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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Associated Press, nine workers at a UPS facility in South Holland, Illinois received medical treatment Wednesday after a drum containing hazardous materials was punctured on a loading dock. (See item [20](#))
- The New York Times reports that Fort Worth, Texas became the nation's first major city school district to close on Thursday as a precaution to stop the fast-spreading swine flu. (See item [27](#))

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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. *April 29, Platts* – (National) **SPP board, committee approve \$600 mil in new transmission lines.** The Southwest Power Pool (SPP) said on April 29 that its Regional State Committee and Board of Directors/Members Committee approved five major transmission lines totaling more than \$600 million. The SPP said that the five line projects will be funded by the application of U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission-approved “postage stamp” rates to SPP’s transmission-owning members across the region. In a statement, the SPP said that “[t]he benefits of this group of transmission upgrades have been demonstrated by model analysis to outweigh the costs, thus achieving a ‘balanced portfolio’ of projects.” It added, “The overall cost of generation to serve SPP’s load should be reduced by an amount exceeding investment in the grid. This portfolio of projects will also reduce congestion on the SPP transmission system, and may provide other benefits such as increased reliability and lower end-use consumer costs.” The newly approved 345-kV projects include a 250-mile, \$229-million line between Hale County, Texas and Woodward, Oklahoma; a 215-mile, \$237-million line between Spearville, Kansas and Axtell, Nebraska; a 100-mile, \$131-million line between Seminole County and Muskogee, Oklahoma; a 36-mile, \$34-million line between Noble County and Cleveland, Oklahoma; and a 30-mile, \$54-million line between Iatan and Nashua, Missouri. The board and committee also approved an \$8-million transformer project in Anadarko, Oklahoma and a \$2-million project to connect two existing 345-kV lines near Gardner, Kansas.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6288978.xml?sub=Electric%20Power&p=Electric%20Power/News&?undefined&undefined>

2. *April 29, ClimateWire* – (National) **Utilities and transmission managers try to head off congressional grid plans.** Major utilities and grid operators are planning an expansion of the Eastern interconnection grid to handle a huge increase in renewable power, seeking to head off congressional proposals for federal grid planning. The initiative was launched April 8 at a private meeting at the Atlanta airport, attended by officials of the PJM Interconnection, Midwest ISO, ISO New England, New York ISO, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, Duke Energy, Entergy Corp., Florida Power & Light, Progress Energy, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Southern Co., Ontario’s Independent Electricity System Operator, and other companies. A former senior executive with the North American Electric Reliability Corp. and Ameren Corp. has been brought in to head the initiative. The energy companies and organizations, which have never before met for such a purpose, want to show Congress that a grassroots planning approach will be more effective than creating a new, top-down planning process under close federal control, the former senior executive said in an interview. “There are two philosophies. One is where one entity does it for everybody,” he said. “The group agreed [instead] that interconnection-wide analysis was best handled by the regional plans already being developed, rolling them into one, and building an interconnection-wide analysis over that.” The group will make an initial report in several months, he said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/cwire/2009/04/29/29climatewire-utilities-and-transmission-managers-try-to-h-12208.html>

3. *April 28, Daily Astorian* – (Oregon) **Coast Guard approves LNG.** The U.S. Coast Guard has granted conditional approvals to all three of Oregon’s liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposals, declaring that the waterways leading to the Bradwood Landing, Oregon LNG and Jordan Cove facilities “could be made suitable” for LNG delivery tankers. The Coast Guard oversees safety and security along LNG delivery routes. Its

approval of Oregon's LNG facilities — one of many needed from federal, state and local agencies before the projects can begin construction — came in the form of three letters of recommendation following years of analysis. The April 24 letters come with a lot of strings attached. Each project has undergone a review and has been given a list of required security upgrades and safety “gaps” that will need to be filled before LNG tankers can enter the waterway to deliver imported, supercooled natural gas liquid to the LNG terminals. For both Columbia River projects, the LNG tankers will need to have Coast Guard escort boats and firefighting tugs close by at all times along with a 500-yard moving security zone surrounding them in the shipping channel and a 200-yard security zone around them while they are berthed. Some of the security measures are not released to the public. The project developers are required to submit an Emergency Response Plan that identifies the resources necessary to fill the safety gaps. The companies, Coast Guard and local governments will work out who bears the related costs.

Source:

<http://www.dailyastorian.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=398&ArticleID=60439&TM=48949.88>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *April 29, My Central Jersey* – (New Jersey) **Fire damages Woodbridge fertilizer plant.** A fire damaged parts of a Keasbey fertilizer plant, police said April 28. The blaze at Converted Organics broke out at about 8:15 a.m. April 27 as the plant was operating, a manager told police. All workers were evacuated as police and firefighters from Keasbey, Hopelawn and Woodbridge responded. A Middlesex County hazmat crew also responded. The fire was extinguished, and damage was limited to the interior of the northern end of the building where it began, police said. The cause of the blaze was unknown April 29.
Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20090429/NEWS/90429007>
5. *April 29, Southtown Star* – (Illinois) **Chemical leak snarls traffic on I-294.** A chemical spill on Interstate 294 closed two lanes of traffic for three hours the afternoon of April 29, an Illinois State Police Sergeant said. Police saw a semi truck from East Chicago, Indiana based Thunderbird Trucking Ltd. leaking material onto the expressway about noon, stopped the vehicle near Hickory Hills and called in Roberts Park and North Palos fire protection districts to contain the leak, he said. Firefighters spread a protective blanket of foam under the truck to keep the chemical from catching fire, the Roberts Park Fire Protection District Deputy Chief said. Firefighters then stood by until the truck company's cleanup crew responded. The lanes reopened about 2:53 p.m. The leak posed a risk of flash fire but was considered only a mild hazard. No evacuation was necessary. The leak was traced to at least one of the 55-gallon drums the truck was carrying, authorities said. The material was described as flammable waste liquids.
Source: <http://www.southtownstar.com/news/1550421,042909spill.article>
6. *April 28, New Jersey Star-ledger* – (New Jersey) **Fire causes evacuation of Newark**

building. A flammable gas was accidentally released in a Newark workplace and started a fire that raged for nearly three hours on the night of April 28, authorities said. About a dozen employees evacuated Welco Gases on Roanoke Avenue after the fire broke out there at 8:32 p.m., the Newark Deputy Fire Chief said. The fire started when a gas compressor malfunctioned and released acetylene, which is used in welding, he said. The gas then ignited. The company produces acetylene for industrial uses, he said. One person suffered a minor injury when he scraped his arm during the evacuation. The fire was knocked down around 11:15 p.m.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/04/fire_causes_evacuation_of_newa.html

7. *April 28, KXO 1230 El Centro* – (California) **Clean up to go into the night.** The Imperial County Hazardous Material Team is expected to work into the night as they clean up a spill of ferrous sulfate that occurred shortly before 9:00 a.m. on April 28. The chemical is used in treating municipal drinking water. It was in a tanker truck at the El Centro Municipal Water Plant on South 8th Street the morning of April 28 when the trailer overturned spilling the liquid. The solution, a flocculate, is used to attract particulate matter in drinking water during treatment. The chemical spilled is a 12 percent solution, according to the chief of the El Centro Fire Department. When handled properly, it does not pose a significant threat to people. Crews are working to unload the solution remaining in the overturned tanker and will then remove the tank and truck. In the early stages of response, officials ordered a voluntary evacuation of homes in the area and blocked off streets within a half mile or so of the spill but that restricted area was greatly reduced later the morning of April 28.

Source: <http://kxoradio.com/local-news/clean-up-to-go-into-the-night.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

8. *April 30, Radio France Internationale* – (International) **French nuclear plant evacuated after bomb scare.** A nuclear power plant in Chinon in central France was evacuated on April 30 after a bomb alert. According to Electricite de France (EDF), an anonymous phone call warned of an attack. Police investigated all high-security areas of the plant, but found nothing unusual, according to local authorities. A tipoff was received by EDF early on the morning of April 30. The head of the prefect's office said the caller announced "bomb deposited." Bomb disposal experts and sniffer dogs are being used in ongoing inspections of the site, and the plant itself is still operational. The Chinon plant has four functioning nuclear reactors and employs more than 1,200 people. Source: http://www.rfi.fr/actuen/articles/112/article_3637.asp
9. *April 30, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Leaks found in 2 pipes at NJ nuclear plant.** Officials say there is no danger to the public even though radioactive tritium has contaminated four monitoring wells at the nation's oldest nuclear power plant. The Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in southern New Jersey has been shut down since April 25 because of a failed transformer. Tritium is a naturally occurring, radioactive form of hydrogen that is produced when cosmic rays collide with air molecules. One

well had a tritium reading of about 6 million picocuries per liter. The federal limit for tritium in drinking water is 20,000 picocuries per liter. A picocurie is a measure of radioactivity. A plant spokesman says it was found leaking from holes in two pipes. The pipes have been repaired and workers will conduct more inspections.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/new_jersey/20090430_ap_leaksfoundin2pipesatnuclearplant.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *April 29, Lafayette Journal & Courier* – (Indiana) **Factory roof fire extinguished quickly.** Lafayette firefighters quickly extinguished a roof fire at the Caterpillar plant on Indiana 26 the morning of April 29 — once they were able to reach it. Though the facility was briefly evacuated, nobody was injured. Firefighters were called to the Lafayette Large Engine Center on Indiana 26 East at 5:11 a.m. A 10-foot by 10-foot area of insulation under a rubber membrane on the southeast corner of the roof near an air vent was on fire. The facility's fire crew was already working when Lafayette firefighters arrived. However, they were having trouble reaching the area which was atop one of the highest sections of the roof about 60 feet off the ground. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.jconline.com/article/20090429/NEWS09/90429004>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *April 30, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Raytheon reveals new plan for dealing with toxic plume.** Raytheon wants to zap the toxic plume spreading under the Azalea neighborhood with a combination of hot electrodes and chemical doses designed to neutralize the pollution, according to its latest plan filed this week with state environmental regulators. Meanwhile the company wants to sink new cleanup wells throughout the area to pump what is left of the pollution out from underground. The company's latest cleanup plan is the first one to propose a way to deal with the plume of contamination that has been spreading through the neighborhood. Previous plans concerned only the cleanup of Raytheon's own property near Tyrone Square Mall. A State Department of Environmental Protection spokeswoman said regulators had just received the 2,200-page plan and could not comment until they had completed a full review. The DEP has until October to study the plan and decide whether to approve it. Work could begin as soon as the DEP approves the plan. There are 10 contaminants in the toxic underground plume, but the predominant ones are a pair of cancer-causing chemicals called 1,4-dioxane and trichloroethene. Raytheon has already begun using something called "pump-and-treat" to clean up the pollution beneath its own property. That involves sinking wells into the groundwater that is contaminated and pumping it into holding tanks to be cleaned. Raytheon's new plan calls for expanding the pump-and-treat process to 11 new wells scattered around the Azalea neighborhood. But the

process is slow. The factory, built in the 1950s, has long been used for manufacturing electronic components that produced a variety of toxic chemicals.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/water/article996746.ece>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *April 29, Bloomberg* – (National) **Fed is said to seek capital for at least six banks.** At least six of the 19 largest U.S. banks require additional capital, according to preliminary results of government stress tests, people briefed on the matter said. While some of the lenders may need extra cash injections from the government, most of the capital is likely to come from converting preferred shares to common equity, the people said. The Federal Reserve is now hearing appeals from banks, including Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp., that regulators have determined need more of a cushion against losses, they added. By pushing conversions, rather than federal assistance, the government would allow banks to shore themselves up without the political taint that has soured both Wall Street and Congress on the bailouts. The risk is that, along with diluting existing shareholders, the government action won't seem strong enough. "The challenge that policy makers will confront is that more will be needed and it's not clear they have the resources currently in place or the political capability to deliver more," said the chief financial economist at Morgan Stanley, one of the 19 banks that are being tested, in New York. Final results of the tests are due to be released next week. The banking agencies overseeing the reviews and the Treasury are still debating how much of the information to disclose. The Federal Chairman, the Treasury Secretary and other regulators are scheduled to meet this week to discuss the tests.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aiz06xRmmeOQ>

13. *April 28, Reuters* – (New York) **SEC charges ex-American Home Mortgage executives.** Three former senior executives of American Home Mortgage Investment Corp, one of the biggest U.S. mortgage companies, were charged with involvement in an accounting fraud, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said on April 28. The regulator said in a statement that the former chairman and CEO and the former CFO fraudulently understated first-quarter 2007 loan loss reserves by tens of millions of dollars, converting the company's loss into a fictional profit. The pair and the former controller faced civil charges of misleading American Home Mortgage's auditor, among other violations, according to the complaint in Manhattan federal court. Lawyers for all three men could not immediately be reached for comment. The company, which was the No. 10 mortgage lender in the United States, filed for bankruptcy protection in 2007 amid the mortgage meltdown that contributed to the financial crisis.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/ousiv/idUKTRE53R5CS20090428>

14. *April 28, St. Louis Business Journal* – (Missouri) **Koster warns of bank scam in Fenton, Eureka.** The Missouri Attorney General warned residents in Eureka, High Ridge and Fenton on April 28 of a scam designed to steal their financial information. Customers of Rockwood Bank receive text messages that appear to be from the bank, telling the customers their accounts have been "locked," and that they need to call a toll-

free number to reactivate their accounts, the Attorney General said. The text messages are bogus, and when customers call the number they are asked to supply sensitive banking information, the Attorney General said. The state consumer hotline has received “a large number of calls” from consumers in those towns in recent days saying they received the text messages on their cell phones, the Attorney General said.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/stories/2009/04/27/daily28.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Plane lands safe in Seattle after engine problem.** A Boeing 777 has landed safely at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after its crew reported a malfunction in one of its two engines. An Airport spokesman says Asiana Airlines Flight 271 turned around soon after takeoff April 29. He says the plane’s crew reported an “engine out.” The plane dumped fuel over Puget Sound before landing. The initial report of an engine fire was incorrect. The spokesman says fire crews have looked at the engine and found no signs of fire. The flight was headed to Seoul.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i8_ioOULaO86HkebF4dQvm72HAawD97SHVN00

16. *April 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Utah bus crash prompts DOT orders safety review.** The Transportation Secretary on April 30 ordered a review of bus safety in response to a Utah crash in January 2008 that killed nine people and injured 43 others returning from a weekend ski trip. The Transportation Department said that a plan to improve motorcoach safety will be created from the findings of the review.
“Motorcoaches have been a safe form of transportation in the United States for many years, but even a single crash or accident is unacceptable,” he said in a statement. The National Transportation Safety Board said at a hearing last week that driver fatigue was the probable cause of the crash near Mexican Hat, Utah. The board also said that a protracted delay by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in implementing motorcoach safety recommendations made a decade ago contributed to the severity of the accident. Those recommendations included strengthening motorcoach roofs and steps to keep passengers in their seats in event of a rollover, including possibly requiring seatbelts.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/30/AR2009043001766.html>

17. *April 30, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Water main burst halts Amtrak, MARC trains.** A water main break in southwest Baltimore County crippled train service along the Northeast corridor for most of April 29, and delays will continue into April 30. Amtrak and MARC train service between Baltimore and Washington were stalled by the pre-dawn water main break in the 5100 block of Washington Blvd. in Halethorpe, affecting dozens of trains and thousands of passengers. Water, mud, and tree branches covered the tracks. The major water main break was the second in two days. On April

28, a break blocks from the Inner Harbor flooded streets and closed offices and businesses in downtown Baltimore. After the April 29 incident, train service resumed on the second of four railroad tracks by 4:10 p.m., but Amtrak has limited speeds to 15 mph there, said a spokeswoman. The remaining two tracks are expected to reopen April 30, she said. Until then, passenger, commuter, and freight trains have to share the available tracks, plus they must make room for commercial trains that were canceled April 29, said a Maryland Transit Administration spokeswoman.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/traffic/bal-te.md.trains30apr30,0,1297101.story>

18. *April 28, Associated Press* – (International) **Seychelles Coast Guard arrests 9 suspected pirates.** The Seychelles took custody of nine pirate suspects Tuesday and accused them of trying to hijack a cruise liner carrying 1,000 tourists. The island nation had dispatched an aircraft to trace the men through the Indian Ocean, resulting eventually in the capture of the suspects. The MSC Melody, a luxury cruise liner on its way to Europe from the southern tip of Africa, was attacked April 25. Pirates in speed boats raced up to the ship under cover of darkness and unleashed a volley of automatic gunfire, but security guards aboard the liner fought them off, returning fire and spraying them with a fire hose. The ship made a distress call, and the Seychelles Coast Guard sent an aircraft to pinpoint the location of the pirates, according to a government statement. The plane spent five hours in the air surveying the ocean, photographing the pirates' skiff and marking its position. The Coast Guard transmitted the information to a Spanish frigate, which tracked the alleged pirate skiff and stopped it April 26. Nine people on the skiff were apprehended and handed over to the Seychelles, the statement said.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090428/ap_on_re_af/piracy;_ylt=Arfk3NK2Qrr25m4wg2UCyda96Q8F

19. *April 28, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Workers fix cracks on 4-year-old SC bridge.** Workers are patching cracks in South Carolina's most expensive bridge, even though it is less than four years old. A state Transportation Department spokesman says the work should help ensure the Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge last for a century. The spokesman told the Post and Courier of Charleston that one of the companies that worked on the nation's longest cable-stayed bridge, Skanska, is making the repairs at no charge under its warranty. Workers have replaced the large rubber shock absorbers under the road to cushion the bridge during earthquakes and hurricanes. There have also been surface patches to prevent water from rusting the steel reinforcement bars, causing them to weaken the bridge.

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10261708>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *April 29, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Hazmat spill at UPS facility in South Holland injures nine workers.** Nine workers at a UPS facility in south suburban South Holland,

Illinois received medical treatment Wednesday after a drum containing hazardous materials was punctured on a loading dock. The puncture caused “fumes,” prompting a hazmat situation. The nine workers complained of nausea and eye irritation after coming into contact with the fumes, and were treated and released from a local urgent care clinic, a UPS spokesman said. No other injuries were reported. The South Holland Fire Department responded and requested a MABAS hazmat team after discovering that about 5 gallons of a combustible and corrosive substance had leaked from the drum, according to a release from the department. The dock area was evacuated for about two hours, when about 24 people were on the premises. The facility is open 24 hours a day and can have up to 400 people working, but most were making deliveries or were elsewhere when the spill happened. Neither the UPS spokesman nor the fire department could confirm what chemical was in the drum, but both said everything was cleaned up and back to normal Wednesday afternoon.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/1550590,w-hazmat-ups-facility-south-holland-042909.article>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *April 30, USAgNet* – (New York) **NY firm recalls seasoning products imported from unapproved source.** Lion Pavilion, Ltd., a Brooklyn, New York establishment, is recalling approximately 16,213 pounds of seasoning products, which contain cattle by-products, that were ineligible for import to the United States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. The firm is recalling these products because China is not eligible to export beef products to the United States. The products subject to recall include: 14-ounce packages of “Lion Pavilion Hot-Pot Seasoning Containing Bovine Cattle Fat.” The beef products were imported from China and sent to retail establishments nationwide. The problem was discovered after FSIS personnel identified the products in the marketplace. FSIS has received no reports of illness as a result of consuming this product.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=953&yr=2009>

22. *April 29, Packer* – (North Carolina) **Warehouse fire destroys NC sweet potatoes.** A fire that blazed for a few days ruined up to 300,000 bushels of sweet potatoes at a Southern Produce Distributors warehouse in Faison, North Carolina. The company, however, says it will continue to supply customers with sweet potatoes at storage facilities in other states. The fire started April 26 and destroyed about 120,000 square feet of the warehouse, less than half its size. A barrier and sprinkler system kept it from spreading further, said a saleswoman. “Right now all of our potatoes (on the unburned side) are in refrigeration, so they’re all right,” she said. “The part that burnt had potatoes and some equipment. There was a big pepper machine up there, too, but the major part of our warehouse was not burnt.” Wooden crates kept the fire burning, according to media reports. The saleswoman said the company is able to ship sweet potatoes from its other warehouses in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Although a portion of the potatoes in the warehouse are salvageable, the company had to wait until emergency vehicles cleared the area, she said. Sixty fire departments — all but two of them staffed

by volunteers — from 10 counties fought the fire, she said. Firefighters eventually had to truck in water from neighboring ponds and lakes because they had taken Duplin County's reservoirs down to critically low levels, according to media reports.

Source: <http://thepacker.com/Warehouse-fire-destroys-N-C--sweet-potatoes/Article.aspx?articleid=365425&authorid=351&categoryid=209&feedid=215>

23. *April 28, Chadron Record* – (Nebraska) **Texas group fears spread of disease from 3-Strikes ranch.** Another wild horse organization is looking into the situation at the 3 Strikes Ranch near Alliance, Nebraska after over 200 horses and burros were removed from the ranch because of allegations of abuse and neglect. More than 100 emaciated horses found at Morrill County 3-Strikes Ranch were legally surrendered last week to horse rescue groups Habitat for Horses and Lifesavers Foundation. The agreement to sign over the animals was coordinated by the Morrill County Sheriff's office, which earlier in the week arrested the owner on one count of animal cruelty. Now, the founder of the Wild Horse Foundation in Texas says transporting the horses to other locations may have been premature and could have aided the spread of contagious diseases. He said blood work and nasal swabs should have been conducted on the animals before they were moved. According to him, the failure to do so could possibly mean the spread of salmonella and rhinovirus. He said he has talked to the ranch owner since his arrest and believes he may have inadvertently adopted horses that had recently recovered from salmonella at the Palomino Valley Adoption Center in Nevada. He claims the ranch owner adopted horses from Palomino Valley in January 2008, and says there is at least the possibility that some of the infected horses were sent to Nebraska.

Source:

<http://www.thechadronnews.com/articles/2009/04/28/chadron/headlines/doc49f7490c809ac588594149.txt>

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Water Sector

24. *April 30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Oklahoma) **Former Oklahoma water treatment supervisor pleads guilty for falsifying drinking water safety reports.** The former supervisor of the Fort Gibson Water Treatment Plant in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma pleaded guilty April 29 in U.S. District Court in Muskogee, to falsifying a monthly operating report that certified the safety of drinking water from the facility, the Justice Department announced. The man pleaded guilty to a one-count information charging him with a felony count of making a false statement. He admitted that on or about June 12, 2008, he submitted a monthly operating report containing false data for drinking water that is provided to residents of Fort Gibson as well as residents of Muskogee Rural Water Districts 4 and 7, Cherokee Water drinking water systems, and the water systems for Corral Creek Subdivision and Ozark Water Inc. Under the federal Safe Water Drinking Act, which is administered and enforced by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Fort Gibson water treatment plant must provide drinking water that meets standards to ensure that the water is safe for human consumption. The former supervisor admitted that he recorded levels in the monthly operating report submitted to

Oklahoma DEQ that indicated the turbidity and chlorine levels were in compliance with required standards when he knew in fact they were not. As a result of the felony conviction, he could be sentenced up to five years in prison and fined up to \$250,000.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/3F46B00C44C77821852575A8004E1FB6>

25. *April 29, Water Technology Online* – (Illinois) **Feds raid IL village offices in water case.** Agents from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other federal agencies on April 29 raided the Department of Public Works and other village offices in Crestwood, Illinois in connection with allegations that village officials knowingly supplied contaminated drinking water to residents for more than two decades, the Associated Press (AP) and CBS 2 reported on April 29. Fifteen agents produced search warrants upon entering Crestwood village hall and the public works department, looking for evidence of a possible environmental crime, an EPA spokeswoman is quoted as saying in the AP report. An April 19 Chicago Tribune investigation revealed that officials of Crestwood, a suburban Chicago community, cut water supply costs by supplementing the community's supply with municipal well water tainted with dichloroethylene and vinyl chloride, two chemicals related to the dry-cleaning solvent perchloroethylene (PCE). The well was shut off in 2007 following testing of municipal wells by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, as WaterTech Online reported. According to CBS 2, the Illinois EPA director told CBS 2 that Crestwood's longtime water system engineer has now admitted that he and other village officials lied, and that the "mystery water" was pumped from a contaminated well. The Crestwood mayor has maintained the position that the village drinking water always has been safe. According to CBS 2, "When asked if someone could have gotten sick from the water, the EPA director said, 'It's possible.'"

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=71822

26. *April 29, Ithaca Journal* – (New York) **Wastewater may not have met standards.** Cayuga Heights may have violated its own law in accepting gas-drilling wastewater that exceeded standards established to protect its treatment plant and Cayuga Lake. Meanwhile, a regional engineer from the state Department of Environmental Conservation told the village it was OK to continue accepting the waste without a completed study of what kinds of wastewater came to the plant. DEC policy — reaffirmed in a December 2008 memo — requires such analyses before a plant accepts gas-drilling waste. According to tests on wastewater coming to the plant, the village accepted material exceeding standards for metals such as copper and lead, and greatly exceeded standards for "Chemical Oxygen Demand" and "Total Suspended Solids."

Source:

<http://www.theithacajournal.com/article/20090429/NEWS01/904290328/1126/NEWS>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *April 30, New York Times* – (International) **Flu prompts shutdowns in Mexico, Texas.**

Taking extreme precautions to stop the fast-spreading swine flu, Fort Worth became the nation's first major city school district to close on Thursday, as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that the number of confirmed cases had risen to 109 in 11 states, up from 91 cases in 10 states on Wednesday. Several more states are awaiting confirmation of likely cases, including Illinois, Colorado, Maine, Georgia, and New Jersey, while hundreds of other schools around the country from Alabama to Minnesota have shut down. The closing of public schools in Fort Worth, the nation's 17th-largest city, is expected to keep 80,000 students out of their classrooms through May 11, adding to the 53,000 pupils already being kept out of school in Texas. On Wednesday, the nation's first death from the swine flu — a 23-month-old toddler who had traveled with his family from Mexico to Houston — was disclosed. Six people in the United States have been reported hospitalized. Elsewhere, the swine flu virus was confirmed in the Netherlands and Switzerland on Thursday, with the World Health Organization now confirming cases in 11 countries. In Canada, the confirmation of eight additional cases on Thursday brought the total number of cases of swine flu there to 27. The World Health Organization said Thursday it did not plan to raise its pandemic alert level, one day after the Geneva-based organization raised the level to the second-highest, phase 5, signaling that two countries had sustained human-to-human transmission of the virus. Officials in the United States, who have said they expected the virus to spread to more states and probably result in more fatalities, applauded the organization's global warning. Phase 5 of the alert level signifies that a pandemic is imminent and that countries should make preparations for the disease.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/01/health/01flu.html?ref=us>

28. *April 29, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Decisions surround swine flu vaccine.** Government health officials said Tuesday that they were “looking intently” at developing a swine flu vaccine. But undertaking work on a vaccine would be challenging. Even in a typical year, formulating the nation's flu vaccine is a tricky proposition. As they contemplate the best way to protect the public from a possible pandemic, there are decisions to be made that could complicate the annual influenza vaccine campaign. Should they reconfigure the seasonal flu vaccine that is already under development for the fall? Or should they order up a second vaccine tailored to the new virus and trust people to take both shots? Either option entails added expense, logistical headaches and no small measure of risk. And since it takes about six months to produce the millions of flu shots that Americans will need in the fall, nobody can afford to wait. With the advent of swine flu, the acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, it could be swapped for one of the other strains or added as a fourth. Adding a fourth “is an attractive approach in that you would have one vaccine that would cover not just seasonal flu but this new strain that is circulating,” he said. But an infectious disease physician and virologist at Harvard Medical School said using a vaccine with four viruses instead of three “would probably change the cost of production, the time of production, and the packaging that goes with it.”
- Source: <http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-sci-swine-vaccine29-2009apr29,0,4276069.story>

29. *April 29, KOAT 7 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Statewide ERs prepare.** Some

Albuquerque hospitals have seen more people showing up in emergency rooms with flu symptoms. So far, they are not treating any confirmed swine flu cases, but they are getting ready should an outbreak begin in New Mexico. Hospital officials said while the swine flu outbreak may seem sudden to most people, they have been preparing for something like this for years. “We’re making sure we’ve got supplies we need and that we have plans in place to take care of a big influx of people if we need to,” the director of Emergency Services for Presbyterian Hospital said. The hospital saw an increased number of people coming into the emergency room complaining of flu symptoms on Monday and Tuesday. She said the hospital is prepared for even more patients.

Source: <http://www.koat.com/health/19327765/detail.html>

30. *April 29, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Police say man drives pickup into emergency room.** A pickup driven by a man crashed into the admitting area of the St. Alexius Hospital emergency room in Bismarck early Wednesday, police said. No one was hurt. The driver was arrested. Police said he may have overdosed on a prescription drug. The pickup went by the pillars outside the hospital entrance, through plate glass windows, went by a woman sitting at a desk and ended up near the emergency room waiting area. Officials of St. Alexius said the hospital resumed normal operations by 8 a.m., but had to clean up smoke and dust. Damage was estimated at more than \$100,000. Source: <http://www.wday.com/news/index.cfm?id=9964>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *April 29, KARK 4 Hot Springs* – (Arkansas) **Hot Springs standoff ends peacefully.** A standoff at a Hot Springs motel ended peacefully Wednesday afternoon after a suspect was taken into custody without incident. Authorities say a man threatened to cause harm to four locations in the Hot Springs area Wednesday. That led to an afternoon long standoff at the Fountain Motel on Central Avenue. The situation began around 11:30 Wednesday morning when concerns that the man was armed led authorities to shutdown the National Park Community College campus and place a lockdown on Mountain Pine schools. By the afternoon, the Garland County courthouse was also evacuated and workers at the Hot Springs Police Department were moved upstairs. Authorities say those buildings were placed on alert because the man has made threats against them in the past. It is believed the man may need a psychiatric evaluation. The motel standoff with the man and Garland County Sheriff’s deputies began around 2:30. After several hours, the man was taken into police custody. No one was injured during the standoff.

Source: <http://arkansasmatters.com/content/fulltext/news/?cid=216292>

32. *April 29, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **Last two Fort Dix plotters get long sentences.** Only one of the five men convicted in the Fort Dix terrorist plot received a sentence of less than life in prison. One defendant, of Philadelphia, whose main role in the plot was providing a map of Fort Dix from his father’s nearby pizza shop, was sentenced Wednesday to 33 years behind bars. All five defendants were arrested in May 2007. A jury convicted them of conspiracy to kill U.S. soldiers in December 2008 after

an eight-week trial. The jury acquitted them of attempted murder charges. Prosecutors said the men were planning to get on the Army base with a pizza delivery pass and open fire on soldiers. The defense argued that the men were ensnared by unscrupulous government informants, who recorded hundreds of hours of conversations with the men. None of the defendants took the stand at trial.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/breaking/20090429_Last_two_Fort_Dix_plotters_get_long_sentences.html

33. *April 28, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **McMinnville DMV office reopens after suspicious package checked.** The state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services office in McMinnville was evacuated for two hours on April 28 while police investigated a suspicious package. The staff left the building shortly after 1 p.m. Local officers set up a safety zone around it and alerted the Oregon State Police, said a McMinnville Police Department spokesman. The state police bomb squad checked the package and determined it did not contain explosives. The building reopened about 3 p.m.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/04/mcminnville_dmv_office_reopens.html

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *April 30, Occupational Health & Safety* – (National) **H1N1 flu guidance offered to first responders.** The U.S. Fire Administration on Wednesday asked the EMS/first responder community to consult a guidance document for procedures to use during the flu outbreak. USFA said it is working with the Department of Homeland Security and other federal partners on the guidance, calling it a “dynamic process” and promising more information as soon as appropriate agency approvals are obtained. The International Association of Emergency Medical Services Chiefs also is making the guidance and other information available at its Web site. The U.S. Department of Transportation’s “EMS Pandemic Influenza Guidelines for Statewide Adoption and Preparing for Pandemic Influenza: Recommendations for Protocol Development and 9-1-1 Personnel and Public Safety Answering Points” is available at www.ems.gov. State and local EMS agencies should review the documents for useful information, USFA said.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/Home.aspx>

35. *April 30, Santa Barbara Daily Sound* – (California) **Report highlights need for emergency center.** Finding a sturdy and permanent home for the County of Santa Barbara’s emergency operations, thus replacing its woefully undersized and earthquake-susceptible current facility, should be a top priority for county leaders, according to a new report by the County Civil Grand Jury. Noting the spate of possible emergencies facing the county, from natural disasters to terrorist attacks, grand jury representatives urged leaders to move quickly on plans to build a dedicated emergency operations center (EOC). “A major earthquake or pandemic flu could come at any time,” according to the

report. “Now is the time to take a new look at emergency preparedness and a dedicated EOC to protect the entire county.” Last year, the community faced two severe wildland fires that tested the current facility where officials coordinate their response and resources. County leaders recently directed staff to finish up the design and engineering aspects of a new facility to make it “shovel-ready,” the county’s emergency operations chief said, and the concept should be returning to the Board of Supervisors in several months.

Source: <http://www.thedailysound.com/News/043009eocreport>

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Information Technology

36. *April 28, CNET News* – (International) **Another Adobe Reader security hole emerges.** Security experts are recommending that people disable JavaScript in Adobe Reader following reports of a vulnerability in the popular portable document format reader on April 28. The vulnerability appears to be due to an error in the “getAnnots()” JavaScript function and exploiting it could allow someone to remotely execute code on the machine, according to an advisory from the US-CERT. “US-CERT encourages users and administrators to disable JavaScript in Adobe Reader to help mitigate the risk,” the post said. “To disable JavaScript in Adobe Reader, open the General Preferences dialog box. From the Edit-Preferences-JavaScript menu, uncheck ‘Enable Acrobat JavaScript.’” All currently supported shipping versions of Adobe Reader (8.1.4, 9.1 and 7.1.1 and earlier) are vulnerable and Windows, Macintosh and Unix platforms are affected, Adobe said in an advisory. The company said it would release updates for all the platforms but did not yet have a time frame for that. “We are currently not aware of any reports of exploits in the wild for this issue,” the advisory said.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-10229070-83.html

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

Nothing to report

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *April 30, Associated Press* – (New York) **Part of vacant collapses in NYC, no one**

injured. Part of a vacant five-story building that had recently been cited for loose bricks and cracks collapsed in lower Manhattan on Thursday morning, leaving a mound of rubble but apparently causing no injuries. Emergency crews with a dog were searching the site and a neighboring building as a precaution. Gas was shut off in the area. Inspectors with the Buildings Department were at the scene, about seven blocks north of the World Trade Center site. The cause was not immediately determined. It appeared the front half of the building at 71 Reade St. was sheared off in the collapse, and interior floors were visible from the street. Some work was being done to shore up the building, which is next door to a construction site, according to the buildings commissioner. Inspectors had been there this week. On Wednesday, violations were issued for loose bricks and cracks throughout its north and west side, according to city records. On Tuesday, the city cited it for being vacant, open, and unguarded after a caller complained the building was abandoned. On April 10, the city cited the property for having unrepaired cracks on its parapet and window sills. The collapse occurred before the normally busy flow of pedestrians and traffic. The neighborhood is part of an officially designated historic district in the Tribeca section of Manhattan, but the building was constructed in the late 1980s.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j15p0Hb6h7UxdnioweVwZNzLYkewD97SRG8G0>

38. *April 29, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Police find explosive materials at Palo Alto apartment complex.** Police evacuated the Arastradero West apartments in Palo Alto and called a bomb squad Tuesday afternoon after finding the makings of explosives in one of the units. The chemicals belonged to a teenage boy suspected of playing with fireworks in a nearby vacant lot a week or two earlier, a Palo Alto police agent said. The discovery came after officers met the teen at a nearby school and accompanied him home to search his apartment. “There were lots of different components, all separate, but together potentially dangerous,” the police agent said. “Had he mixed them all together he could have made a big flame or a big bang.” The police agent said he did not know specifically what chemicals were found in the apartment. Police evacuated the building and called the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad at about 3 p.m., he said. Residents were allowed back into the complex shortly after 5:30 p.m., though the bomb squad remained on the scene until after 6 p.m.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12252394?nclick_check=1

39. *April 28, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **Engineer tests Yonkers apartment tower after facade collapse.** An engineer on April 27 began testing the soundness of the brick facade at a downtown Yonkers high-rise complex after a portion of it came down on April 24, injuring a 63-year-old man. The city Building Department issued a violation on April 27 to the owner of the 47 Riverdale Ave. complex. It ordered Related Cos. of New York City, which bought the 343-unit complex in May, to hire an engineer to install a sidewalk bridge to protect pedestrians; and to place a protective screen over the front of the building. A review of Building Department records showed several violations at the building, known as Riverview II, such as inoperable intercoms, but nothing related to the facade problem. Though the problem is still under

investigation, the city building commissioner said the collapse appeared to be due to a failure of the rods that tie the block facing of the building to the main structure. The city plans to ask the owners of a similar adjoining complex, Riverview I, to conduct a check of its facade. The buildings were constructed together in the mid-1970s by the same construction companies. A Related Cos. spokeswoman said there had been no previous indication of a problem with the building's facade and that the company plans to make \$11.5 million worth of improvements.

Source: <http://lohud.com/article/20090428/NEWS02/904280324/-1/newsfront>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

40. *April 27, USA Today* – (National) **America's 11 most endangered historic places announced.** On April 27 the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced its list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places for 2009. The Trust creates this list annually to highlight historical sites at risk of destruction. The announcement was made at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles, one of the sites at risk. The list includes the following: the Manhattan Project's Enola Gay Hangar at Wendover Airfield in Utah; Unity Temple in Oak Park, Illinois; New Mexico's Mount Taylor; the Ames Shovel Shops complex in southeastern Massachusetts; a 12-block strand of 19th-century buildings with cast-iron storefronts in Galveston, Texas; Miami Marine Stadium in Virginia Key, Florida; Dorchester Academy in Midway, Georgia; the Art Deco Human Services Center in Yankton, South Dakota; and Memorial Bridge, which connects Portsmouth, New Hampshire to Kittery, Maine.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2009-04-28-endangered-places_N.htm

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Dams Sector

41. *April 28, Portland Business Journal* – (National) **OSU makes waves with new "hurricane" maker.** The Hinsdale Wave Research Laboratory at Oregon State University has completed installation of a new \$1.1 million "hurricane" wavemaker. The wavemaker is the largest of its type in the nation and is able to more accurately simulate the types of waves and flooding that can cause billions of dollars in damage. The hurricane waves produced by the new system are not actually driven by wind, but are long period, shallow water waves much like those generated by sustained hurricane-force winds or tsunami events. The laboratory's previous system produced taller waves. Researchers plan to use the new technology in a series of major research projects, involving scientists from all over the world, to study the impact of hurricanes and tsunamis on structures and how these events lead to flooding that can overtop a levee or cause severe coastal erosion. The new system was funded by the National Science Foundation. The state of Oregon, through its Engineering Technology Innovation Council, also provided another \$1 million to upgrade offices and laboratories at the center.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2009/04/27/daily17.html>

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