



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 27 May 2016

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- Seattle City Light is investigating the cause of a power outage that knocked out power to downtown Seattle for about 1 hour May 25, causing 60 percent of the area to lose service. – *Seattle Times* (See item [1](#))
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalized May 26 a new food safety rule that requires food facilities to establish food defense monitoring procedures and corrective actions as part of an effort to prevent wide-scale public health harm. – *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* (See item [8](#))
- The CEO of NS1 reported that the company experienced dozens of large distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks and attacks against the company’s upstream network providers. – *Help Net Security* (See item [18](#))
- Officials reported that at least three people were injured and one person was killed May 25 after a suspect opened fire at the Irving Plaza music venue in New York City during a music performance. – *CNN* (See item [22](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *May 26, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Power restored after major, hour-long outage in downtown Seattle.** Seattle City Light is investigating the cause of a power outage that knocked out power to downtown Seattle for about 1 hour May 25, causing 60 percent of the area to lose service and 12,000 electric meters to be affected. Traffic was gridlocked during the outage and several people were trapped in the elevators of various buildings.  
Source: <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/downtown-seattle-loses-power/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *May 25, TheCarConnection.com* – (International) **2013–2014 Ford F-150 recalled to fix brake fluid leak: 271,000 trucks affected.** Ford Motor Company issued a recall May 25 for 225,012 of its model years 2013 – 2014 Ford F-150 vehicles equipped with 3.5-liter gasoline turbocharged direct injection (GTDI) engines sold in the U.S. due to a problem with the front-wheel brakes where brake fluid, leaking from the brake master cylinder into the brake booster, can cause drivers to experience a complete loss of braking power, increasing the risk of a crash. Ford has received 9 reports of accidents linked to the problem and the recall affects an additional 43,682 vehicles in Canada, and 402 vehicles in Mexico.  
Source: [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1104150\\_2013-2014-ford-f-150-recalled-to-fix-brake-fluid-leak-271000-trucks-affected](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1104150_2013-2014-ford-f-150-recalled-to-fix-brake-fluid-leak-271000-trucks-affected)
3. *May 25, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Honda recalls Mini Tillers due to risk of injury (recall alert).** American Honda Motor Company, Inc., issued a recall May 25 for approximately 219,000 of its Honda FG11OK1AT Mini Tiller products sold in the U.S. due to a throttle cable flaw where the cable can become pinched during packaging, causing the tiller tines to rotate unexpectedly when the lever is not engaged, thereby posing a risk of serious injury to users. The company has received 30 reports of throttle cable damage.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2016/Honda-Recalls-Mini-Tillers/>
4. *May 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Worker loses part of finger in unguarded machine at bearing manufacturer.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited The Timken Company with one repeat safety violation May 18

after a March incident where an employee's finger was pinched and amputated while troubleshooting unguarded equipment, prompting an investigation at the Bucyrus, Ohio facility which revealed that the company failed to install machine guards. Proposed penalties total \$70,000.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=32280](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=32280)

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

5. *May 25, U.S. Department of Justice* – (West Virginia) **West Virginia business owners indicted for failing to pay employment taxes.** The owners of Taylor Contracting/Taylor Ready-Mix LLC and Bluegrass Aggregates LLC in West Virginia were indicted May 25 after the pair failed to collect, account for, and pay more than \$1 million in Federal income taxes, Social Security taxes, and Medicare taxes withheld from the wages of its employees to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service from 2007 – 2010.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/west-virginia-business-owners-indicted-failing-pay-employment-taxes>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

6. *May 25, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **One killed, three injured in two-vehicle crash on Highway 1 near Piedras Blancas.** A head-on crash left one person dead, three others injured, and shut down Highway 1 near Piedras Blancas for approximately 2 hours May 25.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/article79910727.html>

7. *May 25, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **3 state ferry runs canceled after Seattle outage over security scare.** Washington State Ferries cancelled three sailings between Seattle and Bainbridge May 25 following the discovery of a number of security seals that were broken on cabinets that hold life jackets and other emergency equipment during a mid-day power outage in Seattle.

Source: <http://komonews.com/news/local/2-state-ferry-runs-canceled-after-seattle-outage-over-security-scare>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

8. *May 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA issues final food defense regulation.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalized May 26 a new food safety rule under its Food Safety Modernization Act that requires foreign and

domestic food facilities to complete and maintain a written food defense plan that assesses the companies' potential vulnerabilities to deliberate contamination intended to cause wide-scale public health risks, to identify and implement mitigation strategies to address the vulnerabilities, and to establish food defense monitoring procedures and corrective actions, among other requirements as part of an effort to prevent wide-scale public health harm and to protect the food supply.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm503586.htm>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

9. *May 26, Moulton Advertiser* – (Alabama) **EPA warns of chemicals in water.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a health advisory May 19 stating that eight facilities in Alabama showed higher than recommended concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), including the West Morgan-East Lawrence Water Authority and the West Lawrence Water Co-Op. The EPA stated that any water operator whose water has a combined level of 70 parts per trillion of the chemicals must notify its customers and take steps to reduce the amounts.

Source: [http://www.moultonadvertiser.com/news/local/article\\_ce5c2e96-22ab-11e6-a713-5ba4a88c606f.html](http://www.moultonadvertiser.com/news/local/article_ce5c2e96-22ab-11e6-a713-5ba4a88c606f.html)

10. *May 25, Associated Press; Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Corpus Christi boil water order lifted.** A May 13 boil water advisory for Corpus Christi was lifted May 25 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality after chlorine was used to disinfect the water that contained nitrogen-rich runoff from rain.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/32068633/corpus-christi-boil-water-order-lifted>

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Government Facilities Sector**

11. *May 26, Associated Press* – (California) **Soledad wildfire 100 percent contained.** Crews reached full containment May 26 of the Metz Fire that burned 3,876 acres in the Salinas Valley. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and no homes or structures were affected.

Source: <http://www.montereyherald.com/general-news/20160525/soledad-wildfire-100-percent-contained>

12. *May 26, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Prairie Creek Elementary School closed Thursday after fire.** Classes at Prairie Creek Elementary School in Olathe were cancelled May 26 due to a lightning strike that hit the northeast side of the building and caused a fire on the roof. The total amount of damage is being assessed and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://fox4kc.com/2016/05/26/prairie-creek-elementary-school-closed->

[thursday-after-fire/](#)

13. *May 26, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Midwest School will close Thursday due to gas leak.** An unidentified gas leak prompted the closure of Midwest School in the Natrona County School District May 26. Crews were dispatched the scene to resolve the issue.

Source: [http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/midwest-school-will-close-thursday-due-to-gas-leak/article\\_b7b441e8-119d-5717-b64b-9286d34746cc.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/midwest-school-will-close-thursday-due-to-gas-leak/article_b7b441e8-119d-5717-b64b-9286d34746cc.html)

## **Emergency Services Sector**

14. *May 26, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Kentucky) **Escape: Inmate escapes from Webster Co., KY detention center.** The Kentucky State Police are searching for an inmate who escaped from the Webster County Detention Center May 25 after the inmate ran from deputies while being internally transported.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/32068161/escape-inmate-escapes-from-webster-co-ky-detention-center>

15. *May 26, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **TCSO: 17-year-old escapes juvenile detention center by climbing out a window.** Authorities are searching for a teenager who escaped from the Tulsa County juvenile detention center May 25 by climbing out of a window and running away.

Source: <http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/tcso-17-year-old-escapes-juvenile-detention-center-by-climbing-out-a-window>

16. *May 26, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **911 service restored after outage in La Vergne.** Phone service to the fire department, emergency dispatch and 9-1-1 in La Vergne, Tennessee, was down for more than 6 hours May 25 after Google Fiber contractors hit an AT&T fiber line, initiating the outage. Crews repaired the line and restored service.

Source: <http://www.wbrc.com/story/32063490/911-service-restored-after-outage-in-la-vergne>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

17. *May 26, SecurityWeek* – (International) **“Wekby” group uses DNS requests for C&C communications.** Security researchers from Palo Alto Networks discovered that an advanced persistent threat (APT) group named Wekby, APT 18, Dynamite Panda, and TG-0416, was using the “pisloader” malware to infiltrate a system via Domain Name System (DNS) requests for command & control (C&C) communications, which allows the malware to bypass security products. The “pisloader” malware was believed to be a variant of the HTTPBrowser, a remote access trojan (RAT).

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wekby-group-uses-dns-requests-cc-communications>

18. *May 26, Help Net Security* – (International) **DNS provider NS1 hit with multi-faceted DDoS attacks.** The CEO of NS1 reported that during the week of May 16 the company experienced dozens of large distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks including simple volumetric attacks, complex direct Domain Name System (DNS) lookup attacks, and attacks against the company’s upstream network providers. The motive behind the attacks is unknown, but the attacks were seen targeting the DNS, content delivery network (CDN), and Internet infrastructure industries in Europe, U.S., and Asia.  
Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/05/26/dns-ddos-ns1/>
19. *May 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers prefer file upload, XSS, and SQLi bugs when attacking WordPress sites.** Check Point released a report that analyzed telemetry data from its security products and attacks against WordPress plugins which revealed that attackers were using automated scripts to scan WordPress Web sites for vulnerabilities to exploit payloads and use the collected information to create a security status report and compromise the Web sites. Attackers compromised the Web sites with malicious redirects, sending visitors to exploit kit (EK) sites, and leveraged File Upload vulnerabilities.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/hackers-prefer-file-upload-xss-and-sqli-bugs-when-attacking-wordpress-sites-504496.shtml>
20. *May 25, Softpedia* – (International) **FBI: Ransomware complaints doubled in 2015.** The FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) released its 2015 Internet Crime Report which revealed that during 2015, the FBI recorded 2,453 ransomware complaints and estimated that the recorded infections caused over \$1.6 million in damages to the victims. Reports by Enigma Software and Kaspersky found that ransomware campaigns grew with a 14 percent increase from year-to-year.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/fbi-ransomware-complaints-doubled-in-2015-504492.shtml>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

## **Communications Sector**

21. *May 25, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Seffner man fined \$48,000 by FCC for using cell phone jammer on daily commute.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission issued a \$48,000 fine May 25 to a Seffner man for illegally interfering with cellular service along Interstate 4 and disrupting police communications for up to 2 years via a cell phone jamming device.  
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/seffner-man-fined-48000-by-fcc-for-using-cell-phone-jammer-on-daily-commute/2278972>

## Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *May 26, CNN* – (New York) **One killed in shooting at rapper’s concert.** The New York Police Department reported that at least three people were injured and one person was killed May 25 after a suspect opened fire at the Irving Plaza music venue in New York City during a music performance, prompting about 950 attendees to evacuate the building.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/25/us/ti-concert-shooting/index.html>
23. *May 25, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Fire rips through Santa Clara shopping center destroying 8 businesses.** A 5-alarm fire May 25 at the Rancho Shopping Center in Santa Clara destroyed 8 businesses and prompted fire crews to remain on site for several hours containing the incident. The fire reportedly began in the front of the shopping center and spread to surrounding stores.  
Source: <http://abc7news.com/news/5-alarm-fire-in-santa-clara-destroys-8-businesses/1354808/>
24. *May 25, Battle Creek Enquirer* – (Michigan) **Pennfield man perishes trying to escape apartment fire.** An apartment building at the Pines of Pennfield sustained up to \$300,000 in damages May 25 due to a fire that killed one man. The Michigan State Fire Marshall is investigating the cause of the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/story/news/local/2016/05/25/firefighters-battle-blaze-pennfield-apartment-complex/84901812/>

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## Dams Sector

25. *May 26, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **State to help shore up Rosecrans levee.** The governor of Missouri announced May 25 that the State would provide \$5 million in funding towards a \$72 million repair project designed to help protect levees in the South Side and Rosecrans from flood damage.  
Source: [http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_bad43dc8-4ed0-52e4-91df-d05ca860de7c.html](http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_bad43dc8-4ed0-52e4-91df-d05ca860de7c.html)



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