



Homeland Security

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ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Bucks County Courier Times, a 35-ton concrete silo crashed through the roof of the CGM Concrete business in Bensalem, Pennsylvania on Monday. (See item [8](#))
- KAKE 10 Wichita reports that 110 employees were evacuated from Horizon Mill elevators inside the Cargill plant in Wichita, Kansas on Tuesday after a small fire broke out in the west grain bin. Firefighters blocked off surrounding streets due to the threat of explosion. (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

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

1. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **Equipment failure blamed for Newark power outage.** Newark officials are blaming an equipment failure for the outage that left half the city in the dark on May 24. The director of the city's electric utility says the outage was linked to a piece of equipment called a potential transformer on the utility's metering system from Delmarva Power. He says the outage occurred shortly after 7

p.m., and power was restored for most customers by about 8:30 p.m. He says the outage caused a problem with a battery system at another substation, which delayed restoration in some locations. Those remaining customers had power restored shortly after 10 p.m.

Source:

<http://cbs3.com/delawarewire/22.0.html?type=nplocal&state=DE&category=News&filename=DE--NewarkOutage.xml>

2. *May 27, Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel* – (Texas) **Lightning destroys oil storage tank west of town.** A brief but strong thunderstorm rolled through Nacogdoches Tuesday afternoon, causing scattered power outages and minor damage. Lightning from the storm destroyed an oil storage tank and damaged another. Both wells are owned by Samson Lone Star. The Nacogdoches Fire Department (NFD) and Douglass Volunteer Fire Department worked to put out the fire, which was off Highway 21 in Douglass. The explosion did not cause any injuries or further damage, according to the NFD captain.

Source:

http://www.dailysentinel.com/news/content/news/stories/2009/05/27/misc_weather_052709.html?imw=Y

3. *May 27, WTSP 10 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Gas leak closes US 19, forces evacuations in Pasco County.** U.S. Highway 19 closed to traffic for an hour and a half on May 26, south of State Road 52 because of a gas pipe leak blamed on a traffic crash, fire officials said. The leak, which occurred around 7:30 p.m., was capped and all lanes reopened shortly after 9 p.m., the Pasco Sheriff's Office announced. As a precaution, the fire department evacuated a number of residents in the area, along with patrons of nearby businesses, including Sunset Plaza, Just Brakes, and the Flea Market, fire officials said.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=106614&catid=8>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Decision on new chemical plant expected, LA.** A decision on a possible \$400 million plant near Plaquemine by a French chemical company is expected by the end of June. That is according to the Louisiana economic development secretary. He says he expects a decision from SNF Floerger SAS in three to four weeks. An SNF subsidiary has an option to buy 800 acres along the Mississippi River near a Shintech plastics plant. SNF makes chemical compounds that remove impurities from water. The company is approaching the Gulf Coast market to make and sell similar compounds to extract oil from older, currently inactive oil fields.

Source: <http://www.pddnet.com/news-ap-decision-on-new-chemical-plant-expected-052709/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Tribes press government to clean up nuclear**

waste. Two American Indian tribes say their pleas to have the federal government remove medical, uranium and other radioactive waste from their land near Tuba City have been ignored, and they want it cleaned up. Navajo and Hopi officials say the waste is contaminating the land and threatening water supplies. The Hopi Tribe has put the federal government on notice that it plans to sue over the cleanup. On May 26, the Navajo Nation filed a motion to intervene in a 2007 lawsuit that was brought against the federal government by the operator of a uranium mining mill where some of the waste originated. El Paso Natural Gas Co. claims that the federal government is responsible for the cleanup of the mill, the Tuba City open dump and another landfill north of U.S. Route 160. The mill and the U.S. 160 landfill are on Navajo land. The 30-acre Tuba City dump is on Navajo and Hopi land. The mill is a federal processing site, and El Paso sought to have the landfills included in that designation. But a federal district court in March rejected the company's arguments, and it is appealing, an El Paso spokesman said on May 26. Water from an aquifer that lies directly below the unlined Tuba City dump is culturally significant to the Hopi Tribe, and residents rely on it for drinking and family subsistence farming, the tribe said. Meanwhile, the residents of Tuba City are continually exposed to hazardous and radioactive materials. A few miles away at the mill site, uranium tailings and debris from demolished buildings are held in a disposal cell that the U.S. Department of Energy monitors. The agency also has a groundwater remediation system in place. But the hazardous materials at the site continue to threaten groundwater because they were simply piled up and covered, rather than placed in a lined cell as is required of municipal waste, Navajo officials said. Although the government has taken steps in recent years to demolish and remediate a number of uranium-contaminated structures on the Navajo Nation, the tribe said large-scale cleanup is needed at the source.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/05/27/ap6468900.html>

6. *May 26, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Exelon shuts Ill. Quad Cities 1 reactor.** Exelon Corp shut the 867-megawatt Unit 1 at the Quad Cities nuclear power station in Illinois by May 25 to work on a couple of valves, a spokeswoman for the plant said on May 26. She could not say when the unit would return to service, in part because workers were still repairing the valves. The valves could not be fixed while the unit was operating. After exiting a refueling outage on May 24, the company said in a report to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that operators identified a valve problem in the reactor core isolation cooling system. The company shut the unit on April 27 for the refuel.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2647430820090526>

7. *May 26, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NRC says tritium hasn't entered Oyster Creek.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) says radioactive tritium that leaked from two pipes at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station has not made its way into a nearby waterway. The NRC Regional Administrator said on May 26 that there is no detectable tritium in pathways leading to intake or discharge canals at the power plant, which is located along Oyster Creek in Lacey Township. The leak was detected by the plant operators in April, and traced to two pipes that have since been

replaced. Chicago-based Exelon Corp. said the leak never jeopardized public safety. The NRC said if the plant has another unplanned shutdown within the next 7,000 operating hours, it will need more monitoring. It has had two this year.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/breaking/20090526_NRC_says_tritium_hasnt_entered_Oyster_Creek.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *May 27, Bucks County Courier Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Silo crashes through building.**

A 35-ton concrete silo crashed through the roof of a Bensalem business on May 25 and could lead to the building's demolition on May 27. The business was closed and no one was injured. Officials said the silo, which collects concrete dust atop the CGM Concrete business, crashed through the roof about 7:30 p.m. It nearly sheared through one steel I-beam and severely twisted two others on its way to the ground, fire officials said. A wall was cracked and leaning outward on May 25. A gas line and water line inside the building were ruptured, however, PECO workers and firefighters were able to shut down the gas and water supply, the fire investigator said. Inspectors were at the scene and officials planned to have engineers look at the building before deciding if the entire building would be demolished.

Source:

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times/courier_times_news_details/article/28/2009/may/26/silo-crashes-through-building.html

9. *May 27, Reliable Plant* – (Texas) **JSW Steel fined \$146,500 for safety/health hazards.**

The alleged failure to protect its employees from potential safety and health hazards has brought JSW Steel Inc. \$146,500 in proposed penalties from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) following an inspection at the company's facility in Baytown, Texas. OSHA's Houston South Area Office began its investigation November 24, 2008, at the company's worksite in Baytown following a complaint alleging potential violations of federal safety regulations. The investigation found 29 serious violations, including failing to evaluate the worksite for confined spaces to prevent possible entrapment of employees; to ensure an authorized employee was adequately trained on the methods to control hazardous energy; and to ensure the required machine guarding. Two repeat citations were issued for failing to conduct an annual inspection of the energy control procedures and to provide machine guarding to protect employees and operator from hazards created by metal slabs moving on roller conveyors. JSW Steel employs about 600 workers at its U.S. operations facility in Baytown.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=17812&pagetitle=JSW+Steel+fined+%24146%2c500+for+safety%2fhealth+hazards>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *May 27, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Alpine man accused of widespread investment scam.** Federal prosecutors on May 26 accused an Alpine man of defrauding investors in a multimillion dollar real estate scheme. A U.S. attorney said the defendant collected more than \$100 million from investors. The three-count indictment was announced on May 26. The number of victims, most of whom live in Utah, could be in the hundreds, said the U.S. attorney. The indictment says the defendant held seminars beginning in 2004 and told potential investors they could make substantial amounts of money through a program named the Equity Mill. The investments allegedly were to be used by Founders Capital to make loans to its associated entities, including Hill Erickson LLC and New Castle Holdings LLC, so they could buy real estate. The indictment alleges that Founders Capital and Franklin Squires Investments, another Koerber company, never made a profit. The indictment says the defendant used more than \$50 million to make “Ponzi” payments to keep his scheme going.

Source: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_12451772

11. *May 27, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Police warn of credit union phone scam.** Rutland police are investigating a phone scam targeting Heritage Family Credit Union and its membership. Police said the scam operates through automated phone calls to city residents who have claimed that the residents’ accounts at the credit union were deactivated due to suspicious activity. The automated call asks for credit card information and pin numbers to reactivate the accounts. City police are asking anyone who receives the calls to report them to their credit union and to their local police agency.

Source:

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20090527/NEWS01/905270317/1002/NEWS01>

12. *May 26, WLUC 6 Marquette* – (Michigan) **Beware of phone scams.** Phone scams are starting to hit parts of the Upper Peninsula and Wisconsin again. Calls have been coming in requesting information such as account and credit card numbers. Customers of both institutions received phone calls soliciting information. Individuals who received the calls reported that they were coming from Forward Financial Credit Union in Niagara, Wisconsin and the River Valley Bank in Iron Mountain. It is a scam that could be spreading. Two financial institutions so far have been affected by the scam. Officials warn that once something like this starts, it generally sweeps the area. If a call is received asking for credit card or banking information, it is suggested that the person who received the call to notify their bank or credit union.

Source: http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=304723

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Transportation Sector

13. *May 27, Rome News-Tribune* – (Georgia) **Instructor's experience questioned: NTSB releases report about fatal March 2008 plane crash in Rome.** A flight instructor's failure to maintain control of the aircraft during a simulated engine failure contributed to the death of both him and a student pilot during a March 2008 plane crash in Rome, Georgia, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has reported. The instructor had a lack of total experience as a multi-engine flight instructor, according to the [report](#). He had received his certificated flight instructor rating about three weeks prior to the crash. The flight school reported that the inexperienced instructor had accumulated approximately 827 total hours of flight experience, including 111 hours in multi-engine airplanes, all in the same make and model as the twin-engine Beechcraft BE-76 that crashed. The student was receiving instruction toward a multi-engine airplane rating. According to the NTSB report, the training syllabus for the flight included introduction to engine failures on takeoff and initial climb.

Source: http://romenews-tribune.com/pages/full_story?page_label=home_top_stories_news&id=2623108-Instructor%E2%80%99s+experience+questioned-+NTSB+releases+report+about+fatal+March+2008+plane+crash+in+Rome&article-Instructor%E2%80%99s%20experience%20questioned-%20NTSB%20releases%20report%20about%20fatal%20March%202008%20plane%20crash%20in%20Rome%20=&widget=push&instance=home_news_lead&open=&

14. *May 26, AVweb* – (National) **FAA bird radar tests to expand this summer.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) told the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) this week that a test of avian radar in Seattle, Washington which started in 2007, has been promising, and new experiments will be deployed this summer in Chicago, Illinois and New York. "We're very excited about the technologies out there and the ones to come," said the FAA director of airport safety and standards. The FAA system still gets too many "false positive" radar returns to be reliable, showing returns from ground equipment, airplanes, weather, and even insects. However, a company that makes bird-detection equipment for the military told the WSJ its gear is ready now to be deployed in control towers. "The notion that these bird radars aren't ready for prime time is wrong," said the chief technology officer for DeTect. "You can tell the difference between small birds that would just be a blood smear on a plane or big birds that could be catastrophic." DeTect and the FAA have talked about working together but so far the two parties have not agreed on a plan. The Web site for DeTect says its operating software was specifically developed to track the unique characteristics of birds and provides superior performance over systems using modified aircraft or marine radar software. An Air Force user of the system in Nebraska told the WSJ that the most significant problem with the DeTect system is that it can be hard to distinguish between rain and birds, but he said the system is helpful, especially at night.

Source:

http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/FAABirdRadarTestsToExpandThisSummer_200444-1.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *May 26, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Mailbox rigged with explosive device.** A Boaz, Alabama, man is recovering after a device in his mailbox exploded on him. Police said the home-made device was rigged to go off when the door was opened. The 41-year-old victim walked to his mailbox 1:30 Saturday afternoon. When the victim opened the lid, the device exploded and spewed a caustic liquid all over his hands. A picture of what the device looks like was taken to the state crime lab for research. The Boaz police chief said the victim does not appear to have any enemies. He thinks this could be just a dangerous prank. The victim was taken to Marshall Medical Center where he was treated and released.

Source: <http://www.waff.com/global/story.asp?s=10427324>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *May 26, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Wichita fire crews extinguish grain bin fire.** Firefighters were dispatched to Horizon Mill elevators, inside the Cargill plant in Wichita, shortly after 8 a.m. on May 26. The business reported a small fire in the west grain bin. Upon arrival, crews encountered fire and smoke. About 40 firefighters were on scene. Investigators told KAKE news they evacuated the building and surrounding areas for safety precautions. About 110 employees were evacuated from the business. Around 1:45 p.m., those evacuated were being let back in. Officers had blocked off the area between 10th and 13th Streets from Saint Francis to Washington. Firefighters used an unmanned mercury monitor as a water delivery system to battle the fire. Fire officials said they used the monitor because of an explosion threat. Crews are maintaining a perimeter around the fire and continued to use the monitor system until the fire was extinguished.

Source: <http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/46085077.html>

17. *May 26, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Tannery owner admits chromium 6 was used.** In a suit over health concerns, the former owner of a Prime Tanning plant in St. Joseph, Missouri acknowledged the plant used a cancer-causing chemical, but he said the tanning process posed no danger to the public. The tanning plant has been sued over concerns that sludge it distributed to farmers to use for fertilizer contained chromium 6, a known carcinogen. Vice president and chief financial officer of Prime Tanning Co. in Maine told the Kansas City Star that the company bought chromium 6, but it was converted to a safer form of chromium to tan the hides. However, Prime Tanning's use of chromium 6 at its St. Joseph plant surprised the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The department gave the tannery an exemption from water pollution

regulation five years ago after the company told regulators it would prohibit several hazardous chemicals, including chromium 6, at the plant. “Based on their application (for the exemption), we did not think they were using chrome 6,” said a DNR spokeswoman. But for the past three years, the tannery has reported to emergency agencies that it had at least 100,000 to 1 million pounds of sodium dichromate, a compound of chromium 6, according to records obtained by the Star. The sludge from the plant has been spread on thousands of acres of farmland in northwest Missouri since 1983. Lawsuits filed last month claim that the sludge contained chromium 6, and linked it to brain tumors in the area. Prime Tanning sold the plant in March to National Beef Leathers, which told the Star that it uses only the safer form of chromium — chromium 3 — in its tanning. The St. Joseph plant was the last one in the country to convert chromium 6 to chromium 3, a tannery expert said. Most other plants now buy chromium 3 from suppliers.

Source: http://www.cattlenetwork.com/top40_Content.asp?ContentID=317755

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Water Sector

18. *May 27, Natchez Democrat* – (Mississippi) **Ferriday seeks new water solution.**

Though the agreement was once hailed as a solution to Ferriday’s water problems, the board of aldermen voted on May 26 to terminate the town’s contract with Triton Water Technologies Inc. When the contract to overhaul the water was signed, part of the agreement was that Triton was to get front-end funding for the project. The problem is Triton never got that funding, and now Ferriday desperately needs the new water plant. “We are six months into this thing and it is not going, and we have a water plant that is about to shut down,” the Ferriday mayor said. “I want to get funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or somewhere else instead of waiting for (Triton).” The water plant actually shut down briefly on May 21, dropping water pressure to a trickle and leaving only 250,000 gallons of water for Ferriday’s water customers before it ran out. During the shutdown, it was discovered that a motor in the plant had thrown a belt, something that may have been caused by a blink in power, the mayor said. If the plant shut down again, he said it would leave the customers without any water, boil-order or not.

Source: <http://www.natchezdemocrat.com/news/2009/may/27/ferriday-seeks-new-water-solution/>

19. *May 27, Decatur Daily* – (Alabama) **DU battles faulty equipment to stay below permit levels.** A leaking sluice gate valve placed Decatur Utilities (DU) in jeopardy of violating anti-pollution permits set by the state less than a year after the Alabama Department of Environmental Management fined the municipality for exceeding the allowable levels. The Plants and Engineering manager said DU discovered the faulty valve at the wastewater treatment plant in March. The sluice gate valve controls the wastewater flow from the primary clarifiers, where the first stage of settling begins. “Typically the gate valve remains closed, but during high flow conditions, like with the

recent rain we've been having, we open the gate," he said. "The sluice gate valve is a control mechanism used to regulate the wastewater so we don't overload the plant." With the sluice valve leaking, DU could not control the wastewater bypassing the treatment process, he said. Two months after identifying the malfunctioning equipment, the DU board approved \$37,520 to repair the 17-year-old valve. Deciding how to address the leak and a four- to six-week waiting period for the repair parts created the delay, he said. DU received the parts required to correct the leak May 22. The manager estimated crews would complete the repair of the 17-year-old sluice gate valve May 28. Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3245619>

20. *May 23, SnoValley Star* – (Washington) **City of Snoqualmie fined by Department of Ecology.** On May 21, the City of Snoqualmie received notice that it was being fined \$24,500 by Washington State's Department of Ecology for allegedly allowing its wastewater treatment plant to violate standards for treated water released into the Snoqualmie River over three months last winter. According to a report from the Department of Ecology, their agency was not promptly notified about a series of problems that occurred at the city's wastewater treatment plant in December 2008 through February 2009. The department claims that the treatment plant failed to meet standards for three kinds of pollutants in the plant's water-quality permit, resulting in 21 permit-standards violations. The department accuses Snoqualmie of violating environmental standards related to fecal coliform bacteria content, suspended solids, and biological oxygen demand. Snoqualmie is looking into the allegations. The city's wastewater treatment plant is currently meeting the department's requirements for effluent discharge. Source: <http://snovalleystar.com/2009/05/23/snoqualmie-fined-by-department-of-ecology>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

21. *May 26, CIDRAP News* – (National) **Companies receive HHS orders for novel flu vaccine.** Two vaccine companies, Sanofi Pasteur and GlaxoSmithKline, recently announced they received their first orders from the U.S. government for a vaccine and adjuvant to protect the country against the novel H1N1 virus. Sanofi, in a statement released on May 25, said the initial order it received from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) covers the production of bulk vaccine and related activities and is worth \$190 million. On May 22, Glaxo said in a press release that HHS ordered vaccine antigen and the company's proprietary adjuvant system, AS03. Adjuvants are compounds that enhance a vaccine's immune response, offering the possibility of stretching antigen supplies. The announcements from the two companies follow a May 22 announcement from HHS that the Secretary was directing about \$1 billion in existing funds toward clinical studies and commercial production of bulk vaccine antigen and adjuvant. Federal officials have announced plans to support the development of a novel H1N1 vaccine, but have taken pains to explain that the decision to use it would be made

separately.

Source:

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/swineflu/news/may2609vaccine-jw.html>

22. *May 25, Hagerstown Herald-Mail* – (West Virginia) **Smoke shuts down emergency room.** The emergency room at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Ranson, West Virginia was shut down briefly Monday morning while firefighters from nine departments cleared smoke from the hospital's second floor. A motor overheated in the mechanical room for an elevator, the Independent Fire Company chief said. Hospital staff prepared to evacuate patients, but the situation was brought under control before that happened. Source: http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=223681&format=html

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *May 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Flu-infected U.S. troops leave Kuwait.** Eighteen U.S. soldiers infected with swine flu have recovered after treatment on an American base in Kuwait and left the country, a Kuwaiti health official said Sunday. The deputy head of Kuwait's public health department said the soldiers had shown "mild symptoms" of the disease upon their arrival at an Air Force base. Kuwaiti authorities confirmed that the soldiers came from the United States, but would not say where they had gone, adding that the troops had no contact with the local population and were treated at U.S. military facilities. "Kuwait is very comfortable with the measures taken there," said an undersecretary at the health ministry. He said the U.S. military has examined and quarantined a number of soldiers who mixed with the infected ones as a precaution. Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/flu-infected-us-troops-leave-kuwait.html?col=1186032310810&ESRC=topstories.RSS>
24. *May 21, McClatchy Newspapers* – (Washington) **Earthquake fault much larger, more dangerous than thought.** An earthquake fault previously believed to be limited to an area south of Washington State's Whidbey Island actually stretches 250 to 300 miles, from Victoria, B.C., to Yakima, Washington, crossing the Cascade Mountains and capable of producing a major earthquake, new research shows. A U.S. Geological Survey official said scientists are trying to determine whether the South Whidbey Island Fault extends as far east as the Hanford nuclear reservation and if it could also be connected to the highly unstable Cascadia subduction zone off the coast. The fault could be capable of producing a maximum earthquake registering 7.5 on the Richter scale, he said. An earthquake of that size is capable of causing serious damage over large areas. Source: <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/nation/story/68628.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *May 26, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Police car stolen right outside headquarters.** A Buffalo couple discovered an abandoned and burning police cruiser on their property Tuesday morning after it was taken from outside Buffalo Police Headquarters in Downtown Buffalo. “An officer was in central booking and booking a suspect, when apparently another suspect broke into a police car, stole the police car,” a spokesman said, adding that it is unclear whether the keys were in it, but it was not running. The car is now at the police impound lot, as they investigate who took the car.
Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/46131832.html>
26. *May 25, WZTV 17 Nashville* – (Kentucky) **Fire station destroyed by twister to be rebuilt.** Richmond, Kentucky, officials say a fire station once renovated by the men who worked there will be rebuilt after being destroyed by a recent tornado. The May 8 tornado ripped the roof off the 13,500-square-foot building. Three firefighters inside the building at the time took cover in a bathroom. The city has advertised for construction bids and was accepting them until Thursday. The city’s insurance company was contacted and should help with some or all expenses. Firefighters have performed most of the work to renovate the structure, including putting up partitions for a bedroom, kitchen, exercise room and classroom.
Source: http://www.wztv.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.ky/30b927dc-www.fox17.com.shtml

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Information Technology

27. *May 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Twitter gets targeted again by worm-like phishing attack.** Twitter users have been tricked into divulging their login and password details to a Web site that then spammed their contacts. The culprit is a Web site called TwitterCut. Some Twitter users began getting a message that appeared to be from one of their friends and included a link to the TwitterCut Web site. The message implied they could gain more Twitter contacts by following the link. At one time TwitterCut looked quite similar to the real Twitter login page, said the chief research offer for the security vendor F-Secure. If a person entered their login details, TwitterCut would then send the same message via Twitter to all of the victim’s contacts, a kind of phishing attack with worm-like characteristics. No malicious software is installed on a user’s machine, he said. Although TwitterCut probably holds the login details for many accounts, it doesn’t appear those accounts have been used to spam out links to more dangerous Web sites. TwitterCut’s Web site has been reported to services that blacklist potentially harmful Web sites, although it is still active.
Source: http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/165561/twitter_gets_targeted_again_by_wormlike_phishing_attack.html
28. *May 25, SiliconRepublic.com* – (International) **‘Gumblar’ virus could be bigger than**

Conficker worm. A new malware virus is on the loose and within days has become accountable for half the malware on the web. It is particularly vicious because it targets Google users in particular. The worm, also known as JSRedir-R, attacks computers through vulnerabilities in Adobe PDF reader and Flash player. By last week, more than half of all malware found on websites was identified as Gumblar, with a new webpage infected every 4.5 seconds. The worm redirects the user's Google search results to sites that download more malware onto the machine or allow criminals to conduct phishing attacks to steal login details. It has begun to spread on sites where passwords or software have been previously compromised and visitors are infected without realizing it. It is believed the malicious worm draws its code from a webpage based in China. Once cybercriminals are in possession of a victim's FTP credentials, any sites that the victim manages can also be targeted for compromise — a common malware propagation tactic, said IT security firm ScanSafe.

Source: <http://www.siliconrepublic.com/news/article/13025/cio/new-worm-to-rival-conficker>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

29. *May 26, CNET News* – (International) **First commercial 4G base station being tested in Sweden.** The Swedish national incumbent telecommunications operator Telia announced the world's first radio base station in a commercial 4G network has been deployed in Stockholm, Sweden. Telia is among a handful of mobile operators worldwide building next-generation networks for mobile broadband with 4G or LTE (Long Term Evolution) technology. The largest is Verizon, identified as a world leader by Ericsson's CEO. "The U.S. is back in the driver's seat and Verizon has taken the lead in rolling out LTE," he said. Though Telia says it has connected the 4G base station to its IP network and to a test network belonging to Swedish telecom vendor Ericsson, commercial launch of the network is not expected until 2010, when modems will be available. Verizon has announced the same time frame. Expected speeds are "10 times faster than the speeds customers enjoy today with mobile broadband in 3G networks," according to Telia. That would mean between 60 megabits and 100 megabits per second, given that today's 3G networks with HSPA (High Speed Packet Access) technology can attain 6Mbps to 10Mbps, depending on the version deployed.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-10249578-94.html?part=rss&tag=feed&subj=News-Wireless

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *May 27, Hagerstown Herald Mail* – (Maryland) **For 2nd time, suspicious substance found in ex-judge's law office.** For the second time in five months, a letter containing a suspicious powdery substance was delivered Tuesday morning to a former Washington County, Maryland, Circuit Judge at his law office in the Professional Arts Building in Hagerstown. "He called police and left a message on voice mail," said a police spokesman. When the message was received, uniformed officers were immediately sent to the law office. Also sent were personnel from the hazardous materials response team, the police spokesman said. That unit would package the letter so it can be sent away and tested. "It looks like it came from a prison again," the police spokesman said.
Source: http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=223737&format=html
31. *May 25, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **70 evacuate Phoenix ice arena after carbon monoxide scare.** Dozens of people were evacuated from an east Phoenix ice arena late in the day on May 23 after firefighters discovered high levels of carbon monoxide inside. A Phoenix police spokesperson said a woman called Phoenix firefighters sometime around 8 p.m. after she said she felt sick inside Arcadia Ice Arena. When firefighters got to the building, they apparently found eight people outside vomiting and 25 others complaining of sickness. According to the police spokesperson, the building was evacuated of approximately 70 people, many of whom were watching an ice hockey tournament inside. A hazardous materials team was called to the scene to investigate. The team discovered the arena's zamboni ice resurfacing machine was left running, causing high levels of carbon monoxide to fill the building. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is now looking into the situation. The skating rink is expected to remain closed until an industrial hygienist comes in to make sure the air is clean.
Source: <http://www.abc15.com/content/news/phoenixmetro/central/story/70-evacuate-Phoenix-ice-arena-after-carbon/R3Ep0ZcRokOrwkij2Z9mYQ.csp>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

32. *May 27, Minnesota Ag Connection* – (Minnesota) **Manure spill closes southwest Minnesota beach.** A significant manure spill in southwestern Minnesota that is keeping a state park beach closed is being blamed on a dairy farm's clogged pipe. The beach at Split Rock Creek State Park in Pipestone County was closed over the Memorial Day weekend because of the spill of 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of manure from the Pater dairy farm in Eden Township, state officials said. The park reported Tuesday that the beach will remain closed for all of this week and will not open until testing shows the necessary reduction in the fecal coliform level. Boating and other activities have not been affected, reports the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency is investigating the spill, which could lead to the farm being cited for one or more violations, said an MPCA spokesman in Willmar.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-regional.php?tble=MN2009&ID=492>

33. *May 25, Farmington Daily-Times* – (New Mexico) **Questions arise over planned natural gas well near Aztec ruins.** The planned construction of a natural gas well by Manana Gas Inc. a few yards from the Aztec Ruins National Monument has raised some concerns about its potential repercussions. The well pad will be 125 feet from the northwest corner of the 320-acre Aztec Ruins site. Manana Gas plans to use directional drilling to access the resources on 160 acres it leases under the national monument. The company plans to drill 1,000 to 2,000 feet below the surface before accessing minerals underneath the surface of the monument. “It won’t change anything underneath,” said the owner of Manana Gas. With a site such as Aztec Ruins, which is littered with culturally significant artifacts, it may be unclear what could be damaged in the drilling process, said the executive director at Salmon Ruins.
- Source: http://www.daily-times.com/ci_12444170

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Dams Sector

34. *May 26, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S. environment chief praises Dutch water systems.** The United States’ chief environmental official said on May 26 that America can learn much from the way the Dutch manage water — focusing more on living with it than on trying to control it at every turn. The Environmental Protection Agency administrator is accompanied on the weeklong visit to the Netherlands by a delegation from Louisiana — a low-lying area, like the Netherlands. Louisiana officials turned to the Netherlands for inspiration in redesigning the state’s water defenses after Hurricane Katrina caused levies to fail, flooding New Orleans. The history of the Netherlands, where two-thirds of the 16 million population lives below sea level, has been shaped by its struggle to keep dry. The country is renowned for its hard-won expertise in water management and flood defenses. New techniques include pumping sand into strategic offshore locations where currents in the North Sea sweep them into place, bulking up dunes; re-establishing minor waterways and removing pavement to allow the country to absorb sudden influxes of water; and designating zones for intentional flooding in an emergency.
- Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/world/AP/story/1066512.html>
35. *May 26, Inter Press Service News Agency* – (National) **Free-flowing rivers back in vogue.** It may come as no surprise that a dam impeding the flow of a major river would negatively impact fish populations, but it is only recently that benefits of free-flowing rivers in the U.S. Pacific Northwest are beginning to be valued more than those of dams. “Only 10 percent of the dams in the U.S. fulfill their original function,” a spokesman of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Association (PCFFA), an organization of commercial fishing families, told IPS. “For many of them, it makes more sense now to take them out.” The Elwha River on Washington’s Olympic Peninsula once hosted all

five eastern Pacific salmon species — Coho, sockeye, Chinook, chum, and pink — as well as steelhead trout. Then, in 1913, the first of two hydroelectric dams was built to power nearby Port Angeles. The dams did not have fish ladders to at least give fish a chance at getting upriver to spawn, and most of the fish have long since disappeared. But with the help of 54 million dollars in federal stimulus money, the dams will be torn down beginning no later than 2011. Optimistic estimates hope for a recovery of the run by 2030. Beginning in June, the 88-year-old Savage Rapids Dam on Oregon's Rogue River is scheduled to be removed in pieces and replaced with electrical pumps. Dam closures are rare and hotly resisted by some locals for whom irrigation and cheaper energy are priorities, but for others who depend on the steady flow of water and steady supply of salmon that comes with it, dams cause more problems than they solve.

Source: <http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46977>

36. *May 25, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Levee breaches at La. refuge ease flood threats.** A levee that had been slated for destruction has been breached by the swelling Ouachita River, flooding part of a national wildlife refuge in north Louisiana-and easing concerns of possible flooding farther south. Authorities say the two breaches happened over the weekend in an area of the Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge known as the Mollicy Unit. Demolition of the levee, which protected what used to be farm land, had been planned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of a floodplain restoration project. However, those plans had recently been delayed because high water made the work too dangerous.

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