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- According to the Associated Press, thieves have stolen almost 1 million barrels of oil worth about \$250 million from Mexico's state-owned oil company in the first 4 months of 2011, often selling it to U.S. refineries. (See item [4](#))
- CBS News reports a U.S Marine reservist picked up after hours in Arlington National Cemetery, was detained for possibly having explosives and weapons on his person, and in his car parked near the Pentagon. (See item [31](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 17, Portsmouth Herald* – (New Hampshire) **Fisherman finds 5,000 gallon oil spill on Piscataqua.** Almost 5,000 gallons of fuel oil leaked into the Piscataqua River behind the Sprague Energy plant June 16 in Newington, New Hampshire, a fire lieutenant said. The leak was discovered by a fisherman on the river who called the Newington Fire Department about 11:30 p.m. By June 17, the lieutenant classified the leak as “contained” and said crews were in clean-up mode. Yellow containment booms

were placed around the area, and absorbent pads appeared to be on the shore. The leaked oil was heating fuel, but heavier and more viscous than most home heating oil. The lieutenant said it leaked from a pipe running between a Sprague bulk storage tank and a cargo ship that was off-loading at the time of the spill. The ship remains on scene. At 6:30 a.m., Sprague workers were conducting visual inspections along the shoreline, while boats from multiple responding entities patrolled the area. Newington firefighters were assisted by the Portsmouth Fire Department, the U.S. Coast Guard, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services, and the Piscataqua River Co-Op.
Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20110617-NEWS-110619743>

2. *June 17, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fleeing driver crashes into fuel pumps.** A driver fled from deputies and crashed into fuel pumps early June 17 at a Chevron gas station in Santa Clarita, California. Emergency crews used the “jaws of life” extraction device to remove the driver and passenger from the burned wreckage of the Nissan. Authorities said the driver fled after deputies attempted to make a traffic stop. It was not immediately clear why the driver fled. The vehicle was wedged between a post and the collapsed awning, fire officials said. Firefighters also put out a small fire at the scene. The crash left a fuel spill, and hazardous materials units responded to the gas station. Authorities said an automatic emergency fuel shut-off system prevented more damage.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Driver-Crashes-Into-Gas-Station-Pump-in-Newhall-124065359.html>
3. *June 16, WTMA 1250 Charleston* – (South Carolina; North Carolina) **50,000 customers without power after storms.** Storms in North and South Carolina knocked down trees and power lines June 15, leaving thousands of residents without power. Duke Energy reported that more than 46,000 utility customers in North Carolina and South Carolina were without power June 16, while more than 4,000 South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. customers were without power.
Source: <http://www.wtma.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=134&itemid=29680535>
4. *June 16, Associated Press* – (International) **Mexico oil theft adds up to \$250 million stolen in 4 months.** Thieves stole thousands of barrels per day of oil products from Mexico’s state-owned oil company in the first 4 months of 2011, thefts worth about \$250 million, the company’s director said June 16. The thefts amounted to 1 million barrels, a level almost 50 percent more than what thieves stole in the same period of 2010, according to Pemex. The firm’s director said the stolen fuel was the equivalent of 100 tanker trucks per day. Mexican officials said drug cartels have been involved in the thefts, often by tapping into state-owned pipelines. The thieves will sometimes inject water into pipelines to cover up the drop in pressure caused by thefts, or drill a second tap near the first to continue siphoning off oil if the first is detected. Drilling into pipelines is dangerous because of the high pressure and combustibility of the fuel; while illegal taps have caused explosions, fires, and spills in the past, authorities still find hundreds of successful taps each year. A spokesman said 556 illegal taps had been detected so far in 2011, compared to 710 in all of 2010. About 390 of the taps involved refined fuel pipelines, while about 135 were at ducts carrying crude. Because there is little market in Mexico for unrefined oil products stolen from pipelines, the thieves

often sell the oil to U.S. refineries. Pemex filed lawsuits in May against nine U.S. companies for alleged involvement in buying or processing Mexican oil products. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/06/17/mexico-oil-theft-250-million_n_878921.html

5. *June 16, Bellevue Patch* – (Washington) **Large blaze at Puget Sound Energy substation causes power disruptions throughout area.** Fire and utility crews responded June 16 to a large transformer fire at a power substation in Redmond, Washington, that belched thick, black smoke that could be seen from as far away as Seattle about 15 miles away. The fire, reported at 12:30 p.m., knocked out power to 25,000 customers in Redmond, Kirkland, and Woodinville, a Puget Sound Energy (PSE) spokeswoman said. No injuries were reported. The PSE spokeswoman said 15,000 gallons of mineral oil that fill the 10-year-old transformer were burning, but the utility did not believe it was hazardous. Two other transformers were shut down as a precaution. Redmond firefighters were first to respond to a report of an explosion. They had to call in a fire truck with foam from the Port of Seattle because water was not putting out the flames.
Source: <http://bellevue.patch.com/articles/explosion-reported-at-puget-sound-energy-substation>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *June 17, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **Trailer accident spills unknown hazardous chemical.** Half of a box trailer separated June 16 on West Virginia Turnpike property near the Beckley, West Virginia exit, spilling an unknown quantity of an unidentified hazardous chemical. Various fire and police crews were sent to the scene of the accident along Van Kirk Drive, which runs between the Beckley Travel Plaza and Tamarack. Turnpike officials said the double-truck contained an oxidizer, identified as a chemical that is flammable, and one that “reacts violently with water.” Concerns were heightened by a weather report out of Charleston that tracked a rainstorm approaching the Beckley area. The Mount Hope Volunteer Fire Department responded, along with emergency medical personnel and police.
Source: <http://www.register-herald.com/todaysfrontpage/x177905605/Officials-Trailer-accident-spills-unknown-hazardous-chemical>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *June 17, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **NRC: No flood danger at reactor.** Despite the Fort Calhoun nuclear reactor’s being surrounded by water and the

weeks of flooding that lie ahead, the plant near Omaha, Nebraska, is in a safe cold shutdown and can remain so indefinitely, the reactor's owners and federal regulators said. "We think they've taken adequate steps to protect the plant and to assure continued safety," a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said June 16. The vice president at Omaha Public Power District said the plant's flood barriers are being built to a level that will protect against rain and the release of record amounts of water from upstream dams on the Missouri River. The nuclear plant, 20 miles north of Omaha, was shut down April 9 for refueling. It has not been restarted because of the imminent flooding. Cooper Nuclear Station, which is about 70 miles south of Omaha near Brownville, Nebraska, continues to operate even as it makes similar flood protections. Cooper is owned by Nebraska Public Power District. The river would have to rise about 6 feet higher for the plant to go into a cold shutdown.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110617/NEWS01/706179913/0>

8. *June 17, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Dominion Virginia Power trying to restart nuclear reactor 2 months after tornado hit nearby.** Dominion Virginia Power is trying to restart a nuclear reactor that has been out of service since a tornado knocked out electricity at its power station April 16 in Surry, Virginia. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reports U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission figures show Unit 2 operated at 2 percent of capacity June 16. The power station's other nuclear reactor was restarted shortly after the tornado and has been running at full power. Dominion had hoped to have Unit 2 running as well, but the state department of labor and industry was subsequently called in to investigate a contractor's claim of asbestos exposure at the site. A Dominion spokesman has said experts determined the asbestos did not exceed federal safety standards.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b38a46f665554021bf7d9a19ae3f2188/VA--Power-Plant-Restart/>
9. *June 17, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA enlists nuke contractor.** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has signed a letter of intent with a contractor to design, license, and build six prefabricated nuclear reactors on the former Clinch River Breeder Reactor site in Roane County, Tennessee. And recent correspondence with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) indicates the utility may, by 2020, site 10-12 of the small modular reactors, called SMRs, which have never before been licensed. The reactors — each capable of producing about one-tenth the power of a large, traditional nuclear reactor — would be the first "commercially viable" small nuclear plants, according to contractor Babcock & Wilcox. But some critics argued that Tennessee and its ratepayers again may be guinea pigs, and that the TVA and the nuclear industry, to keep costs down, are pressuring NRC to short-cut safety concerns.
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/jun/17/tva-enlists-nuke-contractor/>
10. *June 16, Reuters* – (International) **Drought, nuclear closures worry EU power grid firms.** Germany's nuclear shutdowns and low water levels in France may strain Europe's power supplies this summer, but can be managed via imports from their neighbors, according to a forecast June 16 by network operators. "The sudden

shutdown of eight German nuclear power plants following the events in Japan is expected to affect the whole of Germany,” said the report by the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E). “Missing plants pose a problem for the grid that could become critical due to subsequent changes in the power flow situation,” it added. “The shutdown of nuclear generation capacity can basically be compensated by imports.” As a last resort, energy intensive factories might be have to be shut down temporarily if the grid reaches its limits, Germany’s network regulator said earlier this month. ENTSO-E’s report highlighted the risks to power station cooling systems from heatwaves that reduce river water levels. French grid operator RTE has already announced a possible 10 percent drop in generation and need for 6,000 megawatts of imports in September. “All neighboring countries — UK, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Italy and Switzerland — may be concerned by RTE’s potential need for imports,” the ENTSO-E report said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/16/us-eu-energy-forecast-idUSTRE75F4DC20110616>

11. *June 15, New York Times* – (United States) **Nuclear plant safety rules understate risk, U.S. says.** Nuclear safety rules in the United States do not adequately weigh the risk that a single event would knock out electricity from both the grid and from emergency generators, as an earthquake and tsunami recently did at a nuclear plant in Japan, officials of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said June 15. A task force created after the accident at the nuclear plant, Fukushima Daiichi, delivered an oral progress report June 15 to the five-member commission. In that session, commission officials said they had learned that some of the safety equipment installed at American nuclear plants over the years, including hardware added after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, is not maintained or inspected as diligently as the original components are. A crucial reason for the extensive damage to the Fukushima plant’s reactors was the loss of electricity needed to run water pumps and to reposition valves. The American nuclear industry has argued in recent months that its reactors are better prepared to cope with that kind of emergency. But the chairman of the task force said that studies by safety experts in the United States had analyzed the risk of losing electricity from the grid or from on-site emergency generators, but not both at the same time. The task force, appointed in April, is supposed to complete its investigation in August, but is periodically updating the commission.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/16/business/energy-environment/16nrc.html? r=1>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *June 16, Flight International* – (National) **F-22 grounding continues as oxygen safety probe widens.** More than 6 weeks after the US Air Force indefinitely grounded all Lockheed Martin F-22A Raptors, the scope of the safety investigation has widened beyond the Honeywell-supplied onboard oxygen generating system (OBOGS), Flight International reported June 16. Although internally described as the “OBOGS safety investigation,” the probe launched after the May 3 safety stand-down of the F-22A fleet is “not limited” to that particular system, Air Combat Command (ACC) said. The stand-down was originally linked to five reports by F-22 pilots of potential oxygen system malfunctions, including one reported instance when an F-22 scraped treetops on final approach. The pilot could not remember the incident after landing, exhibiting a classic symptom of hypoxia.
Source: <http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2011/06/16/358103/f-22-grounding-continues-as-oxygen-safety-probe-widens.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *June 17, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Suspected serial bank bandit caught.** Police have arrested a suspected serial bank robber in Florida, they said June 17. Police arrested the man in connection to at least three robberies in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Investigators said the 35-year-old is believed to be behind the robbery of a Bank of America along Northeast 36th Street and North Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale June 15. Authorities believe he also robbed another bank in Fort Lauderdale and one in North Miami Beach, the week of June 6.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004594962727/>
14. *June 16, KY3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Man pleads guilty for robbing bank in Springfield, using manager’s car to get away.** A man from Fort Smith, Arkansas, pleaded guilty in federal court June 16 for two armed bank robberies in Springfield and Joplin, Missouri. Under the terms of a plea agreement, the man will be sentenced to 30 years in prison without chance of parole. A grand jury indicted the man April 7, 2010. By pleading guilty, the man admitted he robbed Liberty Bank in Springfield March 29, 2010, and Great Southern Bank in Joplin September 16, 2010. He also admitted he used a loaded handgun, which he carried in a shoulder holster, to steal \$80,000 from Liberty Bank. He used a loaded Springfield Armory 9mm handgun to steal \$404,350 from Great Southern Bank. He also pleaded guilty to brandishing a firearm in furtherance of the Great Southern Bank robbery.
Source: http://articles.ky3.com/2011-06-16/great-southern-bank_29668090
15. *June 16, Birmingham Business Journal* – (National) **Taylor Bean exec Farkas charged with securities fraud, scamming TARP.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged the former chairman and majority owner of Taylor Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corporation (TBW) June 16 with orchestrating a large-scale securities fraud scheme and attempting to scam the U.S. Treasury’s Troubled Asset

Relief Program, according to a news release on the SEC's Web site. The man was one of several people involved in a fraud scheme that brought down Montgomery, Alabama's Colonial Bank. The SEC alleged the group conspired together to sell more than \$1.5 billion worth of fabricated or impaired mortgage loans and securities from TBW to Colonial Bank. The chairman and TBW's former treasurer were also responsible for a bogus equity investment that caused Colonial Bank to misrepresent that it had satisfied a prerequisite necessary to qualify for TARP funds, according to the SEC.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/news/2011/06/16/taylor-bean-exec-farkas-charged-with.html>

16. *June 16, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Troopers kill two, arrest one after Wright City bank robbery.** Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers shot two men to death and took a woman into custody June 16 after a suspect vehicle ran a roadblock following a bank robbery in southeast Oklahoma. Troopers set up the roadblock along State Highway 3 near Rattan in Pushmataha County after the 1 p.m. bank robbery in Wright City in nearby McCurtain County. A spokesman for the patrol said troopers spotted the suspect vehicle. The driver refused to stop and ran the roadblock. Shots were fired, and two men in the fleeing vehicle were hit, troopers said. They later died from their injuries. A woman in the car was being held for questioning by the Pushmataha County sheriff's office. She was not injured in the incident. The spokesman said the FBI, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Pushmataha County sheriff's office, and the patrol are jointly investigating the incident. He said no troopers were injured.

Source: http://www.newsok.com/troopers-kill-two-arrest-one-after-wright-city-bank-robbery/article/3577772?custom_click=headlines_widget

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Transportation Sector

17. *June 16, Examiner.com* – (National) **Delta Connection carrier ASA gets hit with \$425k proposed FAA fine.** Delta Connection carrier Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA) has been hit with a \$425,000 fine by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Atlanta-based ASA operates flights for both Delta Air Lines and United Airlines, including numerous Delta Connection flights to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport in Minnesota. The FAA allegations announced June 16 claim two 50-passenger Bombardier CRJ-200 regional jets were flown by the airline after they were hit by lightning. Inspections required by FAA regulations after lightning strikes were not undertaken in a timely fashion. Specifically, the FAA alleged the two aircraft received lightning strikes July 21 and July 23, 2008. ASA continued to operate the aircraft on a total of 13 revenue flights, meaning with passengers aboard, from July 22 to July 24. An FAA inspector discovered both violations recently. Regulations require airlines to quickly undertake a detailed check of the aircraft and to document the inspections in the maintenance manuals that are maintained for each plane.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/airlines-airport-in-minneapolis/delta-connection-carrier-asa-gets-hit-with-425k-proposed-faa-fine>

18. *June 16, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Pilot smells fumes in US Airways jet bound for PIT.** A US Airways pilot was taken to a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania hospital after he reported smelling fumes in his plane minutes before it landed at Pittsburgh International Airport in Pittsburgh June 15. The Phoenix, Arizona-to-Pittsburgh flight was about 8 miles from the Findlay Township airport when the pilot called ahead to say there were fumes of some kind in the airplane. That call, received by the airport around 7:15 p.m., triggered a response by the airport’s fire department and other emergency personnel, an airport spokeswoman said. Fire crews met the plane on the tarmac and allowed it to proceed to the gate, she said. A US Airways spokesman said once the pilot reported the fumes, the crew all donned oxygen masks, but there was no emergency declared, and the passengers were not asked to do the same. The plane was taken out of operation to be inspected, he said; there were no signs of a fire on board, but maintenance crews had not determined a cause of the smell.

Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/transportation/pilot-smells-fumes-in-us-airways-jet-bound-for-pit/article_5ab674b6-b474-5195-906a-db4d511d2b5f.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *June 17, Associated Press* – (International) **UK blocks UPS sites over security.** United-States based shipping company United Parcel Service (UPS) has been barred from moving air cargo through some United Kingdom facilities because of security deficiencies, the British government said June 17. The department for transport disclosed the action, but gave no information on the security issues and did not identify the locations involved. It said: “following careful consideration, the department has restricted the number of sites in the U.K. at which UPS Ltd. are permitted to screen air cargo until it has satisfied current security requirements.” The department said it could not give details of the sites for security reasons. UPS told customers June 17 that shipments from Britain were being delayed, but did not give further details. The vulnerability of air cargo to terrorist attacks is a major worry for international security agencies.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iJVWPbYe5shYiHGLW4rUpRCT1ag?docId=6010a231fbff4ebcb8e56288ed211954>

20. *June 16, KBTX 3 Bryan* – (Texas) **More mailboxes being vandalized in Brazos County.** Federal investigators are looking into a series of mail crimes across the Brazos Valley in Texas. About 80 mailboxes have been smashed and those behind the crimes could face time in federal prison. More reports of damaged mail boxes are popping up in Brazos County and other areas. Officials said dozens of mailboxes were hit June 15. The Brazos County Sheriff’s Office continues to investigate as well as a postal inspector to find out who is doing this. While no arrests have been made, authorities are questioning a person of interest. Damaging mailboxes is a federal crime. Offenders face up to 3 years in federal prison and a fine.

Source:

[http://www.kbtx.com/local/headlines/More Mailboxes Being Vandalized in Brazos County_124047989.html](http://www.kbtx.com/local/headlines/More-Mailboxes-Being-Vandalized-in-Brazos-County_124047989.html)

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *June 17, Food Safety News* – (New York) **Warning in New York for staph in Fresh Cheese.** Long Island consumers in New York have been warned not to eat a certain Queso Fresco “Fresh Cheese” because it may be contaminated with *Staphylococcus aureus*. Quesos CentroAmericano Corp. of Freeport, New York, recalled the fresh cheese after a routine sample, taken June 7 by an inspector from the New York Agriculture Department’s Division of Milk Control and Dairy Services, was found to be contaminated with high levels of *Staphylococcus aureus*. The manufacturer was notified of the positive test result on June 13 and voluntarily recalled the product. The recalled fresh Spanish-style cheese is sold in 5-pound foil tray packages. The package label identifies the plant number 36-9845 and the product lot code 05/31/11. The cheese was distributed to stores, delis, and restaurants on Long Island.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/warning-in-ny-for-staph-in-fresh-cheese/>
22. *June 16, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **E. coli suspected of sickening Everett petting zoo visitors.** The Snohomish Health District confirmed four suspected cases of *E. coli* bacteria found in people who visited the Animal Petting Farm at Forest Park in Everett, Washington. Two adults and two children reported symptoms after visiting the farm on opening day June 4. One of the children was hospitalized for 3 days but is now recovering. All four individuals were in non-life threatening condition June 16. The infected people have been treated, but the health district is waiting on lab results before the cases are confirmed. It is believed that the suspected *E. coli* poisoning originated with the animals who naturally carry bacteria. The health district believes the infected people did not properly wash their hands after visiting the farm. The animal farm has not been shut down. The city bleached the entire farm and enhanced fences around the animal cages to further limit contact between children and animals. No animals were in quarantine.
Source: <http://www.krem.com/news/northwest-news/124046229.html>

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Water Sector

23. *June 16, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Sewage leak puts part of Manatee River off-limits.** A sewer main break spilled more than 3 million gallons of raw sewage into the Manatee River at 11:15 a.m. June 14 after a metal pipe ruptured in Bradenton, Florida’s sewage treatment facility at U.S. 41 and 17th Avenue West. The

sewage contained enough fecal matter to dust an entire football field, and could cost the city up to \$25,000 in fines, according to the Clean Water Act. Officials collected samples of the river water June 15 to test for coliform bacteria and nutrients, and expected the results by June 17. It is unclear what caused the rupture in the 30-inch pipe but drinking water, however, has not been affected.

Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110616/ARTICLE/110619633/-1/sports?Title=Sewage-leak-puts-part-of-Manatee-River-off-limits&tc=ar>

24. *June 16, Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror* – (Massachusetts) **Alleged stolen car topples hydrant, spills more than 400,000 gallons of water.** Just after 1 a.m. June 17, a stolen, silver Ford Escape crashed into a fire hydrant in front of Nantucket High School in Nantucket, Massachusetts, flooding the area with more than 400,000 gallons of water. The car was abandoned at the scene of the accident, the owner was eventually contacted and reported that her daughter had possession of the vehicle, both have been ruled out as suspects in the crash. The Wannacomet Water Company operations manager said the driver of the vehicle hit the hydrant so hard it sheared the pipe that comes from the water main right off the valve. There was so much water gushing from the severed water line that homes across the street from the high school were threatened by flooding. The water level in the Washing Pond Road water tank dropped 20 feet during the incident, shedding about 370,000 gallons, while the new North Pasture water tank lost another 115,000 gallons as workers struggled to stop the leak.

Source: <http://www.ack.net/HydrantAccident061611.html>

25. *June 16, KHAS 5 Hastings* – (Nebraska) **Swift Beef Company to pay \$1.3 million for violating EPA regulations.** Swift Beef Company's has agreed to pay \$1.3 million to Nebraska and the United States for damaging natural resources after violations of the Clean Water Act were discovered at the Grand Island plant between 2006 and 2011. A permit from the Nebraska Department of Environment Quality allowed Swift to release a certain amount of wastewater into the Grand Island wastewater treatment plant and into the Wood River, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency discovered Swift discharged more water than it was allowed resulting in the death of 10,000 fish in the Wood and Platte Rivers and interfering with the city's water treatment process. After the fish kill in 2008, Swift voluntarily spent more than \$1 million to improve its water treatment system which resulted in a reduction of more than 2 million pounds of pollution. In addition to the \$1.3 million, Swift must also pay Nebraska \$100,000 for violating a state administrative order, and nearly \$5,000 to Nebraska Game and Parks for resource damages.

Source: <http://www.khastv.com/news/local/JBS-Swift-and-Co-to-pay-13-million-for-violating-EPA-regulations-124049634.html>

26. *June 16, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **City, OSHA investigate explosion that killed Redding wastewater worker.** The city of Redding, California and the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration have launched twin investigations into a water tank explosion June 15 that killed a sewage treatment plant operator. The operator suffered critical head injuries in the explosion and never regained consciousness. He died June 16, the Shasta County coroner's office confirmed. The explosion blew the top off a 4,500-gallon steel hydropneumatic tank,

the city's public works director said. The tank was 33 years old. Water enters the tank after it has been chlorinated. From there, the water is distributed throughout the rest of the plant for further treatment, he said. Water is pressurized going into and out of the tank, he said. The explosion interrupted the plant's treatment process for about 2 hours, he said. Untreated water went into outdoor storage ponds, where there was plenty of room. Crews installed a pump to bypass the exploded tank and resume treatment.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2011/jun/16/city-osha-investigate-explosion/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *June 17, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **100 workers evacuated by fire at GlaxoSmithKline facility.** Investigators are searching for what sparked a two-alarm electrical fire in the basement of the research facilities of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) June 16, prompting evacuation of about 100 employees and trapping a worker in an elevator. GSK is a global pharmaceutical, biologics, vaccines, and consumer healthcare company headquartered in England. Emergency responders were dispatched to Building 9 at GSK's Upper Providence Township, Pennsylvania campus around 9:30 a.m. The firm's director of external communications said the electrical fire began in the processing area for the company's investigational supply chain, which looks at products in development, and was extinguished around 10:15 a.m. Immediately after the fire started, about 100 employees were evacuated from the area and electricity was terminated to Building 9, she said. The fire marshal said the fire was electrical in nature, but noted engineers have been brought in to help determine the exact cause.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/06/17/news/srv0000012069811.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

28. *June 16, Computerworld* – (National) **Feds move toward health claims database despite privacy fears.** Despite lingering privacy concerns, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is plowing ahead with plans to build a massive centralized database containing detailed healthcare claims information on millions of federal employees and their families. The agency June 15 released two formal notices in the Federal Register detailing plans for the new Health Claims Data Warehouse. One of the notices describes how the OPM will use the database, the other describes how the OPM Inspector General's office will use it. Work on the database begins July 15. The notices — known in government parlance as systems-of-records notices — are aimed at addressing some of the concerns raised by several privacy groups when the OPM first detailed its plans last October. The outcry prompted the OPM to push back its original deadline.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217680/Feds_move_toward_health_claims_database_despite_privacy_fears

29. *June 15, Reuters* – (International) **FDA says Takeda diabetes drug raises cancer risk.** Takeda Pharmaceutical’s Actos diabetes drug can increase the risk of bladder cancer if used for more than a year, U.S. drug regulators said June 15. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it is adding this information to the label for the drug after reviewing the preliminary 5-year results of an ongoing 10-year study. The announcement comes after France and Germany suspended sales of Actos the week of June 6 due to similar worries about a possible risk to bladder cancer. Japan’s Takeda has garnered close to \$5 billion in worldwide sales from Actos, its best-selling drug. However, Actos faces looming generic competition, potentially muting any financial impact from regulatory actions. About 2.3 million patients filled a prescription for a product containing pioglitazone, the clinical name for Actos, from January to October of 2010, the FDA said. It said it will continue to evaluate data from the ongoing 10-year epidemiological study, and will also review the results from a French study, which prompted the suspension of Actos in France.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/15/us-drugs-fda-actos-idUSTRE75E5Q220110615>
30. *June 15, KATC 3 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Doctors, chemists raise health concerns over explosion.** The explosion at the Multi-Chem Corp. chemical plant June 14 in New Iberia, Louisiana is raising concerns from doctors and chemists. Some of the chemicals could cause side effects for people who live or work near the plant. The chemicals include xylene, toluene, and methanol, each of which are highly explosive. Louisiana’s Department of Environmental Quality said air measurements in the area are at safe levels, but experts said there are risks. One doctor said if chemicals such as xylene and methanol are airborne, it would not take much to start seeing side effects. One chemist said the affected area also includes farms and food supplies. “Any of the hydrocarbons that are real stable or any heavy metals in those chemicals could be deposited in the soil.” a spokesperson said, “and last a very, very long time.”
Source: <http://www.katc.com/news/doctors-chemists-raise-health-concerns-over-explosion/>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *June 17, CBS; Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Pentagon scare suspect ID’d as Marine reservist.** A source told CBS News that the man detained in the discovery of a suspicious vehicle outside the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia June 17 has been identified as a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The man told authorities during questioning June 17 that he was carrying explosive materials, the source told CBS News. Previously, an FBI Special Agent who heads the bureau’s counterterrorism division in its Washington, D.C. field office, told reporters a non-explosive material was found in a backpack the suspect was carrying at the time of his arrest. A law enforcement official speaking on the condition of anonymity said officials found what appeared to be an unknown quantity of ammonium nitrate. The official,

who was not authorized to release the information, said nothing else was found that would have enabled an explosion. The official said tests were being done to determine the substance and the exact concentration. A law enforcement source said the suspect was carrying a notebook that contained the phrases “al Qaeda,” “Taliban rules,” and “Mujahid defeated croatian forces” when he was detained. The law enforcement source said the backpack also contained 20 spent 9 mm shell casings and 3 cans of black spray paint. The suspect was detained after the U.S. Park Police came across him early June 17 in Arlington National Cemetery, when it was closed, triggering the investigation. The Park Police then launched a search for a vehicle, which was found near the Pentagon. The 2011 red Nissan prompted the Arlington County Fire Department’s bomb disposal unit to follow protocols, including the use of a water cannon, to render the vehicle safe, an Arlington Police spokeswoman told reporters. CBS News reports the Marine Corps Memorial is open to the public. Arlington National Cemetery was briefly closed, but has since reopened. A DHS spokesman said federal agencies were involved with the investigation. “DHS is monitoring a suspicious vehicle incident causing road closures around the Pentagon,” he said. “This is a law enforcement matter at this time, with the U.S. Park Police and the Arlington County Police Department as leads and other federal agencies on the scene.”

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/06/17/national/main20071998.shtml>

32. *June 17, Albany Times-Union* – (New Mexico) **Los Alamos man charged for threatening judge.** A 29-year-old Los Alamos, New Mexico man with a history of threatening authorities was accused of making a death threat against a federal judge June 15. The FBI in Albuquerque said the suspect was arrested and charged June 15 after he admitted to police he e-mailed a death threat to a U.S. district judge. The judge presided over a 2005 federal firearms case in which the man was sentenced to prison. He was later returned to prison for a probation violation stemming from a death threat against a probation officer.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Los-Alamos-man-charged-for-threatening-judge-1428748.php>
33. *June 17, Voice of America* – (International) **No evidence of chemical threat at U.S. military base in S. Korea.** U.S. officials said they are optimistic a joint investigation underway with the South Korean government will conclude there are no present environmental dangers from the alleged burial, decades ago, of toxic chemicals on a American military base in the country. A U.S. Ambassador told reporters in Seou June 17 that potential health concerns to South Koreans, American military personnel, and their dependents prompted a quick and full investigation. A researcher at South Korea’s National Institute of Environmental Research said there is nothing alarming from preliminary findings near Camp Carroll, a U.S. military base covering 40 hectares, in the southeastern part of the country. He said the levels of dioxin detected at three locations 1 kilometers from the U.S. facility are too minute to be hazardous to humans. South Korean and U.S. officials also said there is no evidence, at this stage, that the dioxin came from the defoliant Agent Orange. Scientists said they are continuing to evaluate more water samples. Results of remaining inspections are expected to be released in July.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/No-Evidence-of-Chemical-Threat-at-US-Military-Base-in-S-Korea-124059899.html>

34. *June 16, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Storm cleanup continues.** Two dozen Fort Gordon soldiers were treated for injuries caused by a storm that blew through the Augusta, Georgia area June 15. The soldiers were participating in a Reserve Component Annual Training and Red Dragon exercise when the storm hit their bivouac area, according to a news release. They were taken to Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center for treatment for injuries from storm-related debris and damaged tents. The majority returned to work. The storm, which brought winds up to 67 mph, caused problems in many other areas in the hours after it passed.
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-06-16/morning-finds-scattered-storm-damage?v=1308225251>
35. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **2 men indicted for attack on federal property.** A federal grand jury has indicted two Idaho men accused of using Molotov cocktails in May to destroy government vehicles, and a private business building in Payette, Idaho. The eight-count indictment was issued June 15 against a 48-year-old man from Fruitland, and 21-year-old man from Payette. They face a range of charges, from conspiring to use explosive devices in a federal crime to possession of stolen firearms. Federal prosecutors said the charges stem from the theft of guns from a pawn shop in Fruitland May 27. The indictment alleges the two used Molotov cocktails to destroy a U.S. Department of Agriculture truck and all-terrain vehicle, as well as a building owned by Western Core Company Inc. If convicted on the charges, each faces at least 35 years in prison.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/2-men-indicted-for-attack-on-federal-property-1427492.php>
36. *June 16, Arizona Republic and KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Arizona State University building evacuated after fire.** An Arizona State University (ASU) building in Tempe, Arizona, was evacuated after what police suspect was a small, arson-sparked fire June 16, according to an ASU police official. About 9:30 a.m., high school students in a program inside the Business Administration Building C-Wing smelled smoke and pulled the fire alarm. About the same time, authorities received a report of a suspicious person in the building, which is on the south side of the campus. Firefighters from at least two cities quickly responded and found smoke and the smell of burning plastic on the third floor of the 6-story building. Firefighters put out the small fire. Police found a “person of interest” and interviewed him, a commander with the ASU Police Department said. The person of interest was found with a lighter and burned material.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/06/16/20110616tempe-asu-building-fire-abrk.html>
37. *June 16, Arlington Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Man headed back to court on charges of setting fire to high school, threatening to bomb Foodmaster.** An Arlington, Massachusetts man accused of committing arson and threatening to bomb a public place is headed back to court in late June, officials at the Middlesex District Attorney’s

(DA) Office said June 16. He was indicted on five counts of attempting to burn a building, one count of attempting to burn a dwelling, three counts of setting off false fire alarms, one count of making a bomb threat, and seven counts of disorderly conduct, according to a statement from the DA's office. Authorities said the crimes the suspect is accused of committing include starting two fires inside Arlington High School and one at an office complex on Mill Street. He is also accused of threatening to bomb Johnnie's Foodmaster and setting off three fire alarms near the intersection of Mill Street and Massachusetts Avenue, according to the DA's office. In a statement, officials at the DA's office said the suspect was arrested after being caught on a surveillance tape. He was further identified in a picture posted on the social media Web site Facebook, in which he was wearing a sweatshirt matching a description by witnesses, authorities said.

Source: <http://arlington.patch.com/articles/man-headed-back-to-court-on-charges-of-setting-fire-to-high-school-threatening-to-bomb-foodmaster>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *June 16, DNainfo.com* – (New York) **Apparent grenade forces evacuation of NYPD 126th St. Stationhouse.** The 26th Precinct at 520 W. 126th Street in the Harlem section of Manhattan, New York was evacuated June 16 after cops found what appeared to be a grenade in a trash can. Preliminary indications were that the device was brought to the station near Old Broadway as part of a gun buy-back program, sources said. One man, who declined to be named, said a man found the device on the street in Brooklyn and brought it to St. Mary's Episcopal Church next door. A staffer at the church urged him to turn the device in to police. Outside the stationhouse, officers placed the device under a coffee can, which they covered with a towel, according to the witness. The bomb squad was called in, which used an X-ray machine to try to determine if it was live. Not wanting to take any chances, the device was taken to the New York City Police Department's firing range at Rodman's Neck in The Bronx. There, it was determined to be inert.

Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/20110616/harlem/apparent-grenade-forces-evacuation-of-nypd-126th-st-stationhouse>

39. *June 16, WMFD 12 Mansfield* – (Ohio) **Four jail corrections officers facing criminal charges.** Four Richland County, Ohio Jail Corrections Officers are facing charges following an investigation into allegations of misconduct involving a juvenile who was in custody at the jail. The incident involved a 17-year-old, fully restrained in a restraint chair, taken to the second floor of the jail, and placed in a freezing garage where he was shackled to a concrete pillar while in the restraint chair. The garage doors were opened exposing him to the extreme cold weather for more than 2 hours as he screamed in agony. The investigation was presented to the Mansfield Law Director's Office for a review. the four officers were charged with dereliction of duty, interfering with civil

rights, and endangering children.

Source: <http://www.wmfd.com/newsboard/single.asp?Story=46562>

40. *June 16, Munster Times* – (Illinois) **Nine sickened by fumes.** Fire department investigators are trying to determine what caused an odor in a house in Lansing, Illinois that sent its four residents and five firefighters to an area hospital for treatment. Firefighters responded about 9 a.m. June 16 to a call of an odor coming from a house in the 3300 block of Ann Street. When firefighters arrived, the four residents had evacuated, and crews entered to see if the scene was contained. Although they could not find any problem, or additional residents, the fire chief said five of the firefighters began complaining of nausea after leaving the house. Those firefighters, along with the four residents, were taken to The Community Hospital in Munster, Indiana. As of the afternoon of June 16, four of the firefighters had been treated and released. One other firefighter was continuing to be treated, as were the four residents. The fire chief said he expected all to be released later June 16. Crews remained at the scene for about 6 hours, and about 15 vehicles and other pieces of equipment were used because the scene was designated a hazardous materials situation.

Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/illinois/lansing/article_d05ef3c7-ae54-50bf-9d58-4f4802e6310c.html

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Information Technology Sector

41. *June 17, IDG News Service* – (International) **U.S. warns of problems in Chinese SCADA software.** Two vulnerabilities found in industrial control system software made in China but used worldwide could be remotely exploited by attackers, according to a warning issued June 16 by the U.S. Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT). The vulnerabilities were found in two products from Sunway ForceControl Technology, a Beijing-based company that develops supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software for many industries, including defense, petrochemical, energy, water, and manufacturing, the agency said. Sunway's products are mostly used in China but also in Europe, the Americas, Asia and Africa, according to the agency's advisory. The problems could cause a denial of service issue or remote code exploitation in Sunway's ForceControl 6.1 WebServer and its pNetPower AngelServer products. Both issues were found by a researcher from security testing company NSS Labs. Sunway issued patches for the vulnerabilities May 20. ICS-CERT said there are no known exploits for the vulnerabilities, but computer security experts generally recommend patching software as soon as possible. ICS-CERT added that its unlikely someone could create consistent exploit code for the two vulnerabilities, and that an attacker would need to have "intermediate" skills to exploit the problems.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217722/U.S._warns_of_problems_in_Chinese_SCADA_software

42. *June 17, H Security* – (International) **Malware targets custom Android ROMs.** Malware designed to exploit a flaw that granted extra permissions to

applications on devices with custom Android ROMs has been identified by Lookout Mobile Security. A CyanogenMod developer confirmed the vulnerability was closed in version 7.0.3 of CyanogenMod in May, when the popular ROM was updated for a mystery “important security fix.” The problem is if applications are signed with the same private key as the operating system, Android grants them permission to install and uninstall applications without user intervention. Normally, this would not be an issue as the private key would be secret, but many custom ROMs are built from the Android Open Source Project (AOSP) source code that includes publicly available private keys. Lookout found malware, which it dubbed jSMShider, in several applications in alternative Chinese app markets. jSMShider is signed with the “private key” from AOSP and uses the permissions flaw to install a secondary payload onto the system that could read, send, and process SMS messages, download and install more applications, communicate with a C&C remote server, and open URLs silently.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Malware-targets-custom-Android-ROMs-1262462.html>

43. *June 17, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Google looks to lock down unsecured scripts on Chromium.** Google confirmed the latest versions of the Chromium platform will protect against “mixed scripting” vulnerabilities that might be hiding within secure http (https) pages. Google Chrome security team members said vulnerabilities can arise from a gap between https pages and embedded components in the page itself. In some cases, a page may be using a secure connection to encrypt data, while a component may be using an unsecure connection. Data traveling to and from the component could be intercepted by a man-in-the-middle attack. “A man-in-the-middle attacker (such as someone on the same wireless network) can typically intercept the http resource load and gain full access to the Web site loading the resource,” said the researchers. Google is updating Chromium to alter the address bar for risky pages to help guard against mixed scripting and less-severe “mixed display” flaws, which allow an attacker to use an unsecure script to alter the look of a page.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2079689/google-looks-lock-unsecure-scripts>

44. *June 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **Fraud starts after LulzSec group releases email, passwords.** More than 62,000 users must now change passwords and closely monitor their online accounts after LulzSec posted their e-mail addresses and passwords to the Internet June 16 and some were used to make purchases not authorized by the account holders. It is unclear where all of the LulzSec e-mail addresses and passwords came from. At least 12,000 of them were gathered from Writerspace.com, a discussion forum for readers and writers of mystery and romance novels. The site’s technical staff is trying to figure out how they were stolen, and is in the process of contacting victims, according to Writerspace’s owner. The 62,000 e-mail addresses and passwords belong to victims at large companies such as IBM, as well as in state and federal government. Affected agencies include the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217692/Fraud_starts_after_LulzSec_group_releases_email_passwords

45. *June 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **Free Web hosting is a boon to phishers.** According to a Zscaler researcher, free hosting services are a boon for scammers, since they need a place to set up malicious sites as quickly as they get pulled down. There are many such services on the Web, and among them is PasteHtml.com a free anonymous Web hosting. Although the intentions of the people behind the service are honorable, the site has proven very handy for phishers. “Try searches on the site for terms such as ‘site:pastehtml(dot)com facebook login’ or ‘site:pastehtml(dot)com paypal’,” points out the researcher. “Most of the pages are malicious.” While the service tries to keep the pace and take down or block the pages in question — or sets up warnings for users to see when they try to view it — it is a constant race against the clock, not to mention a drain on its resources. Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for them, and until there is one, users must become accustomed to checking the URL in the address bar to be sure they have landed on the right pages.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11180>

46. *June 16, The Register* – (International) **Firefox Web 3D engine fosters image theft bug.** An industry standard graphics engine recently added to Mozilla’s Firefox browser allows attackers to surreptitiously steal any image displayed on a Windows or Mac computer by visiting a booby-trapped Web site, security researchers have warned. The vulnerability, reported June 16 by England-based Context Information Security, is unique to Mozilla’s implementation of the 3D-acceleration API known as WebGL, but researchers with the firm said it is related to serious design flaws in the cross-platform technology. The report comes 5 weeks after Context first warned of data-theft and denial-of-service threats in WebGL, which is also built into Google Chrome, and developer versions of Opera and Apple’s Safari.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/16/webgl_security_threats_redux/

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

47. *June 17, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **New attacks on cellphone towers impacting service.** According to police in Des Moines, Iowa, two cellphone towers were hit by vandals June 16 in the 3500 block of East Douglas. Police said the towers service Sprint, AT&T, T-Mobile, and U.S. Cellular. In the middle of the night, the phone companies were alerted of a power failure by alarms going off. They found the power meters pulled off and taken, the ground wires cut, and all the copper gone. The same

night, another AT&T tower was stripped on Indiana Street, according to police. About 2 weeks ago, thieves using the same method struck a different AT&T and Erikson service tower on the 1800 block of County Line Road. Police said at one tower alone, they took at least 150 feet of thick copper wire. Scrap dealers said copper is now selling for between \$3 and \$4 per pound, and they pay cash. They said there is no way to tell if something is stolen because so many demolition and construction crews bring in scrap metal. Police said they have never seen theft from these targets before in Des Moines, but copper thieves are targeting these towers in other parts of the country. Workers who are making repairs to the towers said the thieves were not amateurs, and that they knew what they were doing. Des Moines police are now searching for the suspect(s).

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/28262667/detail.html>

48. *June 16, Washington Post* – (International) **NSA allies with Internet carriers to thwart cyber attacks against defense firms.** The Washington Post reported June 16 the National Security Agency (NSA) was working with Internet service providers to deploy a new generation of tools to scan e-mail and other digital traffic with the goal of thwarting cyberattacks against defense firms by foreign adversaries, according to senior defense and industry officials. The novel program, which began in May on a voluntary, trial basis, relies on sophisticated NSA data sets to identify malicious programs slipped into the vast stream of Internet data flowing to the nation’s largest defense firms. Such attacks, including in May against Lockheed Martin, are nearly constant as rival nations and terrorist groups seek access to U.S. military secrets. Officials said the pilot program does not involve direct monitoring of the contractors’ networks by the government. The program uses NSA-developed “signatures,” or fingerprints of malicious code, and sequences of suspicious network behavior to filter the Internet traffic flowing to major defense contractors. That allows the Internet providers to disable the threats before an attack can penetrate a contractor’s servers. The trial is testing two particular sets of signatures and behavior patterns that the NSA has detected as threats. The Internet carriers are AT&T, Verizon, and CenturyLink. Together they are seeking to filter the traffic of 15 defense contractors, including Lockheed Martin, Computer Science Corporation (CSC), Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), and Northrop Grumman.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/major-internet-service-providers-cooperating-with-nsa-on-monitoring-traffic/2011/06/07/AG2dukXH_story.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *June 17, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Rockford retirement home evacuated because of overnight fire.** Elderly residents living in a retirement community in Rockford, Michigan, spent most of the night outside. Firefighters evacuated the 4-story Rogue Valley Towers building for several hours. Crews rushed to the scene about 12:30 a.m. June 17. When firefighters got there, they had to evacuate the entire building. Residents said someone was smoking in an apartment, causing the

fire. The fire chief said, because of an oxygen tank in the room, crews had to get everyone out of the building. No one was hurt. Many of the residents were taken to Bishop Hills, another retirement community living center. Rogue Valley has an agreement with them so if something like this happens, Bishop Hills will house the residents. The administrator for Bishop Hills said between 15 and 18 people were taken to their building overnight.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/news/article/169157/14/Rockford-retirement-home-evacuated-because-of-overnight-fire>

50. *June 16, CBS 3 Springfield; Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **HAZMAT investigation continues at Agawam apartment.** A section of Springfield Street in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam, Massachusetts, was blocked off for several hours June 16 while a report of dangerous chemicals at an apartment complex was being investigated by local and federal law enforcement officials. An FBI spokesman said federal, state, and local authorities searched an apartment complex at 1172 Springfield Street for possible hazardous materials. The apartment building was evacuated. An FBI spokesman said agents received information June 15 that there may be “a possibly dangerous item or items” in the building. He did not disclose what the hazards may be or where the information came from. He said the hazardous material may have been there for many years. He said no one has been harmed, but noted that if dangerous materials are found, the public will be informed. The apartment building is the same building where authorities found the plant-based toxin ricin in a 2004 criminal investigation. The spokesman would not say if the June 16 search was related to the previous incident.

Source: <http://www.cbs3springfield.com/story/14922341/hazmat-crew-on-scene-at-agawam-apartment>

51. *June 16, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **660 campers evacuated due to fire near Lake Brownwood.** A fire south of Lake Brownwood in Brownwood, Texas forced the evacuation of 660 campers at the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center as well as nearby homes June 16. Two firefighters were injured. Campers were taken by school bus about 3:30 p.m. June 16 to the Brownwood Coliseum, where the local chapters of the American Red Cross and Salvation Army provided water and snacks. It took fire crews about 4 hours to extinguish the almost 100-acre fire. The Texas Forest Service assisted in putting out the fire in an area that is described as rugged and dense by local officials. Although the fire did not damage property at the camp, heavy smoke was reported blowing across the area before the evacuation.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/jun/16/more-600-campers-evacuated-due-fire/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *June 17, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Arizona fires: Monument Fire forces chaotic evacuation.** Firefighters at the Wallow Fire in the northeastern part of Arizona battled intense winds, which were expected to continue June 16 with gusts up to 42 mph. A surprise flare-up 1 mile south of Eagar prompted fire crews to alert residents of several of the town’s subdivisions to prepare to evacuate if the situation worsened. But fire officials said areas previously burned nearby would help control the newly spreading fire. The Wallow Fire, which had consumed 487,016 acres, was 33 percent contained. Firefighters raced June 16 to build break lines ahead of the wind-whipped Monument Fire in southern Arizona, but the fire jumped Arizona 92 and forced the evacuation of Hereford, an unincorporated area south of Sierra Vista that has 3,200 homes. Local police, county sheriff’s deputies, and fire officials swarmed neighborhoods with sirens blaring and officers on speakers imploring, “You’ve gotta get out now!” The fast-moving fire burned 50 homes earlier the week of June 13, and more June 16 near Stump Canyon Road as wind and rough terrain hampered fire crews’ efforts. Steep canyons full of pine and oak trees and grasslands made firefighting a challenge. More than 1,500 people have been evacuated, the chief deputy for the Cochise County Sheriff’s Office said.
Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2011/06/17/arizona-fires-monument-fire-forces-chaotic-evacuation/>
53. *June 16, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado; New Mexico) **Dry, windy conditions prompt more evacuations around Duckett fire.** Residents of a dozen homes north of Westcliffe, Colorado, were asked to evacuate June 16 ahead of advancing flames that were pushed by strong winds and dangerously-dry conditions. The Duckett fire grew June 16, prompting the evacuation of Maytag Ranch, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said. The owners of roughly 75 houses had already been asked to leave. Officials said they have air support providing both water and retardant to help firefighters as they navigate the steep, rugged terrain. It remained 10 percent contained. Authorities suspect the fire was human caused, saying there had been no dry lightning storms in the area. The National Weather Service issued a red flag warning for much of southern Colorado as gusty winds, low humidity and fuels like grasses and trees dried out by the hot weather heightened the fire danger. The warning was slated to remain in place until late June 16. The red flag warning included the area south of Trinidad where the Track fire has consumed roughly 26,000 acres in Colorado and New Mexico. Crews working in rugged terrain have contained 20 percent of the fire. They have used bulldozers and air support to bolster lines on the northern and eastern flanks and hope those lines will hold once the weather turns. Residents in several neighborhoods closest to Raton have been allowed to return. In all, several hundred residents were initially evacuated and some still remain out of their homes. In southeastern Colorado, Fort Carson officials said two wildfires that burned on a total of 69 square miles at the Pinon Canyon training site were fully contained.
Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/fire-119986-conditions-asked.html>
54. *June 16, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **Caverns employees react to Loop Fire scenario.** A fire that started June 13 at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico was deemed 70 percent contained by officials and has scarred and blackened the landscape leading up to the park’s visitor center and bat flight amphitheater. Over

30,000 acres was burned. The visitor center reopened June 16, and tours into the world-renowned cavern resumed. According to reports from rangers involved in the bat flight program, from as far as they can tell, the bats that make their home in the natural entrance of the appear to be unaffected by the fire. The vegetation that once held the soil together is now gone and the ground is bare, which could be problematic. While the team is assessing the damage to the park's ecological system, a fire investigator experienced in wildland fire investigation has been brought in to determine the cause of the fire.

Source: http://www.currentargus.com/ci_18296167

55. *June 16, Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia; Florida) **Lightning ignites 3 blazes in St. Johns County; homes evacuated near Waycross.** Three lightning fires broke out June 16 in northeastern St. Johns County, Florida, near the Nocatee development and Nease High School. Meanwhile, more homes were evacuated by the large and growing Sweat Farm Again and Race Pond fires in Georgia. Homes were endangered and some residents were evacuated because of the 16-acre Port Charlotte Fire south of Nocatee Parkway and east of U.S. 1 before it was stopped. Structures were no longer in danger the evening of June 16, and fire crews were working the lines, said a senior forester with the state division of forestry. The fire is 85 percent contained. As of June 16, there were 51 active wildfires in Clay, Duval, and St. Johns counties, and 39 fires were active in Putnam County. Another nine fires were burning in Baker County, and those did not include the now-nearly 200,000-acre Honey Prairie Fire chewing through the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/florida/2011-06-16/story/lightning-ignites-3-blazes-st-johns-county-homes-evacuated-near>

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56. *June 17, Sioux City Journal* – (North Dakota; South Dakota) **'Angry, churning river' undercuts Dunes levee.** Swirling currents beneath the Missouri River surface undercut the riverfront levee at Dakota Dunes in South Dakota early June 16, scouring out a hole 20 to 30 feet deep and dashing the hopes of evacuated residents preparing to visit their homes. The levee hole was quickly spotted and reported at 6:30 a.m. by National Guardsmen who are patrolling the levee around the clock for that exact purpose. A repair crew responded quickly and got to work, according to South Dakota's lieutenant governor. "There is no breach," he said, "just a section of the levee we needed to do some repairs on." In the event of a breach, he said, the state has "a triage team" of consultants who know the river to advise on what action to take. As he spoke outside the incident response trailers at Liberty National Bank, side-dump trucks filled with riprap drove past every few minutes on their way to the levee, where the rock was being used to plug the hole. The levee emergency caused officials to cancel the planned 10 a.m. start for residents of the Country Club and Spanish Bay neighborhood to visit their evacuated homes for the first time since they evacuated 2 weeks ago.

Source: http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/a1/article_9f118f3a-c6d9-5ef2-b658-0a249fc34915.html

57. *June 16, Guardian* – (International) **Dozens killed in Burma amid clashes over Chinese dams.** A bloody outbreak of fighting that has ended a 17-year ceasefire between Burmese government forces and a tribal militia was partly caused by the expansion of Chinese hydropower along the Irrawaddy river, conservationists claimed June 16. Dozens of people in northern Burma have reportedly been killed in the clashes between government troops and the Kachin Independence Army. Thousands more are trying to flee across the border after fierce fighting erupted this month around the construction sites of two Chinese-financed dams in the region. Amid growing fears that the conflict could escalate, the Burma Rivers Network said China’s massive hydropower investments had widened the gulf between the government — which wants to benefit from cross-border electricity sales — and Kachin independence groups, which fear the dams will bring environmental, cultural, and social disruption. “The conflict is closely related to the dams. The government has sent in troops because it wants to gain control of a region that hosts major Chinese investments in hydropower,” an official with the Burma Rivers Network said.

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