



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 20 July 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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Daily Highlights

- CNN reports a contractor, Roy Lynn Oakley, who allegedly took classified material from a federal nuclear facility in Tennessee and tried to sell it has been arrested. (See item [2](#))
- The San Francisco Chronicle reports San Francisco International Airport personnel on Thursday morning, July 19, discovered the body of a man in the wheel well of a 747 recently arrived from Shanghai. (See item [12](#))
- The Department of Homeland Security announced Wednesday, July 18, final Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program awards totaling \$1.7 billion, including a total of almost \$411 million to the nation's six urban areas at highest risk of a terrorist attack. (See item [35](#))

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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. *July 19, Associated Press* — **U.S. natural gas in storage increases.** Natural gas in storage in the U.S. grew last week and remains about 11 percent above the five-year average for this time of year, according to a government report Thursday, July 19. The Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration said in its weekly report that natural gas inventories held in underground storage in the lower 48 states increased by 65 billion cubic feet to 2.69 trillion

cubic feet for the week ending July 13, up from 2.63 trillion cubic feet for the previous week. The inventory level was well above the five-year average of 2.33 trillion cubic feet in underground storage, but below last year's storage level of 2.76 trillion cubic feet, according to the government data.

Report: <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngs/ngs.html>

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070719/apfn_natural_gas_storage.html?.v=1

2. *July 19, CNN* — **Contractor accused of taking classified nuke materials.** A contractor who allegedly took classified material from a federal nuclear facility in Tennessee has been arrested, government sources told CNN Thursday, July 19. The man has been identified as Roy Lynn Oakley. Sources told CNN federal authorities have been following Oakley and investigating the case for at least six months, after he allegedly tried to sell the information, which related to equipment used in the enrichment of uranium. Oakley, described as a low-level employee, apparently did not make contact with any foreign government, and is not a foreign agent of any kind, an official familiar with the case said.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/07/19/tenn.nuclear.arrest/?iref=m_pstoryview

3. *July 18, Tampa Tribune (FL)* — **Natural gas pipeline is approved.** The Tampa Port Authority on Tuesday, July 17, approved a plan to build a submerged natural gas pipeline between Port Manatee and the Progress Energy power plant in St. Petersburg that will run through 15 miles of Port Authority-owned property. The \$117 million, 17.5-mile Gulfstream Natural Gas System LLC pipeline will provide a new energy source for the power plant, south of the Gandy Bridge. The plant is now powered by oil. Pipeline construction is expected to begin in January. It will go into operation by September 2008, pending the approval of a license by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission this summer.

Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20070718/NEWS/707180332/1006/SPORTS>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *July 19, Enquirer (OH)* — **Gas spills at station.** Firefighters responded to a gasoline spill Wednesday, July 18, at the Thorntons QuickCafé and Market in Cincinnati, OH. Union Township Fire Chief Stanley Deimling said the automatic shutoff of a pump operated by a customer apparently malfunctioned, and up to 15 gallons of gasoline spilled to the ground. While the gas was contained, Deimling said, it posed a fire hazard that required shutting down the station. It had reopened by Wednesday afternoon. In April, an underground leak at the station allowed more than 2,000 gallons of gasoline to seep into a storm drain.

Source: <http://news.enquirer.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070719/NEWS01/707190363/1056/COL02>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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July 19, AviationWeek — **DoD wants to reprogram \$1.2B more for MRAPs.** The Department of Defense (DoD) has asked Congress for the right to reprogram an additional \$1.2 billion in fiscal 2007 funds to build 2,650 more Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The new reprogramming, added to \$443 million in Marine Corps procurement money that was already being shifted to MRAP, brings the total FY '07 reprogramming for the vehicles to nearly \$1.6 billion. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who has said MRAP is DoD's highest priority acquisition, met with leaders of the House and Senate armed services and appropriation committees Tuesday, July 17, to discuss the shift.

Source: [http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/MRAP071907.xml&headline=DOD%20Wants%20To%20Reprogram%20\\$1.2B%20More%20For%20MRAPs%20&channel=defense](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/MRAP071907.xml&headline=DOD%20Wants%20To%20Reprogram%20$1.2B%20More%20For%20MRAPs%20&channel=defense)

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Banking and Finance Sector

- July 19, IDG News Service* — **Texas state Website leaks sensitive information.** Troy Aikman may not be happy about it, but the State of Texas has made his address and social security number available via the Internet. Sensitive information on Aikman, formerly a star quarterback with the Dallas Cowboys, and thousands of others is available on the Texas Secretary of State's SOSDirect Website, according to Steven Peisner, the president of fraud prevention vendor Sellitsafe, who has provided IDG News Service with a half-dozen examples of social security numbers he was able to obtain from the site. Peisner found social security numbers on tax liens and on loan agreement notifications filed with the state, called Uniform Commercial Code financing statements. Texas has been automatically removing sensitive information from all documents filed with SOSDirect since June 2005, and the state is now in the process of redacting this information from earlier filings, said Scott Haywood, a spokesperson with the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. But residents whose social security numbers are posted on SOSDirect need to contact the Secretary of State's office directly in order to have them removed right away, he added.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/07/19/Texas-Web-site-leaks-info_1.html

- July 19, CNET News* — **Government scrambles to meet data breach deadline.** With only two months left before government agencies must figure out how to deal with data breaches and data theft, federal bureaucrats are scrambling to meet the looming deadline. The deadline was created by a White House directive published this spring that gave all federal agencies until September 22 to figure out the wisest way, using their "best judgment," to come up with a plan to secure Americans' personal data and to alert them if it falls into the wrong hands. Finishing everything by that date is "definitely a challenge," Mischel Kwon, chief IT security technologist for the Department of Justice, said Wednesday, July 18. The White House's order appears to have been prompted by a rash of computer security foibles at federal agencies in recent years. While it's not clear how effective a set of written policies will be if they're not always followed and not part of the culture of an existing agency, the White House memo does recommend techniques such as encryption, limiting remote access and access logging. At the very least, the memo says, egregious disregard of privacy safeguards would result in an employee's "prompt removal of authority to access information."

White House directive: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2007/m07-16.pdf>

Source: http://news.com.com/Feds+scramble+to+meet+data+breach+deadline/2100-7348_3-6197474.html?tag=nefd.lede

8. *July 19, ComputerWorld* — **Disney subcontractor caught selling customer data.** A subcontractor working for a company that processes and fulfills orders for the Disney Movie Club sold credit card numbers and other account information belonging to an unknown number of customers to undercover law enforcement agents. The May 2007 incident has prompted Disney to send out letters to an unspecified number of customers informing them about the breach. Brad Van Duser, an Atlanta-based customer of the company's movie club, received a letter from Disney and made it available to ComputerWorld. The letter is dated July 6 and signed by John Flynn, vice president of online digital and directing marketing for Buena Vista Home Entertainment, a division of The Walt Disney Co. In it, Flynn said the incident involved an employee at Alta Resources Inc. a Neenah, WI-based outsourcer working for Disney. According to Flynn, the employee sold credit card information including names, addresses, credit card numbers and expiration dates to law enforcement authorities in an undercover sting operation. Flynn said that Disney had been assured that card security codes such as the CVV code had not been compromised in the incident.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9027340&intsrc=hm_list

9. *July 19, Finextra* — **Westpac cancels cards after security scare.** Australian banking group Westpac has cancelled thousands of Visa credit cards over the past week following a security breach at an un-named third party vendor, according to local press reports. The bank is in the process of writing to all affected customers to inform them that their cards have been cancelled. A Westpac spokesperson told reporters that the breach relates to a third-party vendor which had contact with all of the affected cards. But she declined to give further details of the security breach or name the company involved. In May Westpac had to suspend 900 customer cards following the discovery of a skimming device at an ATM in Melbourne. \$100,000 was withdrawn by fraudsters, affecting about 75 customers.

Source: <http://www.finextra.com/fullstory.asp?id=17203>

10. *July 18, ComputerWorld* — **Dumpster-diving for e-data.** Dumpster-diving -- going through trash bins in hopes of finding paper records with valuable information like customer names or future product plans -- is alive and well in the age of USB flash drives and portable music players. Every user who throws away (or loses) a keychain-size flash drive could be unintentionally leaking critical information to a competitor. Any of the tens of millions of desktop and notebook computers disposed of each year in landfills, junkyards and yard sales could be a rich trove of corporate data left on a hard drive by lazy users or IT departments. Dumpster-diving remains "an extremely effective way of gathering a lot of information quickly," says Dennis Szerszen, senior vice president at patch management and security software vendor PatchLink Corp. As an estimated 50 million or more PCs, notebooks and servers are disposed of each year, the information they hold also poses a new and growing risk for their former owners. New portable storage devices, such as USB flash drives and portable music players, can store gigabytes of data and make it easier for a disgruntled insider to download and walk out the door with sensitive information.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9027213&intsrc=hm_ts_head

11. *July 18, Websense Security Labs* — **Malicious Website / Malicious Code: Brazil airplane tragedy crimeware.** Websense has discovered a new e-mail campaign that is using the recent, tragic plane crash in Brazil. Users receive an e-mail that attempts to lure users into connecting to a Website containing information that roughly translates into the following: "TAM reports that flight JJ3054 has taken off from Porto Alegre with 170 people onboard, between passengers and employees plus six more crew members (commanders and flight attendants). As soon as their names are confirmed, we'll notify the families before any further information becomes public, as determined by existing law..." The site is hosted in Korea, appears to have been compromised, and has hosted malicious code in the past from the Brazil region. If users click on the link, they are prompted to run some code. The code, when launched, is a Trojan Downloader that connects to another site to download and install an information-stealing Trojan Horse.

Source: <http://www.websense.com/securitylabs/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=788>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

12. *July 19, San Francisco Chronicle* — **Body found in nose of United Airlines plane at SFO.** San Francisco International Airport (SFO) personnel on Thursday morning, July 19, discovered the body of a man in the wheel well of a 747 recently arrived from Shanghai, an airport official said. Airport spokesperson Mike McCarron said the body was found during a post-flight inspection of United Airlines flight 858, which landed at 7:42 a.m. PDT after an 11-hour flight. San Mateo County Sheriff's and Coroner's investigators, along with immigration officials, are investigating the discovery, McCarron said. Bodies are periodically found in the wheel wells of airplanes, usually after people seek covert entry into the United States or Europe. Such stowaways usually die during the flight. "There's no air to breathe," McCarron said. "And the cold temperature is probably minus 30, 40 degrees at altitude, so you freeze to death."

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/07/19/BAGHTR3E8G8.DTL&tsp=1>

13. *July 19, Associated Press* — **Virgin America's flights set for August 8.** Maverick airline Virgin America started selling U.S. tickets Thursday, July 19, giving travelers their first chance to book a trip on planes equipped to pamper passengers even when they aren't flying first-class. The airline's inaugural flights are scheduled to take off August 8 from Los Angeles and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and arrive at roughly the same time late that morning in San Francisco, which will serve as Virgin America's hub. Conceived by British billionaire Richard Branson, Virgin America is promising to shake up the U.S. airline industry by making flying a more luxurious experience at affordable prices. Virgin America's fleet of aircraft will include the latest high-tech equipment so passengers can order food from their seats, watch movies or television, listen to music and even plan their travel itinerary using Google Inc.'s popular online maps. Several major U.S. airlines, including AMR Corp.'s American, Delta Air Lines Inc. and Continental Airlines Inc., tried to block Virgin America from entering the market.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070719/virgin_america.html?.v=2

14. *July 19, CBS4 (FL)* — **New information about near collision at Florida airport.** A close call between two jets at Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport may have been closer than originally thought. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) says a Delta jet that almost collided with another aircraft on July 11 had actually touched down when air traffic controllers told him to take off again. The NTSB says a controller noticed the United plane moving too fast to turn onto its assigned runway just before the Delta plane landed. The controller yelled for the United plane to stop, but the Delta plane was still forced to climb back into the air to avoid a collision. The planes, carrying a total of 300 passengers, came within 100 feet of colliding.

Source: http://cbs4.com/topstories/local_story_200095935.html

15. *July 19, BBC* — **Calls for Brazil's Congonhas Airport to close.** There are mounting calls for Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport to close in the wake of Tuesday, July 17's Tam Airlines crash in which 200 people died. The airport should shut "until its security conditions are examined," said Brazil's Federal Public Ministry. And federal prosecutors are said to have asked courts to close the airport until both its runways are renovated. Officials are still trying to establish why the Airbus 320 overshot the runway, hitting buildings and then exploding.

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/6907053.stm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *July 19, Business First* — **First Boeing jumbo freighter arrives at UPS hub.** United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS) has received its first Boeing 747-400 at its global air hub in Louisville, KY. The aircraft will be used on UPS' long-range international routes, primarily to the Asia-Pacific region. The 747-400 has a capacity of 273,300 pounds and a range of 4,400 nautical miles. The aircraft also are updated with the latest flight technology, including the Airplane Health Management system, which allows the plane to diagnose its own problems while in flight and transmit notifications to aircraft maintenance operations on the ground.

Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/070719/1493466.html?.v=1>

17. *July 19, Boston Globe* — **Suspicious letter forces evacuation of federal courthouse in Boston.** An inmate is accused of sending a federal judge a letter packed with white powder that caused the evacuation of the John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse for more than an hour on Wednesday, July 18, before it was determined to be harmless, according to several law enforcement officials. "It turned out to be a food product . . . not hazardous," Boston District Fire Chief Neil Walsh told reporters after the department's hazardous materials team analyzed the substance and allowed the court to reopen for business. The Fire Department was called to the scene at 3:14 p.m. EDT, after a secretary opened the envelope in the judge's fourth-floor chambers and was immediately covered with a white powder, Walsh said. The incident was clearly a deliberate effort to incite panic, he said. One of the law enforcement officials said the envelope had a return address with the inmate's name and the facility where he is incarcerated. The U.S. Marshals Service, the FBI, and U.S. Postal inspectors are investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/07/19/suspicious_letter_forces_evacuation_of_federal_courthouse/

Agriculture Sector

- 18. *July 19, South Dakota Ag Connection* — **Black chaff appearing in South Dakota wheat fields.**** A disease of small grains known as black chaff has been showing up in South Dakota wheat fields. Brad Ruden, interim manager of South Dakota State University's (SDSU) Plant Diagnostic Clinic, said the clinic has received inquiries from producers about the problem. Northeast South Dakota and the far south–central portion of the state experienced very heavy rains earlier in the season that helped to promote the disease, said SDSU plant pathology research associate Larry Osborne. Black chaff is a bacterial disease of wheat appearing as dark brown or black streaks on glumes in the wheat heads. The same bacterial pathogens also cause a leaf streak to occur, which may appear as papery, irregular, streaked lesions. These diseases have also been reported this season in Nebraska. It's important to note that the symptoms often resemble those of another disease known as glume blotch which is caused by fungal pathogens, Osborne added. Glume blotch on heads is generally more gray to brown in appearance, and often exhibits fine, raised, black speckles on affected tissues.
Source: http://www.usagnet.com/state_headlines/state_story.php?tbl=SD2007&ID=536
- 19. *July 18, Pennsylvania Ag Connection* — **Rabies vaccination program begins in western Pennsylvania.**** The annual oral rabies vaccination baiting program, which helps control rabies in wild animals, will began Tuesday, July 17, in western Pennsylvania, said Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff. The operation will cover all or parts of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, Washington and Westmoreland counties. Although the primary focus is to vaccinate raccoons, other animals, such as dogs, cats, cattle, horses, skunks and foxes, also benefit from the program.
Source: http://www.usagnet.com/state_headlines/state_story.php?tbl=PA2007&ID=409
- 20. *July 17, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **U.S. animal identification organization promotes national animal identification system.**** The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Tuesday, July 17, announced a partnership with the U.S. Animal Identification Organization (USAIO) to register more than 100,000 new premises as a result of livestock producers learning more about the animal health and economic benefits of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). “This agreement recognizes the relationship among USAIO partners in the livestock industry to build upon the growing support for the NAIS program,” said Bruce Knight, undersecretary for USDA’s marketing and regulatory programs. “NAIS provides a system that will shorten response times in the event of an animal disease outbreak, to further strengthen our reputation as the safest animal health system in the world,” said Knight. The USAIO is a nonprofit organization of livestock producer groups that works with the animal agriculture industry to provide leadership for the advancement of NAIS. Under the agreement USAIO will focus a comprehensive outreach program about the important advantages of participation in NAIS to accomplish a significant increase in premises registrations nationwide.
Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2007/07/usaionais.shtml>
- 21. *July 17, Michigan Ag Connection* — **New invasive insect confirmed in Michigan.**** The Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, along with the U.S. Department

of Agriculture (USDA), Monday, July 16, announced the confirmation of Sirex Woodwasp in Macomb County. A single specimen was collected from a trap on July 6 and later identified by the USDA. Sirex Woodwasp is a wood-boring insect native to Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa and is a potentially serious pest of commercially produced pine trees. It was first detected in North America in Oswego, NY in 2004, and has since been found throughout central New York, northern Pennsylvania, and southern Ontario. The larvae of this exotic pest are responsible for damaging the tree. It severs the trees' conductive tissues, interrupting the transport of water and nutrients. Adult females lay their eggs in two- and three-needled pine trees, including: Austrian, jack, red, and Scotch pines.

Source: http://www.usagnet.com/state_headlines/state_story.php?tbl=MI2007&ID=521

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Food Sector

22. July 18, *New York Times* — Bush creates panel to review food imports. President Bush Wednesday, July 18, created a panel of Cabinet officers and other high officials to minimize the dangers from food and other products shipped into the United States. Bush established the unit, to be known as the Interagency Working Group on Import Safety, by executive order. The president's order said the unit would try to identify actions that can be taken "within existing resources" to improve import safety, including reviews of cooperation with foreign governments and manufacturers regarding their inspection and certification procedures. The chairman of the new unit will be the secretary of Health and Human Services, currently Michael O. Leavitt. The order specified that the new group was to present its recommendations to the president in 60 days, unless Leavitt wants more time.

Executive Order: Establishing An Interagency Working Group on Import Safety:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/07/20070718-4.html>

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/07/18/washington/18cnd-bush.html?hp>

23. July 18, *Food and Drug Administration* — FDA warns consumers about risk of botulism poisoning from Hot Dog Chili Sauce. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to eat 10 ounce cans of Castleberry's Hot Dog Chili Sauce (UPC 3030000101), Austex Hot Dog Chili Sauce (UPC 3030099533), and Kroger Hot Dog Chili Sauce (UPC 1111083942) with "best by" dates from April 30, 2009 through May 22, 2009 due to possible botulism contamination. Botulism can be fatal. Consumers who have any of these products or any foods made with these products should throw them away immediately. If the "best by" date is missing or unreadable consumers should throw the product out. Two children in Texas and an Indiana couple who ate these products became seriously ill and have been hospitalized. All of the above products are manufactured by the Castleberry Food Company in Augusta, GA. Castleberry has informed FDA that it is voluntarily recalling all of the potentially contaminated products and is cooperating with FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the states' active investigations into the cause of this contamination and scope of the products' distribution.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01669.html>

24. July 18, *Food Production Daily (Europe)* — UK outlines salmonella reduction program. The UK is about to launch a program to lower the high levels of salmonella contamination in

poultry. The Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) Wednesday, July 18, launched a consultation on a program designed for poultry laying flocks. The European Union has set a deadline of February 2008, when all member states are expected to have implemented a control program to reduce salmonella. Salmonella is a common cause of food poisoning and can cause serious illness in humans. Defra aims to reduce the levels of the two most important strains, Salmonella enteritidis and Salmonella typhimurium, at the production level in a bid to lower contamination incidents along the supply chain. While UK levels are among the lowest in Europe, both strains are still found on eight percent of holdings with laying flocks. Defra aims to reduce these two types of Salmonella by 10 percent each year for the next three years. The program sets out how this will be achieved and includes mandatory sampling and testing requirements. In 2009, additional measures will also come into force for holdings where either type of salmonella has been found.

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/news/ng.asp?n=78285-defra-salmonella-poultry>

25. July 18, Associated Press — China, U.S. to discuss seafood exports. China and the U.S. will meet at the end of the month to discuss the safety of China's seafood exports, an official said Wednesday, July 18. Meanwhile, Philippine authorities said they were testing more Chinese products after ordering several candy and cookie brands withdrawn from store shelves because they tested positive for a harmful embalming chemical. The five-day meeting between teams from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Chinese food safety officials is scheduled to begin July 31 in Beijing, said Li Yuanping, who is in charge of the safety of import and export products at the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. The officials will discuss the U.S. block on Chinese seafood and future cooperation on food safety mechanisms.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/worldlatest/story/0,-6787946,00.html>

26. July 17, CBS 2 Chicago — More salmonella cases tied to Taste of Chicago. More people are reporting illnesses related to a salmonella outbreak connected to the Taste of Chicago. As Tuesday, July 17, a total of 636 people reported they became sick after they ate food purchased from the Pars Cove Persian Cuisine booth, according to the Chicago Department of Public Health. That's up from the 529 reported cases on Monday. Sixty-six of the 636 are laboratory-confirmed cases of salmonellosis, with more results pending -- up from the 50 reported on Monday. Commissioner Terry Mason, M.D. said the increase in reported cases is a result of the city's outreach efforts. The only dish linked so far to the outbreak is an herb tomato cucumber salad that was served on hummus, according to health officials. As a precaution, Pars Cove has been asked to stop serving hummus.

Source: http://cbs2chicago.com/topstories/local_story_198170835.html

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Water Sector

27. July 19, Water Technology Online — Maui running out of water. Drought conditions on Maui, HI, have left a 30-million-gallon reservoir empty and a 100-million-gallon reservoir at 13 percent capacity, forcing officials to reroute the water supply. According to a July 16 story in the Honolulu Advertiser, production at the Olinda Water Treatment Facility will halt on July

18. Water will now come from treatment facilities in Haliimaile and Makawao. Consumers throughout Maui County have been asked to reduce water use due to the continuing dry conditions.

Source: http://www.watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=67758

28. July 19, USAgNet — E. Coli found in 500 Tennessee streams. More than 500 Tennessee streams are polluted with E. coli bacteria, according to information from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). The environmental department has tested more than 60,500 miles of stream and about 5,155 miles contained E. coli, TDEC spokesperson Tisha Calabrese-Benton said. The pollution is caused by failed septic tanks, failed sewer collections, and runoff from farms with livestock. But most enforcement recommendations are voluntary. When E. coli is found in waterways, TDEC can ask cities and businesses to limit pollution and building permits, encourage better farm practices and offer educational programs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers grants to farm owners who build watering and grazing systems that keep their livestock away from waterways.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1660&yr=2007>

29. July 18, Beatrice Daily Sun (NE) — City well shutdown forces Pawnee City to implement emergency water rationing. Friday the 13th proved unlucky for citizens of Pawnee City, NE, as that was the day the main city well shut down, causing emergency water rationing that continues in the city. Deb Klein, Pawnee City's water commissioner, said while the definite cause of the shutdown remains unknown, it is thought something was sucked into the pump, which brings water from Pawnee City's well to the city's water tower. While the pump had been malfunctioning for several days, Klein said the pump shut down completely at about 2 p.m. CDT Friday, which immediately caused a drain on the city's water supply. To compensate for the loss, Klein said the city has enforced water rationing until the situation has been remedied. During this time, Pawnee City residents are not allowed to wash their cars or water their lawns. The city's swimming pool remains open, although no water has been added to it since the rationing began. Along with waiting to have the pump repaired, state law requires workers to send two water samples to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services whenever a situation like this occurs.

Source: http://www.beatricedailysun.com/articles/2007/07/18/news/new_s2.txt

30. July 18, Western Farm Press — Western Growers: Actions needed to avoid California water crisis. Western Growers officials on July 17 warned of a pending crisis in California agriculture because of a lack of action to bring about new water storage and conveyance projects to meet the rapidly growing needs of the state's burgeoning population and major industries. "The water infrastructure of California is failing and is inadequate to meet the needs of the state's growing population," said Stephen Patricio, president of Westside Produce in Firebaugh, CA, and Western Growers' board chair. The water crisis in California has been steadily worsening with the growth of urban needs and the onset of drought conditions. Water reclamation projects, new conservation measures, and bond measures to replenish water aquifers are just some of the measures that have been initiated or intensified to alleviate the crisis. New surface water storage facilities, however, have not been approved, leaving a major gap in the list of proposed remedies. Members of Western Growers trade association handles about half of the nation's fresh produce.

Source: <http://westernfarmpress.com/news/071807-water-crisis/>

Public Health Sector

- 31. *July 18, Government Health IT* — Public health coalition calls for disaster systems integration.** A score of public health organizations and the American Medical Association (AMA) on Wednesday, July 18, threw their weight behind a series of recommendations designed to repair gaping holes in the U.S. disaster response system. Among its most critical "take-home messages," the groups suggested that information technology be used to carry out the requirement that "public health and health care disaster preparedness and response systems [be] fully integrated and interoperable at all government levels." "For too long, public health and medicine have responded to emergencies in separate silos," said Dr. Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association (APHA). Benjamin said integration and interoperability were the keys to "a rapid and efficient disaster response." To accomplish that, the organizations recommended that information technology systems associated with public health organizations be linked to IT systems used by health care providers. "Reliable, real-time networks must be available for use among hospitals, EMS agencies, public safety departments, emergency management offices and government agencies" during disasters," according to the group's report. The suggestions were among 53 broad recommendations that came out of the AMA/APHA Linkages Leadership Summit. Report: http://www.ama-assn.org/amal/pub/upload/mm/415/final_summit_report.pdf
Source: <http://govhealthit.com/article103256-07-18-07-Web>
- 32. *July 18, KATV (AR)* — Mosquito infects teen with rare virus.** A Woodruff County, AR, family is speaking out after learning that their teenage daughter has a potentially deadly virus caused by a mosquito bite. Thirteen-year-old Jessica Clark of Augusta started having headaches and a high fever about five months ago. Then she started limping, having hallucinations and ultimately collapsed. Doctors first thought she may have had a knee injury, stroke or even multiple sclerosis. But Wednesday, July 18, the family learned from the Arkansas Department of Health that Jessica has a rare virus known as St. Louis encephalitis. It's a virus that is transmitted by mosquitoes. The Arkansas Department of Health says there has only been one confirmed case of St. Louis encephalitis in 2007. In the past 40 years there have only been 68 cases in the state.
Source: <http://www.katv.com/news/stories/0707/440461.html>
- 33. *July 18, ThanhNien News (Vietnam)* — Bird flu returns to southern Vietnam province.** The Dong Thap province is no longer bird-flu free as the H5N1 virus has returned to kill 20 chickens, said Vietnam's Animal Health Department on Wednesday, July 18. The outbreak happened amongst a 400-chicken flock in Cao Lanh District's Tan Hoi Trung commune. The avian flu still plagues six provinces including Bac Giang, Thai Binh, Ca Mau, Ninh Binh, Dien Bien, and Dong Thap. Ten days ago, Ca Mau became the first southern province wiped off the bird-flu free list.
Source: <http://www.thanhniennews.com/healthy/?catid=8&newsid=30115>
- 34. *July 18, EarthTimes* — Singapore and France hold bird flu workshop for ASEAN countries.** Singapore and France are to hold a workshop on managing outbreaks of the deadly

bird flu for public health officials from South–East Asian countries, the city–state's foreign affairs ministry said on Wednesday, July 18. The seven–day event starting Thursday aims to equip participants with the "knowledge and skills to develop and execute an effective plan to prevent and manage avian influenza outbreaks in health care settings," the ministry's statement said. It also will provide a forum for the exchange of views and the sharing of country updates on the avian flu situation and outbreak management. ASEAN includes Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Brunei, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar (Burma). Source: <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/84106.html>

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Government Sector

35. July 18, Department of Homeland Security — DHS announces \$1.7 billion in homeland security grants. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced Wednesday, July 18, final Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awards totaling \$1.7 billion, including a total of almost \$411 million to the nation's six urban areas at highest risk of a terrorist attack: New York City/Northern New Jersey; the National Capital Region; Los Angeles/Long Beach; the California Bay Area; Houston; and Chicago. HSGP grants enhance the ability of states, territories, and urban areas to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from terrorist attacks and other disasters. Including this funding, by the end of FY 2007, DHS will have invested \$23 billion in local planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercises for state and local governments since September 11, 2001. HSGP risk methodology considers a variety of factors, including intelligence assessments, population size and density, economic impacts, proximity to critical infrastructure, and other factors critical to national security such as proximity to international borders. HSGP is comprised of five separate grant programs: Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), State Homeland Security Program (SHSP), Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP), Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), and Citizen Corps Program (CCP).
FY07 Homeland Security Grant Program Allocation Overview:
http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/grants_st-local_fy07.pdf
Source: http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1184781799950.shtm

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Emergency Services Sector

36. July 18, Department of Homeland Security — Secretaries Gutierrez, Chertoff announce nearly \$1 billion in first responder communications grants funds. Department of Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff announced Wednesday, July 18, \$968 million Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grants to help state and local first responders improve public safety communications and coordination during a natural or man–made disaster. The PSIC grant program will assist public safety agencies in the acquisition, deployment, and training of interoperable communications systems to enhance interoperable communications of voice, data, and/or video signals. Also, released today are the grant guidance and application kits.

Applications are due in 30 days, and grants will be awarded by September 30, 2007, as required by the Call Home Act of 2006. The U.S. Congress authorized \$1 billion to establish the PSIC program as a one-time, formula-based, matching grant program in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The program will fast track awards to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. PSIC funds were allocated using the PSIC Allocation Formula, which is based on the DHS method to identify threats, vulnerabilities and consequences. The grant program also is consistent with existing guidance from the SAFECOM Program Office within the DHS Office for Interoperability and Compatibility.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/psic>
<http://www.dhs.gov/xgovt/grants/index.shtm>

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1184783934669.shtm

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

37. *July 19, Reuters* — Toshiba recalls more Sony PC batteries. Toshiba Corp. said on Thursday, July 19, it has recalled more Sony Corp. laptop computer batteries due to fire risk, rekindling concerns over the safety of Sony-made batteries. Toshiba is replacing a total 10,000 battery packs after three of its laptop PCs using battery cells made on December 3, 2005 caught fire in the last 10 months. No one was hurt in the incidents. Only 5,100 units of the 10,000 packs are potentially defective, but Toshiba is recalling double the amount to make sure all the battery packs containing targeted battery cells are exchanged.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2160393.00.asp>

38. *July 19, Associated Press* — Duke University: iPhone may be disrupting network. Apple Inc.'s new iPhones may be jamming parts of the wireless network at Duke University, where technology officials worked with the company Wednesday, July 18, to fix problems before classes begin next month. Bill Cannon, a Duke technology spokesperson, said an analysis of traffic found that iPhones flooded parts of the campus' wireless network with access requests, freezing parts of the system for 10 minutes at a time. A single iPhone was powerful enough to cause the problem, and there are 100 to 150 of them registered on the network, Cannon said. Network administrators have noticed the problem nine times in the past week. "The scale of the problem is very small right now," said Cannon, adding that the school is working with Apple and Cisco Systems Inc., Duke's network equipment provider, to pinpoint the problem. "But the more iPhones that are around, the more they could be knocking on the door for access."

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070719/ap_on_hi_te/iphone_duke:_ylt=AqYaqILaV9u7qP1meXmug2AjtBAF

39. *July 19, VNUNet* — Signature-based security unable to cope with 'zero-minute' threats. Signature-based malware detection techniques are becoming less effective in the face of so-called 'malware 2.0' threats, a security firm claimed Thursday, July 19. "The security space is changing rapidly. We are witnessing a major shift in the anti-malware marketplace moving into a new era of malware 2.0," said Kurt Baumgartner, chief threat officer at PC Tools. "We are now dealing with zero-minute, rather than just zero-day, exploits that have the potential to further evade signature detections." PC Tools said that malware variants are now released at "immense rates," driving up sample volumes and making it almost impossible for researchers to

keep on top of updates using manual analysis. These threats are taking advantage of the non-detection sweet spot where they can freely propagate and infect before anti-malware companies can respond. PC Tools argues that new compilers and other techniques are being used to make threats more difficult, if not impossible, to detect with traditional signature-based systems.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2194572/signature-security-dead-say>

40. *July 18, U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team* — **US-CERT Technical Cyber Security Alert TA07-199A: Mozilla updates for multiple vulnerabilities.** Mozilla has released new versions of Firefox and Thunderbird to address several vulnerabilities. An attacker could exploit these vulnerabilities by convincing a user to view a specially-crafted HTML document, such as a Web page or an HTML e-mail message. Systems Affected: Mozilla Firefox and Mozilla Thunderbird. Other products based on Mozilla components may also be affected. Solution: Upgrade: These vulnerabilities are addressed in Mozilla Firefox 2.0.0.5 and Thunderbird 2.0.0.5. Disable JavaScript: Some of these vulnerabilities can be mitigated by disabling JavaScript or using the NoScript extension. For more information about configuring Firefox, please see the Securing Your Web Browser document: http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#Mozilla Firefox Thunderbird disables JavaScript and Java by default.
Source: <http://www.uscert.gov/cas/techalerts/TA07-199A.html>

41. *July 18, eWeek* — **Explosion cuts Manhattan Internet service.** An explosion early Wednesday morning, July 18, just south of Grand Central Station interrupted Internet service for Manhattan customers. In the hours following the incident, Verizon had already determined that major switches located underground had not been affected, and was preparing to inspect the cables underground. But it could not provide an estimate of whether or how many of its customers were affected. Mark Marchand, a spokesperson for the New York-based ISP, said the company was "still in the assessment phase." Marchand explained that the company has underground facilities under major Manhattan arteries such as Lexington Avenue, where the Con Edison steam pipe burst.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2160274.00.asp>

42. *July 18, eWeek* — **Image spammers utilize PDF.** Security vendors warn image spammers are increasingly using PDF files to bypass spam filters. Researchers at BorderWare Technologies, based in Toronto, reported that on any given day, more than 30 image spam campaigns are being run, with more than half of those being PDF-based. The findings come as a number of vendors have reported that the amount of image spam has declined in favor of PDF spam. A Commtouch report for the second-quarter of the year found that image spam had dropped to less than 15 percent of all spam, compared to 30 percent in the first-quarter of 2007. Rebecca Herson Senior Director, Marketing at Commtouch, said image spam had dropped overall because of increased enforcement attention to stock scams and improved spam filtering technologies.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2160212.00.asp>

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

43. July 17, KPHO (AZ) — Police find Arizona home booby-trapped with explosives. An entire neighborhood was roped off with crime tape and at least 10 homes were evacuated after Maricopa County sheriff's deputies found a house booby-trapped with explosives Tuesday afternoon, July 17. Police said a tip came in on Saturday that authorities would find explosives at the home near Broadway and Ellsworth in Mesa. Authorities said when they arrived on the scene, they found a number of improvised-explosive devices. At least one briefcase was found containing a pipe bomb and TATP, a white crystalline powder that is highly explosive. "We have a couple of different devices hooked up to the briefcase that we believe could set this off," said Sheriff's Deputy Doug Matteson.

Source: <http://www.620ktar.com/?nid=6&sid=543541>

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General Sector

44. July 18, Associated Press — Deadly steam pipe explosion rocks Manhattan. An underground steam pipe explosion tore through a Manhattan street near Grand Central Terminal on Wednesday, July 18, swallowing a tow truck and killing one person as hundreds of others ran for cover amid a towering geyser of steam and flying rubble. New York Police Department spokesperson Paul Browne said the blast was not related to terrorism, though the blast caused a brief panic about possible attack. Two people were in critical condition at New York Weill-Cornell Medical Center, said spokesperson Emily Berlanstein. A third patient with lesser injuries was also being evaluated, she said. In addition, 14 people were taken to Bellevue Hospital, said spokesperson Larry Dugan. A plume of steam and mud shot from the center of the blast, generating a tremendous roar. The initial burst of steam rose higher than the nearby 77-story Chrysler Building, one of Manhattan's tallest buildings. The air near the site was filled with debris. Millions of pounds of steam are pumped beneath New York City streets every hour, heating and cooling thousands of buildings.

Source: http://www.wusa9.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=60945

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