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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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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 28, Reuters* — **Brazil becoming key source for new crude.** Brazil's growing oil output and prospecting are turning it into a key source of new crude in the Western Hemisphere, but whether this will bring a tangible increase in exports remains to be seen. Analysts say any serious increase in petroleum exports would depend on economic growth in Latin America's largest country, now picking up steam after years of stagnation and crises. Brazil achieved self-sufficiency in crude last year and is slowly growing as a net exporter. "If Brazil really starts growing at higher rates, maintaining self-sufficiency may become quite a challenge, and that is clearly the government's priority," said Francois Moreau, head of Estrategia e Valor

consultancy in Rio De Janeiro. Brazil's state oil company, Petrobras, projects its crude output in Brazil should reach 2.37 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2011, up a steep 27 per cent from this year's planned 1.86 million bpd, and then rise to 2.81 million bpd by 2015. Analysts say high world oil prices, new technologies and Brazil's economic and political stability have pushed the country from a second-tier oil province a few years ago into a booming producer with strong prospects.

Source: http://www.gulfnews.com/business/Oil_and_Gas/10142586.html

2. *July 28, Washington Post* — **U.S. and India finalize nuclear trade pact.** After two years of controversial negotiations, the United States and India on Friday, July 27, announced a deal on peaceful nuclear cooperation that allows trade in nuclear reactors, technology and fuel, permits India to reprocess nuclear fuel and opens the way for the United States to become a "reliable" supplier for India's energy program. "This is perhaps the single most important initiative that India and the United States have agreed to in the 60 years of our relationship," said R. Nicholas Burns, undersecretary of state for political affairs, in announcing the deal. The deal could foster greater strategic cooperation between the two nations and open up markets for U.S. energy and defense industries. Before the pact can come to a vote in Congress, however, India must reach agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency on inspections and safeguards and win approval from the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/27/AR2007072702360.html?hpid=moreheadlines>

3. *July 24, Associated Press* — **Ice keeps New York office towers cool.** As the summer swelters on, skyscrapers and apartments around New York will crank up air conditioners and push the city's power grid to the limit — but some have found a cool alternative. Some office towers and buildings are keeping their AC use to a minimum by using an energy-saving system that relies on blocks of ice to pump chilly air. "If you take the time to look, you can find innovative ways to be energy efficient, be environmental and sustainable," said William Beck, the head of critical engineering systems for Credit Suisse. The systems save companies money and reduce strain on the electrical grid in New York, where the city consumes huge amounts of power on hot summer days. Ice cooling also cuts down on pollution. Because electricity is needed to make the ice, water is frozen in large silver tanks at night when power demands are low. The cool air emanating from the ice blocks is then piped through the building. At night the water is frozen again and the cycle repeated. Ice storage can be used as the sole cooling system, or it can be combined with traditional systems to help ease the power demands during peak hours.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/TECH/science/07/24/ice.cooling.ap/index.html>

4. *July 19, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-923: Nuclear Safety: Construction of the Protective Shelter for the Chernobyl Nuclear Reactor Faces Schedule Delays, Potential Cost Increases, and Technical Uncertainties (Report).** In 1986, an explosion at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine destroyed the reactor building and released massive amounts of radioactive contamination. A temporary shelter was built over the damaged reactor to prevent further contamination. The United States is a major donor to an international project to build a new shelter to replace the existing one, which is badly deteriorating. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to (1) assess the progress toward completing the new shelter, (2) review the cost estimates to complete the project, and (3) assess the U.S. role in overseeing and funding the project. To carry out its work, GAO analyzed program documents,

interviewed U.S. and international program officials, and visited the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. GAO recommends, among other things, that the Secretary of State consider, in consultation with other donor governments and the EBRD, establishing benchmarks for the project that need to be met before making additional pledges of funds in the future. State generally agreed with our recommendations. However, State cautioned that the use of benchmarks could lead to further project delays or increase costs. We strongly believe that benchmarks could encourage timely project completion at agreed upon costs.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07923high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-923>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. ***July 27, North Jersey* — Chemical plants alerted to spurious safety survey.** The federal government has warned chemical companies in North Jersey and across the nation about a series of suspicious calls earlier this month at plants in the Midwest. The calls, placed to at least three chemical manufacturers, sought information about safety procedures at the businesses and claimed to be from the Center for Chemical Process Safety, an industry group based in New York. But the center is conducting no such survey, and when the companies sought to track the calls, they traced them back to phone numbers that were either disconnected or non-existent, according to Scott Berger, the industry group's director. "If you're doing a scientific survey, why would you spoof the number?" Berger said on Thursday, July 26. "I think that's what got everybody concerned." While there's no way to be certain, the episode has raised concerns that someone might be probing chemical plants for vulnerabilities, Berger said.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/page.php?qstr=eXJpcnk3ZjcxN2Y3dnFIZUVFeXkyJmZnYmVsN2Y3dnFIZUVFeXk3MTc0MjU1>

6. ***July 27, Register-Guard (OR)* — Gasoline tankers explode after truck catches fire.** A Eugene, OR, truck driver narrowly escaped injury Thursday, July 26, when the tanker truck he was driving burst into flames, forcing the closure of both lanes of Highway 58 for six hours. Shortly before 11 a.m. PDT, a commercial truck towing two tanker trailers loaded with more than 10,000 gallons of gasoline was eastbound on Highway 58 about 18 miles west of Highway 97 when its driver, Stephen Shephard, 52, noticed smoke filling the truck's passenger compartment. The driver pulled onto the shoulder and got a fire extinguisher out as the fire began to spread. The fire caused both tanker trailers to explode.
Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/news/2007/07/27/d1.cr.tankerfire.0727.p1.php?section=cityregion>

7. ***July 27, Columbian (WA)* — Roadway chemical spill jams traffic.** Four gallons of muriatic acid, also known as hydrochloric acid, caused a 2½-hour traffic snarl on Northeast 117th Avenue near Brush Prairie, WA, late Thursday morning, July 26. Authorities believe that the bucket filled with the corrosive acid fell off a car onto Northeast 117th Avenue. Someone called the fire department because vapors appeared to be coming from the bucket. The incident forced employees at Columbia Resource Co., the central transfer and recycling center, to stay indoors while a hazardous-materials team neutralized the acid and cleaned it up. The spill also forced the closure of the southbound lanes of Northeast 117th Avenue.

Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/localNews/07272007news174188.cfm/%20>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

- 8. *July 26, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-1056R: Global War on Terrorism: Reported Obligations for the Department of Defense (Correspondence).** Since 2001, Congress has provided the Department of Defense (DoD) with hundreds of billions of dollars in supplemental and annual appropriations for military operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). DoD's reported annual costs for GWOT have shown a steady increase from about \$0.2 billion in fiscal year 2001 to about \$98.4 billion in fiscal year 2006. In fiscal year 2007, Congress provided DoD with about \$161.8 billion in annual and supplemental appropriations for GWOT. To continue its GWOT operations, DoD has requested \$141.7 billion in appropriations for fiscal year 2008. Section 1221 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit quarterly updates to Congress on the costs of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom based on DoD's monthly Supplemental and Cost of War Execution Reports. This report, which responds to this requirement, contains GAO's analysis of DoD's reported obligations for military operations in support of GWOT through April 2007. Specifically, GAO assessed (1) DoD's appropriations and reported obligations for military operations in support of GWOT to date and (2) DoD's fiscal year 2007 reported obligations for GWOT by military service and appropriation account.**

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-1056R>

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Banking and Finance Sector

- 9. *July 26, ComputerWorld* — **Database administrator at Fidelity National stole more data than thought.** A senior database administrator at a subsidiary of Fidelity National Information Services who was responsible for defining and enforcing data access rights at the firm took data belonging to as many as 8.5 million consumers — not 2.3 million, as originally disclosed by the company. The new number was disclosed Wednesday, July 25, in filings by Fidelity National with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company warned of the possibility that even more data may have been compromised in the breach.**

Fidelity National filings, July 25: <http://www.investor.fidelityinfoservices.com/sec.cfm>

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9028105&intsrc=hm_list

- 10. *July 26, 24 Dash (UK)* — **Credit card details hacked into.** Thousands of debit and credit card holders in Newcastle, United Kingdom, could be hit by a breach of security in a town hall computer. Police and security experts have been called in after details of 54,000 residents' cards were downloaded to an address in the Middle East. As a result of the mistake, millions of financial records held by Newcastle City Council have been accessed. Information was placed in error on an open server site which could be accessed by outsiders instead of a secure**

network. The site was shut down as soon as the problem was discovered.

Source: <http://www.24dash.com/localgovernment/25077.htm>

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

11. *July 28, Associated Press* — Television news helicopters collide while following police chase in Phoenix. Two news helicopters covering a police chase on live television collided and crashed to the ground on Friday, July 27, killing all four people on board in a plunge that viewers saw as a jumble of spinning, broken images. Both helicopters went down in a park in central Phoenix and caught fire. No one on the ground was hurt. The man fleeing from police was later taken into custody. Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson Ian Gregor said the pilots of the five news helicopters and one police chopper over the chase were not talking to air traffic controllers at the time, which is normal. "Typically air traffic controllers clear helicopters into an area where they can cover a chase like this," Gregor said. "Once they are in the area, the pilots themselves are responsible for keeping themselves separated from other aircraft." Pilots generally use a dedicated radio frequency to talk to each other and maintain their positions, Gregor said. In Indianapolis, for example, when news choppers descend on a story, they pick different altitudes and radio their positions to other pilots.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-ex-helicopters27jul28.0.6376957.story?coll=la-home-center>

12. *July 27, Government Accountability Office* — GAO-07-917: Public Transportation: Future Demand Is Likely for New Starts and Small Starts Programs, but Improvements Needed to the Small Starts Application Process (Report). Through the New Starts program, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) identifies and recommends new fixed-guideway transit projects for funding. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) created a separate program, commonly called Small Starts, which is intended to offer a streamlined evaluation and rating process for smaller-scale transit projects. FTA subsequently introduced a separate eligibility category within the Small Starts program for "Very Small Starts" projects. These are simple, low-risk projects that qualify for a simplified evaluation and rating process. SAFETEA-LU requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to annually review FTA's New Starts process. This report presents information on (1) FTA's fiscal year 2008 funding recommendations, (2) the extent to which the New Starts pipeline has changed over time, and (3) future projected trends for the New Starts and Small Starts pipelines. To address these objectives, GAO surveyed 215 project sponsors—78 percent of which responded—and interviewed FTA officials, 15 project sponsors, and 3 industry groups. GAO recommends that FTA make several program improvements, including further streamlining the Small Starts application process. FTA officials agreed to consider GAO's recommendations.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07917high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-917>

13. *July 27, Department of Transportation* — Nation's top highway official awards \$5.3 million to encourage bridge innovations. Nearly \$5.3 million in grants will be awarded to bridge projects in 25 states to help develop new technologies to speed bridge construction and make

them safer, Federal Highway Administrator J. Richard Capka announced on Friday, July 27. Capka said, "These grants will help researchers to enhance the quality and durability of bridges, and even the speed with which they are built." Twenty–nine applications representing 25 states were chosen from among 96 applications received. The grants, from the Federal Highway Administration's Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment program, will be awarded for improvements to the quality of materials and design, construction and repair methods, which lower construction costs and enhance bridge safety. A table listing the date, location and amount of each bridge project is included at this source.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fhwa1107.htm>

14. *July 27, Associated Press* — **American Air cited for safety violations.** The U.S. Department of Labor has proposed \$231,000 in fines against American Airlines for alleged safety violations at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued citations against the airline for concerns involving machine guarding, electrical issues, trip and fall hazards, blocked exits, and storage of oxygen and acetylene cylinders at the Chicago airport, according to a statement from OSHA. The agency inspected the Texas–based airline's operations at O'Hare after reviewing its occupational injury and illness data. "This is a very significant penalty being proposed," said Brad Mitchell, a spokesperson for the Labor Department. "The average safety penalty is usually well below \$50,000." According to OSHA, the agency has inspected American 66 times at various locations nationally since 2004, with 37 of those inspections resulting in citations.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070727/il_o_hare_american_osh.html?.v=1

15. *July 27, Associated Press* — **New York–area airports to get anti–terror barriers.** Port Authority of New York and New Jersey officials have approved plans to erect barriers for terminals at the New York area's major airports in the wake of last month's fiery crash at the airport in Glasgow, Scotland. The first barriers are scheduled for installation at Newark Liberty International Airport's Terminal B and at a terminal at La Guardia Airport by the end of the year. The \$10 million project seeks to shield all 16 terminals with bollard–like barriers at Newark, Kennedy, and La Guardia airports.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2007-07-27-nyc-airport-barriers_N.htm

16. *July 26, National Transportation Safety Board* — **NTSB determines Comair 5191 flight crew failed to use available cues to determine location during takeoff.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on Thursday, July 26, determined the probable cause of the Comair flight 5191 accident in Lexington, KY, on August 27, 2006, was the flight crew's failure to use available cues and aids to identify the airplane's location on the airport surface during taxi and their failure to cross check and verify that the airplane was on the correct runway before takeoff. Contributing to this accident were the flight crew's non–pertinent conversation during taxi, which resulted in loss of positional awareness and the Federal Aviation Administration's failure to require that all runway crossings be authorized only by specific air traffic control clearances. "This accident was caused by poor human performance," said NTSB Chairman Mark V. Rosenker. "Forty–nine lives could have been saved if the flight crew had been concentrating on the important task of operating the airplane in a safe manner." As a result of this accident, the safety Board has made several recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration and to the National Air Traffic Controller Association.

Source: <http://www.nts.gov/Pressrel/2007/072607.htm>

17. *July 26, Associated Press* — Nashville man charged in Northwest Airlines bomb threat.

Federal prosecutors Thursday, July 26, charged thirty-one-year-old Kou Wei Chiu, a Nashville doctor, with making a bomb threat because he missed his flight out of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Investigators said the threat forced the Memphis-bound plane to turn around in mid-air and return to the airport. According to an FBI affidavit, Chiu admitted that he used an airport pay phone to call 911 three times after he arrived at gate S-7 too late to board his Northwest Airlines flight Wednesday. He was quoted as saying he thought the plane would be grounded for a couple of hours --and presumably he would get on it later. The report said Chiu also told investigators that he had been off his antidepressant medication in recent days.

Source: <http://www.wmcstations.com/Global/story.asp?S=6847468>

18. *July 26, Department of Homeland Security* — Secretary Chertoff's statement on the agreement with EU for passenger name record data sharing.

I am pleased to have signed an important agreement with the European Union today (Thursday, July 26) that will allow the Department of Homeland Security to continue using Passenger Name Record (PNR) data as an essential screening tool for detecting potentially dangerous transatlantic travelers. PNR data is a proven resource for connecting the dots associated with terrorist activity and serious transnational crime. Our frontline personnel did not have this tool on September 11th. Investigations after the attacks showed that PNR data would have, within a matter of moments, helped to identify many of the 19 hijackers by linking their methods of payment, phone numbers and seat assignments. Under the new agreement, the Department of Homeland Security will collect 19 types of PNR data. The data will be maintained for seven years in an active file, and eight years thereafter in a dormant file with limited access. The new agreement also changes how the department collects PNR data from airline reservation systems. Air carriers will now transmit PNR data directly to the department. The agreement also provides legal assurance to European air carriers that they will not be in potential violation of European privacy law when complying with U.S. law concerning PNR data.

PNR agreement: http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/pnr-2007agreement-usversi_on.pdf

Source: http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1185470531857.shtm

19. *July 25, Department of Transportation* — FRA awards grant to prevent highway-rail grade crossing collisions and trespass incidents.

Continuing efforts to reduce collisions between trains and motor vehicles at grade crossings and discourage illegal trespassing on railroad tracks, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is providing a \$1 million grant to Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a national non-profit railroad safety education organization, announced FRA Deputy Administrator Cliff Eby. The federal funding will be used for Operation Lifesaver's States Assistance Program, which provides up to 50 grants to state organizations that manage railroad safety awareness programs, Eby said. In addition, the funds will support training programs such as regional workshops developed for Operation Lifesaver's 3,000 volunteer trainers and presenters, communications programs, and publications including development and distribution of public service announcements.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/fra1807.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

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Agriculture Sector

20. *July 27, USAgNet* — **Anthrax confirmed in South Dakota.** South Dakota's second case of livestock anthrax this year killed 11 cows in Brule County, according to the state Animal Industry Board. The state's first case of livestock anthrax this year was in Brown County, where one heifer died.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1746&yr=2007>

21. *July 26, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **First Asian soybean rust in Oklahoma.** Asian soybean rust was confirmed for the first time in Oklahoma on a leaf sampled from a sentinel plot in Bryan County on July 13, making Oklahoma the eighth state with rust this year. Soybeans in Choctaw County were found to have rust Tuesday, July 24. The two counties are in southeastern Oklahoma, directly across the border from rust-positive Fannin County in Texas and only two counties west of rust-positive Little River County in Arkansas. This is the farthest north soybean rust has been found in the U.S. this year. These finds bring the U.S. total of counties and parishes with soybean rust in 2007 to 45 in eight states: Texas 15, Florida 10, Louisiana 6, Alabama 5, Georgia 5, Oklahoma 2, Arkansas 1, Mississippi 1. On this date last year, only 26 counties and parishes in five states had soybean rust.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=1073>

22. *July 25, Suffolk News-Herald* — **Suffolk horse tests positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.** A Suffolk horse euthanized last month has tested positive for Virginia's first case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis in two years. The horse was put to sleep on June 26, after it began showing common symptoms of the disease, said Elaine J. Lidholm, communications director for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The agency released the test results Wednesday, July 25. Officials in northeastern North Carolina have had several trapped insects test positive recently for carrying the virus, said Dominion Equine Clinic veterinarian Patrick Abernathy.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis information: <http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/arbovirus/eee.html>

Source: http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/articles/2007/07/26/news/ne_ws2.txt

23. *July 25, Lahontan Valley News (NV)* — **Wild horses found dead on Nevada range.** Wild horses managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) were found dead late last week and additional horses have died since the discovery. The cause of death for 40 wild horses is under investigation. The horses died near a water source in the extreme northwest portion of the herd management area, about 210 miles northwest of Las Vegas, which is within the U.S. Air Force Nevada Test and Training Range. The military alerted BLM Friday, July 20, that they had seen some dead horses. The area is restricted to public access and the Air Force is providing access to the BLM. On Saturday, July 21, BLM went to the site and found 25 dead wild horses and an antelope.

Source: http://www.lahontanvalleynews.com/article/20070725/NEWS/7072_5002

Food Sector

24. July 27, *Associated Press* — Food in botulism recall still being sold. Stores nationwide are continuing to sell recalled canned chili, stew, hash and other foods potentially contaminated with poisonous bacteria even after repeated warnings the products could kill. Thousands of cans are being removed from store shelves as quickly as investigators find them, more than a week after Castleberry's Food Co. began recalling more than 90 potentially contaminated products over fears of botulism contamination. The recall now covers two years' production at the company's Augusta, GA, plant — a tally that spirals into the tens of millions of cans. Spot checks by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state officials continue to turn up recalled products for sale in convenience stores, gas stations and family run groceries, from Florida to Alaska. The FDA alone has found them in roughly 250 of the more than 3,700 stores visited in nationwide checks. In North Carolina, more than one in three stores checked by state officials were still offering recalled products for sale. Four people have been sickened and hospitalized because of the contaminated food, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Officials fear the tally will grow.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/07/27/ap3961375.html>

25. July 26, *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — Recall alert issued for selected bread products. Sara Lee Food & Beverage is issuing a voluntarily and precautionary recall of selected whole wheat bread products produced at the company's Meridian, MS, bakery and sold at grocery retailers in the following areas of the country: the entire states of Mississippi and Alabama, most of Arkansas, far southeastern Missouri, western Georgia, southwestern Tennessee, southeastern Louisiana and the panhandle of Florida. The affected products may contain small pieces of metal. The products are being removed from store shelves, but some may remain in consumer possession. All retail and institutional foodservice customers have been notified, and arrangements for product retrieval have been made.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/saralee07_07.html

26. July 24, *U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — Withdrawal of spring mix and arugula from marketplace. True Leaf Farms, LLC is contacting its wholesale and retail outlets to request they remove certain batches of spring mix and arugula from store shelves and preparation counters as a precautionary step. During a series of regular internal tests, one of the many samples taken indicated the possible presence of salmonella, a human pathogen that may pose a potential health risk. As a caution, all cases of spring mix and arugula produced between July 19 and July 25, 2007 are being withdrawn. There have been no reports of illness or problems connected to this product. Church Brothers Produce, which handles the sales and marketing for True Leaf Farms, is contacting directly all outlets who are known to have received shipments of the finished product from the affected dates.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/trueleaf07_07.html

Water Sector

27. *July 27, Star–Banner (FL)* — **Buried trash could taint water.** The water that comes from Debra Thompson's well is as good as any that bubbles out of Marion, FL's springs. The 50-year-old restaurant worker has enjoyed that water from her home -- just a block away from the Ocala National Forest – for the past 10 years. But for the same period, the Forest has served as some people's dumping ground for garbage, abandoned cars, boats and sometimes even hazardous materials. Two months ago, U.S. Forest Service rangers found a dump site abutting Thompson's subdivision, which is just over the border into Lake County. The site is three acres of vehicles, engine parts and even a makeshift hog kennel with a dilapidated septic system. There is evidence that people dug several pits many feet wide and deep and buried additional waste, including petroleum-based chemicals, before covering them again. "You can actually dig around a little bit and smell it," said District Ranger Rick Lint, who oversees the 384,000-acre Ocala National Forest. U.S. Forest Service spokesperson Denise Rains said the investigation was still in its early stages. "Until more testing is done, all we know is it's on the surface soil. Whether it's permeated into the drinking water, we don't know yet," she said. Source: http://www.ocala.com/article/20070727/NEWS/207270350/1001/NE_WS01

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Public Health Sector

28. *July 27, Agence France–Presse* — **Four more Vietnamese hospitalised with pig disease.** Four more people have been admitted to a Vietnamese hospital with a bacterial infection from diseased pigs that has led to two confirmed human deaths, a health official said Friday, July 27. "Three men and one woman were admitted late last week and early this week in our hospital with a bacterial infection from diseased pigs," said Nguyen Hong Ha, deputy director of the Tropical Diseases Institute in Hanoi. The bacterial disease, streptococcus suis, infects people who handle raw meat or eat undercooked pork dishes. Twenty-six people have now been admitted to the Hanoi hospital, and two of them have died of the disease, he said. A third human death reported by state media earlier this week has so far not been confirmed by laboratory tests. Twenty people have also been treated for the disease in southern Vietnam this year. Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070727/hl_afp/vietnamhealthdis ease_070727164740;_ylt=AuryyGS6fWGeAMSNIJ6dyrCJOrgF

29. *July 26, Reuters* — **Officials seek airline passengers in new TB scare.** A Taiwanese man with a drug-resistant form of tuberculosis (TB) took two flights to reach China, prompting a hunt for passengers who traveled with him, officials said. The 55-year-old man, breaking a travel ban, flew out of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on Dragonair Flight 435 to Hong Kong on July 21, accompanied by his wife. The couple then took Dragonair Flight 810 to Nanjing, China. The Taiwanese man, who was not identified, has multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, which is resistant to two major drugs. There are second-line drugs that can treat this form of tuberculosis. The man's wife, 57, has standard tuberculosis, which is more treatable. She is deemed to be infectious. More than 270 people were on the first flight and more than 120 were on the second, but the authorities were looking for those who sat in the same row as the couple and those who

sat in the two rows in front of and behind them.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/2007/07/26/news/taiwan.php>

30. *July 24, Associated Press* — **Man recovers from hantavirus contracted in Pennsylvania.** A man contracted and recovered from hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, a rare and potentially fatal pneumonia-like virus carried by rodents, the state health department said Tuesday, July 24. The unidentified 40-year-old man worked at a Boy Scout camp in Clearfield County. He was hospitalized after falling ill earlier this month but has since been discharged, said department spokesperson Dan Miller. Hantavirus was first identified in the U.S. during a 1993 outbreak in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah. Most cases still occur in western states, and human infection is very rare in the eastern U.S. In the past decade, only three previous cases were diagnosed in Pennsylvania residents, including two who died, according to the health department.

Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/pennsylvania/20070724_ap_manrecoversfromhantaviruscontractedinpa.html

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Government Sector

31. *July 27, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-987: Information Management: The National Archives and Records Administration's Fiscal Year 2007 Expenditure Plan (Report).** Since 2001, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has been working to acquire the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) system. As required by law, the agency submitted its fiscal year 2007 expenditure plan to congressional appropriations committees, seeking the release of \$23.4 million for the development of the system. The Government Accountability Office's (GAO) objectives in reviewing the expenditure plan were to (1) determine the extent to which the expenditure plan satisfied the legislative conditions specified in the appropriations act; (2) determine the extent to which NARA has implemented GAO's prior recommendations; and (3) provide any other observations about the expenditure plan and the ERA acquisition. GAO reviewed the expenditure plan and analyzed it against the legislative conditions and assessed NARA's progress in addressing prior recommendations. In May 2007, GAO briefed staff of the Senate subcommittee and sent a copy of the briefing to the House and Senate subcommittee staffs. At this time, GAO is making no recommendations. However, continued agency attention will be important to help ensure the success of the project. In commenting on a draft of this report, the Archivist provided an update concerning the ERA cost and schedule.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07987high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-987>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *July 28, KABC-TV (CA)* — **Hollywood Hills evacuation drill successful.** Firefighters mobilized in full force as a brush fire threatens hundreds of homes near Griffith Park in the

Hollywood Hills in California. Fortunately it's only a drill, but next time firefighters know it may be the real thing. With dangerously dry and hot conditions, firefighters want to be prepared, especially in areas like the hills where narrow roads and few escape routes can make the difference between life and death. Going door to door, the Los Angeles Police Department clears out residents living in the area. While it's only a drill, homeowners know it can quickly become a real-life danger. Led by the Los Angeles Fire Department and the city's Emergency Preparedness Department, the goal of the evacuation exercise was to see how well all of the departments work together and how quickly residents could get out. The fire departments says the key to a good evacuation plan is knowing exactly what you want to grab and where it is so you can get out as quickly as possible.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=local&id=5520760>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

33. July 27, *IDG News Service* — Black Hat spurs Apple to patch iPhone. With security researchers set to reveal details of a critical security flaw in the iPhone at the Black Hat 2007 conference this week, Apple Inc. now has fewer than seven days to patch a critical vulnerability in the product. The iPhone hack is one of several disclosures planned that could lead to fireworks as more than 3,000 hackers and security professionals converge at Caesars Palace Las Vegas for the annual confab. The iPhone hack, which was first reported Monday, July 23, by Independent Security Evaluators, showed how hackers could retrieve data from a victim's iPhone by tricking them into visiting a malicious Website. If Apple were to patch the iPhone, it would be the company's first ever software update for the product, which began shipping in late June. Patching the iPhone flaw would also show that Apple had made the right decision in reserving the right to patch the phone itself instead of handing over control of the iPhone software to the mobile carrier companies, as is common practice with mobile phones. Carriers have been slow to patch devices, even when they have known bugs, said Robert Graham, CEO of Errata Security Inc.

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/07/27/black-hat-iphone-patch_1.html

34. July 27, *ComputerWorld* — Yahoo patches Widgets, fixes hijack bug on Windows. Security researchers on Friday, July 27, warned that Yahoo Widgets, a platform that runs small, Web-based gadget-like applications on computer desktops, sports a critical flaw hackers can use to hijack Windows PCs. A bug in an ActiveX control that ships with Yahoo Widgets can be exploited to create a buffer overflow and, after that, introduce rogue code to the compromised computer. The most likely attack scenario, said Yahoo, would find attackers feeding users' links to malicious Websites. Yahoo issued an update to Widgets' engine earlier last week, but it wasn't until Friday that Danish vulnerability tracker Secunia, which reported the bug to Yahoo, announced the flaw. Secunia pegged the problem as "extremely critical," the second-highest threat rating in its five-step scoring system. Only the Windows version of Yahoo Widgets is at risk; the Mac OS X edition does not need to be updated.

Yahoo security advisory: <http://help.yahoo.com/l/us/yahoo/widgets/security/security-08.html>

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9028178&intsrc=hm_list

35. July 27, ComputerWorld — Attacks likely against unpatched Mac OS Samba bug.

Symantec Corp. last week warned Mac OS X users that the addition of an exploit to the Metasploit hacking framework had boosted the threat posed by an unpatched bug in Samba, the open-source file- and print-sharing software included with the Apple operating system. Although the vulnerability was disclosed May 14 and patched that same day by the Samba community, Apple has not updated Mac OS X with a fix, said Symantec's Alfred Huger, vice president of engineering with the security company's response group. "This is significant exposure for Mac OS X users," said Huger. "Samba is used in virtually every mixed environment where there are Macs and PCs, and the threat profile is much higher now that an exploit has been added to Metasploit." This month, a trio of Brazilian researchers who collaborate as Rise Security released Mac OS X attack code for the Samba vulnerability. According to Symantec, the Rise code is "almost identical" to what the company's security team discovered in late May. More important, said Huger, is that Rise also contributed their code to Metasploit, an open-source platform for creating, testing and launching exploit code.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9028220&intsrc=news_ts_head

36. July 27, InformationWeek — New attack uses bogus Websites to deliver malware.

The Italian job that last month saw more than 10,000 legit Web pages embedded with malicious IFrames has resurfaced, this time with even more international intrigue. Last month's threat pushed malicious HTML files onto Web pages of several Italian Websites and infected Web surfers visiting those sites. The new threat comes from a number of newly registered Websites that pretend to represent Italian organizations, but are really just vehicles for using malicious IFrames to spread malware. Indeed, these new sites aren't even being hosted in Italy; they're being hosted out of Germany and may be tied to Russian malware writers, Trend Micro network architect Paul Ferguson told InformationWeek. "One of our researchers found an IP address that included 400 pieces of malware on different URLs," he said. As of Friday morning, July 27, about 2,500 systems may have been infected by these malicious IFrames.

Source: http://www.informationweek.com/security/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=UQXB0NAA3SOKIOSNDLPCKH0CJUNN2JVN?articleID=20120158_2

37. July 27, Sophos — Spammed out screensaver installs rootkits and Trojan horse.

Experts at Sophos have warned of a widespread e-mail spam campaign that poses as a screensaver, but is really designed to install a Trojan horses and rootkits on infected Windows PCs. The e-mails, which are being seen in inboxes worldwide, claim that the recipient has been sent a screensaver by a friend and tells the user to open the attachment (called bsaver.zip). The e-mails used in the malicious spam campaign contain phrasing such as "Good morning/evening, man! Realy cool screensaver in your attachment!" and use a variety of subject lines including: Life is beautiful; Life will be better; Good summer; help you. Clicking on the file contained inside the ZIP attachment infects users with the Troj/Agent-FZB Trojan horse, which drops two rootkits to try and hide from security software.

Source: <http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2007/07/bsaver.html>

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