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- According to the New York Post, New York City officials were scrambling to fix an online security lapse that permits detailed floor plans for buildings that are top terror targets to be downloaded from a city Web site. (See item [50](#))
- The Associated Press reports that approaching floodwaters from the Missouri and Souris rivers May 31 forced crews to race to build miles of emergency levees to protect South Dakota's capital city, and two North Dakota towns. (See item [62](#))

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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 31, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Massey mine cited after methane reaches explosive range at W.Va. coal mine.** Massey Energy Co. said a subsidiary has been cited after federal regulators found explosive levels of methane gas at a Mammoth, West Virginia coal mine. Massey revealed the imminent danger citation in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing May 31. The Virginia-based company said the Mine Safety and Health Administration issued the citation to subsidiary Mammoth Coal Co. May 25. Massey said it evacuated its Mammoth No. 2 Gas mine and no one

was injured. The mine was not producing because a roof collapse had disrupted ventilation, allowing methane levels to rise and oxygen levels to fall below normal. Massey said it fixed the problem with ventilation changes.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/73b98376b76e4c4a809139c4f17d57c5/WV--Massey-Mine-Cited/>

2. *May 31, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Gas line break causes evacuations in Midtown.** Numerous businesses were evacuated in Anchorage, Alaska, just before 10 a.m. May 31 when a 4-inch natural gas line was ruptured during construction, according to the Anchorage Fire Department (AFD). Lake Otis Drive from 42nd Avenue to 36th Avenue was blocked for about 1 hour while officials tried to get the leak under control. AFD said it evacuated two buildings. A construction crew working in the area ruptured the line, filling the streets with natural gas. After about an hour, the lines were able to be clamped off.
Source: http://articles.ktuu.com/2011-05-31/natural-gas_29606607
3. *May 30, Reuters* – (Michigan) **Storm lashes southern Michigan, 30,000 without power.** Residents of southern Michigan were cleaning up May 30, 1 day after a violent storm ripped through the region, leaving at least 30,000 people without power, authorities said. The May 29 storm hit northern Illinois with heavy rains and lightning, canceling at least 400 flights at Chicago airports, before raking a stretch of southern Michigan from Kalamazoo to Detroit. No deaths or injuries were reported, officials said. About 34,000 people were still without power in Battle Creek’s Calhoun County May 30, and “a significant number of Michigan residents are without power throughout the area hit by the storm,” said a senior forecaster with the National Weather Service in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/30/us-weather-michigan-idUSTRE74T4AD20110530>
4. *May 29, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **One killed in natural gas site explosion.** One person was confirmed dead after an explosion happened around 7 p.m. May 28 on Yearwood Road which runs off of a Highway 1 in Red River Parish at TGGT Holding LLC, a natural gas treatment center in Louisiana. Two men were the only ones in that area when the explosion happened. Police said that no evacuations were warranted at that time, however, the plant was shut down. The cause of the gas explosion is under investigation. Louisiana State Police said the other man injured in the natural gas well blowout was released May 29 from the Willis-Knighton Pierremont Medical Center.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/14745530/one-killed-in-rig-explosion>
5. *May 27, San Antonio Express-News; Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Wilson County gas explosion probed.** Gas pipeline officials May 27 were trying to determine what caused an explosion that rocked parts of Wilson County, Texas, a day earlier. A sheriff said between 30 to 40 residents were asked to leave the area after the 12:45 p.m. blast that could be heard and felt throughout the northeastern portion of the mostly rural county

southeast of San Antonio. No one was injured and the danger passed quickly, allowing residents to return home, he said. The sheriff said that a nearly 8-mile stretch of FM 539 running parallel to the pipeline from Sutherland Springs to County Road 304 was closed as a precaution. It was reopened less than 2 hours later, he said. Enterprise Products Partners LP said the rupture on its 20-inch natural gas pipeline caused no fire, injuries, or major supply disruptions. One gas producer was affected by the incident and there was no impact to utilities, a spokesman for Enterprise said. The burst segment released butane, isobutane, isopentane, pentane, propane, and hexanes.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Wilson-County-gas-explosion-probed-1398669.php

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *June 1, Bluefield Daily Telegraph* – (West Virginia) **Tanker truck crash claims 1.** A tanker truck transporting nitrogen overturned May 31 on U.S. Route 52 briefly prompting a hazardous materials scare in Maybeury, West Virginia. The operator of the Superior Wells tanker truck died following the 4:30 a.m. crash, said the McDowell County Sheriff's Department chief deputy. A hazardous materials team responded as a precaution since the tanker truck was carrying nitrogen. However, no leaks or spills were reported, according to the chief deputy and the county's 911 center. No other vehicles were involved in the crash, and no other injuries were reported. The cause of the accident remains under investigation. The Northfork Fire Department, and the McDowell County Ambulance Authority responded.

Source: <http://bdtonline.com/local/x1886881006/Tanker-truck-crash-claims-1>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *May 31, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **NRC: Limerick nuclear generator 'scrams' for 2nd time in 36 hours.** The same nuclear reactor at Exelon's Limerick Generating Station in Pennsylvania that shut down unexpectedly early May 29 did so again May 30, according to an official at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). A spokesman for the NRC office in King of Prussia wrote in an e-mail that "Limerick Unit 2 experienced another scram Monday. As the plant was being started up, two reactor re-circulation pumps tripped. The reactor was at zero-percent power when this occurred." NRC documents indicated the second "scram" occurred at 11:50 a.m. "Licensee is investigating a potential issue with the relay logic associated with the scram bypass feature. Offsite power circuits and emergency diesel generators are operable and available. There was no increase in plant risk associated with this event,"

read an update in status posted on an NRC daily log of events. Unit 2 also shut down at 5:02 a.m. May 29 “after the turbine tripped following scheduled testing and maintenance on an electrical system in the non-nuclear section of the plant,” according to an Exelon news release. The company has not yet released a complete explanation for the first “scram.”

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/05/31/news/doc4de5423087d1e711383729.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

8. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **NRC: Reactor trips at TVA’s Watts Bar plant.** The Unit 1 reactor at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Spring City, Tennessee, tripped due to a turbine problem, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said the cause of the turbine problem is under investigation. An NRC statement May 31 said the plant’s lone reactor tripped May 29, and “all systems functioned as designed with the exception of pressurizer backup heaters.” The statement said the electrical system was in normal shutdown alignment until the system restarted May 31 and there were no abnormal radiological conditions. Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/14764485/nrc-reactor-trips-at-tvas-watts-bar-plant>

9. *May 28, New York Times* – (National) **U.S. runs short of gas used in detecting nuclear material.** The United States is running out of a rare gas that is crucial for detecting smuggled nuclear weapons materials, according to a new Congressional audit. The gas, helium-3, is a byproduct of the nuclear weapons program, but as the number of nuclear weapons has declined, so has the supply of the gas. From 2003 to 2009, the Energy Department’s (DOE) Isotope Program was selling the gas at a rate of about 30,000 liters per year, while the DOE’s National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) was producing only 8,000 to 10,000 liters, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found. Yet, as the supply was shrinking, the DHS spent \$230 million to develop the detection technology that required helium-3. As a result, government scientists and contractors are now racing to find or develop a new detection technology. The GAO report said the NNSA, which gathers the gas from old nuclear weapons, never told the Isotope Program about the slowing rate of helium-3 production. That is in part because it was secret information that could be used to calculate the size of weapon stockpiles. For its part, the Isotope Program calculated demand for the gas not in a scientific way, but instead on the basis of how many commercial companies called to inquire each year about helium-3 supplies. The House science committee’s Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, which was asked to study the problem after it was detected in 2008, planned to release the report the week of May 30. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/29/us/29helium.html?_r=1

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *June 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Toyota recalls 106,000 Prius cars.** Toyota recalled 106,000 first-generation Prius hybrid cars globally June 1 for faulty steering caused by a nut that may come loose. The single minor accident suspected of being related to the problem was reported in the United States, according to Toyota Motor Corp. The latest recall from Toyota affects 52,000 Prius cars sold from 2001 through 2003 in the United States, a company spokesman said. Toyota said loose nuts in the electric-power steering can cause the vehicle, if operated over a long time, to steer with too much force.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g4iQVLL2swxQXp9gQdsNsygr3L4g?docId=85be044b5e2d493fa0a1352445452587>

11. *May 28, Warren Tribune Chronicle* – (Ohio) **State sues mill owners.** Ohio’s attorney general is asking a Trumbull County Common Pleas Court judge to order closed a hazardous waste facility owned by RG Steel, operator of the former Severstal steel mill, because of harm it is creating to the environment, according to a lawsuit filed May 27. In addition to RG Steel and Severstal, the current and former owners of the facility at 1040 Pine Ave. S.E., the suit filed by the attorney general’s environmental enforcement section names International Steel Services Inc. and Re-Gen Inc., the Pittsburgh companies that operate the facility. The facility handles spent pickle liquor, a liquid generated while finishing steel. The complaint alleges the spent Pickle Liquor is a solution of hydrochloric acid and water saturated with iron chloride and is classified as hazardous waste. According to the complaint, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency inspectors observed the Warren facility disposing of the material improperly beginning with a 2005 inspection. The plant is accused of illegally disposing of hazardous waste at an unpermitted facility, failing to keep written operating records, failing to analyze the waste, failing to conduct routine inspections, and failing to have a contingency plan in the event of fire, explosion, or contamination.

Source: <http://www.tribtoday.com/page/content.detail/id/557435/State-sues-mill-owners.html?nav=5021>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *May 31, Wired* – (International) **Second defense contractor L-3 ‘actively targeted’ with RSA SecurID hacks.** An executive at L-3 Communications warned employees in April that hackers were targeting the company using inside information on the SecurID keyfob system freshly stolen from an acknowledged breach at RSA Security. “L-3 Communications has been actively targeted with penetration attacks leveraging the compromised information,” read an April 6 e-mail from an executive at L-3’s Stratus Group to the group’s 5,000 workers, one of whom shared the contents with Wired on condition of anonymity. It is not clear from the e-mail whether the hackers were successful in their attack, or how L-3 determined SecurID was involved. An L-3 spokeswoman declined comment in April, except to say: “Protecting our network is a top priority and we have a robust set of protocols in place to ensure sensitive

information is safeguarded. We have gotten to the bottom of the issue.”

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/05/1-3/>

13. *May 30, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Navy replacing piles for existing explosives handling wharf.** The U.S. Navy, while planning to build a second explosives handling wharf at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in Bangor, Washington, will renovate the existing one, the Kitsap Sun reported May 30. The wharf is where ballistic missiles are loaded and unloaded from eight Trident submarines. The wharf is 30 years old and needs work. The Navy is proposing to remove 138 steel and concrete piles and install 28 hollow steel pipe piles to keep the wharf structurally sound. Most of the piles to be removed — 118 — support a walkway and fragmentation barrier, a thick concrete wall at the south end of the wharf, said a Navy Region Northwest spokeswoman. The old piles will be replaced by 12 new piles that will support a new walkway. The other 20 piles that are being removed will be replaced with 16 new piles. The pile replacement project is required to be completed by October 30, 2012, before work begins on the new \$715 million explosives-handling wharf, the spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/may/30/navy-replacing-piles-for-existing-explosives/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *May 31, Reuters* – (National) **SEC employee misled fellow investors: watchdog.** A Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) employee invested in a company accused of preying on deaf people, and misled fellow investors into thinking their money was safe despite a SEC probe. The SEC Inspector General (IG) recommended disciplinary action, including possible dismissal of the employee, according to a roundup of his recent and pending investigations sent to the U.S. Congress May 31. The IG’s office received a tip in February from a regional senior official who said a Washington, D.C.-based employee invested in an investment company that was the subject of an active investigation. The tipster accused the employee of “providing false, misleading and nonpublic information” to other investors, telling them the company was legitimate, and that they would “be receiving considerable sums of money from their investments.” The IG’s report did not mention the names of the employee or the company, but court records from these dates point to Imperia Invest IBC, an Internet-based investment company that allegedly targeted deaf investors and others by raising more than \$7 million from them without delivering a single payment. A federal judge in Utah later ordered the firm to pay \$15.2 million in disgorgement and prejudgment interest. The IG said the SEC employee later admitted to communicating with investors and was placed on administrative leave.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/05/31/us-sec-kotz-idUSTRE74U6FB20110531>

15. *May 31, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Sandy man accused in \$12 million Ponzi scheme.** A Sandy, Utah man was indicted May 31 for allegedly running a Ponzi

scheme that took in about \$12 million from investors, who were told some of the money would go into a development of a human jet-pack rocket suit. The man was charged with 17 counts of money laundering, and wire and bank fraud. Between January 2007 and March 2010, the man held investment club meetings, where he portrayed himself as a successful investor, the indictment released May 31 said. The man advised potential investors to use an “equity mining” scheme to obtain investment money. He encouraged them to inflate their income or assets on bank documents to obtain loans for houses, boats or other luxury items that were for more than the items actually sold for, with the difference to be invested with him, the indictment states. “Virtually all of investors’ money was used by [the man] to either pay ‘returns’ to other investors or for his own personal use,” the U.S. Attorney’s Office for Utah said in a news release. Between 75 to 100 investors gave the man more than \$12 million, the indictment said. If convicted, the suspect faces up to 30 years in prison on the bank fraud counts, and lesser time for the other charges, plus potentially millions of dollars in fines.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/money/51919423-79/dudley-investors-money-indictment.html.csp>

16. *May 31, Associated Press* – (International) **Canadian pleads guilty in Vermont bank fraud case.** A Canadian man pleaded guilty May 31 for his part in what Vermont prosecutors said was a bank fraud scheme. The 48-year-old man, of Quebec, Canada entered the plea May 31 in federal court in Rutland. Prosecutors said that during a 3-month period in 2010 and 2011, the man defrauded People’s United Bank and Passumpsic Savings Bank of about \$92,000. They said he did it by opening checking accounts at the banks’ Newport offices and depositing checks drawn on banks in Canada even though he knew there was not enough money to cover them. The man, who was arrested by Newport police in March, faces up to 30 years in prison.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/2286a6f47fa84cd08605a9b22d176e09/V-T--Check-Scheme/>

17. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Former Phoenix loan officer pleads guilty in \$40 million mortgage fraud case.** A former Phoenix, Arizona loan officer pleaded guilty May 27 in two separate fraud cases. The U.S. attorney’s office said May 31 the suspect entered guilty pleas to 13 charges of mortgage, bankruptcy, bank and mail fraud in federal court May 27. The woman admitted to her leadership role in a \$40 million mortgage fraud involving Countrywide Home loans. From January 2005 to December 2007, the convict admitted she and others recruited straw buyers to purchase homes by obtaining loans using false information. The loans were obtained based on inflated property appraisals, and the extra \$9 million was diverted to the woman and others in the case.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/234f3f3f955b426db09db8b3aedf20a4/AZ--Fraud-Plea/>

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Transportation Sector

18. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **U.S. shuts down SkyExpress buses after fatal crash.** Federal regulators have shut down East Coast bus service SkyExpress after a crash in Bowling Green, Virginia that killed 4 people and sent more than 50 others to hospitals. The U.S. Department of Transportation said it is barring North Carolina-based SkyExpress from operating interstate transportation. It said in a statement May 31 the bus company violated multiple federal safety regulations. The SkyExpress bus swerved off northbound Interstate 95 May 31, hit an embankment and overturned about 30 miles north of Richmond. The driver was charged with reckless driving, and police said his fatigue was a factor in the crash. Federal documents show the company has a particularly poor safety record.
Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/US-Shuts-Down-SkyExpress-Buses-After-Fatal-Crash-20110601-APX>

19. *June 1, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Freight train derailment causes heavy damage to train tracks in Amherst.** The derailment of six to eight freight train cars in Amherst, Massachusetts presents no threat to public safety, but it could take days to clear the scene and repair damage to the rail lines, an Amherst town official said. No one was injured in the 2 p.m. May 31 derailment, but six to eight of the 55 train cars jumped the tracks, a town official said. The train is owned by New England Central Railroad, the St. Albans, Vermont, company that operates on the 400 miles of track between the Vermont and Quebec, Canada, borders, and New London, Connecticut. Police and fire officials have inspected the cars and said there is no danger and it is not considered a hazardous materials emergency, the town official said. Station Road remained closed to motor vehicle traffic May 31, and it would likely remain closed June 1, he said.
Source:
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/05/freight_train_derailment_cause.html

20. *May 31, KION 46 Salinas* – (California) **Pipe bomb found near Salinas river bridge.** A pipe bomb, found by a California Department of Fish and Game warden near the Salinas River bridge in Salinas, California forced the closure of Blanco and Reservation Road May 30. The Monterey County Sheriff's Office said the warden found the explosive device while walking along the Salinas River, patrolling for hunting and fishing violations. The warden discovered what appeared to be a pipe bomb along the waters edge and notified the sheriff's office and roped off the area for safety. The county's bomb squad arrived on-scene in about 15 minutes. The 7-inch bomb was made of galvanized steel. It measured 1.5 inches in diameter with an externally threaded-end capped pipe. Officers rendered it safe with remote disruption tools. The California Highway Patrol assisted the squad by closing Blanco Road between Cooper Road and Reservation Road for about 15 minutes. Officers spent a few hours searching the river bed looking for any evidence. The remnants of the device were collected for analysis.
Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/14751529/possible-explosive-device-near-salinas-river>

21. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Plane returns after fistfight between passengers.** Government and airline officials said a United Airlines plane with 144 people aboard returned to Washington-Dulles International Airport for an emergency landing escorted by two F-16 fighter jets May 30 after a fight broke out between passengers. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said Flight 990 bound for Accra, Ghana, returned to Dulles in Chantilly, Virginia after a fistfight in the cabin. Government officials confirmed fighter jets were scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. A United spokesman said May 31 that the Boeing 767 dumped fuel as a safety precaution to lighten its weight on landing. The Washington Post, which first reported the incident, reported the fight began not long after takeoff when a passenger lowered his seat and a passenger behind him objected.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gTBfAAUuURX0c_uu79bIHZ15Z-IQ?docId=c529b893ab3a43e8aa26e269eed54835

22. *May 30, TCPalm.com* – (Florida) **I-95 reopens after brush fire forces closure in Martin County.** Smoke from flames covering more than 140 acres shut down a portion of Interstate 95 in Martin County, Florida May 30. The north and southbound lanes in Martin County reopened May 30 after closing most of the afternoon as firefighters from several agencies worked to contain the blaze. Florida Highway Patrol stopped traffic heading south at mile marker 110 and blocked traffic heading north at mile marker 102. Evening projections showed that more than 50 percent of the fire was contained. The Martin County Fire Rescue spokesman said it was possible more of the fire had been contained as firefighters rapidly prevented the spread.

Source: <http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2011/may/30/i-95-reopens-after-brush-fire-forces-closure-in/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *May 31, Eastern Iowa News Now* – (Iowa) **Woman finds mailbox bomb.** A Cedar Rapids, Iowa woman found her mailbox destroyed May 30. She said someone rang her doorbell around 10:30 p.m. May 29, but when she went to the door, nobody was around. It was not until she was backing out of her driveway May 30 when she noticed her mailbox was broken in pieces. She reported the incident to the authorities after finding aluminum foil and a pop bottle near the area, items that a bomb tech took for fingerprints. The U.S. Postal Service notified carriers May 31 about the event and briefed them on taking extra safety precautions.

Source: <http://easterniowanewsnow.com/2011/05/31/woman-finds-mailbox-bomb/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *June 1, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Driver crashes pickup into Alameda bar.** A 63-year-old Alameda woman who crashed her pickup truck into the building that houses McGee’s Bar & Grill in Alameda, California, May 31 told police that she lost control of the vehicle when she briefly lost consciousness. No one was hurt during the collision. Police and firefighters evacuated the apartments above the bar as a precaution after learning that the building’s sprinkler system was damaged, an Alameda police sergeant said. He said the woman showed no signs of impairment when officers arrived at the scene. She may have lost consciousness as a result of a medical condition, he said. The incident is under investigation.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18180493?nclick_check=1
25. *June 1, Food Safety News* – (Michigan) **Ground beef recalled in Southern Michigan.** Irish Hills Meat Company of Tipton, Michigan, recalled about 900 pounds of ground beef products that may have been contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said May 31. The ground beef was shipped to restaurants in Southern Michigan. The problem was discovered through routine FSIS monitoring that confirmed a positive result for E. coli O157:H7. The recalled ground beef was packed in 10-pound clear polybags, with the establishment number “EST. 10014” inside the USDA mark of inspection, and then packaged in boxes that contain 3-5 bags. The production dates May 23 and May 26 are stamped on the boxes.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/ground-beef-recalled-in-southern-michigan/>
26. *June 1, Food Safety News* – (Illinois; National) **FDA: Tiny Greens grew outbreak salmonella strain.** The strain of Salmonella that sickened 94 people in 16 states and the District of Columbia in November and December of 2010 appears to have originated at a sprouts farm in Urbana, Illinois. Tiny Greens Organic Farm was hit with a May 5 warning letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that discloses results of the environmental sampling that public health authorities completed during the outbreak. The FDA said it linked a Salmonella enteric serotype from the outbreak “to sprouts grown in your facility.” The agency said one sample collected from a compost pile outside Tiny Greens was found to have a Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis (PFGE) result (DNA “fingerprinting”) indistinguishable from the outbreak strain. Also implicated in the outbreak was Jimmy John’s fast food restaurant chain, which was a large purchaser of Tiny Greens sprouts. The multistate outbreak led Tiny Greens to recall its Alfalfa and Spicy Sprouts, although the owner said at the time there was nothing more than a “statistical association” to his product.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/tiny-greens-was-growing-the-outbreak-salmonella-strain/>
27. *May 31, KIMT 3 Mason City* – (Iowa) **Grocery store fire in Osage.** A fire started May 31 in the basement of Larson’s Food Pride, a grocery store, in Osage, Iowa. The Osage Fire Department responded, and employees and customers were evacuated. “In my initial investigation, I found flames coming out through the basement stairwell and we began fighting the fire then,” the fire captain said. The fire stayed in one area. It was

not immediately known when the store will re-open. The fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/iowanews/story/Grocery-Store-Fire-in-Osage/DR3vOGHXC0GdzMqSIFIX7A.csp>

28. *May 31, Examiner.com* – (International) **U.S. increases food inspections after deadly E.coli outbreak in Europe.** Tainted vegetables are believed to have claimed the lives of 16 people and sickened more than 1,000 in Europe. U.S. health officials are inspecting cucumbers and other produce from Spain after European governments believe an E. coli outbreak that originated in Germany was first linked to contaminated cucumbers from Spain. While the exact source has still not been determined, vegetables have been known to carry E.coli bacteria since they are grown with fertilizer using cow manure. “Due to the information received about the outbreak in Germany, FDA (Food and Drug Administration) is flagging shipments of cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce from Spain for further inspection,” a FDA spokesman said. The agency heightened calls for inspection the week of May 23, specifically produce from Spain as more information became available about the exact cause of the outbreak. The FDA said cucumbers from Spain are not imported to the United State on a large scale this time of year. However, it is still not clear if the cucumbers are the cause of the outbreak in Europe.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/healthy-trends-in-atlanta/u-s-increases-food-inspections-after-deadly-e-coli-outbreak-europe>

29. *May 31, Jaskson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Grease pit ignites near Canton poultry plant.** A grease pit behind a poultry plant in Canton, Mississippi caught fire May 31. The fire was reported around 1 p.m. behind the PECO foods plant on West Fulton Street, officials said. The fire spread to nearby dry brush and spread for about 100 yards, the Canton Fire Department chief said. The flames were extinguished by a foaming agent. Madison and Gluckstadt fire departments assisted Canton in putting out the blaze. Fire officials said the fire was no hazard to property or the public, but it was giving off big plumes of smoke. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20110531/NEWS/110531029/Grease-pit-ignites-near-Canton-poultry-plant>

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Water Sector

30. *June 1, Martha's Vineyard Patch* – (Massachusetts; Maine) **Potentially dangerous sewage disks wash ashore.** Hundreds of potentially dangerous sewage treatment disks that washed away from a New Hampshire wastewater treatment facility have found their way to the shores of Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts, Martha's Vineyard Patch reported June 1. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has urged people not to handle the disks, nor to let pets near them, as they could pose a threat of bacterial contamination. The disks, which were spotted at the end of May along the south coast of Martha's Vineyard, were designed to encourage bacteria growth, which helps to break down sewage materials. An estimated 8 million

such disks were washed away from the Hooksett Wastewater Treatment Plant in New Hampshire and into the Merrimack River March 6, following heavy rains. Since that time, the disks have been discovered along coastal areas from Massachusetts to Maine. Nantucket reported hundreds of disks washing ashore in late May.

Source: <http://marthasvineyard.patch.com/articles/potentially-dangerous-sewer-disks-wash-ashore>

31. *June 1, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Contaminated water supply in Somerset.** Residents of Somerset, Massachusetts, are being told not to drink tap water for at least a couple of days because a lawn-care company may have inadvertently tainted the town's water supply with hydro seeding material, WFXT 25 Boston reported June 1. The town selectman said the company, contracted by the state, was hydro seeding an area near the new Veterans Memorial Bridge when they tapped into a fire hydrant without permission, and some of the mixture of mulch and seed may have been sent into the town water supply. Residents have been told not use town water to drink, make ice, wash food, or brush teeth. Water can be used for showering and other purposes. The town is flushing the system, and the state will conduct tests to make sure the water is safe. Emergency workers were giving out bottles of water at their headquarters on Riverside Avenue, but ran out around 8 p.m. May 31. They resumed bottled water distribution at 7 a.m. June 1.
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/contaminated-water-supply-in-somerset-20110601>
32. *June 1, TriCities.com* – (Tennessee) **Rogersville sewer plant gas leak contained.** A chlorine gas leak June 1 at the Rogersville Sewer Treatment Plant in Rogersville, Tennessee, that forced the evacuation of nearby homes was contained by about 10:45 a.m.. A spokesman said an employee at the plant discovered the leak and called for help around 7:15 a.m. The source of the leak was a 1,400-pound chlorine canister at the plant on Flora Lane near the Rogersville/Hawkins County line, the spokesman said. Emergency crews went door to door, alerting about 40 homeowners that they needed to evacuate past a half-mile safety zone. Numerous emergency agencies, including the Kingsport Fire Department's Regional Haz-Mat Team, responded.
Source: <http://www2.tricitie.com/news/2011/jun/01/breaking-major-leak-chlorine-gas-rogersville-sewer-ar-1078096/>
33. *May 31, WXII 12 Winston-Salem* – (Virginia) **Manure pond spills, closes water plant.** A water treatment plant in Grayson County, Virginia, is closed after an earthen dam holding liquid cow waste gave way the weekend of May 28 and 29, spilling between 30,000 to 40,000 gallons of waste into a water tributary. The Grayson County manager said the wastewater plant had to be closed because it draws water from the polluted tributary. At least one home had sewage in the yard after the tributary, which flows into the New River, overflowed its banks. The county manager also said the plant is running on reserved water and should be back in operation June 2. The county manager said several people who were fishing and swimming in the New River had to be notified of the spill. He said no one has gotten sick so far. The Virginia Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency are investigating the spill.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/28081372/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *June 1, HealthLeaders Media* – (International) **Mobile phones in hospitals pose pathogen threat, researchers say.** Wireless phones are seen as a perilous health risk by researchers who say the number of dangerous multi-drug resistant organisms on patients' and their visitors' mobile devices greatly exceed the number found on healthcare providers' devices in one studied hospital. In a report published in the June issue of the American Journal of Infection Control, Turkish researchers who examined pathogens on cell phones at the 800-bed University Turgut Ozal Medical Center in Turkey suggest their findings have important implications for hospitals in the United States. The researchers took swab samples from 133 mobile phones they obtained from patients, companions, and visitors and 67 from healthcare workers, and ran cultures on bacteria collected from the keypads, microphones, and ear parts of each device. Nearly 40 percent of the phones collected from patients and their visitors, versus 20.6 percent of those collected from healthcare workers, showed presence of pathogenic bacteria. "Furthermore (a) higher number of multi-drug resistant pathogens were present on the mobile phones of (the) patients' group (including family members and patients' companions)," the researchers added.

Source: <http://www.healthleadersmedia.com/content/TEC-266803/Mobile-Phones-May-Pose-MRSA-Threat>

35. *June 1, Northern Virginia Daily* – (Virginia) **Two floors close after hazardous spill scare.** About 50 people were displaced from their morning routines June 1 while a hazardous materials team neutralized a small chemical spill at Valley Health's facility on West Cork Street in Winchester, Virginia. No one was injured when about a gallon of ChemTreat BL-1544 — a flammable, odorous chemical used to keep boilers clean — spilled in a boiler room at the facility, said the Winchester Fire and Rescue chief. The ground floor and first floor were evacuated in response, closing some offices and canceling outpatient physical therapy sessions and other services. The remainder of the large building, which includes offices used by Shenandoah University, Blue Ridge Hospice and other organizations, was unaffected, he said. No inpatients were relocated, and each floor was monitored for vapors as the response unfolded. The cause of the spill was under investigation.

Source: <http://www.nvdaily.com/news/2011/06/two-floors-close-after-hazardous-spill-scare.php>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *June 1, Jacksonville Daily News* – (North Carolina) **Base fire causes brief road closure.** Heavy smoke from a 50-acre fire confined to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina led base officials to close N.C. 172 for more than an hour June 1, a Camp Lejeune spokesman said. According to officials, the fire runs adjacent to the G-10 training range, and southerly winds have drawn heavy smoke through the mainside and French Creek portions of the base. The spokesman said the highway was closed due to a mixture of fog and smoke from just before 6:30 a.m. to just after 8 a.m. The fire is contained, according to officials, and continues to be addressed by officials from the Camp Lejeune Fire Department and base forestry. The cause of the fire is unknown. Source: <http://www.jdnews.com/news/-91632--.html>
37. *May 31, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **\$132,000 embezzlement scam alleged in Jefferson Parish school system.** Federal prosecutors May 31 accused five former Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, public school employees of embezzling \$132,000. Fraud charges were filed against a 34-year-old from New Orleans, a 52-year-old of Alamogordo, New Mexico, a 55-year-old from Harvey, Louisiana, and a 33-year-old also from Harvey, the U.S. attorney's office said. A 42-year-old from Westwego, Louisiana, was charged with failing to report a crime. Prosecutors said all five were school system employees but not certified teachers or qualified to perform tutoring, testing, or remediation. But two testing technicians in the school system's central office are accused of submitting fraudulent payroll documents for all five defendants, generating about \$132,152 in supplemental pay and stipends. The money came from the system's general fund and special funds for the Louisiana Education Assessment Program test, Graduate Exit Examination and Education Excellence. All five defendants have been fired. The charges were filed by prosecutors in a bill of information, sometimes an indication that defendants have already reached plea agreements. The case is being investigated by U.S. Secret Service, the federal Department of Education, the Louisiana Electronic and Financial Crimes Task Force, and the Jefferson Parish Sheriffs' Office. Source: http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/05/132000_embezzlement_scam_alleg.html
38. *May 27, Associated Press* – (California) **School employees' personal data released online.** A Sacramento-area school district in California has notified about 4,000 employees and former employees that their confidential information was compromised. The Sacramento Bee reported that the San Juan Unified School District in Carmichael, the week of May 23 sent out letters informing them of the data breach. A district spokesman said an employee copied sensitive data onto a flash drive to do work at home, but accidentally uploaded it onto a church Web site while doing volunteer work. The spokesman said district officials learned of the breach the week of May 16 when someone did an online search of his name and discovered personal information. The district has worked with the church and search engines to remove the data from the Internet. The spokesman said the district now bars the copying of confidential information onto flash drives. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/27/3659317/school-employees-personal-data.html#storylink=misearch>

Emergency Services Sector

39. *June 1, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Alameda agrees to reinstate water rescue training.** There is a major policy change in Alameda, California, following the story of a suicidal man drowning as firefighters and police stood by and did nothing, KGO 7 San Francisco reported June 1. Now, the city of Alameda is making big changes as a result of a policy that may have contributed to the man's death. A man drowned off Crown Beach May 30 while fire crews and police stood by watching helplessly as rules and regulations prevented them from getting into the water. Now, the city plans to recertify firefighters for water rescues. Before, Alameda police and fire had to rely on the U.S. Coast Guard for water rescues. It was that way for 2 years, since budget cuts forced the city's fire boat out of the water and land-based water rescues along with it. The mayor and fire chief now say the rescue program will be reinstated, and that the city will spend \$20,000 to \$40,000 to certify 16 firefighters in land-based water rescue tactics.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8162563&hpt=us_bn7

40. *May 31, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Hillsborough sheriff's cars damaged by vandals.** Using bricks, chunks of asphalt, and a metal pipe, someone — or a group of people — vandalized three Hillsborough County, Florida sheriff's deputies cars parked outside the Bloomingdale substation in Valrico. Deputies May 31 asked for the public's help identifying those responsible for the crime, which occurred overnight May 27 at the substation on the corner of Erindale Drive and Lithia-Pinecrest Road. They estimate the damage to be \$6,000, and said the cars will be unusable until repaired. Deputies also suspect the same person or people damaged nearby signs belonging to Robert's Auto Shop, and Porter Paints.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/hillsborough-sheriffs-cars-damaged-by-vandals/1172780>

41. *May 31, KSPR 33 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Kansas man charged with setting fire to an Ozark County fire department and breaking in to fire chief's home.** A man from Shawnee, Kansas has been arrested in connection with a fire and home break-in in Ozark County, Missouri, KSPR 33 Springfield reported May 31. The fire at the Timber Knob Fire Department and break-in at a home near Pontiac resulted in more than \$200,000 in damages, according to the chief deputy. After a 1-month investigation, warrants were obtained for the arrest of the 28-year-old, who is charged with stealing, first and second degree burglary, arson, and armed criminal action. His cash-only bond has been set at \$200,000. Authorities said he had worked for the fire chief at one time, and was also attempting to purchase some firearms from her. The chief deputy for Ozark County said he anticipated additional arrests.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/news/local/kspr-kansas-man-charged-with-setting-fire-at-ozark-county-fire-department-20110531,0,1094345.story>

42. *May 29, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Meth lab at fatal shooting scene sickens deputies.** Deputies investigating a fatal shooting ended up sickened by fumes from a meth lab in Lugoff, South Carolina, May 28. The Kershaw County sheriff said six of his deputies were sent to the hospital after inhaling the dangerous fumes. He said the officers were called to a home by someone who heard an argument, then a gunshot. The sheriff said a woman was found dead in the home. Deputies arrested her husband, who went into cardiac arrest while struggling with officers and also died. The sheriff said the deputies who became sick after inhaling the fumes are all expected to be okay. He also said hazardous materials teams were at the home cleaning up the meth lab, and that a marijuana growing operation was also found at the home.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/r/28065870/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

43. *June 1, Computerworld* – (International) **Google faces new round of Android malware.** For the second time in 3 months, Google pulled dozens of malware-infected smartphone apps from the Android Market. The 34 apps were pulled over the weekend of May 28 and 29, and May 31 by Google after security researchers notified the company. As in the March episode, when Google removed more than 50 apps, the newest round consisted of pirated legitimate programs that had been modified with malicious code and then re-released to the Android Market under false names. However, there was an important difference to this campaign, said the CTO of Lookout, a firm that specializes in mobile security. “These apps have the ability to fire up a page on the Android Market,” he said, adding that the hackers can send commands to the smartphone telling it what market page to display. He speculated that the attackers intended the new feature as a way to dupe users into downloading additional rogue apps that would have malicious functions, just as when a hijacked PC is told to retrieve more malware. “They seem to have been designed to encourage people to install additional payloads,” he said. He said it was impossible to deduce hacker intent from the malicious apps’ code, but he believed the criminals took the new path because social engineered attacks — those that rely on tricking victims into installing malware rather than depending on an exploited vulnerability — are more difficult to defend against.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217178/Google_faces_new_round_of_Android_malware
44. *June 1, H Security* – (International) **Wireshark updates close security holes.** The Wireshark development team has announced the release of versions 1.2.17 and 1.4.7 of its open source, cross-platform network protocol analyzer. According to the developers, these maintenance and security updates address multiple vulnerabilities that could, for example, cause the application to crash “by injecting a series of malformed packets onto the wire or by convincing someone to read a malformed packet trace file.” These include issues related to a large/infinite loop in the DICOM dissector in Wireshark

1.4.x, and, in the 1.2.x branch, bugs in the X.509if dissector. A number of bugs in some of the 1.4.x dissectors have also been fixed.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Wireshark-updates-close-security-holes-1254039.html>

45. *May 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Remote desktop access to infected PCs being sold by the unit.** Security researchers from RSA warn that cyber criminals are increasingly selling remote desktop access to infected computers by the unit based on several criteria. Such services are being offered by the traditional CC shops that specialize in the selling of stolen credit card information. “It is rather common that CC shop operators are also bot-herders (or people who have access to botnets), selling the stolen CC data collected by their Trojans. By adding the sale of RDP access to his shop, the seller grants fraudsters the choice to exploit PCs they would otherwise have no way of tampering with,” the RSA researchers explained. The selling of Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) access credentials has been practiced before, but usually in an unorganized fashion and not in specific volume quantities. The new services allows fraudsters to filter their purchases by geographic location (country, region, city), the bandwidth available to the computer (download and upload separately), the RDP user’s level of access (admin or not), OS version, and even hardware specs such as CPU and RAM.
- Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Remote-Desktop-Access-to-Infected-PCs-Being-Sold-by-the-Unit-203448.shtml>
46. *May 31, Computerworld* – (International) **Mac OS update detects, deletes MacDefender ‘scareware’.** Apple May 31 released an update for Snow Leopard that warns users they have downloaded fake Mac security software and claims to scrub machines already infected with the so-called “scareware.” A security researcher with Sophos confirmed the update alerts users when they try to download any bogus MacDefender antivirus software. The update, labeled 2011-003, adds a new definition to the rudimentary antivirus detection engine embedded in Mac OS X 10.6 (Snow Leopard), and also changes the frequency with which the operating system checks for new definitions to daily. Before May 31, Apple had added only five detection signatures to the antivirus component of Snow Leopard.
- Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217163/Mac_OS_update_detects_deletes_MacDefender_scareware
47. *May 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Boot loader for unsigned drivers is being advertised on underground forums.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor ESET have spotted an offer on the underground market for a new boot loader capable of loading unsigned drivers. The offer was spotted on a Russian-language forum and the poster claims his “boot loader for drivers” that do not require a digital signature is still being tested. This type of malware, which installs itself in the master boot record (MBR) and can control how Windows starts, is in high-demand because of its resiliency. One of the most well known threats that display this behavior is TDL4, a bootkit that is able to infect all forms of Windows, including 64-bit ones. The TDL4

developers are definitely not amateurs and are able to come up with sophisticated techniques to bypass the protections introduced by Microsoft. During April's Patch Tuesday, Microsoft released a patch that targeted bootkits and TDL4 in particular. The modifications made to some system files rendered the malware nonfunctional. Within half a month, the TDL4 developers already adapted to the change and put out a new version capable to overcome the protections put in place by Microsoft.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Boot-Loader-for-Unsigned-Drivers-Is-Being-Advertised-on-Underground-Forums-203490.shtml>

48. *May 31, H Security* – (International) **Python 2.5.6 fixes medium severity issues.** For those still running Python 2.5.x, the release of Python 2.5.6 is likely to be the last release of Python 2.5; after October 2011 there will be no more security issues fixed in Python 2.5 and it is recommended that users update to Python 2.7.1, which is the latest version of the current Python 2.x series. The Python 2.5.6 update fixes a number of medium severity issues. These are a vulnerability to XSS attacks in SimpleHTTPServer, a failure to follow redirections with file: schemes in urllib and urllib2 (CVE-2011-1521), incorrect integer overflow checks (CVE-2010-1634), and a denial of service vulnerability in audioop (CVE-2010-2089).

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Python-2-5-6-fixes-medium-severity-issues-1252703.html>

49. *May 26, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Spammers using domain parking services to bypass anti-spam filters.** Security experts are warning that spammers are increasingly taking advantage of domain parking services offered by registrars in an attempt to circumvent reputation-based anti-spam products and conceal their sites. Symantec.cloud's senior software engineer explained in a blog post that parking services are usually used by registrants to reserve a domain for future use to mitigate the risk of cyber squatting, or to monetize a particular domain through online advertising. However, his team recently noticed "a large domain parking service being abused by spammers on a massive scale." "Each domain hosted on the service contains an open redirect script, allowing spammers to redirect to any URL of their choice," he said. "Since the redirect does not affect the parking page, and domains parked on domain parking services are typically not used for any other purpose, it is unlikely that the domain owners will notice when their domains are inevitably added to anti-spam block lists." The researcher warned that such strategies could help spammers escape detection by some anti-spam products, especially given that many of the domains have been registered for years and are therefore seen as more likely to have a good reputation.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2074224/spammers-domain-parking-services-bypass-anti-spam-filters>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *May 31, New York Post* – (New York) **City officials move to have detailed floor plans of landmark buildings removed from department of finance’s Web site.** New York City officials are scrambling to fix glaring online security lapses after the New York Post reported that detailed floor plans for top terror targets can be downloaded from the New York City Department of Finance’s Web site, a finance spokesman said May 31. The department, which maintains an online database of property records, is working with the New York Police Department to remove schematics and floor plans for landmark buildings that are often attached to routine leasing and deed documents. As the Post reported May 19, plans for 1 World Trade Center, which is currently under construction — and is described by the police commissioner as the nation’s No. 1 terror target — were posted on the finance’s department’s Web site, along with an updated leasing agreement. Law enforcement is now focusing on what else may be buried among the city’s online records.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/terror_target_web_wipers_PavjTDiRvgrzVXktJUTDjN

51. *May 31, Upper Macungie Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **Man who took 7-story parking deck plunge dies.** The death of a man who drove his car off of the seventh floor of the Sands Bethlehem Casino parking deck in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania May 31 has been ruled a suicide, according to the Lehigh County Coroner’s Office. Casino security also had First Street blocked off behind the casino and the parking deck. City police and firefighters also responded. According to the Breaking News Network alert, the car landed between 50 and 75 feet away from the building. The driver of the car, a man in his early 20s, was taken to St. Luke’s Hospital in Fountain Hill, according to a report on the Morning Call Web site.

Source: <http://uppermacungie.patch.com/articles/car-plunges-7-stories-from-casino-parking-deck-2>

52. *May 31, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Fake bomb forces Astoria evacuations.** A fake bomb stopped traffic and forced evacuations on the Oregon Coast May 31. Someone called police to report a bomb inside a truck parked near 10th Street and Highway 30 in Astoria shortly after 4 p.m. Officers took photos of the device and sent them to the Oregon State Police bomb squad. The bomb squad advised Astoria police to evacuate all buildings within 2 blocks, including 12 to 14 businesses. Highway 30 was blocked and drivers were rerouted. While the evacuation was under way, the owner returned to the truck and told police the device was a hoax designed to be a prank. It was removed and taken apart. Investigators are still deciding if this incident satisfies the elements of a crime.
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/28090261/detail.html>
53. *May 31, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **APD investigating a bomb threat.** The Austin Police Department (APD) investigated a bomb threat at a pawn shop in the 500 block of W. Oltorf near S. 1st Street May 31. Just after 5 p.m., an employee at the pawn shop said a man came in and placed an unknown item on the counter and indicated it was a bomb. Police said the employee did not know what the package contained so she ran to the back of the shop and called 911. When officers arrived, the man had already left the business. A bomb squad responded to the scene and traffic was detoured around the intersection while APD investigated. APD cleared the scene just before 9 p.m.
Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/apd-investigating-a-bomb-threat>
54. *May 29, Portland Tribune* – (Oregon) **Five arrested for holding man against his will.** According to police, at 11:05 a.m. May 29, officers received a call that a man was being held at gunpoint in a motel room in Portland, Oregon. The officers were able to determine it was Room 24 of the Courtesy Motel, 11324 N.E. Sandy Boulevard. As officers arrived at the motel, a suspect was seen walking out of the room and taken into custody in the parking lot of Maddy's bar at Northeast 112th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. As the officers were getting into position around the room, someone walked out and was ordered to surrender by the officers but went back inside. Officers then ordered the occupants of the room to come out. Five people did and were arrested. All were arrested for second-degree assault, first-degree kidnapping and first-degree robbery. The man held in the room was freed.
Source: http://portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=130688229922178500
55. *May 27, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Pipe bomb explodes under car in Fairfield.** Fairfield, California police said a pipe bomb exploded under an unoccupied vehicle parked in an apartment complex parking lot on Phoenix Drive May 27. The 1 a.m. explosion in the 1400 block started the vehicle on fire, a police lieutenant said. The vehicle owner extinguished the flames with a fire extinguisher before police arrived, the lieutenant said. The blast caused minor damage to the vehicle's undercarriage. The Travis Air Force Base Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team evacuated the surrounding neighborhood and searched the area for other explosives, he said. No injuries were reported and evidence was collected at the scene, he said. The Yolo County Bomb Squad and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

are also investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/28056110/detail.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *June 1, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Blaze erupts near Flagstaff; 3 other fires raging.** Firefighters May 31 battled four wildfires blazing across parts of northern, southern, and eastern Arizona. More than 80 people were battling an 8-acre fire that started May 31 south of Flagstaff near the Pumphouse Wash drainage area, a spokesman for the Coconino National Forest said. Officials said May 31 they expected the fire to be fully contained by the end of the day. The cause of the fire was unknown. Because of significant smoke from the Wallow Fire, residents in the Springerville and Eagar areas were advised by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to avoid physical activity outdoors. Children, older people, and those with heart or lung disease were urged to stay indoors until the smoke clears. The fire, which began May 29 in the Apache National Forest in eastern Arizona, has burned 2,616 acres and was spreading at a rate of up to 1 mile in a 24-hour period. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The Horseshoe Two Fire has ravaged 66,290 acres in southeast Arizona south of Portal. Authorities estimate the human-caused fire, which is now 50 percent contained, will be fully contained by June 22. More than 900 people have fought the inferno since it sparked about 3 weeks ago, a Coronado National Forest spokeswoman said. The Murphy Fire sparked May 30 south of Tucson near Arivaca and Tubac. About 125 people were battling the fire, which has charred 1,000 acres.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2011/05/31/20110531azwildfires0601.html>

57. *June 1, Silver City Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Miller Fire 85% contained; burns 88K acres.** The Miller Fire in New Mexico is now 85 percent contained, while another fire that broke out on the Gila National Forest over the weekend of May 28 and 29 was 100 percent contained shortly after it was reported. The Fitzgerald Fire was reported at 4:50 p.m. May 30, about 25 miles south/southwest of Quemado, on N.M. State Highway 32. The fire was contained at 10 acres by 9:30 p.m. Five Type 3 engines and 15 personnel battled that blaze. The cause of that fire is undetermined. More than 400 personnel are making progress on the Miller Fire, with cooler weather helping out. The fire has now burned 88,652 acres. Thirteen crews, one engine, three water tenders, and eight helicopters, for a total of 435 personnel, remain on the fire. Crews May 31 remained on the west side of the Miller Fire and continued suppression efforts building a direct line to contain the fire in the rugged terrain. In other parts of the fire area, fire personnel patrolled and conducted rehabilitation efforts.

Source: http://www.scsun-news.com/ci_18180897

58. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Firefighters gaining control of Ware County, Ga. fire; nearly 8,000 acres consumed.** A Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) spokesman said May 31 firefighters were gaining control of a fire in Ware County that has threatened to jump into the Okefenokee Swamp in Waycross. A GFC senior forester said the fire has burned 7,852 acres and is 40 percent contained. He said firefighters believe the burnout attempted over the last few days was effective. Firefighters burned out potential fuel between Bear Bay, where the fire had advanced since it started the week of May 23, and Georgia 177, which connects U.S. 1 to Okefenokee Swamp Park. A light rain a few days earlier dampened brush and low growth in the area just enough to make it difficult to ignite. Four helicopters, 12 fire engines, 29 bulldozers, and 107 personnel are assigned to the fire.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/da1168ef984641088dade172b3d4dfe2/GA--Ware-County-Fire/>

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Dams Sector

59. *June 1, North Country Now* – (New York) **Brookfield Power decides to continue increased flow at Norwood Yaleville Dam.** Stop logs were removed recently from the Yaleville Dam along the Raquette River near Norwood, New York to improve flow when the river flooded in late April. The logs will be put back only when flow has decreased, according to Brookfield Power, which owns and runs the hydroelectric dams along the Raquette. Brookfield officials said the water levels are still relatively high but below flood levels. As a result, Brookfield has decided to continue the increased flow at the dam. The logs will be re-installed “as soon as conditions allow and present no danger to the public,” Brookfield said in a statement.

Source: <http://northcountrynow.com/news/brookfield-power-decides-continue-increase-flow-norwood-yalevill-dam-029796>

60. *May 31, KQTV 2 St. Joseph* – (Missouri) **Missourians brace for impact of planned water release.** In Atchison County, Missouri, water from the Missouri River has already swallowed signs and sent some looking for higher ground. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers now plans to increase the flow from Gavins Point Dam the week of May 30. The flow will continually increase through mid-June when it climbs to 150,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). That is more than double the record flow of 70,000 cfs set back in 1997. The move has emergency managers watching nearly a dozen levees that could over-top in the process. An Atchison County Emergency Management official said she is told the levee there can handle 43.5 feet for several days, but this release could keep the levels above that for much longer. The release at Gavins Point is intended to prevent potentially catastrophic damage near the dam, where the water levels are already high from snow melt and rainfall. The Missouri River near Brownville is expected to surpass 39 feet by the weekend of June 4 and 5. Major flood stage is 43 feet.

Source: http://stjoechannel.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=204467

61. *May 31, KFYP 5 Bismarck* – (Northwest) **Garrison Dam spillway gates to open for floodwaters for first time.** As the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ramps up releases from Garrison Dam near Garrison, North Dakota, the spillway gates began opening in stages June 1 shortly before 8 a.m. to allow more water through. This is the first time in the history of the dam that the spillway gates have been opened to pass flood waters. The gates will be opened gradually in stages until all 28 spillway gates are opened by the evening June 2. Rapidly changing weather conditions in Montana, northern Wyoming, and the western Dakotas have prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make adjustments to previously announced releases from Garrison Reservoir in order to evacuate flood waters out of the Missouri River main stem reservoir system.
Source: http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=49500
62. *May 31, Associated Press* – (North Dakota; South Dakota) **Levees going up to protect South Dakota cities.** Crews raced approaching floodwaters May 31 to complete emergency levees aimed at protecting South Dakota's capital city, and two other towns as the swollen Missouri River rolled downstream from the Northern Plains. Meanwhile, the mayor of Minot, North Dakota, ordered a quarter of the city's residents to evacuate areas along the flooding Souris River. He said the evacuation affects about 10,000 people who live along a 4-mile stretch of the Souris, which has risen with rain, snowmelt and discharges from Lake Darling. The mayor said residents are expected be out of their homes by the night of June 1, in part to give construction crews room to raise and reinforce earthen dikes in the area. Residents of Dakota Dunes in southeastern South Dakota, below the final dam on the Missouri River, have been told to move their possessions to higher ground and be ready to leave their homes by June 2, a day before releases from the dams are set to increase again. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is increasing releases from the six dams on the Missouri to drain water from record rains of up to 8 inches that fell in eastern Montana and Wyoming and western North Dakota and South Dakota in the past 2 weeks. Heavy runoff from melting snow in the northern Rocky Mountains is expected to add to the problem soon. In North Dakota, more than 7 miles of levees were being built in Bismarck, and another 3.5 miles were going up across the river in Mandan.
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