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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Daily Highlights

- Reuters reports PJM Interconnection, the power grid operator for more than 51 million people in the U.S. Mid–Atlantic and Midwest, asked consumers in its Mid–Atlantic region Wednesday, August 8, to conserve electricity amid extremely hot, humid weather. (See item [3](#))
- The Associated Press reports U.S. hospitals are increasingly shutting down their burn centers in a trend that could leave the nation unable to handle widespread burn casualties from a fiery terrorist attack or other major disaster. (See item [25](#))

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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. *August 08, Associated Press* — **Alaska extends pipeline deadline.** Alaska Governor Sarah Palin has extended by two months the deadline for applications from companies interested in building a natural gas pipeline she believes will one day ship trillions of cubic feet of reserves to market. The deadline was pushed from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30 because more companies have begun to inquire about the project, and the state has received feedback calling for more time to prepare a complete application, said Nan Thompson, a member of Palin's energy team. Palin has said the gas line project could one day be the economic life of the state, much like oil

production in the North Slope is today. But a potential multibillion-dollar pipeline also carries implications for North America's long-term energy supply and has been widely discussed by lawmakers, energy regulators and company executives throughout North America since Palin outlined her plans in March. Oil and independent pipeline companies that submit an application must outline details such as the pipeline's route, the market it will serve and how it can build a pipeline and avoid cost overruns.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070808/alaska_gas_pipeline.html?v=1

- 2. August 08, Associated Press — Crews redouble Utah mine rescue effort.** Crews hoping to get food and air to six coal miners drilled to within about 1,000 feet of the trapped men Wednesday, August 8, and hoped to reach them in about two days, one of the mine's owners said. It still wasn't known whether the miners were alive more than two days after the initial cave-in, said Bob Murray, chairman of Murray Energy Corp., co-owner of the Crandall Canyon mine near Huntington. But the progress was substantially better than the night before, when crews had to halt drilling because of unstable ground. Teams also were drilling a second larger hole that could be used to get food to the miners, 1,500 feet below ground. And efforts to clear tunnels leading to the chamber where the men were believed trapped were to resume in the afternoon, Murray said. Murray cautioned that the work was tricky because of steep slopes and other factors at the mine. The government's chief safety official in the West was more cautious. "We're hoping there's air down there. We have no way of knowing that," said Al Davis of the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Source: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/UTAH_MINE_COLLAPSE?SITE=WUSA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

- 3. August 08, Reuters — PJM seeks power conservation as heat boosts demand.** PJM Interconnection, the power grid operator for more than 51 million people in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic and Midwest, asked consumers in its Mid-Atlantic region Wednesday, August 8, to conserve electricity amid extremely hot, humid weather. The grid operator said the call for conservation was a precaution as the demand for electricity might approach record levels. Meteorologists forecast temperatures would near 100 degrees (Fahrenheit) in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC, while the humidity would make it feel like more than 100 degrees across the region. PJM forecast peak demand Wednesday afternoon would reach more than 141,000 megawatts, below the grid's all-time peak of 144,644 MW set on August 2, 2006. The forecasters predicted the heat would break on Thursday, when temperatures in the big Mid-Atlantic cities were expected to top out in the upper 80s and low 90s.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN08347356200_70808

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

- 4. August 08, Associated Press — Plant explosion prompts evacuation.** An explosion near Asheville, NC, and fire at a ceramics plant sent three workers to a hospital and forced the evacuation of a handful of nearby homes, authorities said. Firefighters took about 40 minutes to put out flames Tuesday afternoon, August 7, at the Greenleaf Corp. factory, which makes industrial ceramics and cutting tools. The fire involved the chemical hexane, a flammable gas used daily in the production of ceramic cutting tools. Eight to 10 homes within 1,000 feet of the

plant were evacuated for a couple of hours as a precaution.

Source: http://www.journalnow.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=WSJ/MGAricle/WSJ_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1173352303025

5. *August 08, Courier (TX)* — **Acetylene tanks catch fire and explode.** Blasts rocked an area of south Montgomery County, TX, when several acetylene tanks at a Baker Hughes facility near Research Forest Drive caught fire and exploded. No injuries were reported from the explosions, which occurred shortly before 4 p.m. CDT Tuesday, August 7, at Hughes Christensen, located at 9175 Six Pines Dr. The fire and resulting explosions forced the closure of several streets in the heavily-trafficked area around Six Pines Drive and Research Forest. All 800 employees of Hughes Christensen, a Baker Hughes subsidiary that manufactures drill bits for the oil and gas industry, were evacuated from the facility and were accounted for.

Source: http://www.hcnonline.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18675116&BRD=1574&PAG=461&dept_id=532215&

6. *August 07, Dalton Daily Citizen (GA)* — **Chemical release forces evacuations, road closures.** A broken valve on a tank on a truck at the Harcros Plant on Phelps Road in Dalton, GA, caused a release of anhydrous ammonia Tuesday morning, August 7, forcing the evacuation of several hundred workers and nearby residents. No serious injuries were reported. Deputies evacuated residents in the Forest Hill Road and Old Rome Road area. South Dixie Highway from the south bypass to Forest Hill Road was closed.

Source: http://www.northwestgeorgia.com/local/local_story_219101837.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report.

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *August 08, VNUNet* — **Thieves steal servers from UK finance house.** First Response Finance in the UK has issued an alert to its customers and suppliers after thieves broke into its offices. In one of the first such robberies of its type thieves broke into the Manchester Office and specifically targeted servers that held the financial details of customers, suppliers and staff. "They specifically targeted the data on the servers," said John Fellows, company secretary for First Response Finance. "There was an element of data encryption so the data isn't wide open but we decided to let everyone who could be affected know." Although the company was under no legal obligation to do so it sent out the warning because of the targeted nature of the attack, has posted details of the attack on its Website and included a comprehensive Q&A and a telephone support line.

First Response Finance: <http://www.firstresponsefinance.co.uk/security-alert>

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2196201/thieves-steal-uk-finance-house>

8.

August 08, InformationWeek — **New pump-and-dump scheme fuels 30 percent hike in spam.** Spammers are pushing a company so hard in a new pump-and-dump scam that it's elevated worldwide spam levels by 30 percent in the past 24 hours, according to researchers. The spam messages, which are being sent to Internet users globally, have an attached PDF file urging them to buy shares in a company called Prime Time Group Inc., according to anti-spam software company Sophos. The company being pushed in the campaign sells wireless products and services aimed at the youth market. "The scale of this stock pump-and-dump spam campaign is like nothing we've seen before, and it looks like it is working for the cybercriminals behind it," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos, in a written statement. "The share price in this company has rocketed as a result of bogus news being blasted to Internet users worldwide. In an attempt to get past anti-spam products, criminals are now regularly using PDF files to carry their slick enticements for potential investors." Sophos researchers reported that they saw the first massive spike in spam in Germany on Wednesday, August 8, but it soon spread to the company's other monitoring stations around the world.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/security/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=XEDOUCEONNBPGQSNDLRSKH0CJUNN2JVN?articleID=201304907>

9. *August 08, Register (UK)* — **FaceTime inadvertently exposes customer contact info.** IM security firm FaceTime has explained how programming errors led to the exposure of customer contact information on its Website. A script in the firm's white paper request page submitted the contact information of potential clients to a .csv file on FaceTime's site. Worse still, comments within the script of the Web page gave away the location of at least three of these unencrypted files, revealing the contact information of several hundred people — including company names, contact names, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, state, country, and other basic info (such as number of employees, IM networks). Credit cards details or security card numbers were not requested on the request page and not involved in the breach.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2007/08/08/facetime_contact_dat_a_breach/

10. *August 07, ComputerWorld* — **Laptop of VeriSign employee stolen.** A laptop containing the personal information of VeriSign Inc.'s current and former employees was stolen from an employee's car last month, the company confirmed Tuesday, August 7. In a an e-mailed statement, VeriSign, a digital infrastructure vendor that manages Internet domain names such as .com and also provides security services, said it was taking the recent laptop theft "very seriously" and that the company initiated an investigation as soon as the theft was discovered. "We have no reason to believe that the thief or thieves acted with the intent to extract and use this information," according to the company's statement. "The local police have said the theft may be tied to a series of neighborhood burglaries. We disabled any access by the employee's computer to the VeriSign network."

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=laptops&articleId=9029379&taxonomyId=76&intsrc=kc_top

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

11.

August 08, Minneapolis Star Tribune — **Inspectors flagged serious cracks, rusting on I-35W bridge.** Minnesota state bridge inspectors warned for nearly a decade before its collapse that the Interstate 35W bridge had "severe" and "extensive" corrosion of its beams and trusses, "widespread cracking" in spans and missing or broken bolts. Not only was the superstructure in poor condition, but certain components were "beyond tolerable limits," and one of the bridge's piers had "tilted to the north," they reported. Since the collapse, public attention has focused on consultant reports in 2006 and 2007 that expressed serious reservations about the bridge. But a Star Tribune review of older reports by state inspectors shows that their concerns had been growing since the mid-'90s. However, in every report since 2000, inspectors urged the state to replace bolts in a specific area of the bridge, a job listed each year under "Immediate Maintenance Recommendations." And since 2004, the reports repeatedly cited fatigue cracking in two girders as another problem requiring immediate maintenance, possibly including measures to relieve stress. Taken as a whole, the inspection reports dating to the mid-1990s portray an aging bridge in need of mounting repairs.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/10204/story/1350090.html>

12. *August 08, New York Times* — New York City transit system is crippled by flooding.

Powerful thunderstorms swept through the New York metropolitan area Wednesday morning, August 8, tearing up trees and damaging cars and homes, and creating havoc during the morning commute. Subway stations were flooded, forcing commuters out onto the streets and into taxis and buses, and bringing traffic in many areas to a standstill. The region's three major airports — La Guardia, Kennedy, and Newark — all reported flight cancellations and delays. No subway line was unaffected by the heavy rains and winds, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). For the time being, the MTA was advising commuters to stay at home. Train delays and cancellations were reported on the Long Island Railroad and Metro-North, and train and bus delays and cancellations were reported on New Jersey transit. As the storm knocked down power lines, thousands of homes were without power. Amid the commuter havoc, MTA's Website shut down. It was the second time in several weeks that the Website was not able to function during a transit crisis.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/08/nyregion/08cnd-weather.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin

13. *August 07, Business Journal of Milwaukee* — Wisconsin bridges to get 24-hour monitoring.

Governor Jim Doyle announced Tuesday, August 7, that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will install sensors on 15 bridges in Wisconsin to provide 24-hour monitoring of the structures. In addition, the state will inspect the 15 deck truss bridges in the state within two weeks. A 16th deck truss bridge in Burnett County has been removed and is being rebuilt. Doyle directed the department to review safety data for all 13,654 bridges in the state following the collapse of a similar deck truss bridge on I-35 West in Minneapolis.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/stories/2007/08/06/daily14.html>

14. *August 06, Northender (NY)* — Spitzer signs airline passengers bill of rights. New York Governor Eliot Spitzer signed legislation last week that he says will ensure airline passengers on flights that are delayed significant amounts of time at New York airports are provided with what he calls basic customer protections. The legislation — sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Gianaris (D-Queens) and Senator Charles Fuschillo (R-Merrick) — requires airlines operating out of New York airports to provide passengers with food, water, fresh air, power,

and working restrooms on any flight that has left the gate and been on the tarmac for more than three hours. The bill creates a consumer bill of rights for airline passengers; establishes the Office of the Airline Consumer Advocate within the Consumer Protection Board; mandates that air carriers provide complaint contact information at service desks and other appropriate areas; and provides a New York State–based consumer advocate and contact person who can help to coordinate with the appropriate airline industry officials, federal agencies and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the event an incident occurs. The new law goes into effect on January 1st, 2008.

Source: http://www.northender.com/northend_news_details.jsp?id=1113

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *August 08, USPS News* — Postal Service performance scores at record levels. National on–time performance scores for the delivery of First–Class Mail were at all–time highs in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 for all three of the categories the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) tracks. Overnight service was 96 percent on time, up from 95 percent the same period last year. Two–day service was 93 percent on time and three–day service was 91 percent on time. First–Class Mail performance, presented on Wednesday, August 8, during the Postal Service Board of Governors meeting, is measured independently by IBM Global Business Services. The process measures First–Class Mail from the time it is deposited into a collection box or lobby mail chute until it is delivered to a home or business.

Source: http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2007/pr07_062.htm

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Agriculture Sector

16. *August 07, CTV (Canada)* — Anthrax outbreak kills 52 animals in Manitoba. An outbreak of anthrax has killed 49 cows, two goats, and a horse in Manitoba's Interlake region, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed to CTV on Tuesday, August 7. The animals died as a result of ingesting infected spores that were unearthed with heavy rainfall, in what's being described as the province's second largest outbreak since records on the disease started being kept. The CFIA was first notified of the outbreak on July 20 when a farm in the Armstrong community in the region reported cattle had died. Nine more farms in Armstrong and four farms in the neighboring Rockwood community reported losses soon after. The last death was August 3.

Source: http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20070807/anthrax_Manitoba_070807/20070807?hub=Health

17. *August 07, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service* — USDA distributes oral rabies vaccine in two states. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will distribute oral rabies vaccine baits beginning on or about August 14 to prevent the spread of raccoon rabies in portions of southwestern New York and western Pennsylvania. In cooperation with state departments of agriculture, health and key

agencies, baits containing oral rabies vaccine will be distributed over rural areas using low-flying twin-engine aircraft. Hand baiting will occur in populated regions using ground-based vehicles. The projected two-week program will target raccoons and distribute approximately 1.4 million baits covering roughly 6,400 total square miles in two states. Since 1997, APHIS has been working to establish a rabies-free barrier in the eastern U.S. where the raccoon variant of rabies threatens wildlife populations and pets, as well as public health and safety. APHIS has coordinated a cooperative effort in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Source: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/newsroom/content/2007/08/rabipany.shtml>

- 18. August 06, Stop Soybean Rust News — Soybean rust confirmed in north-central Oklahoma, in Arkansas and Florida counties.** Asian soybean rust has jumped to the north-central Oklahoma county of Payne and was reported in one other Oklahoma county, two new Arkansas counties and one new Florida county Monday, August 6. The soybean rust in Payne County — found on one leaf out of 100 sampled from a soybean sentinel plot — is the farthest north rust has been confirmed in 2007. It's just two counties from the Kansas line, below Sumner and Cowley counties, KS. The other new rust was found at 10-percent incidence in the sentinel plot for the southeast Oklahoma county of Atoka, adjacent to the two other positive counties in the state on its southern border. With these finds, and those in Lafayette and Miller counties in southwest Arkansas and Escambia County in the Florida Panhandle, the total count of U.S. counties and parishes hit 61 as of August 6, in eight states. As of August 6 last year, only 28 counties and parishes in six states had soybean rust.

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=1080>

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Food Sector

- 19. August 08, Reuters — China spending one billion dollars on food and drug safety.** China will spend more than one billion dollars improving food and drug safety by 2010 and the regulator will be given stronger oversight powers, an official said on Wednesday, August 8. China has been struggling to convince the world its produce is safe following a series of scandals over tainted pet food, toys, toothpaste, medicine and fish. According to a new poll, U.S. consumers are extremely wary of products made in China, and nearly two-thirds said they would support a boycott of Chinese goods.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUKPEK4048920070808>

- 20. August 07, U.S. Food and Drug Administration — Toothpaste recalled.** Donnamax Inc. of Brooklyn, NY, has initiated a voluntary recall of the following brands of toothpaste made in China: DentaPro and Bright Max Toothpaste. This recall has been initiated because the products may contain diethylene glycol (DEG). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not aware of any U.S. reports of poisoning from toothpaste containing DEG. However, the agency is concerned about potential risks from chronic exposure to DEG in certain populations, such as children and individuals with kidney or liver disease. DEG in toothpaste has a low but meaningful risk of toxicity and injury to these populations. The toothpaste products were sold to retail stores located in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan,

Ohio, Illinois, Mississippi, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Idaho. No injuries or illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/donnamax08_07.html

21. *August 07, Associated Press* — **Seafood from China wasn't screened.** At least one million pounds of suspect Chinese seafood landed on American store shelves and dinner plates despite a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) order that the shipments first be screened for banned drugs or chemicals, an Associated Press investigation found. The frozen shrimp, catfish and eel arrived at U.S. ports under an "import alert," which meant the FDA was supposed to hold every shipment until it had passed a laboratory test. But that was not what happened, according to an AP check of shipments since last fall. One of every four shipments the AP reviewed got through without being stopped and tested.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2007/08/07/ap3997232.html>

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Water Sector

22. *August 07, Associated Press* — **State water department cited in deaths of aqueduct divers.** State investigators on Tuesday, August 7, cited the Department of Water Resources for safety lapses that appear to have contributed to the deaths of two divers in the California Aqueduct earlier this year. The state Division of Occupational Safety and Health offered no conclusive reason for the February deaths of the divers. Nevertheless, it fined the department for violating numerous work force safety regulations. The divers drowned on February 7 while performing a routine search for mussels on the metal trash grates at the Dos Amigos Pumping Plant.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20070807-1821-ca-diverskilled.html>

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Public Health Sector

23. *August 07, Time Magazine* — **Study: quarantines work against pandemics.** Whether it's bird flu or some other deadly germ that eventually sweeps through the country, scientists and public-health researchers are trying to prepare for it now to ensure that everyone has a better chance of survival. To plan for the future, researchers in Michigan went straight to the past. Led by Howard Markel, director of the University of Michigan Medical School's Center for the History of Medicine, a team of public-health experts evaluated the U.S. response to the world's last great pandemic — the Spanish flu in 1918. Researchers analyzed the public-health measures taken by 43 U.S. cities, all with populations greater than 100,000, during the six months between September 1918 and February 1919. Markel found that cities that early on adopted "old-fashioned," non-pharmaceutical interventions — such as school closures, social-distancing in the community and workplace and quarantine — and "layered" multiple interventions at once for a long period of time fared better than other cities, with slower rates of infection and lower rates of death.

Source: <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1650634,00.html>

24. *August 07, Voice of America* — **Bird flu kills teenage boy in Vietnam.** Health officials in Vietnam say bird flu has killed a teenage boy, the country's second death in a little more than a week. Officials confirmed Tuesday, August 7, that the 15-year-old boy died Friday in Hanoi, and tested positive for the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus. His death was the fourth for Vietnam this year. Vietnam once had the world's highest rate of bird flu infections and death, but the government managed to contain outbreaks through mass vaccination campaigns, culling millions of birds, and public education campaigns. Despite those efforts, the virus came back strongly this year and has hit poultry farms across the country.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-08-07-voa22.cfm>

25. *August 07, Associated Press* — **Hospitals shutting down burn centers.** U.S. hospitals are increasingly shutting down their burn centers in a trend experts say could leave the nation unable to handle widespread burn casualties from a fiery terrorist attack or other major disaster. Associated Press interviews and an examination of official figures found that the shrinking number of beds is a growing cause for concern. Experts say burn centers are expensive to maintain and often lose money because they are staffed with highly specialized surgeons and nurses and stocked with sophisticated equipment. The number of burn centers in the U.S. has dropped from 132 in 2004 to 127, and burn beds have fallen from 1,897 to 1,820, according to American Burn Association records compiled from voluntary reporting by hospitals. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services puts the number of burn beds even lower, at just 1,500. And most of those are already filled, with the number available on any given day variously estimated at just 300 to 500. Some states Mississippi, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and New Hampshire among them have no burn centers at all. South Carolina has only a children's burn center, and there are just a few dedicated burn beds in Maine, Alaska and Hawaii.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=3455734>

26. *August 07, Agence France-Presse* — **Health workers abducted amid rumors of polio plot.** Armed men abducted and beat 11 health workers sent to a Pakistani tribal area to administer polio vaccinations to children Tuesday, August 7, forcing the suspension of the campaign, officials said. Tribesmen in Bajaur tribal district bordering Afghanistan refused to allow the vaccinations to take place after hearing rumors that the drive was a "U.S. plot" to sterilize Muslim children, residents said. The health workers were held for four hours as their captors smashed vaccination kits. A Pakistani health official in charge of a polio inoculation campaign was killed in Bajaur in a bomb blast in February.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070807/hl_afp/healthpakistanpolio_070807172037;_ylt=As.rIcg_M4AmhALDA7yclCmJOrgF

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *August 08, Minnesota Daily (University of Minnesota)* — **University of Minnesota's emergency department puts preparedness to use.** While no one expected the collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge on Wednesday evening, August 1, not everyone was caught unprepared by it. The University of Minnesota's Department of Emergency Management has been training for years for an assortment of dangerous scenarios — from pandemic flu to terrorism to natural disasters — and Wednesday night, they put those skills to use. The department trains year-round to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and reduce the effects of such disasters. Resources from the University have been used in every aspect in dealing with the aftermath of the collapse. Kathleen O'Brien, vice president of University services, said she was pleased with the overall response efforts and thought the well-trained response was a big reason why fatalities were relatively low. "Federal officials have said that the coordination and response in this tragedy operated as well as any they've seen anywhere," she said. "It was really a textbook response and reflected well on the training that first responders and emergency managers had done to train themselves."

Source: <http://www.mndaily.com/articles/2007/08/08/72163152>

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

28. *August 07, IDG News Service* — **FCC requires mobile carriers to allow roaming.** Mobile telephone carriers must allow customers' competitors to connect to their networks, and they must make roaming available to competitors for a "reasonable" cost, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said Tuesday, August 7. Reacting to complaints about large carriers charging heavy roaming fees to customers of smaller competitors, the FCC voted to require that mobile carriers provide roaming services on a nondiscriminatory basis. Providing roaming connections is an obligation of commercial mobile phone carriers, the FCC said. In addition to supporting roaming for mobile voice calls, carriers must provide roaming to competitors for text-messaging and push-to-talk services, the commission said.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9029420&intsrc=hm_list

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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