



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 29 May 2009

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Washington Post, a statewide SWAT team exercise at a firing range on the secured grounds of a nuclear power plant in Southern Maryland was halted this month after stray bullets shattered glass and struck a command center near the plant's reactors, officials said on Wednesday. (See item [6](#))
- The Poughkeepsie Journal reports that a standoff Wednesday at the Dutchess County, New York Sheriff's headquarters shut down streets in Poughkeepsie for hours, with area police agencies responding to the crisis. Visitors to the Dutchess County jail, which is connected to the Sheriff's Office, were evacuated from the jail. (See item [32](#))

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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, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Tug, barge collide; gasoline spills into Cook Inlet.** A Cook Inlet tug collided with a barge it was towing from a Nikiski dock the morning of May 27, tearing an opening in the barge that leaked an unknown amount

of unleaded gasoline into the inlet, the Coast Guard said. The 113-foot Pacific Challenger tug and the 262-foot barge crashed into each other at about 1:30 a.m. in choppy seas while the tug was untying from the barge, according to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The collision created a crack about 4 to 6 inches long in a tank carrying roughly 70,000 gallons of gasoline, according to a DEC spill division specialist. He said the crew could see gas leaking into the water 2 to 3 feet above the water line. Within about 20 minutes, the crew transferred the gas into an undamaged tank and sealed the crack, said a spokesman for New Jersey-based K-Sea Transportation, which owns the tug and the barge. The crack was sealed with epoxy, state officials said. A Coast Guard flight to the spill area, about a mile off Nikiski, late Wednesday morning did not turn up any evidence of gasoline in the water; the spilled gasoline, which evaporates quickly, has been deemed unrecoverable and not a significant concern to the environment, said a Coast Guard petty officer. The barge was traveling to several different Southcentral ports to deliver fuel when the collision occurred, K-Sea said.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/kenai/story/810152.html>

2. *May 27, WKRC 12 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **Snake caused power outage northern Kentucky.** Duke Energy says a snake is to blame for a massive power outage which left thousands of Northern Kentucky residents without power the evening of May 26. Duke Energy says two transmission lines unexpectedly failed, killing electricity to 11,000 homes and business. Most of those were in Campbell County, the rest were in Kenton County. Outages were reported in communities including Alexandria, Silver Grove, Melbourne and Newport. Repairs were made and power was restored around 1:30 a.m. on May 27. In the process, Duke crews discovered the remains of a snake inside a piece of equipment in the Wilder substation. The transmission lines shut down when the snake crawled in and caused an electrical short.  
Source: [http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Snake-Caused-Power-Outage-Northern-Kentucky/ibuH4IbjfUqy6WH8iu\\_TEG.csp](http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Snake-Caused-Power-Outage-Northern-Kentucky/ibuH4IbjfUqy6WH8iu_TEG.csp)
3. *May 27, WLOS 13 Asheville* – (North Carolina) **Train derails in Mitchell County.** A train derailed Wednesday morning in Mitchell County, shutting down NC 197. Authorities tell News13 the derailment happened just over the Yancey County line, forcing the closure of the North Toe River Bridge. News13 has learned 17 cars of the CSX train jumped the tracks in the Red Hill community. The train was carrying natural gas, ethanol, and gravel. While there are no leaks reported, three nearby homes were evacuated as a precaution, and a hazmat team from Asheville was sent to the scene. There are no injuries reported. The DOT says NC 197 could be closed through May 27.  
Source: [http://www.wlos.com/shared/newsroom/top\\_stories/wlos\\_vid\\_2669.shtml](http://www.wlos.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/wlos_vid_2669.shtml)
4. *May 25, Citrus Daily* – (Florida) **Progress Energy to use Twitter for hurricane season power updates.** New in 2009, Progress Energy customers and others will be able to follow storm power restoration efforts via updates on Twitter during hurricane season, which begins June 1. The social networking tool can be accessed by most mobile phones, enabling continued communication after a storm if power is out. Twitter users can follow Progress Energy by searching for “Progress Energy” using the site’s

Find People feature. The company will also continue to provide outage information on the Internet. The 2009 hurricane season is predicted to be above average with 12 Atlantic storms, six of them becoming hurricanes. And in advance of that, Progress Energy expects to invest \$98 million on storm-hardening improvements and system maintenance, the company says.

Source: <http://www.citrusdaily.com/local-news/progress-energy-use-twitter-hurricane-season-power-updates/2009/05/25/5772.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *May 28, Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Chesapeake spill proves tanks need state regulation.** A federal agency has concluded that the collapse of a liquid fertilizer tank along the Elizabeth River in November was the perfect example why the inspection and maintenance of such tanks should be regulated by the state. “There were no laws or regulations governing these tanks,” said a lead investigator for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board. The group held a news conference on May 27 to release its final report on the November 12 tank collapse at Allied Terminals. The safety board found that defective welding on Allied Terminals’ Tank 201 was the cause of the collapse, which resulted in the spill of more than two million gallons of liquid fertilizer. Two contractors were injured while performing welding work on the tank. The federal agency also faulted Allied Terminals for failing to ensure that the welds on Tank 201 met industry quality standards, not performing post-welding inspections on the tank, and directing contractors to seal leaking rivets while the tank was being filled to its maximum level for the first time. City officials said they intend to pursue state laws that will authorize Chesapeake to regulate large fertilizer storage tanks along the Elizabeth River’s Southern Branch. The Chemical Safety Board said that 17 states have regulatory programs that apply to the storage of liquid fertilizer in above-ground tanks.  
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2009/05/chesapeake-spill-proves-tanks-need-state-regulation>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

6. *May 28, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Shots from range hit near Md. nuclear plant.** A statewide SWAT team exercise at a firing range on the secured grounds of a nuclear power plant in Southern Maryland was halted this month after stray bullets shattered glass and struck a command center near the plant’s reactors, officials said on May 27. Reactor safety at the Calvert Cliffs plant in Lusby was never compromised, according to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Constellation Energy Group, which operates the facility. But Constellation closed the range, a popular training site for local law enforcement agencies, pending investigations by plant security and the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office, which hosted the exercise. At least five bullets escaped the firing range and traveled more than a half-mile before striking buildings and a vehicle near the reactors, according to the NRC, Constellation and the sheriff’s office. One

struck the plant's "outage control center," which is used as a command area to orchestrate refueling efforts. Another hit an employee's sport-utility vehicle in the parking lot. Three others struck an office facility: Two of them hit the roof, and one shattered the outer pane of a first-floor window. Employees were working in both buildings at the time, said a Constellation spokeswoman. The bullets did not penetrate either structure, she said. Investigators are conducting ballistics tests to determine which officer fired the stray shots.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/05/27/AR2009052703405.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

7. *May 28, Reuters* – (New York) **Entergy looks into NY Indian Pt 3 reactor shutdown.**

Entergy Corp was investigating the shutdown the morning of May 28 at the 1,025-megawatt Unit 3 at the Indian Point nuclear power station in New York, the company said in a release. Operators noticed high vibration on one of the two main boiler feed pumps and started to lower the reactor from full power to take the pump off line, a spokesman said earlier. During the down power, the spokesman said the water level in one of the four steam generators started to increase, which tripped the reactor at about 6:40 a.m. EDT May 28. There was no release of radiation or threat to the safety of workers or the public. Electricity traders noted the reactor could have operated at about half power with only one working feed pump. The feed pumps move water from the condenser to the steam generators.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=ahM8FyZJ5DLM&refer=energy>

8. *May 27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Tennessee) **Reactor trip from power range high neutron flux rate.** On May 27, Sequoyah Unit 2 in Tennessee received an Automatic Reactor trip on Power Range High Neutron Rate Reactor Trip. The automatic trip occurred during severe weather and lightning onsite. ESF functions initiated as designed including Aux Feed Water auto-start and automatic Feedwater isolation. All control rods fully inserted. The plant is currently being maintained in Mode 3 at approximately 547 degrees F 2235 PSIG. Decay heat is being removed by the Auxiliary Feedwater system and Steam Dump valves. The cause of the Power Range Neutron Flux High Rate Reactor Trip is not known at this time and investigation is ongoing. Unit 1 remains at 100 percent power. No relief or safety valves lifted. The electrical lineup is normal and the 2B Diesel Generator is tagged out for maintenance. The licensee has contacted the NRC Resident Inspector.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45097>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *May 28, KITI 1420 Centralia-Chehalis* – (Washington) **Fire destroys Chehalis truss**

**factory.** Fire has destroyed a truss and beam manufacturing business in Chehalis that had about 60 workers. KITI reports the building was fully involved when firefighters responded on May 27 at the Cascade Structural Laminators plant, known as the Chehalis Lam plant. It still smolders on May 28. There were no injuries. The building appears to be a total loss. Investigators are starting to look for the cause of the fire.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2009272015\\_apwachehalisfire.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2009272015_apwachehalisfire.html)

10. *May 27, Business and Legal Reports* – (National) **Three more OSHA standards added to revised shipyard industry document.** Fire Protection in Shipyard Employment, contamination issues related to Hexavalent Chromium and Employer Payment for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are three additions to the Shipyard Industry Standards, a revised guidance document recently published by OSHA that provides employers and workers with an overview of all safety and health standards associated with the shipyard industry. The standard's Fire Protection in Shipyard Employment subpart includes sections on implementing a fire safety plan, fire watches, and fire response. The payment for personal protective equipment section advises employers of their obligation to provide PPE for workers at no cost to them. Hexavalent chromium has been added to the list of air contaminants whose concentrations should not exceed stated exposure levels. Shipyard Industry Standards revises the existing Shipyard Industry Digest and incorporates new shipyard employment requirements that have been developed and finalized since the booklet was last published in 1998.

Source: <http://safety.blr.com/news.aspx?id=113190>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

11. *May 28, Aero-News Network* – (National) **Testing on track for GE Rolls-Royce F136 engine.** GE Rolls-Royce tells Aero-News Network that it has begun Flight Clearance Certification Review, a process that will clear the F136 engine for flight testing in the next several months. The engine is the alternative to the Pratt and Whitney primary engine slated for use in the F35 Lightning Joint Strike Fighter. If the review process goes according to plan, the F136 engine could be flying in an F35 in 2011. The F35 Lightning Joint Strike Fighter is expected to be the primary combat aircraft for all branches of the U.S. Military as well as numerous allies for decades, and multiple variations of the aircraft are being developed by primary contractor Lockheed Martin.

Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=2cc2cc76-393b-49b3-a379-895792daafd7&>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *May 27, BBC News* – (National) **Number of problem U.S. banks soars.** The number of

problem U.S. banks jumped 40 percent to a 15-year high in the first three months of the year, a government watchdog has warned. A total of 305 banks had financial woes in January-March, up from 252 in October-December, said the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The increase came as banks continued to grapple with bad mortgage and credit card debt amid the recession. At the same time, industry-wide banking profits also rose in January-March. The FDIC said profits across the industry hit \$7.6 billion in the first quarter of 2009, led by higher revenues at the biggest banks as their trading performance recovered. This profit compares with a record loss of \$36.9 billion for October-December, but is still down 61 percent on the \$19.3 billion profit record for January-March last year.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/business/8070557.stm>

13. *May 26, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Area ASB customers targeted in phone scam.** Asheville Savings Bank has been made aware of a phone scam targeting area residents to gain personal information. The phone scam has several variations and uses both a live person and automation. Customers have been told their account has been compromised and additional information such as debit card numbers and other personal information is needed. ASB advises consumers to avoid providing these callers with any information. Supplying this information can lead to identity theft. The amount of information they currently have is not enough to do any harm. If you have received one of these phone calls and gave out your information please contact your bank. Criminals using phone scams are looking for unsuspecting individuals who will give them important information such as Social Security Numbers, dates of birth, credit card numbers or bank account numbers. Once they have your information, they use it to make fraudulent purchases, obtain credit or access bank accounts.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090526/NEWS01/90526033/1009>

14. *May 26, WMGT 41 Macon* – (Connecticut) **Phone scam targets all 22,000 residents of Connecticut town.** An entire Connecticut town has found itself the target of phone scammers. The calls started coming on May 24. Police in Guilford, Connecticut believe by the time they were done every land line telephone in the town of 22,000 residents received a call. The automated call is a female voice claiming to be from Guilford Savings Bank. It prompted those on the other end of the line to enter bank card and PIN numbers, along with their card's expiration date. So far, police and bank officials aren't aware of anyone who entered their personal information. Guilford police said this appears to be a complex scam that involves hacking into various business telephone lines from across the country. The calls appear to be generated from companies, but the businesses are not involved in the fraud, police said. The bank is encouraging anyone who offered personal information over the phone to contact them immediately.

Source:

[http://wmgt.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1316&Itemid=2](http://wmgt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1316&Itemid=2)

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## **Transportation Sector**



15. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police: Boy had incendiary device at airport.** Police in Colorado say a 12-year-old is in custody after allegedly trying to take an incendiary device through a security checkpoint at Denver International Airport. Authorities said Transportation Security Administration agents stopped the juvenile early May 27 and called police. A Denver police spokesman declined to give any details about the device but said it did not ignite and no passengers or aircraft were in danger. Authorities did not identify the youngster or say if it was a boy or a girl. Officers say the juvenile had the device in a backpack and was traveling to California with family members.  
Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iZ-76RVyJxZovw\\_ZF9uYnY1rDtzgD98EOIO00](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iZ-76RVyJxZovw_ZF9uYnY1rDtzgD98EOIO00)
16. *May 27, Aviation Herald* – (Nevada) **Fedex B752 near Reno on May 26th 2009, engine overheat.** A Fedex Boeing 757-200, freight flight FX-1290 from Reno, Nevada to Memphis, Tennessee was climbing through FL300 after departure from runway 16R, when the crew received an over temperature indication, declared emergency and requested to return to Reno. The airplane drifted down, then entered a 45 minutes holding to burn off fuel. The airplane landed safely on runway 34L about 90 minutes after takeoff. Fedex confirmed an overheat indication for one of the engines.  
Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=41a446e4&opt=4865>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

17. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Maryland; Virginia) **Suspicious powder mailed from Va. to Md. sparks probe.** Maryland State Police are investigating the mailing of a letter with baking powder inside from Virginia to Annapolis. Police say an employee at the Maryland District Court Administration building opened a letter with white powder inside about 9 a.m. Wednesday. The letter was opened in a room for sorting mail for the District Court. The building was evacuated while troopers, hazmat teams and emergency crews examined the scene and decontaminated four people in the office where the letter was sent. Virginia police are assisting in the investigation because the letter was mailed from Richmond. Employees were let back in the building at noon and no one was injured.  
Source: <http://www.wmdt.com/wires/displaystory.asp?id=88278680>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

18. *May 28, Dow Jones Newswire* – (National) **FDA provides new standards for bottled water.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is pushing more stringent testing

standards for the \$11 billion bottled water industry, saying companies will have to eliminate any causes of fecal contamination in water sources before they can bottle the water for sale. The FDA's new rules also require manufacturers to test source water for any forms of coliform according to a copy of the rules scheduled to be posted in the Federal Register on May 22. If coliform is found, manufacturers must also test for fecal contamination. Water that goes into bottles is already tested for coliform and fecal contamination, but the water source itself was not previously required to be tested. The new rules were proposed two years ago, and bring the FDA's standards essentially in line with that of the Environmental Protection Agency, which has federal oversight of tap water. The rules go into effect December 1. The new rule also says bottled water producers must keep records of source water testing.

Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=200905261738dowjonesdjonline000494&title=fda-provides-new-standards-for-bottled-water>

19. *May 26, Massillon Independent* – (Ohio) **Leaky hose shuts WHS.** A torn rubber hose caused a propane leak on May 26 that forced the evacuation of Crown Cork & Seal and the cancellation of classes at nearby Washington High School. The Massillon fire department and the Stark County hazardous materials (Hazmat) team responded to the leak, which was discovered around 1:45 a.m. in a 1,000-pound tank, according to assistant fire chief. The fire chief estimated there were 800 pounds of propane inside the tank, located about 20 yards from the company's manufacturing facility. Wind coupled with a little rain helped to dissipate the propane, the fire chief explained. As a precaution, the plant was evacuated, the high school was closed and workers at Standards Testing Laboratory were instructed not to report to work. Monitoring equipment did not detect unsafe levels of propane either inside or outside the facility, the deputy director of the county's emergency management agency said. Production at the plant, which manufactures metal lids and cans for the food industry, was restarted the same afternoon, according to the company's vice president of corporate affairs and public relations.

Source: <http://www.indeonline.com/news/x12071616/Leaky-hose-shuts-WHS>

20. *May 25, Gary Post-Tribune* – (Indiana) **Fumes clear grocery store.** An employee's apparent mixture of chemical cleaning agents in a bathroom at Ultra Foods resulted in evacuation of the store for several hours on May 24. No injuries were reported at 6110 Broadway, Merrillville, and Ultra management declined comment as shoppers stood around in the parking lot watching Merrillville/Ross Township firefighters prepare to enter the store in hazmat suits to clean up the noxious fumes. Fire personnel declined comment at the scene and could not be reached for comment Sunday night. Merrillville police dispatch said fumes came from the store bathroom when an employee mixed bleach and another chemical. Another customer said store personnel told shoppers that an employee mixed ammonia and bleach together in the store's bathroom.

Source: <http://www.post-trib.com/news/lake/1589985,mfumes.article>



## **Water Sector**

21. *May 27, Lawrence Journal-World* – (Kansas) **In an effort to protect your tap, a natural solution.** Near a tributary in western Douglas County, Kansas, an effort is under way to replicate nature to protect Clinton Lake and the water coming out of Lawrence faucets. During rains, water runs downhill across farmland, delivering sediment and pollutants into the tributary of Deer Creek, which eventually flows into Clinton Lake. That reduces the quality of water in Clinton Lake, a drinking source for Lawrence, and reduces the capacity and life span of the reservoir by filling it with sediment. Now a project, under what is called the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS), is being constructed to address this problem. The project entails building terraces on the farmland and plunging pipes underground that will deliver rainfall to a man-made wetlands planted with native grasses. The desired result is that the sedimentation will be caught by the terraces and the pollutants will be absorbed by the wetlands vegetation. If all goes according to plan, farmers will retain more field to farm through the reduction in erosion, and Clinton Lake will stay cleaner.  
Source: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2009/may/26/effort-protect-your-tap-natural-solution/>
22. *May 27, Houston Business Journal* – (International) **Rice researchers to test ‘nanorust’ technology in Mexico.** Rice University researchers are set to begin initial testing of “nanorust,” a low-cost technology for removing arsenic from drinking water. Testing will begin later this year in Guanajuato, Mexico, a city located 230 miles northwest of Mexico City. “Mexico’s debating the adoption of more stringent national standards for allowable levels of arsenic in drinking water, and officials in Guanajuato are looking ahead to explore ways they might meet stricter new standards,” Rice’s Pitzer-Schlumberger Professor of Chemistry and director of Rice’s Center for Biological and Environmental Nanotechnology and inventor of the nanorust technology said in a statement. Her arsenic-removing technology is based on the unique properties of particles called “nanorust,” tiny bits of iron oxide that are smaller than living cells. Tests in Guanajuato will be undertaken on nanorust-covered sand that is used in sand filters to treat groundwater from wells. The treated water will be kept separate from water released for human consumption.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/stories/2009/05/25/daily15.html>
23. *May 27, Times and Democrat* – (South Carolina) **Officials test their ability to respond to terrorist attack.** Coordination and communication were the buzz words Orangeburg, South Carolina officials used as they simulated a terrorist attack on May 27. The exercise was an effort to assess local agencies’ ability to respond to a potential attack, according to the Orangeburg County Emergency Services director. “I’m particularly psyched, it worked very well. We meshed together as a team,” he said. Members of the Orangeburg County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS), Emergency Medical Services, and hazmat teams staged a fake biological attack at the Orangeburg Department of Public Utilities Water Treatment Plant. Approximately 40 people were involved in the exercise. An explosion was staged in Berkeley County at the same time. A OCSO major said the tactical team’s mission was to secure the facility,

evaluate the threat and decontaminate it. He said the coordination between local entities was “very strong.” A ODPS captain said the exercise had three goals: improving communication, assessing the flow of information from the command post to field units and looking at cooperation between the hazmat and tactical teams.

Source:

<http://www.thetandd.com/articles/2009/05/27/news/doc4a1dcf2891533818937308.txt>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *May 28, Ball State Daily News* – (Indiana) **Bomb threat received at local hospital.** A bomb threat was received and resolved within 20 minutes Wednesday at Ball Memorial Hospital. Members of the Muncie, Indiana, Police Department and the Muncie Fire Department responded to the call at about 8:40 p.m., but were dispersed by about 9 p.m. from the hospital. A Muncie Police Department official said security guards from the hospital apprehended the person suspected of calling in the threat, but declined to give his name or comment further on the situation. No evacuation was necessary and no patient care was affected by the threat.

Source:

<http://media.www.bsudailynews.com/media/storage/paper849/news/2009/05/28/News/Bomb-Threat.Received.At.Local.Hospital-3744576.shtml>

25. *May 27, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Reactor leak halts Canada isotope output.** A Canadian nuclear reactor that produced about a third of the world’s supply of medical isotopes has halted operation for three months due to a heavy water leak, authorities said. The reactor produced isotopes, which are radioactive substances used to help doctors diagnose and treat diseases by entering directly into affected cells in the body, rather than by external radiation. “Based on our preliminary findings to date, we now believe that the NRU (National Research Universal) reactor will be out of service for at least three months,” said the senior vice president of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd (AECL). As concerns mounted over an isotope shortage while the Canadian reactor undergoes repairs, Canada appealed for other isotope producers to step in to help. The reactor, about 50 years old, stopped operations on Monday when the leak was discovered.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iuk7pveMaN46c\\_97cLmeQ03eOF9A](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iuk7pveMaN46c_97cLmeQ03eOF9A)

26. *May 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Deaths linked to swine flu hit 102 worldwide.** A fourth person in Arizona has died from complications of swine flu — pushing the world’s death toll to 102. An Arizona Department of Health Services spokeswoman confirmed on Wednesday the death of a girl from Pima County. The county did not give her age but said the child was not yet in her teens. Illinois officials also announced a swine flu-related death Wednesday of a woman from Cook County.

They said the woman had other medical problems that might have made her illness more severe. The deaths reported Wednesday pushed the total number of fatalities linked to the virus to 16 in the U.S. and 102 worldwide. The deaths of two New Yorkers were linked Tuesday to swine flu. The virus has sickened more than 12,000 people.

Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gzz357patY4-QaJFvo9O95zMM\\_EQD98EVP381](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gzz357patY4-QaJFvo9O95zMM_EQD98EVP381)

27. *May 27, NextGov* – (National) **Bio-labs cyber threats ignored?** Laboratories that conduct research on dangerous biological agents such as anthrax have not paid much attention to the potential of cyber threats or cyber intrusions, the Defense Science Board said in a report released recently. The board visited the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute; Fort Detrick, Maryland; the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington; the National Naval Medical Research Center in Bethesda, Maryland; Edgewood Chemical Biological Center in Edgewood, Maryland; and labs operated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Georgia State University. Based on the visits, as well as briefings from another six Defense labs, two additional federal laboratories, three industry labs and two other academic labs, the Defense Science Board determined, “None of the labs appears to have adequately considered the cyber threat.” Some of the labs indicated they believed their critical computer systems were isolated enough to prevent intrusions that would allow an attacker, for example, to gain control of control systems that provide access to sensitive parts of the labs. But the board did not believe any of the computer systems should be considered isolated. In fact, the report said at least two of the non-Defense labs had either wireless or wired remote access to their control systems. The National Security Agency or another qualified agency should conduct reviews of the computer systems at Fort Detrick and other Defense labs to determine whether there are indeed wireless connections to the supposedly isolated computer systems, the Defense Science Board recommended. Source: [http://whatsbrewin.nextgov.com/2009/05/biolabs\\_cyber\\_threats\\_ignored.php](http://whatsbrewin.nextgov.com/2009/05/biolabs_cyber_threats_ignored.php)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

28. *May 28, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Threat prompts closure of Stoneham high.** Police closed and cordoned off Stoneham High School on May 27 after administrators said they received a “specific, credible threat” about a potential attack at the school. At a news conference at the police station, investigators said custodians discovered early Wednesday a brick thrown through the window of the vice principal’s office. An envelope with a threatening note was attached to the brick. The note threatened that specific types of explosive devices and other weapons would be used at specific times, the police chief said, but he would not provide other details. Seven police officers patrolled the school throughout the day and searched it for explosives, but they found nothing, he said. Source: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/28/stoneham\\_high\\_cl](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/05/28/stoneham_high_cl)

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29. *May 28, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Two killed in army chopper crash.** A military helicopter crashed at Wheeler Army Airfield during a test flight Wednesday, killing both Soldiers aboard, the U.S. Army said. The two-seat OH-58D Kiowa Warrior went down Wednesday afternoon. The names of the Soldiers killed were not released pending family notification. The commander of U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii said the Army was technically calling the accident a “hard landing” because the pilots were in control of the aircraft when it went down.  
Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/two-killed-in-army-chopper-crash.html?col=1186032310810&ESRC=topstories.RSS>
30. *May 27, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Safe landing: SC air base runway renovated.** The Post and Courier of Charleston reports more than 108,000 cubic yards of concrete are being used to renovate the 7,000-foot secondary runway at Charleston Air Force Base. That runway originally was built in 1936 with asphalt. The airfield manager says the runway, which is also used by civilian planes, just wore out over time. It handles about one-third of the flights at the airport. The \$30 million project should be complete by November.  
Source: [http://www.wmbfnews.com/Global/story.asp?S=10429223&nav=menu675\\_2](http://www.wmbfnews.com/Global/story.asp?S=10429223&nav=menu675_2)
31. *May 26, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Gas leak prompts evacuation at OSU-Tulsa.** The Tulsa Fire Department evacuated a portion of the campus at OSU-Tulsa Tuesday afternoon. The evacuations were due to a natural gas leak at a gas meter on the outside of a campus building. The Tulsa Fire Department says a truck hit the meter near the loading dock, causing the leak. At least two buildings were evacuated before ONG crews were able to shut off the meter and stop the leak. The campus is located in the 700 block of North Greenwood. Tulsa Police blocked off several streets surrounding the OSU-Tulsa campus.  
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/Global/story.asp?S=10424125>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *May 28, Poughkeepsie Journal* – (New York) **Standoff in upstate NY ends with suspect's suicide.** A suspect in a rape case wrested a gun from a Dutchess County, New York sheriff's detective during questioning and fatally shot himself three hours after he wounded a detective and then barricaded himself in an office at sheriff's headquarters, the county sheriff said. The undersheriff said a bullet grazed the detective on the side of his head. He was treated at St. Francis Hospital and released. This standoff was apparently unprecedented, as local law enforcement officers with decades of experience could not recall a similar incident in Dutchess or Ulster counties. The incident shut down streets in the city for hours, with area police agencies responding to the crisis. Visitors to the Dutchess County jail, which is connected to the Sheriff's Office, were

evacuated from the jail. City of Poughkeepsie Police Department Mobile Command Unit, emergency services from the city and town of Poughkeepsie, as well as the sheriff's emergency service unit were on the scene. Members of the FBI were seen, too. The undersheriff said the Sheriff's Office was continuing its investigation of the incident. He said deputies had been trained to respond to such emergencies. "We have a protocol, and it was followed," the undersheriff said.

Source: <http://lohud.com/article/20090528/NEWS05/905280401/-1/newsfront>

33. *May 27, Gainesville Sun* – (Florida) **911 call center back to normal after lightning strike.** Alachua County, Florida's, Combined Communication Center was back to normal at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday. At about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, a lightning strike knocked out all 911 incoming and outgoing telephone lines for the center next to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. The call takers were moved into the backup center in the basement of the County Administration Building. After the call center operations had resumed Wednesday morning, a sheriff's spokesman said the agency was not aware of any delays in service or response time as a result of the temporary situation. "The need for a back up site was one of the things that 9-11 made us more aware of - the need for these backup plans," the spokesman said. "We've had the backup center for a long time, but more attention has been paid to it since 911 — making sure the equipment is tested regularly and we can rapidly deploy to there — things like that." Officials said it took about 50 minutes from the time the phone lines went down on Wednesday until the alternate center was fully operational. In the interim, Marion County assisted by taking calls and forwarding them to dispatchers.

Source:

<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20090527/ARTICLES/905279979/1002?Title=911-call-center-back-to-normal-after-lightning-strike>

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## **Information Technology**

34. *May 28, SearchSecurity.com* – (International) **RIM patches serious BlackBerry Attachment Service flaws.** Research In Motion issued an update to the BlackBerry Enterprise Server correcting serious PDF handling flaws. The flaws could be found in BlackBerry Enterprise Server software version 4.1.3 through 5.0. and BlackBerry Professional Software 4.1.4. The vulnerabilities are potentially very serious. They carry a Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) score of 9.3, RIM said. Security update 4 has been released. For BlackBerry Enterprise Server version 4.1x and 5.0 users. A separate security update has been released for affected BlackBerry Professional Software versions. RIM has had ongoing security issues with its PDF distiller. The smartphone maker issued an update correcting flaws in the BlackBerry Attachment Service in April. Separate updates were released in January and in July 2008 to correct flaws.

Source:

[http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/news/article/0,289142,sid14\\_gci1357385,00.html#](http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/news/article/0,289142,sid14_gci1357385,00.html#)

35. *May 26, ZDNet* – (International) **Twitter API ripe for abuse by Web worms.** A security researcher is warning that the Twitter API can be trivially abused by hackers to launch worm attacks. The red-hot social networking/microblogging service has been scrambling to plug cross-site scripting and other Web site vulnerabilities to thwart worm attacks but, as a researcher points out, it is much easier to misuse the Twitter API as a “weak link” to send worms squirming through Twitter. The researcher, well-known for his research work on browser and Web application vulnerabilities, draws attention to the fact that a single vulnerability on any of the third-party services (Twitpic, etc.) that use the API can trigger the next Twitter worm.  
Source: <http://blogs.zdnet.com/security/?p=3451>

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## Communications Sector

36. *May 27, Dow Jones Newswires* – (National) **AT&T: Smartphones choke networks.** AT&T’s Chief Executive said on May 27 that U.S. wireless networks are not prepared for the surge in Smartphone use that has already shown signs of choking their networks. He defended his company’s wireless network’s performance, though, which has come under fire for not being prepared for the popularity of Apple Inc.’s (AAPL) iPhone, which the company sells on an exclusive basis in the U.S. Wireless capacity is an increasingly tough issue that carriers must wrestle with, particularly as their subscribers clog the network by surfing the Web, downloading video and texting on their Smartphones. On May 27, AT&T laid out plans to upgrade the speed and capacity of its wireless network, which includes adding cellular sites, bolstering the underlying ground infrastructure, and tapping into more powerful wireless spectrum. Last year, it spent more than \$9 billion to further stockpile spectrum. AT&T plans to begin the improvements later this year and finish in 2011. The Dallas carrier also said it would hold trials for fourth-generation, or 4G, wireless technology in 2010, with deployments slated for the following year.  
Source: <http://www.smartmoney.com/breaking-news/on/?story=ON-20090527-000800-1428>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Kan. zoo: Lion escaped after door left open.** Officials at a central Kansas zoo say a zookeeper mistakenly left a door open causing the



escape of the 150-pound mountain lion. The 14-year-old female was shot and killed by police at the Great Bend Zoo on Sunday evening. Visitors were quickly evacuated. The zoo's director said he decided to give law enforcement the OK to shoot after the lion became aggressive as they tried to recapture the animal. He added that the cat already had a reputation for being aggressive and an attempt to lure the lion back to the cages with a path of food failed. He stated that the cat did not get more than 150 feet from her enclosure.

Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/global/story.asp?s=10430154>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

38. *May 27, Park Rapids Enterprise* – (Minnesota) **New trail marking system will help first responders find injured, lost.** A new forest trail marking system will assist emergency personnel locate lost and injured people in the Paul Bunyan State Forest in Minnesota. In approving the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to update dispatch computer grids and to train 911 operators, the Hubbard County Board expressed hope similar markings will soon be available on all cross-country ski trails and ATV trails throughout the county and neighboring regions. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) area forest supervisor said the system, based on GPS locator points was necessary "to get people to them as fast as you can. It's critical." Eventually the DNR will establish a statewide trail marking system for off road vehicles, equestrian, bicycle and hiking trails with similar signing and placement guidelines, using global position system locator signs based on the U.S. National Grid coordinates.

Source:

<http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/articles/index.cfm?id=17564&section=news>

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## **Dams Sector**

39. *May 28, Santa Barbara Independent* – (California) **Montecito springs a leak.** The Ortega Reservoir, which holds treated water for the Montecito and Carpinteria Water districts, is leaking out its bottom at a rate of 50 gallons a minute. In hopes of abating the flow, Montecito district officials had emptied the four-acre holding pond for the months of March and April. Recently, they had the reservoir refilled. The leak has become the subject of litigation between the Montecito district and engineering contractor Penfield & Smith, as well as with Cushman Construction. The leak sprung shortly after a four-acre cover was affixed to the 21 million gallon facility — at a cost of \$18.5 million — in 2007. The cover was installed in order to make Ortega Reservoir comply with new federal water quality requirements that aim to prevent carcinogens from forming in the water when sunlight hits leaves, branches, and other particulate matter suspended in chemically treated water. In addition, the cover maintains the potency of chlorine disinfectant added to the water. Because of the leak, the district will fill the reservoir far less than its holding capacity; this could have significant impacts on the district's ability to serve customers, particularly in hot summer months when water

consumption for Montecito's lush expansive lawns increases. Efforts to fix the leak — first using scuba divers and then by emptying it — have proven fruitless thus far. The reservoir, while operated by the Montecito Water District, is owned by the federal Bureau of Reclamation which is monitoring the situation to ensure that the leak does not undermine the structural and earthen foundations on which it rests. The Ortega reservoir is important because it holds water treated at the Cater Treatment Facility — owned and operated by the City of Santa Barbara — so it can then be distributed to customers in Montecito and Carpinteria.

Source: <http://www.independent.com/news/2009/may/28/montecito-springs-leak/>

40. *May 27, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Army Corps: Flood work around the clock in La.** With the fourth hurricane season since Katrina set to begin May 31, the Army Corps of Engineers said that contractors are working almost around the clock to build better flood protection, and that the city's system of pumps and floodgates is ready. The corps tested floodgates at drainage canals, turned on pumps and went through a series of hurricane drills on May 27 in preparation for a storm season that ends in November. The corps' district engineer in New Orleans, said about \$2.5 billion worth of work is going on in the New Orleans region. The areas of concern are the same as last year: Building better protection on the eastern flank of New Orleans to stop storm surge from entering the Industrial Canal and finishing a system of levees and floodgates on the West Bank, a suburban area west of the Mississippi River that is separate from the levee system around the French Quarter and the heart of the city. Work has gone slower than the corps had hoped on a 1.4-mile-long storm surge barrier on the Industrial Canal. But crews are now working 20 hours a day in two 10-hour shifts. Meanwhile, work is progressing well on the West Bank, an engineer said. On that side of the metropolitan area, construction of a massive pumping station should begin soon and, he said, about 60 percent of the work on the West Bank has been done.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2009-05-27-army-corps-new-orleans-hurricane-preparations\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2009-05-27-army-corps-new-orleans-hurricane-preparations_N.htm)

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