



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 3 June 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to Reuters, the FBI is investigating a bomb threat made Friday against a Shell Oil Co.'s Anacortes, Washington, refinery. After receiving the threat, Shell searched the refinery, but found nothing suspicious. (See item [3](#))
- Medical News Today reports that University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston researchers have developed new vaccines to protect against West Nile and Japanese encephalitis viruses. (See item [27](#))

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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. *June 2, Associated Press* – (National) **Senate takes up climate bill.** The U.S. Senate on Monday will take up legislation that calls for cutting carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases by about 70 percent from power plants, refineries, factories, and transportation by mid-century. Both Democrats and Republicans appeared eager to debate global warming and both sides are preparing a string of amendments for later this week – some to make the legislation stronger, others to weaken it. General Electric Co., Alcoa Inc., and Exelon Corp., the country's biggest operator of nuclear power plants, are expected Monday at a news conference with two chief sponsors of the bill to support the legislation. Many business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, have

criticized the measure as too costly. The charge against the bill has been lead by those that would be most affected including the oil and coal industries.

Source:

<http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewNation.asp?Page=/Nation/archive/200806/NAT20080602c.html>

2. *June 1, Reuters* – (International) **Two Mexican crude ports closed for storm Arthur.** Two of Mexico’s three main crude oil ports were closed to shipping on Sunday because of rough seas due to the proximity of tropical depression Arthur, the government said on Sunday. Dos Bocas and Cayo Arcas ports were shut for shipping while a third major crude terminal Coatzacoalcos remained open, the transport ministry said in a statement. Together the three ports ship about 80 percent of Mexico’s crude exports, the bulk of which goes to U.S. refineries.
Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0135386520080601>
3. *June 1, Reuters* – (Washington) **FBI probes threat against Shell Washington refinery.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating a bomb threat made Friday against Shell Oil Co.’s Anacortes, Washington refinery, a spokeswoman for the FBI’s Seattle office said on Sunday. A search of the refinery Friday evening by Shell and police found nothing suspicious, and the refinery continued to operate as planned, according to Shell. The threat was made by e-mail, said a special agent of the Seattle FBI office. “The message said the bomb was placed to cause maximum damage to the refinery and to the people in the refinery,” he said.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0140034420080601>
4. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Injuries reported in Wyoming crane collapse.** A large crane operating at the Black Thunder Mine in northeast Wyoming collapsed and blocked a rail line on Saturday, injuring up to three people, said a spokesman for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration. He said his agency will issue an order shutting down operations there while agency officials conduct an investigation. A director of safety for crane company Lampson International said Saturday that his company’s crane was involved. The crane was moving a 260-foot section of conveyor tube over the railroad when the accident occurred, said a spokesman for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway. He said a 70-foot section of the tubing was blocking the main line track. Material and debris were also blocking a connection off the main line that serves the Black Thunder and Jacob Ranch mines. The Casper Star-Tribune reported in April that construction and crane crews were moving a 2.7 million-pound crane, described as one of the largest in the world, into place for the project. “This type of crane is capable of handling more tonnage than any type of crane in the world,” said the BNSF Railway spokesman.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,361175,00.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *June 2, Occupational Health and Safety* – (National) **Barnwell waste disposal site shuts door to most states July 1.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said May 29 it has issued updated guidance to fuel cycle and materials licensees that they may need to store some low-level radioactive waste on site for an extended period after the Barnwell, South Carolina, disposal facility closes to most states on July 1. As of July 1, Barnwell will accept all types of waste from only South Carolina, New Jersey, and Connecticut because of shrinking capacity. This means licensees in 36 states have no disposal options for Class B and C waste; about 95 percent of such wastes are generated by nuclear power plants, “which have the space, expertise and experience needed to store radioactive wastes for extended periods,” according to the NRC. The agency’s guidance advises licensees to consider ways to minimize the production of Class B and Class C low-level wastes and whether they may need to seek a license amendment to increase their possession limit for radioactive materials as a result of the need to store waste on site. The guidance also addresses considerations such as security, worker safety, and the need to keep track of radioactive materials, including during emergencies, the NRC said.
Source: <http://www.ohsonline.com/articles/63491/>
6. *June 2, Reuters* – (California) **SCE Calif. San Onofre 2 reactor shut.** Southern California Edison’s Unit 2 at San Onofre nuclear power station in California shut by early Monday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. On Friday, the unit was operating at 99 percent power.
Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0246359020080602>
7. *June 2, Longview Daily News* – (Idaho) **Last of contaminated Kuwaiti sand headed for Idaho by rail.** The last containers of 6,700 tons of Kuwaiti sand at the Port of Longview contaminated with low levels of depleted uranium have been loaded onto trains bound for Idaho, said a spokesman for the disposal company American Ecology. The final seven containers should be headed out of Longview this week, he said Friday. The Kuwaiti government is paying for the cost of the cleanup, according to the company and the Army. American Ecology plans to test the remaining containers for hazardous levels of lead when they arrive in Idaho, said the company spokesman.
Source:
http://www.tdn.com/articles/2008/06/02/area_news/doc4843969e9445a584192829.txt
8. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Bomb case at Palo Verde still unsolved.** It has been seven months since a pipe bomb was discovered in a contract worker’s truck at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station west of Phoenix. Authorities say they still do not know how the bomb got there. The November 2 discovery triggered a lockdown and trapped employees at the plant for hours. Investigators have ruled out the pickup’s driver. Deputies searched his Goodyear apartment but found nothing tying him to the explosive device. Authorities have so far been unable to identify a suspect. A Maricopa

County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman says investigators are basically at a standstill. Authorities say additional investigations including efforts to determine who purchased materials used to build the pipe bomb were unsuccessful.

Source: http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=8409534&nav=menu613_2_6

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *June 1, AZoM* – (National) **Coin-sized bomb detector.** An Air Force Office of Scientific Research-funded team has created an inexpensive sensor the size of a penny that detects bombs made with improvised peroxide explosive devices. A University of California at San Diego research team created the small sensors using ultra thin films. The sensors are made of cobalt and copper and have a fast response time and sensitivity that enables them to detect even minute amounts of peroxide vapors. When peroxide is present, the film made of cobalt shows a reduction in current while the copper films show an increase. "The main, long-term goal of our basic research program is to develop the science and technology to create rugged, lower power, small-sensor packages with high chemical properties that are practical for military purposes and in homeland security," a research team representative said. He noted that low power micro and nanosensors are ideally suited for small unmanned air vehicles (UAV) platforms. UAVs and micro UAVs can use the technology in remote sensing for protecting facilities from chemical warfare agents when investigating chemical properties of a vapor cloud. The current sensor cost less than a dollar per device. The university has applied for a patent on the ultrathin sensor, but its licensing has not been finalized.

Source: <http://www.azom.com/news.asp?newsID=12409>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 1, East Oregonian* – (National) **FBI warns of new e-mail scams.** The FBI is asking people to beware of e-mails claiming to raise money to help victims of the recent earthquakes in China. Some Chinese earthquake scam messages claim to offer free vacation trips to the largest donors and even use fake logos of legitimate online pay services to fool people.

Source:

<http://www.eastoregonian.info/main.asp?SectionID=13&SubSectionID=48&ArticleID=78463&TM=68978.86>

11. *May 31, Jackson Citizen Patriot* – (National) **Credit union target of phishing scam.** CP Federal Credit Union is making its members aware of a new e-mail scam. The email, which was sent to both members and non-members, appeared to come from the credit union. It claimed that the member had a new security message from the credit union's customer service department regarding a suspended account. It then encouraged the recipient to click on a link to view the message. On Friday, CP posted a short message on its Web site advising people not to click on the link. The credit union contacted the

authorities and the phishing Web site was disabled.

Source: <http://www.mlive.com/business/citpat/index.ssf?/base/business-2/121222831512590.xml&coll=3>

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Transportation Sector

12. *June 2, Aviation News* – (National) **TSA deploys screening equipment.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said it has installed 200 multi-view X-ray machines to airports that include Phoenix, Washington Dulles, Denver and Baltimore. Installations are on-going at Reagan Washington, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Dallas, Miami and Detroit. These new machines provide multiple views of carry-on baggage and a much clearer image, allowing officers to screen carry-on bags with fewer physical searches, TSA said. Millimeter wave whole-body imagers are being deployed in the coming weeks to airports that include Dallas-Ft. Worth, Miami, Las Vegas, Reagan Washington, Denver, Miami and Detroit. Millimeter wave enables officers to screen passengers for metallic and non-metallic items without conducting pat-down inspections, TSA said. Millimeter wave currently is deployed at airports in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Baltimore and New York Kennedy International.
Source: http://www.aviationnews.net/?do=headline&news_ID=155427

13. *June 1, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **Man arrested in alleged bomb hoax.** A man was arrested early Sunday on suspicion of planting a fake bomb at a Metrolink station in Covina, California, officials said. The incident occurred about 7:30 p.m. Friday when a security guard discovered a suspicious-looking device on the fourth floor of a parking structure at the Metrolink station, said a Covina police official. Bomb squad officials detonated the device and determined it was not explosive, the official said, however the complex device left in a public place appeared to have been made to resemble an improvised bomb. A search of the suspect's house several hours later turned up items similar to components used in the bogus bomb, he said. About 150 people were evacuated from nearby homes and business during the incident, the official said. Train service was shut down for about two and a half hours, he added, stranding about 300 passengers.
Source: http://www2.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_9447315

14. *June 1, redOrbit.com* – (California) **Suspect bag closes San Diego terminal.** A suspicious bag at San Diego's Lindbergh Field caused security to temporarily shut down a terminal, a Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman says. She said Terminal 2 was closed for more than two hours Saturday after security personnel's request to hand search a bag whose owner apparently left the screening area, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported Sunday. The passenger who owned the bag was never located and the suspicious item prompted the secured area to be evacuated as a precaution. In addition to clearing the area, one flight's passengers were forced to return to the airport in order to be rescreened by security personnel. The official told the Union-Tribune screening at a Terminal 1 checkpoint was also temporarily suspended Saturday after a female passenger left the inspection area without completing the

required second screening.

Source:

http://www.redorbit.com/news/business/1411394/suspect_bag_closes_san_diego_terminal/

15. *May 31, Agence France-Presse and South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (International) **Four dead, 65 injured as plane crash-lands in Honduras.** Four people were killed and 65 injured Saturday when a jet owned by Central America’s TACA airlines overshot the runway and slid onto a road at Tegucigalpa’s airport, the Honduran presidency said. The plane, carrying 140 people including crew, was an Airbus A-320 flying a Los Angeles-San Salvador-Tegucigalpa route, officials said. The plane skidded off the runway, crashed down a 66-foot embankment, plowed across a road and broke into three pieces, TACA officials said. The Honduras Industry and Commerce Minister said poor visibility could have contributed to the crash. Investigators from France, El Salvador and the United States “will arrive in the coming hours” for an inquiry that could last a month or more, a TACA airlines chief executive said. Honduran air officials said large jets would eventually be transferred permanently to a U.S. military airfield at Palmerola. Sources: http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5gAYpRA1_vGZtGqtMgtzkzarzKbjw and <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/nationworld/sfl-flaworlddig06011sbjun01,0,770640.story>

16. *May 30, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Smoke in cockpit forces emergency Midway landing.** A Southwest Airlines flight landed safely at Chicago Midway Airport after smoke was reported in the plane Friday morning. The plane was carrying 142 passengers, according to the Director of Media Relations for the Chicago Department of Aviation, who said she believed the plane was scheduled to land at Midway and did not have to make an emergency landing. Police and fire crews went to Midway Airport to assist for reports of smoke in the cockpit of a plane on the ground, according to a Chicago Lawn District police officer. Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/979274,midway053008.article>

17. *May 30, Computerworld* – (National) **FAA: Sun box disk failure caused NOTAM database crash.** A disk failure in a Sun Microsystems Inc. server caused the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) NOTAM (notice to airmen) database to crash for nearly 20 hours last week, according to the FAA. The NOTAM system provides notices to airmen, or pilots, regarding airports, equipment and security issues. The system went down late May 22 and was back up at around 7 p.m. on May 23. Because of the disk failure, information had to be delivered to pilots through local air traffic controllers and alternate systems, including a Web site set up to disseminate the most up-to-date information, said a manager of aeronautical information management for the FAA. However, flight safety was never a problem, the FAA said. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyId=9&articleId=9091339&intsrc=hm_topic

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to Report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *June 2, Associated Press* – (International) **South Korea to delay resumption of US beef imports.** Nearly 60,000 people took to the streets of Seoul over the weekend to denounce the government and call on it to scrap a beef import agreement with the U.S. Police clashed with protesters and detained about 300, though some were released. Consequently, the South Korean government said Monday it was delaying its planned resumption of U.S. beef imports. An Agriculture Ministry spokesman said the ministry, after a request from the ruling party, had decided to put off the final administrative step for imports to resume. The spokesman offered no further details, including how long the delay would last. Protesters claim U.S. beef is unsafe and say the South Korean President is ignoring their concerns, behaving arrogantly, and kowtowing to Washington. The government has repeatedly said American beef poses no safety risk.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080602/ap_on_re_as/skorea_us_beef;_ylt=Am.4Fae2Q13EzpTJysjAUU6s0NUE
19. *June 2, Associated Press* – (National) **Animal health officials to convene.** Animal health officials from 12 states are meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota, to talk about topics from bovine tuberculosis to animal tracking technology. The North Central U.S. Animal Health Association meeting is Monday through Wednesday. A North Dakota state veterinarian is president of the group and says officials are looking forward to hearing more about Minnesota's efforts to deal with bovine TB. Other presentations will deal with brucellosis, feral swine, livestock emergency preparedness, and interaction between wildlife and livestock.
Source: <http://www.bismarcktribune.com/articles/2008/06/02/news/state/157015.txt>
20. *June 2, Food Production Daily* – (International) **New food equipment sanitizing range cuts down-time, says Radical.** Radical, a British firm, said that its Steritroxing technology harnesses the power of ozone to eradicate harmful contaminants such as Listeria, Pseudomonas, and E.coli in hygiene critical areas. This new technology will allow the factory to return to full production within an hour. The manufacturer said that the Steritroxing process is based on the production of free radicals through the generation of aqueous ozone, and it includes four product categories. These categories include room sanitizing, surface sanitizing, produce decontamination, and odor control. The complete sanitizing process is automatically managed by a fail-safe computerized controller, according to the developer. The Radical system uses ozonated water to wash down surfaces and remove unpleasant smells from the environment. With concerns over the use of chemicals such as chlorine, ozone is seen among manufacturers as a safer cleaning chemical. On June 23, 2001, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted

ozone generally recognized as safe status for use in food-contact applications.

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/news/ng.asp?n=85638-radical-listeria-e-coli>

21. *June 2, United Press International* – (California) **Burrata cheese recalled in California.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the recall of Caseificio Voglie di Latte-brand burrata cheese because of possible contamination. The FDA said the company voluntarily recalled the product due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism that can cause serious infections. The only batch subject to the recall will be labeled with the expiration date of “24/5/2008.”

Source:

http://www.upi.com/NewsTrack/Science/2008/06/02/burrata_cheese_recalled_in_california/4734/

22. *June 2, AG Weekly* – (National) **USDA axes national survey charting pesticide use.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture said it plans to stop publishing its national survey tracking pesticide use. Prominent scientists, the nation’s largest farming organizations, and environmental groups oppose the USDA’s decision. “If you don’t know what’s being used, then you don’t know what to look for,” said a chief scientist at the Organic Center, a nonprofit. “In the absence of information, people can be lulled into thinking that there are no problems with the use of pesticides on food in this country.” An acting administrator at the National Agricultural Statistics Service said the program was cut because the agency could no longer afford to spend the \$8 million the survey sapped from its \$160 million annual budget. While the agency “hates eliminating any report that is actually needed out in the American public,” he said consumers could find similar data from private sources. “What we’ll end up doing is understanding pesticide use through getting accident reports,” said a managing director at the San Francisco nonprofit Pesticide Action Network.

Source: http://www.agweekly.com/articles/2008/06/01/news/ag_news/news23.txt

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Water Sector

23. *May 31, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Water plant chemical spill contained.** Employees worked Thursday to contain a corrosive chemical spill inside a Salt Lake City water treatment plant. The city’s water system administrator said ferric chloride eroded a metal valve and caused it to start leaking. The Salt Lake Valley Health Department and the Salt Lake County Unified Fire assisted the cleanup, officials said. About 1,500 gallons of ferric chloride, a temporary switch from the usual first-phase treatment chemical the plant normally uses, spilled into a concrete containment area and was not released into the environment. Three employees went to the hospital after inhaling highly concentrated fumes. But they were treated and released in the evening, she said. Ferric chloride is a flocculant, which is highly diluted in the water and helps capture stray particles during the first phase of treatment. The particles and the flocculant settle out together and are removed from the water and disposed. The water goes through several additional levels of treatment before being delivered to local taps. The water department

had switched to the ferric chloride because the chemical normally used had not been doing a very good job during this spring's runoff.

Source: http://www.slttrib.com/news/ci_9436371

24. *May 30, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Partial shutdown ordered of gas drilling.** Pennsylvania environmental officials ordered a partial shutdown Friday of natural gas drilling operations by two companies in the state's northcentral region, saying they lacked permits for collecting water from nearby streams to be used in the drilling. Neither Range Resources-Appalachia nor Chief Oil & Gas took steps to ensure the streams would be protected from pollution or other harm before conducting exploratory drilling at two sites in Lycoming County, said the director of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) northcentral regional office. "We need to ensure that bodies of water involved ... are protected for the residents of Lycoming County and the entire Susquehanna (River) watershed," he said in a statement. The two companies are exploring for gas below the Marcellus Shale, a layer of rock about 6,000 feet down that extends from western New York, across Pennsylvania, and into eastern Ohio and parts of West Virginia. As part of their work, they have been diverting tens of thousands of gallons of water daily from streams into storage areas. That water is used in a drilling process where fissures are blasted into the rock formation with pressurized water and sand to release trapped gas into a well. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission also issued cease-and-desist orders against the companies Friday for collecting stream water without the commission's approval. Both companies said they planned to meet with the DEP and the commission next week to discuss how to resolve the dispute.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2008/05/30/ap5065614.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *June 2, Daily Press* – (Virginia) **Latest bomb threat at hospital probed.** Police are investigating after another bomb threat was made against Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Virginia, early Sunday night. This is at least the fifth time the hospital has been threatened in recent months. Each time, police investigate and sheriff's deputies stationed at the hospital's two open entrances are put on high alert." No one had to be evacuated," said a hospital spokesman, who believes the threat made Sunday is from the same person who started threatening the hospital last October. Since the threats began, the hospital has stepped up its security requiring visitors entering the hospital to show identification to a deputy and to have their bags searched.

Source: http://www.dailypress.com/news/local/newport_news/dp-local_localbrfs_06020jun02,0,7528913.story

26. *June 2, Medical News Today* – (National) **US soldiers in high-tuberculosis areas face new epidemic: false positives.** U.S. Army service members are increasingly deployed in regions of the world where tuberculosis (TB) is rampant, such as Iraq and Afghanistan, and the military now faces a growing medical problem with the growing number of "pseudoepidemics," or clusters of false-positives for TB that are the result of universal testing with a notoriously inaccurate tuberculin skin test (TST) and

inconsistent procedures for interpreting those tests in low-risk populations. These false positives tests have become more than a mere institutional inconvenience or a momentary medical scare for soldiers being tested. They are a real financial and medical burden because they inappropriately divert limited funds and resources.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/109464.php>

27. *June 2, Medical News Today* – (National) **New West Nile and Japanese Encephalitis vaccines produced.** University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston researchers have developed new vaccines to protect against West Nile and Japanese encephalitis viruses. The investigators created the vaccines using an innovative technique that they believe could also enable the development of new vaccines against other diseases, such as yellow fever and dengue fever, which are caused by similar viruses. They reported their findings in back-to-back papers published in the current issue of the journal *Vaccine*. The new vaccines are known as “single-cycle” or “pseudoinfectious” vaccines, and contain flaviviruses that have been genetically modified so that each virus can only infect a single cell. Unable to spread from cell to cell and create disease, these crippled viruses nonetheless continue to copy themselves within the cells they infect, thus producing the viral proteins needed to induce immune protection. The scientists showed that the vaccines successfully protected laboratory mice and hamsters against the viruses, which can cause fatal brain inflammation in humans.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/109430.php>

28. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Tuberculosis tests begin in Craighead County.** More than 1,250 people who worked at or served time in the Craighead County jail in April and May may have been exposed to tuberculosis as an inmate has tested positive for the disease, the sheriff says. He added that all those potentially exposed will be tested and that the county’s Health Department sent registered letters to all those potentially infected by the disease. Jonesboro police and employees of the Craighead County District Court also have been notified that if they were at the jail between April 7 and May 22 they will need to be tested for the disease. It remains unclear if members of the public who visited inmates at the jail during that time also will need to be tested.

Source: <http://www.nwaonline.net/articles/2008/06/02/news/060208bcarjailtb.txt>

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Government Facilities Sector

29. *June 1, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Hundreds attend schools bordering chemical sites.** A Dallas Morning News investigation found that hundreds of students in Dallas County attend schools near sites with extremely hazardous chemicals. The closest were alternative schools that cater to students with disciplinary problems or at risk of dropping out. In most Texas cities, schools can be built in any zoning district – even the heaviest industrial areas. According to the Texas Education Agency, there is no state law preventing schools from being near environmental hazards.

Source: http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-toxic1schools_01pro.ART.State.Edition1.46cc38f.html

30. *June 1, Stars and Stripes* – (International) **Protest may cause delays in Naples.** U.S. Navy officials in Naples are warning motorists to expect possible commuting delays to the Capodichino base if demonstrators opposed to expansion of the Dal Molin airfield picket the installation. An activist group called Cento donne cento bici (100 women 100 bikes) intends to visit several U.S. military bases in Italy to deliver a letter of protest to the installations' commanding officers, said a spokesman for Navy Region Europe. The group has pledged to conduct nonviolent protests of U.S. installations and is seeking to expand the movement by calling on women in various Italian cities to join them in finding peaceful alternatives to militarization.
Source: <http://www.stripes.com/article.asp?section=104&article=55237&source=rss>
31. *June 1, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **12 arrested at Bangor anti-nuclear protest.** Twelve people were arrested during an anti-nuclear weapon demonstration at the Navy's Trident submarine base at Bangor. The demonstration Saturday was peaceful, but five people were arrested by deputies on a sidewalk that had been closed for security when they attempted to hang a banner from an overpass. They were booked into jail for investigation of disorderly conduct and failure to disperse. They were then released. The other seven arrestees were apprehended by base security officers for trespassing, attempting to deliver a letter to the base commander. They were released at the scene, said a member of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action.
Source:
http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2004451767_apwabangorprotest.html
32. *June 1, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Pipe bomb at White Marsh precinct.** Baltimore County Police confirm that a pipe bomb was dropped off at the White Marsh precinct earlier today. A public information officer says an unidentified person found the pipe bomb and brought it to the precinct to turn it in. He said it is not unusual for someone to find a bomb or grenade and turn it in to police. The Baltimore County Bomb Squad was called to detonate the pipe bomb. As a procedure, a 500-foot area around the precinct was blocked off.
Source: http://www.abc2news.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=83cfe2da-96bc-4fbc-88e8-28608402ff8c
33. *June 1, Scotsman* – (International) **U.S. laptop 'hacked' in China.** The U.S. government believes the laptop of George Bush's trade secretary was hacked on a trip to Beijing. Surreptitious copying of the computer's contents is thought to have occurred when a laptop was left unattended during the commerce secretary's trip to Beijing for trade talks in December. The secretary said he could not discuss whether or how the laptop's contents might have been copied. It was not clear what information on the laptop might have been compromised. Modern copying equipment can duplicate a laptop's storage drive in minutes. The report of the incident is the latest in a series of cyber security problems blamed on China and comes at a sensitive time, with trade issues looming between the countries and special attention on China because of this year's Olympic Games. In the period after the secretary returned from China in December, the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team – comprising some of the U.S. government's leading computer forensic experts – rushed to the Commerce

Department on at least three occasions to respond to serious attempts at data break-ins.
Source: <http://news.scotsman.com/world/US-laptop-39hacked39-in-China.4139876.jp>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *June 1, Daily Iberian* – (Louisiana) **Hurricane season; Drill readies agencies for mass evacuation.** A massive coordinated evacuation drill spanned three days and culminated in mock patient loading into a Louisiana National Guard C-130 at Acadiana Regional Airport Friday morning. The drill was designed as a test of an emergency aviation transport plan to move hospitals during a crisis event. A state Health Officer for Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) said the evacuations practiced were for “hospital patients brought by ambulance only.” According to a press release from the DHH, the effort included participation from the Louisiana National Guard, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Louisiana Hospital Association, the Department of Defense including TRANSCOM and NORTHCOM, the U.S. Army 433rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, FEMA, the U.S. Department of Federal Affairs, EMS, local hospitals regional airport managers and air traffic control.

Source:

<http://www.iberianet.com/articles/2008/06/02/news/doc48420e5e719ba450978585.txt>

35. *May 31, TWEAN 14 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Crews practice life-saving techniques.** A total of more than 25 fire departments, emergency medical stations and rescue squads sent crews to an emergency drill at the Duke Energy Buck Steam Station in Spencer, North Carolina, on Saturday. It was the largest disaster drill for the facility in more than a decade. The scenario was that there had been an explosion at the plant and there were several hurt or trapped victims. Emergency workers practiced rescuing people, tending to the injured and communicating with each other during the four-hour drill. The simulation came a little more than two months after many of the same men and women responded to a deadly fire at Salisbury Lumber and Supply, better known as Salisbury Millwork.

Source: <http://news14.com/content/headlines/596213/crews-practice-life-saving-techniques/Default.aspx>.

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Information Technology

36. *June 2, Computerworld* – (National) **Critical Connections study reveals need for increased collaboration on the cyber frontier.** Increased collaboration and information sharing between the public and private sectors is needed to improve cybersecurity, according to “Critical Connections,” a new study released Monday by Symantec Corp. The study examines each sector’s information security priorities, as well as awareness of and attitudes toward the new National Cyber Security Initiative, a proposed federal initiative that would allocate more than \$30 billion over the next seven

to 10 years to improve cybersecurity. Attendees at the Symantec Government Symposium on July 31 in Washington, D.C. will continue discussion on these critical topics. The survey found that 68 percent of federal, 59 percent of private sector, and 48 percent of state and local respondents call for increased collaboration to improve cybersecurity. In addition, 78 percent of private sector respondents say they want more information from the government on cyber threats. To download the Critical Connections podcast, visit http://www.symantec.com/about/news/podcasts/detail.jsp?podid=b-critical_connections. Source: <http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/marketwire/0402595.htm>

37. *June 2, Dark Reading* – (National) **Look beyond executable files, botnet researchers warn.** After years of education and awareness training, most users – and their antivirus applications – know to be suspicious of email attachments that carry the “.exe” suffix. But users and AV tools are fairly trusting of other types of files – and botnet operators are beginning to take advantage of that trust. According to a report published Monday by anti-botnet technology and research firm Damballa, many bot herders are now recruiting their “zombie” participants or levying targeted attacks by hiding malware in real-looking documents that arrive in everyday formats such as Microsoft Office or Adobe Acrobat Reader. “What we’re seeing are a lot more exploits that use everyday document types, such as PDFs or Microsoft Word,” says a senior researcher at Damballa, who authored the study. These files are increasingly attached to convincing-looking emails targeted at top executives, claiming to be IRS complaints against the company or quarterly reports, he says. End users aren’t the only ones who don’t recognize these sorts of boobytrapped documents, the researcher says. Most antivirus applications do not recognize malware when it is hidden in conventional document types.

Source: http://www.darkreading.com/document.asp?doc_id=155240

38. *June 2, Associated Press* – (National) **One quarter of US PCs infected with malware: OECD.** An Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) study into online crime says that increased activity by cyber criminals has left an estimated one-in-four US computers infected with malware. The report, entitled Malicious Software (malware): a Security Threat to the Internet Economy, gives an impression of two worlds engaged in an uneven war of virus invasion and belated defense. Cyber crime, to steal data, spy and attack government and business computer systems “is a potentially serious threat to the internet economy,” warns the study, published on Friday. Organizations involved in “fighting malware offer essentially a fragmented local response to a global threat,” the OECD says. It is estimated that 59 million users in the U.S. have spyware or other types of malware on their computers,” the OECD report said. The OECD warns that all forms of hacking have gone far beyond the adolescent disruption of the early days of the personal computer, to become a powerful and growing weapon in the hands of serious criminals. It is highly profitable, at minimal cost to the criminals but a huge and unknown cost to honest users.

Source: http://www.smh.com.au/news/security/a-quarter-of-us-pcs-infected-with-malware-oecd/2008/06/02/1212258708582.html?s_cid=rss_technology

39. *May 31, Computerworld* – (National) **Microsoft urges Windows users to shut down Safari.** Last Friday, the Microsoft Security Response Center (MSRC) issued a security advisory for what it called a “blended threat” caused by combination of a bug in Apple’s Safari Web browser and a vulnerability in how Windows XP and Windows Vista handle executable files placed on the desktop. The Safari bug Microsoft referred to is the same one disclosed two weeks ago, which Apple declined to treat as a security issue, said the director of security operations at nCircle Network Security Inc. Microsoft told users to “restrict use of Safari as a Web browser until an appropriate update is available from Microsoft and/or Apple,” but also acknowledged that a successful attack would require not only leveraging the Safari bug, but also exploiting a vulnerability in its own software. “A combination of the default download location in Safari and how the Windows desktop handles executables creates a blended threat in which files may be downloaded to a user’s machine without prompting, allowing them to be executed,” said Microsoft.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9091638&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

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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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Communications Sector

40. *June 1, BroadbandReports.com* – (National) **Data center fire at The Planet disrupts popular blogging service.** One of Houston-based data centers of The Planet, a dedicated server hosting provider which operates six large data centers in Texas, suffered from a fire Saturday night which left all 9,000 servers there temporarily down which means that approximately 7,500 customers can’t access their websites. One of those customers is Entrecard, a popular social networking and advertising service for bloggers. The fire apparently did not do any actual damage to the servers but caused the power to go out which took out the service. As of Sunday morning, there was no estimated time of repair.

Source: <http://www.dslreports.com/shownews/Data-Center-Fire-at-The-Planet-Disrupts-Popular-Blogging-Service-94904>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb squad removes Civil War artillery**

shell from Pennsylvania museum. A bomb squad removed a newly acquired Civil War-era artillery round from the Schuylkill County Historical Society because of safety concerns. The unexploded Hotchkiss shell is filled with black powder and made to fit a rifle. It was donated recently by a former society president. Officials with a bomb squad from Fort Drum, New York, took the shell Saturday and put it in an ammunition can. They said it could have gone off if it was dropped and that they will probably dispose of it on the range.

Source:

<http://cbs3.com/pennsylvaniawire/22.0.html?type=local&state=PA&category=n&filename=PA--CivilWarShell.xml>

42. *June 1, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **DC orders emergency inspections in wake of NY crane collapse.** The District ordered emergency inspections of all cranes operating in the District after this morning’s crane collapse in New York. DC inspectors planned to inspect and check the paperwork on all 42 tower cranes operating in the District, hoping to finish the emergency work in the next three to five days. Regulators say the city already has a tough three stage permitting process for cranes; and a strict ten year licensing requirement for operators. Maryland and DC have comparatively strict crane regulations. Virginia depends on the somewhat weaker federal safety regulations. But all three jurisdictions depend to some extent on the crane companies to police themselves.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=72260&catid=158>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

43. *June 1, New York Times* – (National) **In the Pacific, a new kind of monument is proposed.** The Bush administration is taking steps to create a new kind of national monument encompassing Pearl Harbor and other World War II sites in the Pacific. The idea of a monument that commemorates the Pacific theater “presents an interesting challenge,” not just because the elements are not contiguous, but also because the monument could be in close proximity to active naval operations. A memorandum from the president to the interior and defense secretaries released on Friday by the White House asked for their assessment of the value of a monument declaration “at Pearl Harbor and other sites associated with the war in the Pacific.” It added that recommendations should avoid “limiting the Department of Defense from carrying out” its mission. The areas under consideration would include Ford Island, which was adjacent to battleship row in Pearl Harbor, where most of the large ships were sunk by Japanese bombers on December 7, 1941. The memorandum made no mention of other sites being contemplated, but Midway and Wake Islands and Guam saw crucial World War II battles.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/01/washington/01monument.html>

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Dams Sector

44. *May 30, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Corps re-caulking a few cracks in Grand Forks dike project.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is re-caulking some of the seams between concrete flood panels in the Grand Forks dike system after spotting a few cracks. The Corps project manager calls it routine maintenance and no reason for alarm. “The purpose of the caulking is to keep moisture and debris from getting down inside there and messing things up, but it doesn’t affect the structural integrity of the wall,” she said. The Grand Forks-area flood protection system, built after the 1997 Red River flood disaster, includes 30 miles of levees, two miles of flood walls, 22 pump stations, and ten miles of diversion channels at a cost estimated at more than \$400 million. The Corps began work on it in 2000.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/articles/index.cfm?id=77991§ion=news>

45. *May 30, KTVL 10 Medford* – (Oregon) **Klamath Falls homeowners worry about possible levee breach.** In Oregon, two leaks have been discovered in a levee by Upper Klamath Lake, and people living in the area have been warned it could fail at any time. The levee is about 60 feet wide and was built in 1927. Residents in the area are concerned if this levee is breached, it could flood more than a dozen homes in that area. High winds and more pressure from the lake could make the levee fail. Officials say they have not determined a cause for the leaks but plan to use dye to find out where it is leaking from. They say the leaks are stable for now, but they are not taking any chances.

Source: http://www.ktv1.com/news/levee_1186500_article.html/klamath_warned.html

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