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North Dakota

(North Dakota) Officials target source of saltwater spill near Parshall. North Dakota authorities announced May 9 that 10,878 gallons of saltwater was released May 7 from an EOG Resources, Inc., central tank battery site in Mountrail County when the fitting on a hose failed. EOG Resources reported that the spill was contained on location and all but 420 gallons have been recovered. http://www.inforum.com/news/4028305-officials-target-source-saltwater-spill-near-parshall

Regional

(Wisconsin) Governor declares energy emergency after pipeline temporarily shuts down. The governor of Wisconsin declared a statewide energy emergency May 6 after a portion of the West Shore Pipe Line Co. pipeline between Milwaukee and Green Bay was shut down indefinitely when an anomaly was detected. The executive order waives various Federal and State limitations on the number of hours petroleum carrier drivers can work weekly, and was declared in order to circumvent potential gasoline and diesel shortages in the State while authorities continue to investigate and test the pipeline. http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/gov-scott-walker-declares-energy-emergency-after-pipeline-temporarily-shuts/article_8b553d40-b7a8-595d-b03e-a066015988e5.html

(Minnesota) Minnesota beet co-op to pay $1.5M for pollution violations. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced May 12 that Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative agreed to pay $1.5 million to resolve air and water quality violations after the cooperative released excessive hydrogen sulfide emissions and discharged untreated wastewater from its facility near Renville, resulting in a fish kill in Beaver Creek in 2013. http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2016/05/12/beet-co-op-pollution/

National

(National) FTC orders Apple, Google, Microsoft, others to reveal mobile security practices. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) began an investigation May 10 into the security practices at eight major mobile companies including Apple Inc., BlackBerry Limited, Google, Microsoft, and others to determine how the companies plan and carry out security operations for their mobile divisions, and to understand the factors companies consider when deciding whether to patch a vulnerability, among other inquires. The FTC stated that the investigation is an attempt to understand the current mobile security landscape. http://news.softpedia.com/news/ftc-orders-apple-google-microsoft-others-to-reveal-mobile-security-practices-503872.shtml

(National) EPA releases first-ever standards to cut methane emissions from the oil and gas sector. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced May 12 new steps to address methane emissions from both new and existing sources in the oil and gas sector, which include clarification of the Source Determination Rule, and a final Federal implementation plan for the Minor New Source Review Program in Indian County in an effort to reduce 510,000 short tons of methane by 2025. The new regulations also include the issuance of an Information Collection Request (ICR) that seeks information on the types of technology that could be used to reduce emissions and their associated costs. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-first-ever-standards-cut-methane-emissions-oil-and-gas-sector

International

(International) 190 Android apps infected with malware discovered on the Google Play Store. Google removed 190 applications infected with malware from its Google Play Store after it was notified by Dr. Web security researchers who discovered that the malware's mode of operation, Android.Click, waits for 6 hours after it is installed before forcibly loading a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) in the user's browser, prompting the user back to the Google Play Store to download a second app. http://news.softpedia.com/news/190-android-apps-infected-with-malware-discovered-on-the-google-play-store-503824.shtml

Banking and Finance Industry

(International) Israel approves extradition to U.S. of two securities fraud suspects. Officials from Israel's Ministry of Justice approved May 8 the extradition of two men to the U.S. indicted in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for their roles in a "pump-and-dump" stock manipulation scheme where the men and co-conspirators acquired shares in thinly traded companies, sent millions of spam emails inducing investors to purchase the stocks in order to artificially inflate the price, then sold off their holdings from 2011 – 2015. Authorities stated that charges were added to the indictment in March after discovering that the duo hacked into a dozen companies' networks and stole the personal information of more than 100 million people.
http://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-fraud-idUSKCN0Y01E6

(International) Android trojan steals credit card info, locks devices remotely. Researchers from Avast discovered a new Android banking trojan that is capable of spying on users and stealing credit card information by gaining admin rights to a victim's device after continuously prompting the Device Admin activation dialog until the user grants the malware admin rights, while hiding the app icon following the program's first run. Researchers stated that the trojan is designed to send information about the device to a command and control (C&C) server, intercept incoming short message service (SMS) messages and send them to the server, and receive further commands from its operators.
http://www.securityweek.com/android-trojan-steals-credit-card-info-locks-devices-remotely

(Arkansas) Region 8 women plead guilty to bank fraud of nearly $4 million. Officials from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas and the FBI announced May 11 that three employees at the First National Bank of Lawrence County pleaded guilty to embezzling more than $3.9 million from the bank from 2005 – 2015. Officials stated that the trio received advanced notice of internal audits, and would temporarily transfer money from other branches of the bank into the main vault to conceal their theft from auditors.
Source: http://www.ksla.com/story/31951405/region-8-women-plead-guilty-to-bank-fraud-of-nearly-4-million

(International) SWIFT warns of malware attack on another customer. The Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) warned customers May 13 against a second malware attack discovered at a bank using its services that targeted customer banks' secondary security controls by modifying the bank's PDF reader with malicious software to conceal the fraudulent transactions in PDF reports of payment confirmations. Attackers also exploited vulnerabilities in the bank's systems in order to initiate fund transfers, steal credentials, and use them to send irrevocable fund transfer orders via the SWIFT network.
http://www.computerworld.com/article/3069969/security/swift-warns-of-malware-attack-on-another-customer.html

Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector

(Texas) West fertilizer explosion was intentionally set: ATF, State fire marshal. Officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Houston Field Division announced May 11 that an April 2013 ammonium nitrate explosion at the West Fertilizer Company in West, Texas, which killed 15 people, injured dozens of others, and destroyed more than 500 homes, was intentionally set. Officials stated a full report on the blast will not be released until the conclusion of the criminal case. http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/ATF-Texas-State-Fire-Marshals-Office-on-West-Explosion-Cause-379007181.html

Commercial Facilities

(Maryland) Maryland mall shooting suspect charged with 3 counts of murder. A Federal Protective Service officer was taken into custody and charged after he shot two men and a woman in the parking lot of the Westfield Montgomery Mall in Maryland before shooting another woman in the parking lot of a Giant grocery store May 6. Two of the individuals who were shot died from their injuries, and authorities stated that the officer is also suspected of shooting his estranged wife in a separate incident May 5. http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/maryland-mall-shooting-suspect-eulalio-tordil-charged-3-counts-murder-n569921

(California) $4M worth of laptops stolen from Harbor Gateway warehouse. Los Angeles Police are searching for 5 men suspected of stealing over 7,600 Dell laptop computers worth approximately $4 million May 6 during an armed robbery at a warehouse in the Harbor Gateway area. The suspects zip-tied a guard and hooked up two trailers containing the merchandise to two trucks before driving off. http://mynewsla.com/crime/2016/05/09/4m-worth-of-laptops-stolen-from-harbor-gateway-warehouse/

Communications Sector

Nothing Significant to Report

Critical Manufacturing

(International) 2009-2016 Dodge Journey recalled for steering problems. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles issue a recall May 9 for 10,944 of its model years 2009 – 2016 Dodge Journey vehicles equipped with optional block heaters sold in the U.S. due to a steering issue where lines carrying power-steering fluid may leak when starting the engine in cold temperatures, thereby making the vehicle more difficult to steer and increasing the risk of a crash. No injuries have been reported in connection with the recall which includes an additional 187,436 vehicles sold in Canada. http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1103852_2009-2016-dodge-journey-recalled-for-steering-problems

Defense/ Industry Base Sector

Nothing Significant to Report

Emergency Services

(California) Feds say counselor smuggled drugs into prison. Federal authorities announced May 10 that a supervising drug counselor, four current and former inmates, and three others were indicted for smuggling drugs, cell phones, and other contraband into the Calipatria State Prison in Imperial County. Court records state that the counselor would meet the three co-conspirators, who supplied the drugs and contraband, in parking lots around the city of Moreno Valley and the city of Lancaster and smuggle the items into the prison through bags of chips, oatmeal boxes, and other canned goods.
http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/may/10/feds-say-counselor-smuggled-drugs-into-prison/

Energy

(International) Tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil spill into the Gulf of Mexico. Federal authorities announced that nearly 90,000 gallons of crude oil was released into the Gulf of Mexico from Shell Offshore Inc.'s Glider subsea system at its Brutus platform off the Louisiana coast May 12. Shell reported that production from all wells that flow to the platform were shut off and the U.S. Coast Guard stated that the spill was contained and cleanup operations were underway.
http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/tens-thousands-gallons-crude-oil-spill-gulf-mexico-n573311

Food and Agriculture

(National) Pilgrim's Pride Corp. recalls poultry products due to possible foreign matter contamination. Pilgrim's Pride Corp., expanded a previous recall May 6 to include approximately 5,176,844 pounds of its fully cooked chicken products sold in 30 variations due to potential contamination with plastic pieces after the firm received consumer complaints regarding extraneous materials found in the

chicken nugget products. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were shipped for institutional use nationwide. http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-027-2016-release-expansion

Government Sector (including Schools and Universities)

(California) Agents raid pot garden, evidence of gang involvement. California Department of Parks and Recreation park rangers worked with several agencies to conduct a raid on an illegal marijuana grow operation in Humboldt Redwoods State Park May 9, which found 20-acres of State park land that had been illegally cleared of native vegetation, and water that was being diverted from the tributaries of Bull Creek to the marijuana plants. Officials are searching for three suspects who ran from the illegal camp during the raid. http://www.krcrtv.com/north-coast-news/news/illegal-marijuana-site-raid-on-state-park-land-suspect-gang-involvement/39502478

(Pennsylvania) Auditor general faults Philly schools, SRC for lax management. The Pennsylvania auditor general released findings of an audit conducted on the Philadelphia School District May 11, which determined that the district failed to conduct background checks of all of its police officers and bus drivers, utilizes an insufficient accounting system for unused textbooks, uses unreliable student-data technology, and is the victim of a "broken" State funding system. The audit also determined that the School Reform Commission did not conduct timely performance evaluations of the superintendent. http://www.philly.com/philly/education/State_Auditor_General_faults_Philly_schools_SRC_for_lax_management.html

(Kansas) Haysville students allegedly plot to bomb middle school. Haysville Middle School Administrators announced that four students were taken into custody May 12 for allegedly plotting to bomb and shoot people at the middle school after resource officers were notified of the threat made via social media. The police department is investigating. http://www.kake.com/home/headlines/Haysville-Middle-School-students-in-custody-following-threats-379226611.html

Information Technology and Telecommunications

(International) Google suffers minor data breach via third-party benefits vendor. Google notified an unknown number of employees following a data breach that occurred when a manager of a third-party benefits vendor sent a file containing the names and Social Security numbers of an undisclosed number of Google employees to the wrong person. The individual who received the data deleted it from his computer and notified Google's vendor of the incident. http://news.softpedia.com/news/google-suffers-minor-data-breach-via-third-party-benefits-vendor-503839.shtml

(International) Bucbi ransomware makes a comeback after two years. Researchers at Palo Alto Networks reported that a cyber-crime group is utilizing a re-tooled version of the Bucbi ransomware that does not rely on social engineering tactics and works without needing to connect to an online command and control (C&C) server, uses a different installation routine, and also employs a different ransom note. The group uses brute-force attacks against corporate networks running Internet-available Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) servers. http://news.softpedia.com/news/bucbi-ransomware-makes-a-comeback-after-two-years-503821.shtml

(International) CryptXXX is now undecryptable, prevents users from accessing their PC. Researchers at Proofpoint discovered CryptXXX version 2.006, an update to CryptXXX, which defeats a Kaspersky Lab decrypter, blocks users' from going online, and locks a user's entire screen, forcing them to log onto a different computer to go online to buy Bitcoin and pay the ransom. The ransomware is distributed via malvertising campaigns, malicious ads on legitimate Web sites, or through an intermediary malware called Bedep. http://news.softpedia.com/news/cryptxxx-is-now-undecryptable-prevents-users-from-accessing-their-pc-503884.shtml

Public Health

(New York) Legionnaires' case prompts Auburn nursing home to restrict water use. The Commons at St. Anthony nursing home in Auburn placed filters on shower faucets, restricted water use, and is undergoing additional remediation efforts May 10 after Legionella bacteria was found in the nursing home's drinking water system when a resident tested positive for Legionnaires' disease. http://www.syracuse.com/health/index.ssf/2016/05/legionnaires_case_prompts_auburn_nursing_home_to_restrict_water_use.html

(Ohio) Ohio mistakenly releases health information of 59,000 residents. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services reported May 10 that it is reviewing its internal processes following the unintentional release of personal and health information of 59,000 residents after a satisfaction survey was sent to consumers of mental health services in February regarding the care they had received. http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2016/05/10/ohio-mistakenly-releases-health-information-of-59.html

Transportation

(Utah) TRAX train derailment injures three. The Transit Express (TRAX) Green Line Train traveling southbound from Central Point Station derailed in Salt Lake City May 8, injuring three people and prompting the line to shut down until further notice. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation and a bus bridge was established to help transport passengers to stops. http://www.sltrib.com/home/3868763-155/utah-trax-train-derails-causes-minor

(National) DHS inspector general lambasts TSA's IT security flaws. The DHS Office of Inspector General released a report the week of May 9 following a review of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Security Technology Integrated Program (STIP) and its Information Technology (IT) department, which found several security issues including unpatched software, inadequate contractor oversight, physical security, and inadequate vulnerability reporting, among other issues. The TSA stated that it is addressing the recommendations made in the report, and has developed a Cybersecurity Statement of Objective in

order to bring legacy transportation security equipment into compliance with IT security controls mandated by DHS.
http://www.networkworld.com/article/3069561/careers/dhs-inspector-general-lambasts-tsa-s-it-security-flaws.html

Water and Dams

(Missouri) City council votes to spend $3.2 million on levee repairs. St. Joseph city leaders voted May 9 to appropriate over $3.2 million in a 4-year project to repair local levees on the Missouri River. The bill serves the purpose of providing funding for and managing construction of river levee system L455 (left bank levee) and R460-471 (right bank levee).
http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_e674f788-0f78-5a17-a25b-7938cfd2fc69.html

(Michigan) Michigan will pay Flint's water bill in May. The governor of Michigan announced May 12 that the State will pay all Flint water bills in May to encourage the flushing of lead from old pipes and the recoating of plumbing with a corrosion chemical. The campaign, which began May 1 and will cost the State an estimated $1.7 million, urges residents to run cold water for 10 minutes a day for 14 days in order to help rid the system of toxic lead.
http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/national/michigan-will-pay-flints-water-bill-in-may

North Dakota Homeland Security Contacts

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.

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