



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 13 August 2007

Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is
ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS
[For info click here](http://www.dhs.gov/)
<http://www.dhs.gov/>

Daily Highlights

- Reuters reports central banks around the globe pumped billions of dollars into banking systems on Friday, August 10, in a concerted effort to beat back a widening credit crisis, and they pledged to do more if needed; the U.S. Federal Reserve said it would provide cash as needed to ensure markets functioned smoothly. (See item [11](#))
- The Los Angeles Times reports more than 20,000 international passengers were stranded for hours at Los Angeles International Airport on Saturday, August 11, waiting on airplanes and in packed customs halls, while a malfunctioning computer system prevented officials from processing their entry into the country. (See item [15](#))

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report *Fast Jump*

Production Industries: [Energy](#); [Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials](#); [Defense Industrial Base](#)

Service Industries: [Banking and Finance](#); [Transportation and Border Security](#); [Postal and Shipping](#)

Sustenance and Health: [Agriculture](#); [Food](#); [Water](#); [Public Health](#)

Federal and State: [Government](#); [Emergency Services](#)

IT and Cyber: [Information Technology and Telecommunications](#); [Internet Alert Dashboard](#)

Other: [Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons](#); [General](#); [DHS Daily Report Contact Information](#)

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 10, Reuters* — **Three killed in accident at Indiana coal mine.** Three construction workers fell to their deaths on Friday, August 10, as they were lowered into a coal mine air shaft, authorities said, in the second serious accident at a U.S. mine in less than a week. "As they were lowering them, the bucket caught on something — maybe on the wall of the shaft — and it tipped and they fell," Princeton Mayor Bob Hurst said in a telephone interview. The air shaft, which was under construction, was about 600 feet deep and was two-thirds of the way to

its intended 900 foot depth, where the coal seam is located, said Hurst, a retired geologist for coal mining companies. The workers were employed by Frontier–Kemper Constructors Inc., which was digging the vertical air shaft for the Gibson County Coal Company mine. The mine is near Princeton, a town of 8,000 in the far southwest corner of Indiana.

Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?type=bondsNews&storyID=2007-08-10T203441Z_01_N10273256_RTRIDST_0_MIN_E-INDIANA-UPDATE-4-REPEAT.XML

2. *August 10, VOA* — **Utah mine collapse puts spotlight on coal mining.** Few industries are as essential to the American way of life as coal mining. Jeff Goodell, author of the book "Big Coal," says last year, miners pulled 1.1 billion tons of coal from the ground. "The two things that are really influencing this are the rise of natural gas prices and the political push for energy independence." Coal is the number one source of energy in the United States, powering most electrical appliances — from portable music players to refrigerators. In fact, 50 percent of U.S. electricity comes from coal — nearly 20 pounds each day for every American. This is not the coal industry of 100 years ago. Today, large drills scour for bigger deposits — much of it from open pit mines. And yet the number of miners continues to grow. Today, the industry employs about 80,000 miners in what some say are dangerous and dirty conditions. However, industry analyst Ellen Smith says government enforcement has been getting tougher in the last couple of years. And, industry experts say eliminating America's largest energy source altogether would more than quadruple electricity rates in the United States.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-08-10-voa46.cfm>

3. *August 10, Australian Broadcasting Corporation* — **'Months' needed to restart quake-hit Japan nuclear plant.** The head of an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) team of experts has indicated that it could be a year before a Niigata Prefecture nuclear power plant, damaged by the July 16 earthquake, can resume operations. Speaking to reporters in Tokyo after a four-day inspection of the Kashiwazaki–Kariwa nuclear power station, Philippe Jamet, director of the IAEA's Nuclear Installation Safety Division, said the process of restarting the plant could take "months or a year". Jamet declined to specifically comment on damages, malfunctions and other technical issues in the plant, which faced a radiation leak following the magnitude 6.8 quake. The plant will remain shuttered until the safety of its seven reactors is fully ensured. The mission held talks on Friday, August 10, with plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co and the government's Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency and Nuclear Safety Commission, and discussed its preliminary conclusions from the survey with the Japanese side.

Source: <http://abc.net.au/news/stories/2007/08/10/2002347.htm>

4. *August 06, Associated Press* — **Studies: Mining method used in Utah collapse often turns deadly.** The method of mining used at the Utah mine that collapsed Monday, August 6, trapping six miners, has a history of being disproportionately deadly, according to federal safety studies. The Crandall Canyon mine collapse happened while miners were engaged in a method called "retreat mining," in which pillars of coal are used to hold up an area of the mine's roof. When that area is completely mined, the company pulls the pillar and grabs the useful coal, causing an intentional collapse. According to the American Society of Safety Engineers, retreat mining requires very precise planning and sequencing to ensure roof stability while the pillars supporting the roof are removed. Retreat pillar mining is one of the biggest causes of mine roof collapse deaths, according to studies done by the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and

Health (NIOSH). According to NIOSH, that type of mining only provides 10 percent of underground coal production, yet "mathematically a coal miner on a pillar recovery section was more than three times as likely to be fatally injured" in a roof collapse than colleagues in other parts of a mine.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2007-08-06-mine-collapse_N.htm?csp=34

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

5. *August 11, SW Iowa News* — **Broken gas line prompts evacuation.** Construction crews working near North Eighth Street and Oakland Avenue in Council Bluffs, IA, hit a four-inch gas main Thursday afternoon, August 9, releasing potentially explosive natural gas fumes into the area. Council Bluffs Fire Department Capt. Brad Nocita said the construction crew did the right thing. "They shut down immediately to keep from setting off an explosion," Nocita said. "When we arrived, we evacuated 10 houses in the area as a standard safety precaution." Utilities, including phone service, gas and electrical power, also were shut off to the affected area as a precaution, "since a ringing phone could set off a spark," Nocita said.

Source: http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=18687578&BRD=2703&PAG=461&dept_id=553867&rft=6

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *August 09, Associated Press* — **Companies line up to bid on new GPS.** Defense contractors have lined up to bid on the U.S. Air Force's multibillion-dollar upgrade plan for the Global Positioning System (GPS), a satellite network widely used by civilian and military users. The competition formally began last month when the Air Force released its final request for proposals; bids are due Monday, August 27. The plan calls for buying an initial installment of eight GPS III satellites, with launches starting in 2013. The goal is a reliable and more accurate GPS system that can keep up with heavy demand from the military and industry.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070809/gps_contract.html?.v=1

7. *July 31, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-07-839: Defense Contract Management: DOD's Lack of Adherence to Key Contracting Principles on Iraq Oil Contract Put Government Interests at Risk (Report).** The Department of Defense's (DoD) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) awarded the \$2.5 billion Restore Iraqi Oil (RIO I) contract to Kellogg Brown & Root in March 2003 in an effort to reestablish Iraq's oil infrastructure. The contract was also used to ensure adequate fuel supplies inside Iraq. RIO I was a cost-plus-award-fee type contract that provided for payment of the contractor's costs, a fixed fee determined at inception of the contract, and a potential award fee. The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) reviewed the 10 RIO I task orders and questioned \$221 million in contractor costs. We were asked to determine (1) how DoD addressed DCAA's RIO I audit findings and what factors contributed to DoD's decision and (2) the extent to which DoD paid award fees for RIO I and followed the planned process for making that decision. To

accomplish this, we reviewed DoD and DCAA documents related to RIO I and interviewed Corps, DCAA, and other officials. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommends the Secretary of the Army, in contingency situations, ensure that an analysis of the feasibility of following a rigorous award fee process is conducted when using cost-plus-award-fee contracts.

Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07839high.pdf>

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-839>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Banking and Finance Sector

8. *August 10, eWeek* — **Biggest pump-and-dump scam ever spikes spam 445 percent.** The largest spam attack ever tracked wound down Thursday, August 9, after delivering enough big PDF files to increase total spam size 445 percent in one day, according to Postini, a hosted e-mail filtering company that's been tracking the attack since it started August 7. Postini tracked a 53 percent jump in spam volume from the day before the attack started to the day it launched, according to Senior Marketing Manger Adam Swidler, in San Carlos, CA. Why it stopped is a mystery, but more than likely it wound down because it was a spam run being conducted on a rented bot network, Swidler said. "Presumably...[the] rental time ran out," he said.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1895.2169497.00.asp>

9. *August 10, Campus Technology (CA)* — **Penn State researcher posts Marine Corps SSNs.** A Penn State researcher in June accidentally posted the names and personal data of about 8,400 United States Marines, the university confirmed. The data, which included Social Security numbers, was available through a Penn State Website for 11 days, said a university spokesperson. The university removed the data June 18, immediately after a Marine found his personal information on the site via an Internet search engine.
Source: <http://campustechnology.com/articles/49620/>

10. *August 10, Aftenposten (Norway)* — **Tens of thousands of Norwegians at risk of ID theft.** Up to 60,000 Norwegians have had their personal ID number stolen through the Website of a telecom company, and now risk ID theft, according to Norway's data inspectorate. Through the home page of telecom company Tele2, someone has stolen the personal ID numbers of between 50,000 and 60,000 Norwegians, according to data inspectorate Datatilsynet. The personal ID number is an 11 digit number that Norwegians are advised to keep secret. Datatilsynet fears that the ID numbers are stored in a database somewhere, and that they will be used in a large scale ID theft in the future.
Source: <http://www.aftenposten.no/english/local/article1930521.ece>

11. *August 10, Reuters* — **Central banks act to head off global credit crisis.** Central banks around the globe pumped billions of dollars into banking systems on Friday, August 10, in a concerted effort to beat back a widening credit crisis, and they pledged to do more if needed. In all, central banks in Europe, Asia and North America have pumped out more than \$300 billion over 48 hours in an effort to keep money flowing through the arteries of the global financial

system, hoping to prevent a credit market seizure that could imperil economies. In a rare statement of reassurance that underlined the seriousness with which it views the current bout of market stress, the U.S. Federal Reserve said it would provide cash as needed to ensure markets functioned smoothly. The statement was the first of its kind since September 11, 2001, when terror attacks brought the U.S. financial system to a virtual halt. The Fed conducted three separate operations on Friday, pumping a total of \$38 billion into the banking system, the largest amount for any single day since September 19, 2001. The European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, the Bank of Canada, the Swiss National Bank and the Reserve Bank of Australia also provided funds.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/08/10/AR2007081000476.html>

12. *August 10, SC Magazine* — **ISPs suspected of massive identity theft in Korea.** Police are investigating South Korea's two biggest ISPs on suspicion that they broke identity theft laws on more than seven million occasions. The two companies, KT and Hanaro Telecom Inc, are suspected of signing up more than seven million customers for services without their permission, according to police sources cited by local media Friday, August 10. Many of the company's Internet service customers were apparently illegally signed up for additional services by telephone sales agents, who did not obtain the written consent required under law, police say. Reports say the two ISPs may have illegally signed up 7.3 million of the 10 million households and businesses in the country that rely on them for Internet service. More than 60 employees and agents working for the two firms are now being questioned by police.

Source: <http://www.securecomputing.net.au/news/isps-suspected-of-massive-identity-theft-in-korea.aspx>

13. *August 09, Network World* — **Phishing researcher 'targets' the unsuspecting.** Markus Jakobsson, a cybersecurity researcher and professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, spends much of his time perpetrating online attacks of unsuspecting Web surfers — without actually harming them, of course — to see what types of ruses people will fall for and to predict potential new techniques phishers might pursue. Victims of online attacks often give up personal information, such as bank account details, or have their computers controlled remotely by hackers. Jakobsson's research subjects can't know they're being experimented upon, or the results would be meaningless. In one experiment, Jakobsson and his students sent e-mails to about 20 people directing them to a site authenticated only by a self-signed certificate, an identity certificate signed by its creator. Many people accepted the certificate even though anyone knowledgeable in computer security should not have. In another study, Jakobsson found that while people often won't click on a suspicious link within an e-mail, they will go to the site if they are instructed to copy and paste the same URL into their browsers. The lesson Jakobsson took from the study is that public education efforts about the danger of online attacks are insufficient.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2007/080907-phishing-researcher.html>

14. *August 09, Campus Technology (CA)* — **Stolen Yale computers contained 10,000 SSNs.** According to the Yale Daily News, Yale University alerted 10,000 current and past students, as well as 200 staff, that two computers stolen from the College Dean's Office July 17 contained their social security numbers. While the theft does expose the students and staff to potential identity theft, campus representatives said that the computers were password-protected, that

thieves most likely stole the computers to sell the hardware rather than the data, and stolen computers typically have their hard drives scrubbed to conceal their origin. Yale advised the staff and faculty with stolen records to watch their bank accounts and credit reports and is working with those individuals to answer their questions.

Source: <http://campustechnology.com/articles/49639/>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Transportation and Border Security Sector

15. August 12, *Los Angeles Times* — Computer glitch holds up 20,000 at LAX. More than 20,000 international passengers were stranded for hours at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) on Saturday, August 11, waiting on airplanes and in packed customs halls while a malfunctioning computer system prevented U.S. officials from processing the travelers' entry into the country. The system serves five LAX terminals that handle incoming international flights. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection system went down around 2 p.m. PDT, forcing some planes to sit on the tarmac for so long that workers had to refuel them to keep their power units and air conditioning running. Maintenance workers ran trucks around the airport hooking up tubes to service lavatories. The computer system maintains a list of people who should be subject to secondary searches upon entering the country, explained customs spokesperson Michael D. Fleming. "The vast majority of people" do not pose a security threat, "but it only takes one," he said. The malfunction affected only LAX, and customs said it was willing to divert flights to Los Angeles /Ontario International Airport, San Diego International Airport/Lindbergh Field or McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. Later, Fleming said two flights had been diverted: An Alaska Airlines flight landed in San Diego and a Spirit Airlines flight from Mexico landed at Ontario.

Source: http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-lax12aug12.0.5727961_story?coll=la-home-center

16. August 11, *CNN* — New York police take precautions after purported al Qaeda threat. New York police officers screened vehicles Saturday, August 11, near Wall Street with radiation detection devices as "a precautionary measure" after an unconfirmed Web report about a possible radiological attack on U.S. cities. The report was based on chatter allegedly seen Thursday on al Qaeda Websites, but the FBI, Department of Homeland Security and New York Police Department insist the threat is unsubstantiated. One of the messages mentioned New York, Los Angeles, and Miami as possible targets. The New York Police Department stepped up some monitoring activities as a "precautionary measure," Deputy Commissioner Paul Browne said late Friday. New York police have increased the deployment of radiological sensors on vehicles, boats and helicopters and set up vehicle checkpoints in the city, Lower Manhattan and at bridges and tunnels, Browne said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/08/11/terror.chatter/index.html>

17. August 10, *Associated Press* — TSA: Man bypassed security, made it on to North Carolina flight. Airport officials said Friday, August 10, that a man who bypassed security screening likely managed to make it on a flight and leave Charlotte–Douglas International Airport. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) noticed shortly before 8 a.m. EDT that the man had slipped past screeners sometime earlier that morning. Officials searched about 15 planes on

the ground and shut down Concourse C, said agency spokesperson Jon Allen. Allen said 12 other flights left the airport prior to the search, and officials now believe the man was on one of those flights. Those planes will be reverse-screened when they land, he said. TSA spokesperson Chris White said the planes were headed for La Guardia in New York; Baltimore; Windsor Locks, Conn.; Dallas-Fort Worth; Jacksonville, Fla.; Memphis; Indianapolis; Fort Lauderdale; Orlando; Los Angeles; Boston; San Diego; Philadelphia; St. Louis; and Washington. "We're investigating what happened and it's too soon to say whether there was malicious intent or whether it was someone who was confused and passed the security screening," Allen said.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2007-08-10-charlotte-airport-breach_N.htm

- 18. August 10, Associated Press — Wisconsin family finds airplane part in back yard.** A southeastern Wisconsin family found what appeared to be a piece of a Northwest Airlines plane in their backyard. "I was coming out with the laundry basket to hang my laundry, and I noticed ... a large, large piece of metal in my yard," Judy St. Clair told WISC-TV in Madison. "I thought, Oh, my goodness. That looks like an airplane wing." The two-foot-long chunk of metal tore through the branches of the ash tree in her backyard. St. Clair said she turned it over to McFarland, WI, authorities, who alerted the Federal Aviation Administration. WISC-TV confirmed with Northwest Airlines that after Flight 1449 from Detroit landed in Madison, WI, at 9:21 a.m. CDT Wednesday, August 9, an inspection revealed a missing flap. The DC-9's return flight to Detroit was grounded. The airline said it was investigating.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2007-08-10-airline-part-in-backyard_N.htm

- 19. August 10, KTVZ (OR) — Possible Oregon train-track sabotage discovered.** Debris left on or near railroad tracks in an apparently intentional attempt to derail a train in La Pine, OR, prompted the FBI and railroad officials to join a Deschutes County Sheriff's Office investigation Friday afternoon, August 10. Around 1 p.m. PDT, the crew of a pilot car preceding a Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway northbound freight train "found some obvious irregularities that may have in fact caused a train derailment" along the tracks in the area of Finley Butte Road, Sheriff Larry Blanton told KTVZ. BNSF spokesperson Gus Melonas in Seattle said the pilot car crew "discovered debris on the trackage and the line was shut down until action was taken." The sheriff said investigators were not sure if the "suspicious activity" and "possible criminal mischief was targeting a specific train. But the scout car crew that spotted the problem was running ahead of an 81-car northbound freight train heading from Klamath Falls to Bend, OR, that included seven cars carrying hazardous anhydrous ammonia, Blanton said. Melonas said the rail line "was shot down minimally," with "no impact on rail traffic." He also noted that "trespassing on BNSF property is illegal," and trespassers are cited.

Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/Global/story.asp?S=6917197>

- 20. August 09, Department of Transportation — New Rule to ban non-rechargeable Lithium battery shipments on passenger aircraft finalized.** Cargo shipments of certain types of lithium batteries will remain banned from passenger aircraft under a final rule issued on Thursday, August 9, by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The rule amends the Hazardous Materials Regulations by adopting a limited ban on primary, non-rechargeable lithium batteries — such as those found in cameras, laptop computers and

mobile telephones — to reduce the risk of potential fire caused by electrical short circuit. This final rule also tightens standards for testing, handling, and packaging lithium batteries to reduce the likelihood of a lithium battery–related fire during shipment. Lithium batteries are considered a hazardous material because they can overheat and ignite in certain conditions.. In addition to the new rule, PHMSA is working with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the battery and airline industries, airline employee organizations, testing laboratories, and the emergency response communities to increase public awareness about battery–related risks and developments, and to promote improvements in industry standards and best practices. These non–regulatory activities are highlighted at the public Website: <http://safetravel.dot.gov>
Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/phmsa0607.htm>

21. *August 08, Star Tribune (MN)* — **Lafayette Bridge: A reason for worry in St. Paul?** While Minnesota is hoping to build a replacement for the Interstate 35W bridge by the end of next year, a major bridge in St. Paul that had been deemed more worrisome and that came close to collapse before is not scheduled for replacement until 2011. The Lafayette Bridge, a part of Hwy. 52 that carries 81,000 vehicles a day and spans the Mississippi River near downtown St. Paul, is the state's most–traveled bridge with troubles similar to the I–35W bridge in Minneapolis. Like that bridge, the Lafayette is "fracture–critical," meaning that if one part fails the whole bridge could fall. It also is considered structurally deficient and has a sufficiency rating just under what the I–35W span was rated. The bridge's history includes a temporary shutdown in 1975 — less than a decade after it opened in 1968 — when a crack "large enough to put your arm into" was discovered in the bridge's main beam after someone noticed a seven–inch dip in the roadway, according to a newspaper report. That fracture in the southbound lane nearly resulted "in [the] collapse of the bridge," a 2006 inspection report noted. The damaged component was jacked back into place and reinforced with bolted plates, the report said.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/10204/story/1350039.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Agriculture Sector

22. *August 10, Agence France–Presse* — **Pig farms to shut down in Romania.** Eleven unauthorized pig farms belonging to U.S. company Smithfield in Romania are to be shut down following an outbreak of swine fever, the head of the national sanitary and veterinary authority said Friday, August 10. The agency will also send a veterinary doctor to each of Smithfield's 25 farms in western Timis county to monitor whether sanitary standards were being respected and to oversee the killing of some 40,000 pigs from the two farms where the outbreak occurred, ANSVSA director Radu Roatis said. Veterinary authorities found this week that 11 Smithfield farms had not been authorised to operate in Romania. Swine fever was detected during the

week in two farms in western Timis county belonging to Smithfield. One of them did not have an authorization to operate.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070810/hl_afp/romaniausfarmhea1th_070810132622;_ylt=Ajp_F5IIjjT5TdT1stampJOrgF

- 23. August 10, U.S. Department of Agriculture — USDA announces additional funds to control light brown apple moth.** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns Friday, August 10, announced the availability of more than \$15 million in Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds to prevent the spread of the light brown apple moth in California and to protect other states. USDA, in coordination with the California Department of Food and Agriculture, confirmed the presence of the light brown apple moth in Alameda County, CA, on March 22, 2007. This was the first detection of the pest on the U.S. mainland. Since the initial detection, the light brown apple moth now has been identified in 11 California counties. Since the initial detection, USDA and California Department of Food and Agriculture have conducted an aggressive campaign of surveillance, trapping and treatment. The new emergency funding will be used to continue and expand these activities. The light brown apple moth is native to Australia and also is found in New Zealand, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The host range for this insect is broad and it is known to attack more than 250 plant species. Major domestic agricultural crops affected by the light brown apple moth include fruit, vegetables and nursery stock.

Source: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB/.cmd/a.d/ar/sa.retrievecontent/c/6.2.1UH/.ce/7.2.5JM/.p/5.2.4TQ/.d/1/th/J.2.9D/s.7.0.A/7.0.1OB?PC.7.2.5JM.contentid=2007/08/0215.xml&PC.7.2.5JM.parentnav=LATEST_RELEASES&PC.7.2.5JM.navid=NEWS_RELEASE#7.2.5JM

- 24. August 09, Stop Soybean Rust News — Six new parishes in Louisiana have soybean rust on soybeans.** Asian soybean rust has been found in six new parishes in Louisiana — spread from the northwest corner of the state down through the center to the southwest. All was on soybeans, both in sentinel plots and in commercial fields. Per the Louisiana commentary: "On Monday, August 6, the parishes of Jefferson Davis, Allen and Evangeline were found to have soybeans positive to Asian soybean rust. In J. Davis and Evangeline parishes, the rust was found in sentinel plots, but the disease was found in commercial fields in J. Davis and Allen Parishes. These are all southwest Louisiana parishes. "On Wednesday, August 8, ASR was found in the sentinel plot in Concordia Parish and in commercial beans in East Baton Rouge Parish. Concordia is in East Central Louisiana, and E. Baton Rouge is along the Mississippi River. "Today, Thursday, August 9, ASR was confirmed in the sentinel plot in Bossier Parish, in the northwest portion of the state."

Source: <http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=1083>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Food Sector

- 25. August 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration — Consumers warned to avoid eating raw oysters.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to eat raw oysters harvested from an area of the southern tip of Hood Canal in Washington after an

outbreak of illness caused by *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* bacteria. Symptoms of the illness, called vibriosis, include watery diarrhea, often with abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, fever, and chills. Usually these symptoms occur within 24 hours of ingestion and last no more than three days. Severe disease is rare and occurs most commonly in people with weakened immune systems. Raw oysters harvested from “growing area 6” in Hood Canal from July 3, 2007 and after, have caused at least six people to become ill in California and Washington. Additional reports of illness are being investigated by the states. To date, records indicate that raw oysters from the area were distributed to California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, New York, Oregon, Washington, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01680.html>

26. *August 09, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **FDA takes action against Iowa dairy for illegal drug residues found in cows.** A Complaint and Consent Decree of Permanent Injunction were filed Wednesday, August 8, in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, Western Division, against Ysselstein Dairy Inc., Rock Valley, IA, and its owner and president, Sjerp Ysselstein, after illegal drug residues were found in the dairy's cows. The permanent injunction will not become effective against Ysselstein Dairy until the Court signs and enters the Consent Decree. The action follows U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigations into the dairy and its practices. Ysselstein Dairy produces milk for human consumption and sells dairy cows for slaughter for human consumption. The injunction is based on nine illegal residues in the edible tissue of seven dairy cows sampled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) between July 21, 1992, and March 10, 2006. The drug residues found by FSIS included antibiotics such as tetracycline, sulfadimethoxine, flunixin, oxytetracycline, and penicillin at levels not permitted by the FDA. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01679.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Water Sector

Nothing to report.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Public Health Sector

27. *August 11, Agence France–Presse* — **Togo detects new cases of bird flu.** Three new cases of the H5N1 strain of bird flu have been detected in poultry on farms in the west African nation of Togo. The new cases were found in dead birds on farms in the Lacs, Golfe and Zio regions east of the capital Lome, national television reported. In late June, testing confirmed the presence for the first time in Togo of the H5N1 strain in poultry in Sigbehoue. Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20070811/hl_afp/healthflutogo_070811141747;_ylt=Ai8mVR.MMRCsJYxIdF0IA72JOrgF

28. *August 10, Associated Press* — **WHO reports four cases of polio in Angola.** Four children in the southern African country of Angola have been infected with polio, but the number of cases around the world has been cut in half so far this year, the World Health Organization (WHO)

said Friday, August 10. The new cases bring to 10 the number of Angolans who have caught polio this year. A national vaccination day is scheduled for Aug. 31. The reemergence of polio in 27 countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East was largely blamed on a 2003 vaccine boycott by hard-line Nigerian Islamic clerics who claimed that an immunization campaign was part of a U.S.-led plot to render Nigerian Muslims infertile or infect them with AIDS. Angola was re-infected in 2005 after a four-year lull in cases, but all infections have been linked to a separate Indian strain of the virus. The disease is also endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/08/10/news/UN-MED-UN-Polio.php>

29. *August 09, National Institutes of Health* — **Scientists target future pandemic strains of H5N1 avian influenza.** Preparing vaccines and therapeutics that target a future mutant strain of H5N1 influenza virus may be possible, according to a team of scientists at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and a collaborator at Emory University School of Medicine. Success hinges on anticipating and predicting the crucial mutations that would help the virus spread easily from person to person. Scientists report that they have developed a strategy to generate vaccines and therapeutic antibodies that could target predicted H5N1 mutants before these viruses evolve naturally. This advance was made possible by creating mutations in the region of the H5N1 hemagglutinin (HA) protein that directs the virus to bird or human cells and eliciting antibodies to it. Source: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/aug2007/niaid-09.htm>

30. *August 09, CIDRAP News* — **Dengue fever expanding its foothold in Texas.** Dengue fever is gaining a firmer foothold in southern Texas, putting residents at risk for the most dangerous form of the disease, dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says. A dengue outbreak in the Brownsville, TX, area in 2005 involved 25 hospital cases, 16 of which were classified as DHF, the CDC says. The 2005 outbreak in the Brownsville area was heralded by a DHF case in a Brownsville woman who fell ill in late June. The CDC says the woman's illness marked the first DHF case in a Texas resident native to the Texas-Mexico border area. A locally acquired DHF case in the area was reported in 2004, but the patient was originally from Southeast Asia and probably had acquired her first dengue infection there. About two months after the Brownsville woman's case, in late August of 2005, Mexican health officials in Tamaulipas state, across the border from Brownsville, told their Texas counterparts that a dengue fever outbreak in the state had grown to 1,251 cases. Those included 223 cases classified as DHF. In the previous five years, 541 dengue cases, including just 20 DHF cases, had been reported in the state. CDC report: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5631a1.htm> Source: http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/bt/vhf/news/aug0907_dengue.html

31. *August 08, LA Weekly* — **UCLA researcher targeted.** Arthur Rosenbaum, a pediatric ophthalmologist at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), noticed a device underneath his car on July 24. The bomb squad was dispatched to the scene and hauled away a makeshift explosive. A faulty fuse was the only reason it didn't go off. Three days later, the Animal Liberation Brigade sent a typo-ridden "communiqué" to the North American Animal Liberation Press Office in Los Angeles. It was posted on the NAALPO Website: "130am on the twenty fourth of June: 1 gallon of fuel was placed and set a light under the right front corner of Arthur Rosenbaums large white shiney BMW. He and his wife, are the

target of rebellion for the vile and evil things he does to primates at UCLA." For several years now, Rosenbaum and other faculty members at UCLA Medical Center have been targeted by animal-rights activists. The researchers have endured crank calls, menacing e-mails and intimidating threats screamed over bullhorns in the middle of the night in front of their homes. But with the attempted bombing of Rosenbaum, and the attempted Molotov cocktail bombing last year of UCLA researcher Lynn Fairbanks, activists are no longer content with threats.

Source: <http://www.laweekly.com/news/news/monkey-madness-at-ucla/16986/>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Government Sector

Nothing to report.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Emergency Services Sector

32. *August 11, Honolulu Advertiser* — Honolulu expands emergency center plans. The city of Honolulu plans to build a \$73 million, 10-story emergency operations and traffic management center in Downtown Honolulu, designed to make commutes smoother and improve communications between agencies during disasters. When finished in 2012, the center will house offices for the fire, police and emergency medical services departments, along with emergency dispatchers, the state Department of Transportation and others. With all those agencies under the same roof, the city says, communications with responders at the scene of a disaster will improve and departments will work more closely and quickly to get responders and residents what they need. The emergency operations center is planned for the top level and will have access to state-of-the-art software. Public agencies, utilities and others will be called into the center, depending on the size of the disaster, to coordinate efforts. From there, they could remotely survey disaster scenes, monitor any traffic backups, quickly determine how many people are in danger (with mapping software) if the disaster involves air-borne pollutants, flooding or other events, and make decisions on evacuations and shelters.

Source: <http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070811/NEWS01/708110347/1001/NEWS01>

33. *August 10, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — FEMA fire grants provide over \$16.5 million to support America's firefighters. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced Friday, August 10, the third round of awards under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Through this third round of awards, 164 departments will receive a total of nearly \$13 million. In addition, funds from the FY 2006 AFG program will be distributed to 36 fire departments and emergency medical service organizations totaling \$3.7 million. In total, the FY 2007 AFG alone will provide over \$490 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations across the nation. "The recent challenges faced by Minneapolis firefighters and first responders, reminds all of us to the importance of these much needed federal grants," said United States Fire Administrator Greg Cade. "Responding to all emergencies requires the best equipment, training and management of resources are available to this nation's firefighters. We

do not know which department will face today's emergencies, but these funds will make it possible for the firefighters to have the right tools to do the right things to protect people as we continue to build a culture of preparedness at the local level."

List of AFG recipients: <http://www.firegrantsupport.com/afg/awards/07/>

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=38629>

34. *August 10, Seattle Post Intelligencer* — Police, fire plan to rely on sirens, and friendly skies.

Just like everyone else dependent on wheels and a road, local emergency aid providers in Seattle, WA, are bracing for a deluge of traffic downtown during the partial shutdown of Interstate 5, starting Friday, August 17. Traveling by air will help some first responders get to sites when streets are choked with traffic in the next two weeks. The Washington State Patrol is shifting some of its planes to help troopers reach accidents and keep roads clear, and Airlift Northwest will bring on an extra copter to help ferry patients. The State Patrol tactics to keep traffic flowing during the construction include adding troopers to key locations and using a pair of airplanes outfitted with high-tech cameras to watch the freeway and the surrounding alternative routes. Fire departments throughout the state are trained on establishing landing zones for the air ambulance helicopters. But in anticipation of the traffic congestion, Airlift pilots are working with the Seattle Fire Department to set up at least four pre-established landing zones, concentrating on West Seattle and the areas in South Seattle.

Source: http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/transportation/326962_freeway10.html

[[Return to top](#)]

Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

35. *August 10, IDG News Service* — UK report questions role of ISPs in online safety. A new report on Internet safety has concluded ISPs (Internet service providers) should take more responsibility for online security since end users are often lax. But the 121-page Personal Internet Security report, published on Friday, August 10, by the UK House of Lords, stopped short of suggesting that the Office of Communications (Ofcom) — the UK communications regulator — should impose new rules on ISPs. "We do not advocate immediate legislation or heavy-handed intervention by the regulator," the report said. "But the market will need to be pushed a little if it is to deliver better security." ISPs generally argue that security is the responsibility of end users, which Ofcom has also supported. The report called it "disappointing" that the UK government has accepted those arguments since the reality often exceeds the capability of end users to recognize the threats.

Report: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200607/ldselect/ldscstech/165/165i.pdf>

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/07/08/10/UK-report-question-s-role-of-ISPs_1.html

36. *August 09, eWeek* — EMC-RSA acquires data loss prevention specialist Tablus. RSA revealed its intent Thursday, August 9, to acquire Tablus, a data loss prevention vendor adding to RSA's security portfolio the ability to identify sensitive data and find it in places where it shouldn't be stored. Neither party would disclose details of the deal, but executives expected RSA's acquisition of Tablus, which is based in San Mateo, to be complete by October or November. The purchase and software acquisition adds to RSA and parent company EMC's stack of content storage and security and place them ahead of the pack with a product that finds

data even when it is out of place, said executives and industry analysts.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2168890,00.asp>

37. August 09, IDG News Service — Symantec patches critical Norton flaw. A bug in the way Norton AntiVirus software uses the ActiveX programming language could cause serious problems for users of Symantec's products. On Thursday, August 9, Symantec patched the flaw warning that a bug in two ActiveX controls used by Symantec's client software could allow an attacker to run unauthorized software on a victim's computer. Security vendor Secunia ApS rates the problem as "highly critical." The flaw is an "input validation" error, meaning that Norton doesn't properly check the data it's receiving to ensure that it can't be mistaken for malicious commands.

Secunia Advisory: <http://secunia.com/advisories/25215/>

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/infoworld/20070809/tc_infoworld/90901;_ylt=AnyqA_LzLbo5f0Gx4y3IPqUjtBAF

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

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/>.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

Nothing to report.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

General Sector

Nothing to report.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

[DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Reports](#) – The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is archived for ten days on the Department of Homeland Security Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/iaipdailyreport>

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

Content and Suggestions:

Send mail to dhsdailyadmin@mail.dhs.osis.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (703) 983-3644.

Subscription and Distribution Information:

Send mail to dhsdailyadmin@mail.dhs.osis.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (703) 983-3644 for more information.

Contact DHS

To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at nicc@dhs.gov or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web page at www.us-cert.gov.

Department of Homeland Security Disclaimer

The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a non-commercial publication intended to educate and inform personnel engaged in infrastructure protection. Further reproduction or redistribution is subject to original copyright restrictions. DHS provides no warranty of ownership of the copyright, or accuracy with respect to the original source material.