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- According to the Anchorage Daily News, Trident Seafoods Corp. has agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency more than \$112,000 for failing to properly report its storage of thousands of pounds of ammonia at three of its Alaska plants as well as at a Seattle plant. (See item [22](#))
- The Washington Post reports that two Montgomery County, Maryland teenagers have been charged with arson and conspiracy to commit murder in an alleged plot to kill the principal at their White Oak high school with a nail-filled bomb and then trigger a major explosion inside the school, authorities said on April 29. (See item [34](#))

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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 2, HS Daily Wire* – (National) **Smart Grid offers savings, vulnerabilities.** A source familiar with the draft text of the bill adds that the “critical electric infrastructure” would include “any system assets used for generation, transmission,

distribution or metering of electric energy.” Including “metering” technology in that energy infrastructure definition puts smart-grid technology squarely in the regulatory spotlight — the systems use wireless “smart meters” to adjust energy demand and relay power-use data back to utilities. This smart-grid addendum is timely: Advocates of the smart grid argue that a power system revamp is necessary to deal with ballooning energy prices, which are estimated to increase 20 percent over the next 10 years. The U.S. President’s economic stimulus package includes \$4.5 billion devoted to implementing smart-grid technologies. An author of Forbes writes that even as enthusiasm around the smart grid grows, several cybersecurity researchers have warned about the potential for exploiting smart meters to disable or take control of electric networks. In January, for instance, an independent cybersecurity researcher gave a presentation at the S4 conference in Miami, describing a method for bypassing the encryption on Zigbee wireless chips, the same sort of technology that some metering systems would use to communicate with a smart grid. By inserting a hypodermic needle into a meter’s circuit board and using an oscilloscope to read the electrical signals before they are encrypted, the researcher was able to obtain the gadget’s cryptographic key, a trick that could potentially be used to gain wider access to the grid. Last month, researchers at security firm IOActive used the researcher’s research to create a proof-of-concept exploit that could potentially spread from meter to meter, taking control of an entire network. Source: <http://www.hsdailywire.com/single.php?id=7890>

2. *May 1, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **NH transformer fire nixes power to 75 businesses.** A transformer failure and fire in Manchester, New Hampshire caused a power outage to about 75 businesses in the millyard buildings and evacuated 200 people. Fire officials said there were no injuries and no damage to the buildings April 30. They used dry-chemical fire extinguishers to control the fire. WZID reports that about a half-dozen businesses were still without power the morning of May 1 and expected to get it back in the afternoon. Source: <http://wbztv.com/newhampshirewire/22.0.html?type=local&state=NH&category=n&file name=NH--TransformerFi.xml>
3. *May 1, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **28th Street S interchange on I-275 reopened after oil tanker accident.** The Interstate 275 ramps and blocks of 28th Street in St. Petersburg that were closed when a tanker overturned on April 30 are open to traffic. Officials closed the road when hundreds of gallons of used oil spilled onto the roadway from a Tim’s Oil Reclamation tanker that had lost control as it exited southbound I-275 at 28th Street S. The driver, 44, apparently took the exit too fast and hit a curb along 28th Street, said an assistant chief of St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue. The truck came to rest on its left side facing north. About 350 gallons of the 4,800 gallons on board spilled when a cap on top of the truck came off, he said. Some of the oil got into storm drains, he said, but it is unclear how much. Sand was spread around the truck to soak up the oil. Source: <http://blogs.tampabay.com/breakingnews/2009/05/overturned-oil-tanker-beneath-i275-at-28th-street-s.html>
4. *April 30, U.S. Coast Guard* – (Alaska) **Additional oil successfully removed from Drift**

River. The potential threat posed by the stored oil at the Drift River Oil Terminal has been reduced approximately 93 percent. The Chevron-flagged tanker Mississippi Voyager completed an out load of oil and water from the terminal's tanks and departed for a refinery in Hawaii at 6:30 a.m. on April 30. "We have effectively removed the majority of the oil at the facility," said a state on scene coordinator, unified command. "Thus we have significantly reduced the potential threat to Cook Inlet." The unified command will continue to monitor the facility and discuss the situation on at least a weekly basis until information is received from the Alaska Volcano Observatory indicating the volcano has entered a dormant period. About 60 percent of the initial 6.2 million gallons (148,000 barrels) of the stored oil in tanks 1 and 2 at the Drift River Terminal was removed in the April 6 draw down. That volume of oil has been further reduced to about 7 percent of the initial 6.2 million gallons. At least 5,040,000 gallons (120,000 barrels) of water was pushed back into the tanks from the Mississippi Voyager to ensure the tanks do not become buoyant in the event of a flood. Repairs and clean-up of the facility continues. About 3,000 feet of the existing runway has been cleared to allow for diesel fuel deliveries by fixed wing aircraft. The fuel is used to run generators and heavy equipment at the facility.

Source: <http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/go/doc/780/270741/>

5. *April 30, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Gasoline storage tank explosion kills worker.** A contract worker trying to open an underground gasoline storage tank in Oakland County has been killed after fumes ignited, causing an explosion. The Waterford Township deputy police chief says the 42-year-old man was using some type of cutting instrument while working in a 10-foot hole at a Sunoco gas station, about 25 miles northwest of Detroit. He says investigators believe a spark from the cutting instrument ignited gasoline fumes about 1 p.m. April 30. The man was blown from the hole. No one else was injured. He says investigators are having difficulty getting details because of a "language barrier" with other workers who do not speak English. He is not sure what language they speak, and police were trying to find an interpreter.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-mi-explosion-mankill,0,2410144.story>

6. *April 29, Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Suspicious package at St. Bernard Parish refinery prompts investigation.** Authorities responded to a report of a suspicious package the morning of April 29 at a fire station at the Murphy Oil refinery in St. Bernard Parish. The Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and federal terrorism investigators were called to the plant around 11 a.m. The Sheriff's Office bomb squad took "disruptive action" at the scene to make sure the package did not harm anyone, authorities said.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2009/04/suspicious_package_at_st_berna.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *April 30, WOWK 13 Charleston* – (West Virginia) **State officials: Bayer lacked permit**

for tank involved in deadly 2008 explosion. The state Department of Environmental Protection says that Bayer CropScience was in violation of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act by having the chemical tank on its property that was involved in last year's deadly explosion. Officials claim the company was lacking a hazardous waste permit required under the law. However, Bayer says it believes the tank was exempt from the requirement. No action is being taken against the company at this time, as the investigation continues.

Source: <http://wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=57928>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

8. *May 1, Gannett Wisconsin Media* – (Wisconsin) **Point Beach nuclear plant safe, NRC says.** Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant received a clean bill of safety health from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. The NRC found that Point Beach met all safety objectives and the performance was at a level that resulted in no additional oversight. The NextEra Energy Resources site vice president said he was pleased with the NRC findings. “Our policy is that all injuries are preventable,” he said. “It shapes the way we behave because if we start saying minor injuries are unpreventable, it implies we think its acceptable, which we don’t.” While the safety assessment was good news for the plant, the NRC wanted to discuss other issues and concerns with the NextEra staff. The two biggest issues were in the areas of human performance and problem identification and resolution — areas the NRC thought needed improvements when they met with NextEra a year ago.

Source:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20090501/GPG0101/905010538/1207/GPG01/Point+Beach+nuclear+plant+safe++NRC+says>

9. *April 30, Reuters* – (International) **Bomb alert at French nuclear plant a hoax – EDF.** A bomb alert at a French nuclear power station proved a hoax and no explosives were found after extensive checks, power supplier EDF said on April 30. EDF evacuated the Chinon in western France plant after an anonymous phonecall was made at dawn from a nearby phonebox. “The controls carried out today...have just ended and showed that the Chinon nuclear production site was totally secure. No suspect object was found,” EDF said in a statement. The Chinon plant, which has four 900-megawatt nuclear reactors and supplies electricity to around 6 percent of the French population, continued to operate during the search. The hoax came at a time of unrest at the plant, with unions seeking a 5 percent pay rise and a 1,500-euro bonus.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSLU36032320090430>

10. *April 30, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (New York) **Tone alert radios out of service.** On April 29, with the James A. FitzPatrick (JAF) Nuclear Power Plant operating at 100 percent reactor power, Oswego County Emergency Management notified JAF that the National Weather Service had notified them that the Tone Alert

Radios had been out of service since 1938 on April 29. This impacts the ability to readily notify a portion of the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) Population for the Nine Mile Point and JAF Nuclear Power Plants. The National Weather Service worked to determine the cause of the failure and time frame for system restoration. The County Alert Sirens which also function as part of the Public Prompt Notification System remained operable. The loss of the Tone Alert Radios constituted a significant loss of emergency off-site communications ability. Compensatory measures have been verified to be available should the Prompt Notification System be needed. This consists of utilizing the hyper reach system which is a reverse 911 feature available from the county 911 center. Local Law Enforcement Personnel are also available for 'Route Alerting' of the affected areas of the EPZ. The event has been entered into the corrective action program, and the NRC Resident Inspector has been briefed, and the state PSC will also be notified. The Tone Alert Radios were restored on April 30.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45030>

See also: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45031>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *April 30, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **Fire prompts evacuation from Gainesville plant.** Gainesville firefighters quickly extinguished a small fire April 30 in a portion of the roof at a large manufacturing facility on Old Oakwood Road. There were no injuries. The 5:30 p.m. fire at Indalex Aluminum Solutions at 2905 Old Oakwood Road prompted the evacuation of about 50 employees. Flames and smoke were visible from a northwest corner of the building when firefighters arrived. A ladder truck was used to reach the area, and firefighters attacked the blaze from the inside, quickly bringing it under control. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/news/article/18200/>

12. *April 29, Bristol Herald Courier* – (Virginia) **Employees sickened by chemical odor.** About 50 employees were sickened and one sought medical treatment April 28 after a chemical odor, believed to be coming from the nearby MXI Environmental plant, drifted inside the Hapco plant at Exit 22 off Interstate 81 in Abingdon. "It is like a very strong perfume smell," said a spokeswoman for Hapco, who said employees complained of symptoms that included nausea, sleepiness, muscle cramps, headache and fatigue. Officials at the MXI facility, which produces fuel alcohol from waste materials, are conducting an investigation to determine whether there was an abnormal release of chemicals from the plant. But employees on site the morning of April 28 "did not get sick or smell any unusual smell." About 83 employees were at the Hapco facility when the incident occurred about 7:30 a.m. April 28; about 50 felt ill, but afterward all but one went back to work.

Source:

http://www.tricities.com/tri/news/local/article/employees_sickened_by_chemical_odor/23524/

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *April 30, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Y-12 workers sent to hospital after exposure.** Two workers at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge were sent to the hospital on April 30 after being exposed to fumes of hydrochloric acid, a plant spokeswoman said. They were later released and apparently unharmed. The spokeswoman of B&W, the federal contractor at Y-12, said two men were “momentarily” exposed to fumes from about a gallon of acid when a clamp failed on a pump during maintenance activities. Hydrochloric acid is highly corrosive.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/apr/30/y-12-workers-sent-hospital-after-exposure/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *May 1, Indiana Star* – (Indiana) **Feds charge 7 in \$19.7M Central Indiana mortgage scam.** Federal investigators say they have cracked a massive mortgage fraud scheme in Central Indiana: a sprawling web of forged documents, inflated property values and fraudulent loans adding up to nearly \$20 million. Three people were charged on April 30 with wire fraud and money laundering, and four with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. If convicted, each faces 15 to 30 years in prison and fines of \$1 million. The scheme, involving 149 loans worth \$19.7 million, led to the foreclosures of 97 Eastside homes in Windsor Village, where duplexes were sold at the inflated price of \$120,000 each, only to be foreclosed when no payments were made. Many were later resold for \$3,500 to \$15,000 apiece. The scheme took place from 2003 to 2005, according to the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. He called it the largest fraud case his department has handled in the past decade.
Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20090501/NEWS02/905010335>
15. *April 30, Financial Advisor* – (California) **Beverly Hills fund scam nets \$38M.** The Securities and Exchange Commission has shut down two Beverly Hills hedge funds that allegedly used a web of lies to raise \$38 million from 20 investors. The funds lost millions of dollars over the years and had less than \$650,000 in assets at the end of 2008, but the key figure in the scheme doctored the funds’ account statements, bragging of more than \$800 million in assets and annual returns of between 15 percent and 60 percent, according to the SEC. He convinced one prospect to invest in the funds by falsely claiming the funds’ investors included a member of the Milken Family Foundation and the CEO of Oracle Corp., according to the SEC. The lies also included claims that the funds held positions in companies such as Apple, Microsoft Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores, according to the SEC. The funds, Ruderman Capital Partners and Ruderman Capital Partners A, has been taking investors funds since at least 2002, according to SEC, with two investors putting \$1 million into the funds as recently as January, money that was used by the mastermind to make a “Ponzi-like” payment to an

investor who requested a \$750,000 withdrawal. The scheme collapsed in April when the mastermind's attorney sent a letter to investors stating that "there is currently very little value in the assets held by the [funds]," according to the SEC. As of March 31, 2009, the funds had total remaining assets of about \$387,000, according to the SEC complaint. Source: <http://www.fa-mag.com/fa-news/4122-beverly-hills-fund-scam-nets-38m.html>

16. *April 30, MarketWatch* – (National) **Senate rejects bill to modify troubled homeowner loans.** A controversial provision that would allow bankruptcy judges to modify mortgages for troubled homeowners was rejected by the Senate on April 30. The provision, known as "cram-down," failed on a vote of 51-45. A similar measure was approved by the House earlier this year. Citigroup Inc. endorsed a version of the measure earlier this year that would have allowed bankruptcy judges to modify loans that existed prior to the measure becoming law. However, since then most other financial institutions have lobbied furiously on Capitol Hill to make sure it was not adopted. The provision, would have allowed bankruptcy judges to rewrite the terms of a mortgage contract by changing interest rates or extending the loan payment periods. The rejection is a setback for the U.S. Presidential Administration, which endorsed it. A similar measure was removed from a \$700 billion bank bailout bill approved by Congress in October with the expectation by many Senators that lawmakers would return to approve it at a later date. The American Bankers Association, which had lobbied heavily on Capitol Hill against the measure, was satisfied with the result. Source: http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/senate-rejects-controversial-cramdown-measure/story.aspx?guid={2CFA8AA2-A7FD-4606-B945-A0323284741F}&dist=msr_1
17. *April 30, Computerworld* – (International) **New standard for encrypting card data in the works; backers include Heartland.** The same organization that led the development of security standards for payment-card magnetic stripe data and PIN-based transactions will soon begin work on a new specification for encrypting cardholder data while it is in transit between systems during the transaction process. And among the companies in the forefront of the effort is Heartland Payment Systems Inc., the Princeton, New Jersey-based payment processing firm that announced in January what some analysts think could end up being the largest data breach involving credit-card information thus far. The Accredited Standards Committee X9, which is accredited by the American National Standards Institute, is set to launch an initiative formally known as the Sensitive Card Data Protection Between Device and Acquiring System program. ASC X9 develops and maintains numerous standards for the financial services industry in the United States, and participants said the week of April 27 that the goal of the new effort is to develop a data encryption standard to protect information from the moment a card is swiped at a payment register to the end of the transaction chain at a so-called acquiring bank. The need for such "end-to-end" protection has become increasingly apparent within the payment card industry in the wake of the continuing breaches at companies such as Heartland and RBS WorldPay Inc., another payment processor that disclosed a system intrusion last December. But while proprietary tools are available from a few vendors for achieving that type of protection, there currently is no standard approach, said the director of security engineering at ACI Worldwide Inc., a vendor of

payment processing software in New York.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9132420&intsrc=news_ts_head

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Transportation Sector

18. *May 1, Glenwood Springs Post Independent* – (Colorado) **Gas pipeline cause of I-70 sinkhole west of Rifle.** A large sinkhole discovered in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 70 just east of the Rulison exit was caused by a water-filled void around a Williams Production gas pipeline running under the highway, crews determined on April 30. The depression was discovered by CDOT Region 3 maintenance crews about 7:20 p.m. April 29, just east of mile marker 81. Traffic was soon detoured onto Highway 6 between Exit 81 at Rulison and Exit 87 at west Rifle. “The hole was about 6 feet in diameter and 8 inches deep,” a spokesman said. No accidents resulted from the sinkhole. The hole was excavated overnight to approximately 35 feet in diameter and 8 feet deep, enabling crews to examine the subsurface and ensure there were no other voids. On April 30, crews from CDOT and Williams Production, a gas company operating in the area, drilled four bores into the westbound lanes above a 20-inch diameter gas pipeline that was laid 20 feet under the roadway in February, to determine if the line was the source of the voids. Williams Production will use high-pressure grouting equipment to fill the voids surrounding the pipeline with a type of “light concrete,” according to a Williams spokeswoman. The pipeline runs approximately 400 linear feet under the interstate. “The bore was drilled in January before the pipeline was installed,” she said. “We’re still investigating what caused the void, so we really don’t know what the direct cause was yet.” The pipeline was installed to collect gas from the Rulison area and take it to a processing plant on Parachute Creek.

Source:

<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20090501/VALLEYNEWS/904309986/1074>

19. *May 1, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Suspicious package under Howard Frankland Bridge is actually research device.** For a brief 20 minutes during rush hour the evening of April 30, the normally packed Howard Frankland Bridge in St. Petersburg was clear of traffic. Officials shut down the well-traveled bridge just before 6 p.m. after getting reports of a suspicious package underneath the structure. The Tampa Police Department’s bomb squad was called. The Florida Highway Patrol shut down southbound lanes in Hillsborough and the northbound lanes on the Pinellas side. Officials soon realized the “package” was not suspicious at all, but instead was a research device put on the bridge by the Florida Department of Transportation. The bomb squad never made it to the scene, and the road was reopened just before 6:20 p.m. The device is used to measure salt content around the bridge’s pilings to gauge erosion. It is about the size of a countertop microwave.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/transportation/roads/article997116.ece>

20. *April 29, Environmental Manager’s Compliance Advisor* – (National) **Gas cylinder**

amendments. A provision to ensure the protection of valves and pressure release devices attached to vehicle-mounted spherical pressure vessels and cylinders containing compressed gas highlights a number of final amendments to the federal hazardous materials regulations (HMR). According to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the amendments are intended to enhance the safe transportation of hazmats, clarify regulatory requirements, and reduce operating burdens on cargo tank and cylinder manufacturers, requalifiers, carriers, shippers, and users. Regarding the transport of pressurized cylinders and spherical pressure vessels on vehicles, typically called tube trailers, PHMSA is incorporating by reference into the HMR's Technical Bulletin-25 (TB-25) published by the Compressed Gas Association (CGA). TB-25 specifies structures to protect valves and pressure relief devices and design considerations for static, dynamic, and thermal loads affecting tube trailers. CGA developed TB-25 to address safety concerns identified following a May 1, 2001, hydrogen gas tube trailer incident in which horizontally mounted cylinders on a semi-trailer were damaged, along with valves, piping, and fittings, causing the release of hydrogen gas. The accident was investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which recommended that PHMSA require protective measures for transporting pressurized gas cylinders. In addition, NTSB said PHMSA should establish regulations to ensure that individual cylinders are within the envelope of mounting bulkheads on trailers to protect them from contact with the road in the event of a rollover.

Source: <http://safety.blr.com/news.aspx?id=112990>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *May 1, Wisconsin Ag Connection* – (Wisconsin) **Bags of fresh spinach recalled for Salmonella.** Bags of fresh spinach distributed through a Milwaukee-based food processor are being removed from store shelves in Wisconsin after routine food safety tests of Kleen-Pak brand fresh spinach tested positive for Salmonella, a bacteria that can cause food-borne illness. State health officials say that no illnesses have been associated with the product, but are taking precautionary measures. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture is advising consumers to discard any 10-ounce bags of Kleen-Pak curly-leaf fresh spinach with the listed 'use by dates' of April 29, April 30 and May 1. Officials say the product contamination is not associated with the ongoing national investigation of Salmonella contamination of peanut butter products, pistachios or alfalfa sprouts. Kleen-Pak of Milwaukee is fully cooperating with the recall and actively working with their distributors to remove the product from store shelves, restaurants and food wholesalers. The 10-ounce bags of fresh spinach were distributed to grocery stores in Wisconsin, mainly in the southern and southeastern part of the state. The spinach was

also distributed into Illinois, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is assisting with the recall as another state is involved.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.php?Id=534&yr=2009>

22. *April 30, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska; Washington) **Trident agrees to \$112,000 fine.** One of Alaska's biggest seafood processors has agreed to pay more than \$112,000 for failing to properly report its storage of a toxic gas at three of its Alaska plants as well as at a Seattle plant. Trident Seafoods Corp. agreed to pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$61,354 for violating federal law by not reporting thousands of pounds of ammonia, implicated in many leaks and dangerous explosions, to emergency planners. The company also agreed to provide more than \$51,000 in emergency equipment to accident responders in Kodiak and Akutan. The Alaska violations occurred at Trident's Kodiak, Akutan and Petersburg plants in 2006, according to the federal consent order Trident signed in April. Ammonia is often used in refrigeration at food plants and on fishing boats, and leaks over the past few years have caused evacuations at Alaska fish plants.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/story/779612.html>

23. *April 30, Daily Review Atlas* – (Illinois) **Man who made bomb threat against Farmland Foods sentenced to five years.** A Nashville, Tennessee man pleaded guilty to felony disorderly conduct for a bomb threat he made to Farmland Foods in Monmouth, Illinois in March. The former Monmouth resident and Farmland Foods employee, who was fired about two years ago, was extradited to Warren County from Nashville after he threatened to detonate 10 pounds of C-4 explosives on an ammonia tank in the building. A search of Farmland Foods revealed no bomb. The man demanded \$100,000 be deposited in a bank account to stop him from detonating the bomb. The threat was made through a relay phone call, a communication center used by people with hearing or speech impairments. The call was received by the Monmouth Police Department through 9-1-1 call on March 13 at 4:13 a.m. Monmouth Police officers with help from the Office of Homeland Security and the Joint Terrorism Task Force of the FBI determined the call came from Nashville and were able to pinpoint the man as the caller. During a series of calls made that afternoon, he made vague references to the Quad Cities airport. A commercial aircraft, scheduled to take off that morning, was searched and no bombs were found. He received the maximum five-year sentence.

Source: <http://www.reviewatlas.com/news/x845557459/Man-who-made-bomb-threat-against-Farmland-Foods-sentenced-to-five-years>

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Water Sector

24. *May 1, Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Spill sends 1,000 gallons of oil into waste treatment plant.** Medford City officials are investigating a spill that sent nearly 1,000 gallons of oil into a wastewater treatment plant April 28. Staff members at the Regional Water Reclamation Facility on Kirtland Road became aware of a heavy petroleum-based oil that entered the plant just after noon. The flow continued to enter the sewage plant until about 6 p.m., according to city officials. Workers were able to divert the contaminated

flow, officials said. None of the oil continued through the treatment process and there was no loss of water quality in the effluent as a result of the spill. Medford employees with the assistance of Rogue Valley Sewer Services workers are trying to determine the source of the oil spill. Preliminary reports suggest it might have originated in the general Central Point, west Medford or Jacksonville area. Samples of the pollutant were sent to a laboratory for analysis to determine exactly what it is, officials said. If investigators are able to determine the source, the guilty party could cover the cost of cleanup and might be hit with additional fines, officials said.

Source:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090501/NEWS/905010337>

25. *April 30, Water Technology Online* – (National) **AWWA: No flu risk in disinfected tap water.** People can not catch the swine flu (H1N1 virus) from drinking properly disinfected tap water, even disinfected water originally drawn from a water source that had been in contact with infected people or animals, says the American Water Works Association (AWWA). In any event, in response to the possibility of a swine flu pandemic, the AWWA has prepared information about the safety of drinking water and resources for utility planning. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the swine flu can only be transmitted through person-to-person contact or contact with a contaminated surface. The AWWA says, “Water that has been treated through conventional disinfection processes does not pose a risk, even if the source water has previously come into contact with infected people or animals. This means that utilities practicing disinfection can assure their customers that treated water coming from the taps in homes and businesses is safe to drink.” AWWA has reminded utilities that now is a good time to revisit emergency plans that address staffing issues in the face of a pandemic. Many utilities developed these plans during the outbreaks of avian flu in 2003–2005. With its potential for causing staff shortages at water utilities, a pandemic could trigger water supply disruptions due to interruptions of power, chemical supplies or equipment operations. A January Journal AWWA article, “Water System Preparedness and Best Practices for Pandemic Influenza,” noted that illness and family care issues could create staffing shortages of up to 40 percent.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=71830

26. *April 30, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Open hydrant put public safety at risk.** Police are looking for the person who they say opened a fire hydrant April 29 in New Freedom, spilling 125 million gallons of water and putting the public’s safety at risk. The hydrant on Singer Road had been running for about three hours before someone reported it was open. An investigation by the New Freedom Borough Public Works Department showed that the water storage tank that services a portion of the borough had dropped 12 feet, and some residents had reported a drop in water pressure. New Freedom officials said that fire services could have been hampered greatly had there been a major fire during the time the hydrant was open.

Source: http://ydr.inyork.com/ci_12262313

27. *April 30, Gannett Washington Bureau* – (National) **EPA identifies potentially dangerous coal ash sites.** Forty-four potentially dangerous coal ash impoundment sites

around the country — similar to where a massive spill occurred last December in East Tennessee — have been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an agency official testified April 30. An acting assistant administrator for the EPA said at a House subcommittee hearing that a breach at any of the impoundment sites could cause damage downhill. In May, the EPA will begin sending inspectors to those and all of the approximately 400 sites where wet coal ash is stored. Those sites have been identified through a survey sent out to utility companies and other facilities by the agency in early March, he said. He said the 44 sites are deemed potentially hazardous based on their location, not because of any information about the status of the structures. EPA officials declined to release a list of those sites. An EPA spokeswoman said after the hearing that the designation “high hazard potential” is based on standards used for the National Inventory of Dams and means that failure would probably cause death and significant property damage. The hearing of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s subcommittee on water resources and environment was the most recent prompted by the December 28 failure of a retaining wall at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Kingston coal-fired utility plant. EPA officials aim to propose new regulations for the management of coal waste by the end of the year. A key issue will be whether to designate coal ash as a hazardous waste under federal law.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=86306&catid=2>

28. *April 30, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Spill 235 million gallons of sewage overflowed, MMSD says.** Overflowing combined sanitary and storm sewers in central Milwaukee and eastern Shorewood spilled an estimated 235.4 million gallons of rain-diluted sewage into local rivers and Lake Michigan from April 26 through the morning of April 28, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) officials said April 30. The district reported the volume to the state Department of Natural Resources. It was the first sewer overflow of the year. Recent storms dropped between two and four inches of rain on Milwaukee County communities and the deluge threatened to fill the district’s deep tunnel, officials said. Combined sewer overflows were started April 26 to prevent basement backups and reserve space in the tunnel for excessive flows from separate sanitary sewers in the 28 communities served by the district. A sanitary sewer at N. Green Tree Road and the Milwaukee River overflowed for several hours April 26. An estimated 620,000 gallons of sewage were discharged to the river at that location, the district said in its report. Flows into the pipe during the storm exceeded its capacity, resulting in the overflow. The district reported blending a total of 53.8 million gallons of partly treated sewage and fully treated wastewater at the Jones Island treatment plant on April 26 and 27. A state permit allows MMSD to blend up to 60 million gallons a day in a storm to temporarily boost treatment capacity at the plant. Blending reduces the volume of wastewater entering the deep tunnel and reduces the risk of overflows, district officials said.

Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3213455>

29. *April 30, WMBB 13 Panama City* – (Florida) **New vegetation causing problems at Deer Point Lake.** Florida Fish and Wildlife says Water Hyacinth and Cuban Bulrush have become an issue for Deerpoint Lake maintenance. The County’s only source of drinking water has been struggling the past few years to control overgrown vegetation

and FWC says these particular plants have become a problem because a homeowner likely introduced them to the lake. FWC reminds all residents that releasing aquariums or water gardens into a public water body is illegal. A county representative toured Deerpoint Thursday morning with the FWC and discussed ways to combat the problem. Herbicide will need to be used on the Water Hyacinth and Cuban Bulrush because mechanical harvesting and a drawdown would be ineffective. These plants have been known to double in mass every two weeks. If the problem is not treated quickly, it could get out of hand. Deerpoint Lake's pumps are currently being upgraded and prepared for a future drawdown. The drawdown is likely to happen next year, according to the county, and will assist with other difficult weeds.

Source:

http://www.panhandleparade.com/index.php/mbb/article/new_vegetation_causing_problems_at_deer_point_lake/mbb7716291/

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *May 1, Washington Post* – (National) **Many states do not meet readiness standards.** More than two dozen states, including Maryland, as well as the District, have not stocked enough of the emergency supplies of antiviral medications considered necessary to treat victims of swine flu should the outbreak become a full-blown crisis, according to federal records. The medications are part of a national effort to be prepared for a pandemic, and the stockpiling program is being tested for the first time by the rapid spread of the H1N1 strain of the influenza virus. If a health crisis wiped out drug supplies in pharmacies and hospitals, or if families were unable to get to their doctors, local and state officials could quickly distribute stockpiled medications. The Strategic National Stockpile, created a decade ago to provide a federally coordinated response to disasters, maintains a massive collection of antibiotics, vaccines, gas masks and other supplies in a dozen secret locations. The program was expanded in 2004 to include drugs needed in a pandemic and is designed to link with stockpiles kept by state governments, pharmaceutical companies and federal agencies. Federal agencies, which under the plan are expected to create their own stockpiles, are also falling short. The Postal Service, whose carriers could be needed to deliver medications in a pandemic, has no antiviral medications stocked. The federal government has met its goal of accumulating 50 million courses of the antiviral medications. Officials said the week of April 27 that the rollout of those drugs to states has gone smoothly.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/30/AR2009043004265.html>
31. *May 1, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **All NH's swine flu cases linked to hospitals.** Two probable cases of swine flu involve Concord Hospital employees and a third suspect case also involves a hospital worker, state health officials said April 30. One employee had not been at work while contagious and is not believed to have spread the disease to staff, patients and visitors. The second employee had been working while contagious. The employee suspected of having the disease is home resting. Anti-viral medications were given to both patients with probable cases.

Source:

<http://www.unionleader.com/article.aspx?headline=All+NH%27s+swine+flu+cases+linked+to+hospitals&articleId=773966d5-6352-4241-8c71-02121973c8d1>

32. *April 30, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Harvard hit with ‘probable’ case of swine flu; dental school to close.** The Harvard School of Dental Medicine was closed Friday, as well as its dental clinic, while officials investigate a “probable case” of swine flu there, Boston health officials announced April 30. The Boston Public Health Commission said it had closed the Harvard Dental Center as a precautionary measure until the extent of the illness could be determined. The officials said they had also requested cancellation of classes for third- and fourth-year, and post-doctoral students. The university announced separately that it would close both the dental school and the clinic May 1. Two recuperating Lowell brothers had been the only confirmed swine flu victims in Massachusetts. But as worried patients clogged the phone lines and streamed into the waiting rooms of some Massachusetts medical offices April 30, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Health said it was likely other confirmed cases would be seen in the state.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/breaking_news/2009/04/harvard_hit_wit.html

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *April 30, Stars & Stripes* – (International) **Hazmat team investigates odor at Kinser warehouse.** Marines were investigating an unusual odor coming from a warehouse on Camp Kinser on April 30. A hazardous materials team investigation began on April 27 after Japanese workers said they became sick after working in the vacant warehouse. The area was secured and nearby buildings were evacuated, a public affairs officer for Marine Corps Bases Japan said April 28. “A full investigation to find the source of the odor is underway,” he stated in a news release. According to the officials at the Urasoe City Fire Station, located near the base, six Japanese base employees reported they became sick after working in the warehouse the week of April 20. Two of them complained of rashes and sore throats. A spokesman for Okinawa Defense Bureau of Ministry of Defense on April 28 said the bureau was concerned by the report and is waiting for the results of the investigation by the military. He added that initial reports indicated the odor may have come from leakage from an old pipe in the building.
- Source: <http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=62365>
34. *April 30, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **2 students charged with explosion, slaying plot.** Two Montgomery County, Maryland teenagers have been charged with arson and conspiracy to commit murder in an alleged plot to kill the principal at their White Oak high school with a nail-filled bomb and then trigger a major explosion inside the school, authorities said April 29. The Springbrook High School students are suspected of having set three fires at the school, including one April 28 before the discovery of the plot that led to their arrests, police said. According to police, the students planned “in the near future” to throw the bomb into the principal’s office, and then puncture a gas pipe in the

school's auditorium and use an incendiary device to set off an explosion. The Montgomery Police Chief said investigators think the students "really had an intention of doing this." "They were surely doing things that made one believe they were going to try," he said. Over the past month, the students "constructed and experimented with several different incendiary devices," said a police spokesman. They had also attempted to puncture pipes in the boys' locker room to determine whether they were gas lines, he said. Each is charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, three counts of first-degree arson and other offenses. They were scheduled to appear in court for bond hearings April 30.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/04/29/AR2009042902520.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

35. *April 30, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Bomb experts detonate package on capitol grounds.** Bomb experts from the California Highway Patrol detonated a mysterious package on the north side of the state Capitol shortly after noon on April 30, after the presence of two packages disrupted an Assembly floor session and caused the evacuation of about 100 people from the building. A CHP officer said no explosives were in the bag that was detonated, but the exact contents had not been determined. Offices on the north side of the Capitol were reopened about 12:30 p.m. The detonation, which could be heard for several blocks surrounding the Capitol and filled the air with the smell of smoke, occurred after CHP officers used a robot to move one of the packages, a leather satchel with a piece of metal protruding from it, about 30 yards away from the L Street side of the building, to the base of a large redwood tree in Capitol Park. The satchel had been hanging from a statue about 20 feet from the entrance, according to a CHP spokesperson. A passerby reported the packages to Capitol security shortly after 9 a.m. The CHP spokesman said the other package had been determined to be just a plastic bag full of clothes. The chief sergeant at arms for the state Senate said the plastic bag raised suspicions because it was found at the base of a monument to a forester who was killed in 1995 by a bomb planted by the notorious Unabomber.
Source: <http://www.modbee.com/featured/story/685707.html>

36. *April 28, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **ND nuke to be moved due to snow melt.** A nuclear missile will be removed from an underground silo in North Dakota because runoff from melting snow leaked into the facility, the Air Force said April 28. A Minot Air Force Base spokeswoman said there was no danger to the public and the intercontinental ballistic missile would be tested as a precaution. The base is the command center for 150 Minuteman III missiles sunk in hardened silos in western North Dakota. Earlier this month, Air Force crews placed sandbags, built earthen dikes and began pumping water from 15 missile sites to protect them from runoff after a record winter snowfall, the spokeswoman said. Snow was cleared from several sites. Water entered only one missile silo after penetrating a protective berm, the spokeswoman added. The silos are designed to handle some water and are equipped with sump pumps.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ja8avMGUd8D1jiXMkoR19oU296TAD97RQD100>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *April 30, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Suspected impostor wanted by Dallas police also responded to calls in Arlington.** A man who claimed to be an FBI task force member and helped Dallas police officers answer calls and make arrests also assisted Arlington police. The man told Arlington police he was a member of a terrorism task force, the television station reported. Both Dallas and Arlington police reported that he drove a black Ford Crown Victoria with flashing red-and-blue lights. Dallas police said he wore a bulletproof vest, carried a U.S. Marine military police badge and a Glock, a type of handgun that is carried by officers. The suspect also accompanied at least one Dallas police officer on at least six calls, including one the week of April 20 when a woman reported a possible break-in. The man faces charges of impersonating a public servant, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/050109dnmetimpstor.606ca49.html>
38. *April 29, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **4 officers' lives endangered, equipment lost after police boat wrecks.** A police boat was wrecked, an expensive piece of equipment was lost, and four officers' lives were endangered. There was a very close call involving the Louisville metro police boat. It is now under investigation by the department. WHAS11 reports that members of the LMPD marine squad were looking for a lost boater. A sergeant was in charge when the boat headed toward the hydroelectric plant dam looking for the missing boater. A side scan radar valued at about \$18,000 was deployed to look below the surface. As the boat got close to the dam, they encountered trouble. "This did get sucked into the hydro electric system, so we did lose that piece of equipment. In the midst of trying to escape, those turbulent waters is when our boat suffered some type of damage," says a sergeant. From SKY11, a giant hole in the hull, caused when the boat slammed into the concrete dam, could be seen. Had one of the four occupants fallen off, they would have likely been sucked in or knocked over the dam. As the boat began filling with water, the sergeant who was in charge reportedly drove it at a high enough speed to keep it from taking on water and sinking. The boat was beached a mile from its normal dock. One officer suffered a dislocated shoulder. The report regarding the incident is expected to be turned over to the deputy chief sometime April 30. Source: <http://www.whas11.com/topstories/stories/whas11-topstory-090429-police-boat-wrecked.2b4fe5a.html>

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Information Technology

39. *May 1, eWeek* – (International) **Facebook targeted in spam scam.** The popular social networking site Facebook successfully fought off an attack from a piece of malware on April 30, the second attack this week. Facebook, which claims 200 million users, said the phishing scam tricked users into clicking on a link in the messages inbox that took

them to a false Facebook Website here cyber-criminals were able to access their login information. The company said on April 30 it was able to shut down the two malicious links at the core of the attack, fbstarter.com and fbaction.net. Facebook said it is also in the process of removing messages that refer to the link, which tricks users with the message “Look at this!” as well as resetting passwords for affected members. The April 29 attack, a similar worm, directed users to the site BAction.net. In the wake of the attacks, Facebook and brand protection firm MarkMonitor announced that Facebook is using MarkMonitor’s AntiFraud Solutions to supplement Facebook’s own in-house security efforts in protecting users against malware attacks. Facebook, which already uses MarkMonitor AntiFraud Solutions to help combat phishing attacks, is expanding its use of MarkMonitor to further protect Facebook and its users from ongoing malware attacks. A Facebook threat analyst said the company’s deep commitment to the safety of its millions of users requires a strong, proactive security strategy, best-of-breed technology and active engagement with industry leaders. “MarkMonitor demonstrated that it understood the complexity of the phishing issue we were facing so it was a natural next step for us to bolster our own security systems with their anti-malware solution,” he said.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Midmarket/Facebook-Targeted-in-Spam-Scam-603252/>

40. *May 1, American Free Press* – (International) **Cyber crooks churning out trick flu emails.** Cyber crooks are capitalizing on influenza fears with torrents of email promising “swine flu” news but delivering malware or dubious offers for potency drugs or penis enlargement. An alert posted on April 30 at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration also warns that scammers have launched websites hawking bogus products “that claim to prevent, treat, or cure” the H1N1 flu virus. The FDA said it is “informing offending websites that they must take prompt action to correct and/or remove promotions of these fraudulent products or face immediate enforcement action.” “Zombie” computers infected with a dreaded Conficker virus that became an online scourge this year are among machines being used to spew flu spam crafted to trick email recipients, according to computer security firm Trend Micro. “The thing making it worse is the misinformation out there about swine flu,” a Trend Micro threats research manager said April 30. “These guys have picked up on all the fears people have. With all the hysteria of swine flu, some people click on these emails.” Subject boxes of spam email feature lines such as “Swine Flu Outbreak!” and “Madonna Catches Swine Flu!” in order to grab people’s interest, a tactic referred to by hackers as “social engineering.”

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jS9HKAwJcLh5wRxYV1KGI Bog3ygQ>

41. *April 30, HS Daily Wire* – (National) **Experts: U.S. military’s cyberwar rules “ill-formed.”** An experts panel criticized U.S. plans for cyberwarfare as “ill-formed,” “undeveloped,” and “highly uncertain”; as a result, many nuances of cyberwar have remained poorly understood, even as the military actively prepares for it. The U.S. government has yet to form a coherent policy for engaging in warfare that involves attacks on a country’s electrical power grids and other critical infrastructure, according

to a non-profit group of scientists and policy advisers. They called on policy makers to actively forge rules for how and when the military goes about mounting offensive and defensive acts of cyber warfare. “The current policy and legal framework for guiding and regulating the U.S. use of cyberattack is ill-formed, undeveloped, and highly uncertain,” the report, published by the National Academy of Sciences, states. “Secrecy has impeded widespread understanding and debate about the nature and implications of U.S. cyberattack.” The many nuances of cyberwar have remained poorly understood, even as the military actively prepares for it. They include the high degree of anonymity of those who carry out such attacks, making it hard to identify those who perpetrate them. Such attacks also result in much more uncertain outcomes than traditional warfare, making it hard to predict success and collateral damage.

Source: <http://www.hsdailywire.com/single.php?id=7889>

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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

42. *April 30, HS Daily Wire* – (International) **Making quantum cryptography’s promise a reality.** Quantum cryptography, in theory, is a completely secure means of communication. It is now much closer to being used practically as researchers from Toshiba and Cambridge University’s Cavendish Laboratory have developed high speed detectors capable of receiving information with much higher key rates, thereby able to receive more information faster. The journal paper, “Practical Gigahertz Quantum Key Distribution Based on Avalanche Photodiodes,” as part of New Journal of Physics’ “Focus Quantum Cryptography: Theory and Practice” issue, details how quantum communication can be made possible without having to use cryogenic cooling or complicated optical setups, making it much more likely to become commercially viable soon.

Source: <http://www.hsdailywire.com/single.php?id=7883>

See also: <http://www.iop.org/EJ/abstract/1367-2630/11/4/045005>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *May 1, Expatica Netherlands* – (International) **Driver in Dutch royal attack acting alone: authorities.** The car driver who had sought to ram the Dutch royal family but killed five onlookers died from his injuries on May 1 was acting alone, the prosecution service said. After conducting a search on the driver’s house, the public prosecutor has ruled out terrorism and said they believe the man was acting alone. “A search of the

home of the suspect yielded no weapons, explosives or indications of a broader conspiracy,” said a prosecution statement. “His death means the end of the criminal investigation against him,” said a spokesman, adding the investigation would continue in a bid to determine what had happened and whether more people were involved. Officials said April 30 they had arrested the driver of the black car which slammed into the foot of a monument after mowing down people gathered for the annual Queen’s Day royal procession in the central city of Apeldoorn in the Netherlands. The man had confessed to police that his action was aimed against the royal family, before being hospitalized with critical injuries. Eleven people remained injured in hospital on May 1. Five people were killed. A number of Antillean musicians also were hurt. Dutch media reported May 1 that the man had recently lost his job and apartment.

Source: <http://www.expatica.com/nl/news/dutch-news/Driver-in-Dutch-royals-attack-acting-alone -authorities 52157.html>

44. *April 29, Shelby Star* – (North Carolina) **GWU wrestler accused of bomb threat.** In Boiling Springs, North Carolina, a 20-year-old Gardner-Webb University wrestler went to jail April 27 for his alleged connection with a bomb threat earlier in the year. According to a warrant for his arrest, he called a GWU police officer and falsely reported an explosive device at the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center in late January. A GWU spokesman said “numerous” threats went out at the time of a multi-team wrestling meet, the first call being at 10:04 a.m. Officials evacuated, searched and cleared the convocation center. The spokesman said the process took “around 45 minutes to an hour.” The next threat reportedly came in at 11:58 a.m. The facility was then evacuated and cleared for a second time, the spokesman said. At that point, the decision was made to move the event to the university’s Bost Gym. A Gaston County K-9 detection unit arrived that Saturday afternoon to search the facility, Paul Porter Arena, and nearby Dover Theater. “They found nothing,” the spokesman said. The spokesman said a total of four threats surfaced. Officials connected the wrestler and another student to the incidents.

Source: <http://www.shelbystar.com/news/manning-38763-knapp-gwu.html>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

45. *May 1, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Narrows in Zion National Park reopening.** The Narrows area at Zion National Park is reopening. The Zion Narrows were closed after several groups had difficulties in the canyon, which is remote and can have high water. During the weekend of April 24-26, four of five groups that tried to kayak through the Narrows had problems and had to spend the night. Two groups required rescue. The incidents prompted the National Park Service to temporarily close the area. It was scheduled to reopen on May 1, but the park says the Narrows will be closed for the season if other groups encounter significant difficulties.

Source: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_12271916

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Dams Sector

46. *May 1, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **Corps considering three plans for [dams].** Three options for dealing with the high waters behind the Jamestown and Pipestem dams are under consideration by the Army Corps of Engineers. While each has its advantages and disadvantages, the corps currently considers one of the plans its preferred option and may finalize the plans after further meetings with officials. Option 1 would maintain the combined releases at 3,200 cubic feet per second until all of the flood control storage is evacuated, possibly in early July. The releases would be maintained at 1,400 cfs from the Pipestem Dam and 1,800 cfs from the Jamestown Dam. Flood control storage is defined as the water maintained behind the dams that is above the level of the lakes during the winter. Option 2 would maintain combined releases of 3,200 cfs until late May when they would be reduced to 1,800 cfs until late July. This option lowers the lake as rapidly as possible to a level where the dams have the storage capacity to contain runoff from a 100-year rain event. Option 3 would reduce releases immediately to a combined 1,800 cfs until the lakes reach the normal winter levels in late August.
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/articles/index.cfm?id=84963§ion=news>
47. *April 29, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Flood wall would be good for part of Plaquemines, bad for others, contend residents.** Jesuit Bend is a small Plaquemines Parish town about eight miles south of Belle Chasse. In recent years, many families have built homes in the area to escape hurricane threats in the lower part of the parish. The plan calls for just over a mile of earthen levees and flood walls and a 100-foot floodgate at Highway 23, just above Jesuit Bend. “This is the eastern tie in to the Mississippi River system, so this is a very important part of our overall hurricane and storm damage risk reduction system,” said the project manager for the Army Corps. But, people who live in Jesuit Bend claim the project actually increases the risk of flooding in their community and others south of the new flood wall. They say the nearby Conoco-Phillips refinery is also at greater risk. “The question is, will the Corps alter their project to encompass that area at this late date,” said the parish president. “That’s what I’ve been fighting.”
Source: <http://www.wwtv.com/topstories/stories/wwl042909tppaul.2fa1bb2.html>
48. *April 29, KXXV 25 Waco* – (Texas) **Flood waters overpower dam.** Water went rushing over a dam at Lake Mexia April 28 when levels increased to almost double normal capacity. Firefighters say the dam normally holds up to 7 feet of water but flash floods increased water levels to 12 feet. On top of that, the dam is also in need of repairs; firefighters say more concrete and rocks have been needed for stability. “With all the rain, we haven’t had a chance to come in here and fix it,” said a firefighter. “This last flooding had really eroded it quick.” Water levels are expected to continue to breach the dam reaching 14 feet April 29.
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