who vandalized them in the past were caught.
Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/new_haven_cty/veterans-park-in-shelton-vandalized
57. *May 29, Bozeman Daily Chronicle* – (Montana; Wyoming) **Rockslide closes major park road.** A rockslide temporarily closed the road between Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower Junction in Yellowstone National Park, the park said in a press release May 28. Rocks and debris were discovered early that morning, covering a section of road at the entrance to Blacktail Plateau Drive, about eight miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs. The road is not expected to reopen to travel May 29. The press release said that park managers remained concerned about the threat posed by a large amount of loose rock and dirt above the roadway, which could easily dislodge and fall. Engineers with the Federal Highway Administration were being brought in to assess the condition of the road. Barricades have been set-up on both sides of the slide area. The road is currently open for emergency travel only. It is unknown when the road may be safe to reopen to travel by area residents, visitors, and park employees. The cause of the early morning rockslide is unknown. The road closure temporarily cuts off the communities of Cooke City and Silver Gate from most of the park. The road between Tower and Canyon has not opened for the summer, so that travel route is not affected. Residents and visitors can travel between Cooke City and Cody, Wyo., over Wyoming 296, the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway.
Source: http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/article_24ca8408-8973-11e0-acc4-001cc4c002e0.html
58. *May 29, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Wildfire in SW New Mexico 75% contained.** A wildfire in southwest New Mexico was 75 percent contained May 29. The U.S. Forest Service said the Miller fire 25 miles north of Silver City was at 88,204 acres. Strong winds of 25 mph with gusts of 40 mph were expected throughout May 29. Extra supplies were brought in May 28 so crews could be self-sufficient until they can hike out of backcountry areas. Rugged terrain continues to be a challenge for the more than 400 firefighters battling the human-caused blaze that began April 28. The Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument and the Gila National Forest campgrounds along NM State Highway 15 north of Highway 35 have reopened.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=14746947>

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Dams Sector

59. *May 30, Reuters* – (National) **Snowmelt, rain worsen flooding in northern Plains.** Historic flooding in the Missouri River basin spurred voluntary evacuations in North Dakota May 30, while in Montana emergency workers ferried food and water to a town cut off by flood waters. The measures came as states in the northern Rockies and northern Plains plan for displacement of thousands and scramble to build levees in an expanding fight against river overflows predicted to worsen in coming weeks. Rains in the region May 30 intensified threats already posed by melting of record snows in the Rockies, prompting federal water managers to increase controlled spills from mainstem reservoirs into the Upper Missouri River from Montana to states downstream. The record releases are designed to ease pressure on six dams and prevent uncontrolled flooding that would place hundreds of thousands of people at risk, officials said. Authorities on May 30 continued to deny rumors that the Fort Peck Dam in northeastern Montana had failed.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/31/us-usa-flooding-plains-idUSTRE74U01920110531>
60. *May 30, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Another Morganza Floodway bay is closed as Mississippi River continues to subside.** One more bay on the Morganza Floodway in Louisiana was closed May 30, leaving 10 portals through which Mississippi River water is flowing into the Atchafalaya River. With the latest closing, 100,000 cubic feet of water are heading through the Morganza spillway every second, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokeswoman said. Seven of the structure's 125 bays have been closed since the week of May 23. Downriver at the Bonnet Carre Spillway, where 330 of the 350 bays are diverting Mississippi River water toward Lake Pontchartrain, no bays have been closed, the spokeswoman said. As the level falls, engineers have said they will check levees for any stress the swollen river might have put upon the system.
Source: http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/post_105.html
61. *May 28, KXMC 13 Minot* – (North Dakota) **Garrison Dam release update.** The U.S. Army Corp of Engineer's announced May 28 that releases from the Garrison Dam in North Dakota would come quicker than previously announced. On May 30, the release was still 85,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). Now, instead of June 10 for the next release, it is been moved up to June 4. The release will be 90,000 cfs. Then 95,000 cfs June 6, and 100,000 June 7. An official with the Corp said they still plan a release of 105,000 cfs, but that date has not yet been determined.
Source: <http://www.kxnet.com/getArticle.asp?ArticleId=782320>
62. *May 26, Associated Press* – (International) **5,100 people evacuated in DomRep amid heavy rains.** The Dominican Republic is evacuating more than 5,100 people because a dam threatens to overflow due to heavy rains. An emergency operations spokesman said most of those evacuated are employees at a mine run by Barrick Gold Corp. of Canada. He said in a statement May 26 that it has suspended all daily operations and is

taking measures to prevent the dam from flooding. Nearly 7 inches of rain fell May 25 in a region that averages 9 inches for the entire month of May. The government also issued an alert for rice-producing provinces near the Yuna River.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NFAHB00.htm>

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