



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 6 June 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The San Francisco Chronicle reports that three tanker trailers filled with chemicals burst into flames Wednesday at the Ashland Distribution chemical plant in Fairfield, California. The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined. (See item [5](#))
- According to the Washington Post, Prince George’s County police found explosive material in a deserted car near Andrews Air Force Base Wednesday morning. Federal and county officials are investigating the source of the explosives and whether there is a terrorist connection. (See item [26](#))

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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 5, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Storms lead to state of emergency in 15 W.Va. counties.** The governor of West Virginia declared a state of emergency in at least 15 West Virginia counties Wednesday after severe storms caused flooding and mudslides. The storms have dumped several inches of rain and knocked out power to nearly 70,000 customers, officials said. Late Wednesday night, more than 14,000 Appalachian Power customers remained without service, according to the company’s Web site. Service had been restored to about half of the 55,000 Allegheny Energy customers who lost power.
Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/200806040757>

2. *June 4, Reuters* – (National) **Mexico sees lower oil exports for 2008.** Mexico's average oil exports will remain well below target all year, and beneath last year's levels, due to lower crude production, the head of state oil monopoly Pemex said on Wednesday. The Pemex chief executive said the state-run company's oil exports were headed for an average of 1.40 million to 1.45 million barrels per day over 2008, around 15 percent below a goal set in Mexico's 2008 budget of 1.683 million bpd. The estimation is also well below an average export level of 1.686 million bpd in 2007. The lower export outlook comes after Mexico recently admitted that crude output would average 2.9 million bpd this year, below its original target of 3.0 million bpd. Mexico is a key U.S. crude supplier, but Pemex's oil output has declined this year due to waning yields at the aging Cantarell oil field and technical problems at wells in recent weeks. Mexico's oil exports fell sharply to 1.439 million bpd during April, down nearly 12 percent from March levels. Exports this year through April are down 13 percent from the same period last year.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0443990520080605?pageNumber=2&virtualBrandChannel=10001>

3. *June 4, Reuters* – (Texas) **Laredo, Texas power emergency eases, plant returns.** The downed unit at a Laredo, Texas, power plant that shut unexpectedly and raised fears of rolling power outages in the area on Wednesday was back on line, said its operator, Topaz Power Group. The Laredo Power Station is crucial to the reliability of service to about 70,000 AEP Texas customers in the Laredo area on the Mexico border. Unit 2 returned Wednesday morning, said a spokesperson. The Texas grid operator Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) warned on Monday that rolling outages were possible in the area due to the forced outage. The ERCOT notification was canceled Wednesday morning when Unit 2 returned.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0431703820080604>

4. *June 4, Reuters* – (Midwest) **Magellan says Kansas pipeline resumes partial operations.** Magellan Midstream Partners LP said on Wednesday it had resumed partial operations of its pipeline system serving its Kansas City, Kansas, terminal after a fire Tuesday night disrupted operations. The company said the terminal also resumed operations at its truck loading facility at 3:00 p.m. "The tank fire remains contained allowing us to safely resume operations with minimal supply disruptions," a Magellan spokesman said. Federal, state, and local authorities remained on the scene.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSWEN606220080605>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 5, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Fierce fire at Fairfield chemical plant.** Three tanker trailers filled with chemicals burst into flames Wednesday at a chemical plant in Fairfield, California. The fire prompted the evacuation of nearby businesses and an emergency order for residents to stay indoors, but firefighters managed to put the fire

out within three hours. A spokesman for the Fairfield police and fire departments said the three-alarm blaze was confined to three tankers at the Ashland Distribution chemical plant. The plant itself never caught fire, he said, but as many as seven other tanker trailers were threatened by the fire. The burning tankers were each loaded with 7,000 gallons of the solvent ethyl acetate, which is used in glues, nail polish removers, and toluene, which can be used as an octane booster in gasoline fuels. Residents of 2,500 homes within a mile radius of the plant were told to stay inside and keep their doors and windows closed while Fairfield firefighters and crews from Travis Air Force Base used water and a special foam to battle the fire. Everyone in the immediate industrial area - about a quarter-mile square - was evacuated, but the emergency orders were lifted after the fire was out, the official said. The cause of the blaze has not yet been determined.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/06/05/BAIL113PAJ.DTL>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *June 5, Reuters* – (Florida) **FPL shuts Fla. St Lucie 2 reactor.** FPL Group Inc. shut Unit 2 at the Saint Lucie nuclear power station in Florida from full power due to the loss of a main feedwater pump on June 4, the company told the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a report. The company said all equipment operated as expected to shut the plant.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0532167820080605?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

7. *June 5, Reuters* – (New York) **Entergy N.Y. Indian Pt 2 reactor back at full power.** Entergy Corp's Unit 2 at the Indian Point nuclear power station in New York returned to service and full power by early Thursday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The company took the unit off line on June 4 to work on the exciter.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0546066220080605>

8. *June 4, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Nevada files challenge against federal nuclear dump license.** Nevada officials say they have filed the first challenge against a Bush administration bid to win U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approval for a national nuclear waste dump outside Las Vegas. The state attorney general calls the massive 8,646-page license request submitted Tuesday for the Yucca Mountain project "legally deficient" and incomplete. The state says the document lacks a key U.S. Environmental Protection Agency radiation standard against which the repository design is supposed to be measured. The state attorney general says the application also does not contain a final design and is missing crucial information about transportation and storage canisters. She says the NRC should refuse to docket the Yucca Mountain license application "until key components are available for review."

Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/Global/story.asp?S=8431931>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *June 3, Army News Service* – (National) **Helmet sensors, improved armor helping soldier survivability.** About 7,000 Soldiers from the 101st Airborne and 4th Infantry Divisions deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan are wearing helmet sensors. These sensors may help Program Executive Office (PEO)-Soldier to improve upon the safety features of the advanced combat helmet (ACH). The external sensor model mounted on the back of the ACH and the internal sensor mounted inside at the crown each have USB ports. These USB ports allow PEO-Soldier to later download information for safety improvements. “The sensors measure, store, and record acceleration as well as over-pressure that a Soldier experiences in a blast event,” said the product manager for Soldiers Survivability. “During phase one, the most important thing the sensors do is provide us with data that will help us improve our Soldier protection equipment, such as the chin strap and pad and suspension system.” The latest in Interceptor Body Armor, the Improved Outer Tactical Vest, is also being fielded so that all soldiers in theater will have the new version by the end of June, officials said.

Source: <http://www.army.mil/-news/2008/06/03/9638-helmet-sensors-improved-armor-helping-soldier-survivability/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 4, Clarion Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Internet scam targets EPPICard users.** The state attorney general is warning people about a phishing scam that targets Mississippi residents who use EPPICards to receive child support or unemployment benefits. The link from this spam e-mail or other pop-up messages may bring online users to a site similar to the EPPICard Web site. “These sites are very hard to distinguish from the real ones,” the official said in a news release. “EPPICard has posted a notice on their website warning users that they would never request personal information through email, text messaging, or phone calls.”

Source:

<http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080604/NEWS/80604033>

11. *June 4, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. SEC to propose new rating agency rules June 11.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said on Wednesday that it would hold an open meeting on June 11 to propose new rules on credit rating agencies. The SEC, which is responsible for ensuring that credit ratings agencies make adequate disclosures, is considering whether additional industry regulations are needed. Rating agencies such as Moody’s Corp, Standard & Poor’s, and Fimalac SA’s Fitch unit have been criticized for failing to properly analyze securities backed by mortgages before assigning top ratings. Critics have said the rating agencies sometimes assigned too-high ratings to securities backed by poor-quality mortgages. The SEC has spent months examining the credit rating industry and plans to propose new rules for them in June, the SEC Chairman has said. New regulations could include requiring better disclosure of past ratings, limiting conflicts of interest, and requiring rating agencies to differentiate

between corporate bonds and more complex structured finance products, he said.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0435864820080605>

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Transportation Sector

12. *June 5, Aero-News Network* – (National) **Controllers say VLJs pose problem for airliners.** As more very-light-jets (VLJs) come online, more air traffic controllers and airline pilots express doubts the small jets will smoothly integrate into the nation’s air traffic control system. A recent report by USA Today states controllers in Florida are already taking steps to keep VLJs out of high-altitude airways during busy times. Controllers note the small jets fly at speeds at least 100 mph slower than larger airliners and business jets, and they cannot climb as fast. A head of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association chapter at Jacksonville Center said controllers must keep VLJs out of airways when traffic is busy. ATC and airline pilots alike say as more small jets become available, they carry the potential to increase problems. If predictions by NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) come true, one day there could be thousands of VLJs, and that poses a bigger issue. A safety chairman for the Air Line Pilots Association also cites concerns about the level of equipment carried onboard VLJs. Eclipse 500s do not carry even a basic traffic collision advisory system (TCAS). The Eclipse CEO and the DayJet founder both insist new technologies -- presumably tied to the FAA’s oft-touted “NextGen” air traffic control network -- will allow the planes to one day operate in congested areas without affecting airline operations.
Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=2de4c8be-7cdc-49c1-ae46-e1174c2547b8&>
13. *June 5, Bay City Times* – (Michigan) **Hazardous rail car routes probably won’t change.** Forty to eighty tank cars, some loaded with hazardous chemicals, travel every day on railroad tracks through Bay City, Saginaw, and Midland, Michigan. Rail companies that operate the trains, which service Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, are under orders from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to determine whether they are using “the safest and most secure” routes available. But a Dow spokeswoman says the current routes, in use for years, are not likely to change as a result of a rule, which is part of security measures recommended by the 9/11 Commission following the September 11 attacks. For one, trains that come into Midland are confined to two routes of existing track, said the official. The rule became effective June 1 and railroads throughout the U.S. must begin compiling an analysis of routes by July 1. The rule applies to rail companies that haul “Poison Inhalation Hazard commodities” like chlorine and anhydrous ammonia used in farming, water purification and manufacturing. They must complete their analysis by September 2009. According to the Federal Rail Administration, railroads must conduct a comprehensive safety and security risk analysis of primary routes and any practical alternative routes. The analysis must consider information from local communities and at least 27 risk factors including trip length, volume and type of hazardous materials being moved, existing safety measures along the route, and population density. An FRA spokesman declined to discuss the possible effects of the rule on Dow and other Michigan industry.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2008/06/hazardous_rail_car_routes_prob.html

14. *June 4, WTVT 13 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Tanker careens off I-75 bridge; interstate closed.** A tanker truck flipped over the side of an Interstate 75 bridge Wednesday afternoon. The accident closed the interstate to traffic in both directions and created a plume of smoke that could be seen for miles. The wreck happened close to U.S. Highway 301, near the exit of the Ellenton Outlet Mall. The tanker truck overturned and fell between the bridges onto U.S. 301, said an official with the Manatee County Emergency Operation Center. Manatee officials said the bridge is structurally compromised and the southbound bridge will be closed indefinitely. All north and southbound lanes of the Interstate are closed.

Source:

<http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=6695685&version=17&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

15. *June 4, WFRV 5 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Plane makes emergency landing in Green Bay.** All aboard are safe after an airplane had to make an emergency landing at Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay Wednesday morning. The Northwest regional jet was coming from the Twin Cities when the pilot declared an emergency in the air. Authorities say the plane was having trouble with the flaps, but was able to land safely. There were 36 passengers and four crew members on board.

Source: http://www.wfrv.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=9359e497-02db-48c4-b902-b2ac421f1e4f

16. *June 4, Occupational Health & Safety Magazine Online* – (National) **DOT tells PHMSA, TSA to work together, finalize pipeline security annex.** As required by the Pipeline Inspection, Protection, Enforcement, and Safety Act of 2006, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Inspector General (OIG) assessed DOT and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) actions taken to implement a pipeline security annex. The annex is part of a Memorandum of Understanding, which DOT and DHS signed in 2004 to facilitate transportation security measures. Within DOT, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) has responsibility for pipeline security and safety. Within DHS, the Transportation Security Administration is responsible for pipeline security. In 2006, PHMSA and TSA signed the annex to establish clear lines of authority and responsibility over pipeline security matters. The OIG found that the PHMSA and TSA have taken initial steps toward formulating an action plan to implement the provisions of the annex. However, further actions are needed as the current situation is far from an "end state" for enhancing the security of the nation's pipeline system. The OIG recommended that PHMSA collaborate with TSA to complete the following actions: (1) finalize the action plan for implementing the annex provisions and program elements and effectively execute the action plan, (2) amend the annex to clearly delineate the roles and responsibilities of PHMSA and TSA in overseeing and enforcing security regulations for liquid natural gas operators, and (3) maximize the strategy used to assess pipeline operators' security plans and guidance to

ensure effective and timely execution of congressional mandates in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.

Source: <http://www.ohsonline.com/articles/63740/>

17. *June 4, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Bridge collapses in Southern Virginia.** A steel deck-truss bridge collapsed Wednesday, injuring a man who was driving a concrete truck over it, transportation officials said. Work was under way to replace the 158-foot, one-lane bridge over Walker Creek, which had been deemed structurally deficient under federal guidelines, said a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) spokeswoman. The designation, which applies to 10 percent of the state's 20,000 bridges, means a bridge must be monitored, inspected and maintained but does not imply that it is unsafe or likely to collapse. VDOT will investigate why the bridge collapsed, a state bridge engineer said, but he and the spokeswoman said the concrete truck was likely overweight. The bridge, in Giles County, had a posted weight limit of eight tons.

Source:

<http://www.myfoxdc.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=6697566&version=1&ocale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *June 4, Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Minnesota tests find lead in more donated venison.** Minnesota officials have tested 1,239 samples of venison donated to food shelves last fall and found that 22 percent had evidence of lead bullet fragments. Because all of the donated venison was processed commercially, some have suggested that careless processors might be at least partially to blame. But the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) collected and tested 123 samples from DNR employees who processed their own deer themselves. They found about 18 percent of the 123 samples had some lead contamination. Officials are trying to develop guidelines for hunters and deer processors before fall that might reduce the amount of lead fragments in venison. Because of the discovery, the future of venison-donation programs in Minnesota and several other states is uncertain. Officials from seven Midwest states were in Bloomington, Indiana, to discuss what has become a major wildlife and health issue.

Source:

http://www.startribune.com/local/19523339.html?location_refer=Gophers

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Water Sector

19. *June 5, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Governor declares drought, orders water sent to worst areas.** The governor of California declared a statewide drought and ordered the state Department of Water Resources to quickly transfer water to areas with the most severe water shortages. The executive order also calls on the state water department to coordinate with other state and federal agencies to assist water suppliers, identify risks to water supply, and help farmers facing losses as a result of water shortages. The declaration comes after two years of below-average rainfall in California, low snowmelt runoff from the Sierra, and the largest court-ordered water transfer restrictions in state history, the governor said. The governor also used the occasion to pitch his proposal for a \$11.9 billion water bond that includes creating new dams, an idea that Democratic legislators have resisted.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/06/04/BANO1138CB.DTL>

20. *June 4, Daily Item of Lynn* – (Massachusetts) **Court orders state highway department to adopt stormwater pollution controls.** A federal court judge, in a landmark decision, ruled that the Massachusetts Highway Department violated federal clean water laws by failing to develop an adequate stormwater cleanup plan for its 2,500 miles of urban roads and bridges. The precedent-setting decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed by environmentalists, charging MassHighway was not properly implementing a provision of the federal Clean Water Act that requires them to control and clean up polluted water that flows off roadways into neighboring lakes and streams. After a six-day trial, the judge ordered MassHighway to commit to a two-year schedule for adopting a new, revised stormwater pollution cleanup plan. He also instructed the agency to quickly address pollution hot spots in Lancaster and the Charles River Watershed. Polluted stormwater is a significant factor in the ongoing failure of Massachusetts's rivers and lakes to achieve basic water-quality standards.
Source: <http://www.thedailyitemoflynn.com/articles/2008/06/04/news/news16.txt>

21. *June 4, Mohave Daily News* – (Nevada) **Final Lake Mead study backs wastewater plan.** The Lake Mead National Recreation Area released its environmental impact study that calls for several options, including taking no action, which would continue to dump treated wastewater from Las Vegas into Las Vegas Wash. The three alternative options include constructing a pipeline and dumping treated wastewater near the Boulder Islands North, Boulder Islands South, and the Las Vegas Bay. The final study recommends the Boulder Islands North alternative, which would build a pipeline from three treatment facilities to a discharge area near Boulder Islands. The study's recommendation is preferred environmentally with minor impacts to surface water, biological resources, noise, and air quality. The Boulder Islands South was not preferred because it would have a more harmful impact on the environment. The Las Vegas Bay alternative also was not chosen because of the impact to the water quality in the bay. The study also reported that taking no action also would impact water quality in Las Vegas Bay.
Source: <http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2008/06/04/news/local/local2.txt>

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *June 5, Associated Press* – (International) **Indonesia hushes up bird flu deaths.** Indonesia's 109th bird flu victim died last month, but the government decided to keep the news quiet as part of a new policy aimed at improving the image of the nation hardest hit by the disease. The country's Health Minister said Thursday she will no longer announce deaths immediately after they are confirmed. But she promised to make the information available on a regular basis eventually, several cases at a time. Until recently, Indonesia's government announced bird flu deaths by e-mail and provided an almost 24-hour information center for confirmations. It gradually abandoned that practice several months ago, often burying news of deaths on the ministry's Web site. The latest policy shift means no posting will be made until deaths have already been reported in the media, said the Health Minister, who wants the focus now to be on improvements made in fighting the H5N1 virus nationwide.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20080605/ap_on_re_as/indonesia_bird_flu_2
23. *June 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Antibiotic-resistant superbug spreading.** The number of people hospitalized with *Clostridium difficile* (C-diff), a dangerous intestinal superbug has been growing by more than 10,000 cases a year, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study. The germ, resistant to some antibiotics, has become a menace in hospitals and nursing homes. The study, being published in this month's issue of *Emerging Infectious Diseases*, found the germ played a role in nearly 300,000 hospitalizations in 2005, more than double the number in 2000. C-diff, as it is better known, has grown resistant to certain antibiotics that work against other colon bacteria. As a result, when patients take those antibiotics, competing bacteria die off and C-diff explodes.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/balto.hs.briefs052jun05,0,4465791.story?track=rss>
24. *June 4, Agence France-Presse* – (National) **Tracking cell phone use could help curb epidemics: study.** Scientists searching for patterns in seemingly random human movements have found that people, in the aggregate, go about their daily lives with mathematical regularity, according to a study published Thursday. Tracking the movements of 100,000 people over six months through cell phone use, the researchers discovered that highly variable individual travel patterns collapsed into a single mathematical formula of probability. Predicting the movement of people during an epidemic, after an earthquake or in a traffic jam following a big football match has always been something of a guessing game for scientists, despite the huge stakes involved. Even without knowing why people go where they go, the patterns uncovered by the study could, for example, provide crucial data on how to curb the spread of a communicable disease. Up to now, epidemic models lacked detailed data on human mobility and had to rely on assumptions about random motion or computer simulations, the study's co-author said. "Our results show that there are indeed some simple rules that can be used to describe human mobility," he said, adding that the same type of problems apply to urban planning and traffic forecasting.
Source: <http://afp.google.com/article/ALeqM5hQrR9MlgYme1535Syi8TFUVc6IbQ>

25. *June 4, Reuters* – (National) **New bird flu plan suggests more drug stockpiles.** New U.S. government pandemic guidelines propose stockpiling millions more doses of the antiviral drug Tamiflu to help protect people from infection, and recommend that each household store protective masks. For the first time they propose using the drugs Tamiflu and Relenza to prevent infection, and give guidelines to businesses that may want to buy the drugs in advance to treat or protect employees. They also spell out how many face masks – up to 100 for some commuters – Americans should have on hand. The U.S. government now has 50 million courses of antiviral drugs, with 10 pills in each course in the case of Tamiflu. States can buy 31 million more courses under a federal contract that subsidizes the cost, for a total of 81 million courses. The proposals being floated for public comment could bring this number up to 195 million courses, said a pandemic planner at the Health and Human Services Department who wrote most of the new guidelines. They include details on using drugs to prevent infections.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN0425357120080604?sp=true>

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *June 5, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Explosive material found in deserted car.** Prince George’s County police found explosive material in a deserted car near Andrews Air Force Base Wednesday morning and are working with federal investigators to determine its source, authorities said. Shortly after 6 a.m., police were alerted to a black Nissan Altima with no license plates parked on Dower House Road. Police determined that the car had been stolen and called on federal law enforcement officials, including military investigators, to examine explosive material that was packaged in two units, each small enough to fit in the palm of a hand. Technicians with the county bomb squad determined that one of the units was a commercial grade explosive of the type used in demolition and that the other was a military grade explosive, said a county fire department spokesman. Police found no detonation devices, authorities said. “According to the bomb squad, there was enough explosive materials that if placed in the wrong hands could cause significant damage,” the spokesman said. Federal and county officials declined to say whether the possibility of a terrorist connection is being investigated. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Air Force, and technicians with the county bomb squad spent the day trying to determine the make and origin of the explosive materials.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/04/AR2008060401636.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *June 4, Associated Press* – (National) **War creates shortage in night vision goggles.** The war in Iraq is creating a major – and perhaps deadly – shortage of night vision

goggles for civilian pilots who fly medical helicopters in the U.S. The National Transportation Safety Board has encouraged the use of such equipment since 2006 to reduce the risk of deadly nighttime crashes during emergency medical flights. But air ambulance services that fly sick or injured people to the hospital have been put on waiting lists of a year or more by makers of night vision gear because the U.S. military has contracts that give it priority. “The war in Iraq escalated and the goggles weren’t available,” said the president of the National EMS Pilots Association and a pilot in Perry, Florida. He estimated only 25 percent of the 800 or so emergency medical helicopters in the U.S. have the technology. The NTSB said the goggle could have prevented 13 of 55 crashes of medical helicopters it analyzed in a 2006 report. Since that study, five U.S. medical helicopters have crashed in the dark, killing 16 people, according to an NTSB database. An NTSB spokesman said it was not clear from the preliminary reports how many of the helicopters lacked night vision gear. The accidents are still under investigation, and it is not known whether such equipment would have made a difference.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24971226/>

28. *June 4, Tyler Morning Telegraph* – (National) **Statewide disaster drill under way today.** Texas emergency responders participated in a statewide disaster exercise Wednesday simulating a hurricane disaster involving mass evacuations from the Texas Coastal region. The drill was sponsored by the Governor’s Division of Emergency Management. Conducted under direction of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, the exercise involved simulated shelter operations, busing of evacuees, collection and distribution of food, fire and police services and utilization of local community service organizations, said information from the state. Emergency operation centers and hospitals participated.

Source: <http://www.tylerpaper.com/article/20080604/NEWS08/657317882>

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Information Technology

29. *June 5, IT Pro* – (International) **Google targeted as spam levels increase.** A MessageLabs Intelligence Report for May report claims spam is back on the increase with levels not experienced since early 2007 – with increased targeting of free hosted services like Google Docs. The report said that levels had reached 76.8 per cent of all emails. It was suggested the high figure was due to changes in tactics by spammers. The report said there was a move away from reliance on new and undetectable email attachments (switching between image, PDF, MP3, office DOC, and XLS spam). The trend was now moving towards taking advantage of open and free mainstream services such as Google Docs and Calendar. Links to the Google Docs domain were not blocked by traditional spam filters and the environment carried enough bandwidth to host spammer’s websites. It was also said to be possible to track their success by the use of Google Analytics. Spam levels rose across all industry sectors in May with manufacturing the top for spam activity at 83.7 percent of all emails. The highest rise was in the non-profit sector, where spam levels grew by seven per cent to 81.3 percent.

Source: <http://www.itpro.co.uk/security/news/203814/google-targeted-as-spam-levels->

[increase.html](#)

30. *June 5, Channel Register* – (International) **‘Legit’ website compromises reach epidemic proportions.** Web security firm ScanSafe reports that changes in hacking tactics mean that compromised content on legitimate website has become the main conduit for so-called drive-by download attacks. According to the firm, two in three instances of web-based malware it blocked last month came from legitimate sites. ScanSafe blames the increase on attacks that have planted malicious scripts, often exploiting iFrame web browser vulnerabilities, on pukka websites. Hacked sites are commonly used to deliver password-stealing Trojans and other strains of malware onto compromised PCs.
Source: http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2008/06/05/scansafe_web_malware_survey/
31. *June 4, Computerworld* – (National) **XP SP3 omits critical security update.** Microsoft Corp. confirmed Tuesday that Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3) omits a critical security update issued by the company in November 2006. The company acknowledged the omission while attempting to clarify the effect XP SP3 has on existing installations of Flash Player, an add-on that Microsoft bundled with Windows XP when it first shipped in 2001. Microsoft has patched Flash Player in the past using Windows Update, notably with the MS06-069 security update it issued November 14, 2006. The missing update, MS06-069, patched five vulnerabilities in Adobe Systems Inc.’s Flash Player and was rated “critical” by Microsoft, the company’s highest threat ranking. Microsoft did not explain why the patch is missing from the service pack, which it has billed as including “all previously released updates.” Flash Player has made security news of late; last week, for example, researchers revealed that hackers were actively exploiting Flash Player 9.0.115.0, an edition released by Adobe in December 2007. On Monday, Computerworld reported that Windows XP SP3 shipped with that out-of-date and vulnerable version rather than the newer and more secure Flash Player 9.0.124.0, which Adobe issued in early April, about two weeks before Microsoft wrapped up the service pack and began distributing it to resellers.
Source:
<http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9093338>

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Communications Sector

32. *June 4, ZDNet Australia* – (International) **Mobile malware threat heightened by**

Symbian hack. A hacker has created a way of bypassing security measures in the Symbian operating system that block malware. A “jailbreak,” similar to those developed to crack the iPhone, has been developed for Symbian S60 3rd edition. Security company F-Secure fears it could be used to target phones which run Symbian’s latest operating system, such as the Nokia N95, with malware. “It allows an application to do things to the device it shouldn’t be able to do, such as use the network connection without a user prompt,” F-Secure’s senior security specialist said. Symbian S60 3rd edition is considered to offer better security than computer operating systems such as Windows because applications need a certificate from Symbian itself before they can be run. While the block on unsigned applications comes as Symbian’s default setting, users can circumvent it manually, allowing the applications to run. “If you run it, any application that’s currently running will get access to everything on the device, including things they shouldn’t be able to do,” he added, such as contact lists and personal files. The hack is delivered as a Symbian (SISX) installation file and must be run before the device becomes vulnerable. Nevertheless, phone users are still far safer than PC users, according to the specialist. “A drive-by download type install is not possible,” he added. Source: <http://www.zdnet.com.au/news/security/soa/Mobile-malware-threat-heightened-by-Symbian-hack/0,130061744,339289590,00.htm>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

33. *June 5, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **39 homeowners near NC wildfire told to evacuate.** Authorities in eastern North Carolina are telling 39 homeowners to evacuate after a wildfire jumped containment lines. The blaze in the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge has burned up to 10,000 acres, or nearly 16 square miles. Fire officials say it is likely to continue growing because of hot and dry conditions.

Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gwSSrT7-LciDlr1tYmyE9e19oX9QD913MJTO0>

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Dams Sector

34. *June 4, Warrenton Journal* – (Missouri) **Dam is intact after pipe failure, inspectors say.** Workers were making improvements to Alpine Lake Dam after a May 27 incident in which a 36-inch overflow pipe failed. As a result, water scoured out two areas on the dam, estimated to be 50 and 100 feet long. Initially, there had been concerns the dam might fail. Missouri Department of Natural Resources engineers inspected the dam and announced its core was intact, and there was no danger of the dam failing. The overflow

pipe has been sealed with rock, sandbags, and a water-impermeable cloth, and will be sealed off with concrete. Workers completed a second spillway, to maintain the level of Alpine Lake. Emergency workers used a new geographic information system to warn people in more than 450 residences in low-lying areas south of the dam along Charrette Creek. They informed residents that evacuation was voluntary, not mandated, said the chief of the Wright City Fire Protection District.

Source: <http://warrentonjournal.stltoday.com/articles/2008/06/04/news/sj2tn20080604-0604war-dam0.ii1.txt>

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