



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 16 June 2008

Current Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- The Chicago Tribune reports that a House subcommittee voted Thursday to subpoena the records of nine private laboratories involved in food testing as part of a congressional investigation into allegations that some companies have withheld information on tainted food from federal regulators. The other labs, according to the subcommittee, refused to turn over records. (See item [19](#))
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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 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Northern California blaze destroys 30 homes, forces thousands to flee.** A wind-blown blaze in Butte County spread to more than 8,000 acres Thursday. Earlier in the day, the blaze snapped high-power lines to Paradise, knocking out electricity to more than half the town's homes. The governor of

California declared a state of emergency in the counties of Butte and Santa Cruz.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/politics/cal/la-me-fires13-2008jun13,0,5717817.story>

2. *June 13, Reuters* – (District of Columbia) **Power back in Washington after outage.**  
Electrical power was restored in Washington on Friday after a widespread outage and subway fire darkened downtown for nearly three hours and snarled traffic during the morning rush hour. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said there appeared to be no link to terrorism. Pepco electric company officials said they did not yet know why a power substation failed around 7:30 a.m., leaving about 11,000 downtown customers in the dark. A fire in the downtown Metro Center stop started around the same time, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) said. Pepco and WMATA officials said they did not know if the power outage and the fire were related.  
Source:  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN1339968820080613?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>
3. *June 12, Reuters* – (International) **Nigeria oil union renews Chevron strike threat.**  
Nigeria's senior oil workers' union said on Thursday that talks to avert a lockout at the local unit of Chevron were not going well and renewed its strike threat. The Chevron branch of the PENGASSAN union called off a planned strike last week to push for the transfer of the expatriate managing director from Nigeria after the national union executive intervened and reopened talks. PENGASSAN's deputy national secretary said the talks, which restarted on Tuesday with the aim of reaching a deal within a week, were not progressing well. "We have now written to the management to resolve the issues by Wednesday, otherwise we would no longer be able to guarantee industrial harmony at the company," he said. A strike at the U.S. energy giant would further slash oil output in Africa's top producer.  
Source:  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSL1221415320080612?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>
4. *June 12, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Fire at oil tank facility extinguished.**  
Firefighters Wednesday finished extinguishing a blaze that burned six fuel tanks and four acres of grass at an oil facility outside Ojai, authorities said. The fire at the small oil tank farm near Skunk Ranch and Black Mountain Fire roads was reported at 11:04 p.m. Tuesday. Six fuel tanks and the brush around them caught fire, according to the Ventura County Fire Department. Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the area around the tanks and were sent home by 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. One engine company remained at the scene to keep watch over the burned area. Fire officials said Wednesday that the fire began when a tank exploded and sprayed oil onto the ground. It was not known what caused the explosion. A spokesman for the county Fire Department said fuel and electrical lines were shut down after the fire was reported.  
Source: <http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2008/jun/12/fire-at-oil-tank-facility-extinguished/>
5. *June 12, WJHG 7 Panama City* – (Florida) **Incinerator fire.** For the second time in

three months a major fire has broken out at the Bay County Incinerator at the Industrial Park in Bayou George. The alarm was sounded at 10:45 Thursday morning as thick black smoke and flames shot from the waste to energy facility. The fire started in the main floor area for trash storage. It is believed some trash may have already been smoldering when it was dumped, and that started the blaze. It will be hours before the fire is finally put out, and then the investigation will begin to determine the extent of the fire.

Source: <http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/19841814.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *June 12, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Port Arthur site set to burn toxic PCBs.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will grant a request by the operator of a Port Arthur incinerator to import up to 20,000 tons of highly toxic PCBs, polychlorinated biphenyls, from Mexico for their disposal. Veolia Environmental Services' petition comes nearly 30 years after legislation that banned the manufacture of PCBs also prohibited bringing them into the United States. The EPA ruled in 1996 that the chemical compounds may be brought into the country for incineration, but a federal appeals court overturned the decision. Agency officials, echoing the reasons for reversing the ban a decade ago, argue that the destruction of PCBs in this country is safer than allowing stockpiles to fester in Mexico and other nations. But critics contend that there are cleaner, safer disposal methods for PCBs. When burned, they produce dioxin, which is linked to cancer, brain damage, reproductive problems and other ailments in humans. Despite precautions, incinerators emit minute quantities that enter the food chain through meat, dairy products and fish — leading some to wonder why Port Arthur, Texas, residents should again shoulder such an onerous burden. Veolia applied to import PCBs in November 2006 before receiving the Army contract. Under the proposal, the company would ship the compounds by truck through Houston to Port Arthur — a distance of about 460 miles from entry points in Brownsville and Laredo. Mexico now sends PCBs to Europe for incineration, exposing the compounds to loss at sea.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/5834705.html>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

7. *June 13, Idaho Statesman* – (Idaho) **Idaho is No. 6 in the U.S. for quake risk. Are we prepared?** Idaho is ranked sixth in the nation for earthquake risk. Federal and state officials want to keep any earthen rumbling from damaging Idaho's nuclear or hazardous waste disposal facilities. More detailed planning is required from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), the nuclear research and waste storage facility near Idaho Falls, and U.S. Ecology Idaho, southeast of Boise, which is the state's only commercial radioactive and hazardous waste disposal site. The INL maintains a network of 27 seismic stations near the facility, a seismologist said. Since 1972, the laboratory has

recorded about 30 earthquakes of magnitude 2.0 or less close to INL, she said. In addition to designing and constructing facilities with earthquakes in mind, INL has a detailed emergency management plan, said an INL spokesperson. Much of the radioactive and hazardous waste deposited at U.S. Ecology near Grand View is buried in lined pits, and therefore not as much at risk from earthquake damage as above-ground storage facilities. The site does have some pipelines and above-ground tanks used for temporary storage, said a company spokesman, and standard procedure requires a full site inspection after any significant event like a windstorm, snowstorm, or earthquake. U.S. Ecology also has step-by-step procedures staff must follow in case of emergency. Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/102/story/410429.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

8. *June 12, BBC* – (International) **Raytheon disappointed by verdict.** The defense company Raytheon has said it is disappointed that six men accused of destroying property at its plant in Londonderry were found not guilty. On Wednesday the accused were acquitted of causing criminal damage during a protest in 2006. Raytheon also said it remains concerned for the safety of its staff. “The circumstances of that day had a profound effect on our colleagues in Northern Ireland and we continue to be concerned for their safety which remains our uppermost consideration,” a Raytheon spokesman said.

Source:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/northern\\_ireland/foyle\\_and\\_west/7449983.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/northern_ireland/foyle_and_west/7449983.stm)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. *June 12, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Attorney General warns new check cashing scam.** The Texas Attorney General (AG) is warning of a new scam involving checks that resemble refund checks issued through a state settlement with an unlicensed online payment service. The AG’s office said people have been getting the fake checks and depositing them. When the checks are not honored by the bank that is printed on them, the money is then taken from the account of the person who deposited them. Most of the checks come with a letter claiming you’ve won a sweepstakes or been selected to be a mystery shopper.

Source: [http://www.woai.com/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=f32b32cc-121f-422e-ab10-3485d290309d](http://www.woai.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=f32b32cc-121f-422e-ab10-3485d290309d)

10. *June 12, Greeneville Sun* – (Tennessee) **Andrew Johnson Bank warns public of e-mail scam.** Andrew Johnson Bank is warning its consumers that a fraudulent e-mail is circulating, purportedly issued by the Greeneville, Tennessee-based bank. The bank says, “This e-mail appears to link to Andrew Johnson Bank’s Internet banking service, but instead redirects customers to a fraudulent (spoofed) Web site which requests responses to a ‘survey’ that solicits personal account information. Andrew Johnson

Bank has not issued this e-mail.” A press release from the bank says the fraudulent e-mail contains the following: “The Andrew Johnson Bank Online department kindly asks you to take part in our quick and easy 5 questions survey. In return we will credit \$20 to your account just for your time!” A hyperlink to a Web site follows the bogus message. Source: <http://greenevillesun.com/story/295712>

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## **Transportation Sector**

11. *June 13, Leader-Telegram* – (Wisconsin) **DC-9 makes emergency landing.** No one was injured Thursday night after a Minneapolis-bound Northwest Airlines plane carrying 105 passengers made an emergency landing at the Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Wisconsin. The flight, which departed at 7:50 p.m. from O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, landed because of problems caused by bad weather in the southern part of the state. After steering around storms, more pressure was required to run the plane’s de-icers. In getting more pressure to the de-icers, the passenger cabin of the DC-9 was depressurized. All passengers were safely off the plane at 9:27 p.m. Source: <http://www.leadertelegram.com/story-news.asp?id=BGT8TR9RDML>
  
12. *June 13, Reuters* – (National) **FAA orders immediate inspection of Eclipse jets.** U.S. aviation regulators on Thursday night ordered immediate inspections of Eclipse 500 small private jets because of an engine thrust problem that surfaced during a harrowing landing in Chicago this month. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) directive followed a recommendation earlier in the day by aviation safety investigators who analyzed the June 5 incident at Midway airport and concluded emergency measures were necessary. This is thought to be the first notable safety problem with the new class of aircraft that some industry experts believe could revolutionize private air travel. Some industry insiders have predicted thousands of the lightest jets on the market would fill the skies in coming years, with several manufacturers, including auto companies, seeking government certification to build them. The FAA ordered immediate inspections of throttle systems on the Eclipse 500s, equipped with engines made by Pratt & Whitney Canada, a unit of United Technologies Corp. So far, 200 planes have been delivered to customers. Any planes that fail inspection must be fixed before further flight. Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/governmentFilingsNews/idUKN1247792620080613>
  
13. *June 13, Courier Post Online* – (National) **Cargo-scanning deadline may not be met.** Congress wants the Bush administration to screen all containers at the port of departure by 2012. But the administration said Thursday that it would not be able to meet the deadline. Scanning “100 percent of the containers at 700 ports around the world is not sensible,” the deputy commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection said after a subcommittee hearing. The hearing was convened to examine a congressionally mandated report on lessons learned from cargo-screening pilot projects at three overseas ports. The pilot projects were required by a 2006 port-security law, which sought 100 percent scanning but did not set a deadline. The industry argues that 100 percent scanning would unnecessarily delay shipments of everything from toys to computers to

clothes and jack up their prices. The administration says foreign ports might require all cargo leaving the Port of New York/New Jersey and other U.S. ports to be similarly scanned, causing delays and financial problems for American companies.

Source:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080613/NEWS01/806130386/1006>

14. *June 13, Platts* – (National) **Railroads say coal flood delays may last up to a month or more.** With the recent floods across the Midwest showing no signs of abating, western railroads BNSF Railway and Union Pacific are warning of coal traffic delays that could last for another month or more on some routes. “Flooding is affecting velocity of both loaded and empty trains as railroads, including BNSF, are routing trains around areas affected by flooding in the upper Mississippi Valley,” a BNSF spokesman said. He added that rising waters in the Mississippi Valley may pose challenges for railroad traffic for the next 45 to 60 days “if typical seasonal flooding patterns persist.” Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said that about a third of the railroad’s coal loads go across Iowa. Those shipments have been slowed down by the floods since last weekend, he added. Union Pacific’s coal train traffic has been delayed as a result of significant rains and flooding in Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Kansas. Other railroads are also facing a battle with the floods. Norfolk Southern and CSX are reporting delays in interchange traffic, including coal shipments they receive from western railroads at interchange points such as Kansas City, Missouri.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6900545.xml?sub=Coal&p=Coal/News&?undefined&undefined>

15. *June 12, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **“Explosive device” removed from Miramar Pkwy.** A section of Miramar, Florida, Parkway has reopened after a bomb squad crew safely removed what has been called an ‘explosive device’. The device was found around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday evening. Miramar police called in bomb squad team and a haz-mat crew to remove the device. A nearby restaurant was evacuated and the westbound lanes of the Parkway were shutdown as a precaution. Police have not said what kind of ‘explosive device’ it was or who may be responsible.

Source: <http://cbs4.com/local/miramar.parkway.explosive.2.746472.html>

16. *June 12, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Cedar River railroad bridge succumbs to flood.** The Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway (CRANDIC) bridge spanning the Cedar River collapsed at 9:43 a.m. on Thursday, June 12. Three of the bridges four steel spans were swept into the river along with 15 CRANDIC rail cars loaded with rock. No injuries were associated with the collapse. The 793 ft. bridge, built in 1903, was used daily to connect CRANDIC with other railroads and local industries. The bridge handled approximately 20,000 carloads per year. Damage will be assessed as the water recedes, and plans to rebuild are under evaluation. CRANDIC will work with other rail carriers to meet customer needs in the days and weeks ahead.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/19838619.html>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *June 12, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Aldermen get letters holding white powder.**

Police Thursday were investigating letters, containing an unknown, but harmless powdery substance, that were sent to about half a dozen elected officials, including Chicago aldermen. The letters arrived Thursday afternoon, and Chicago Fire Department personnel were called to test a powdery material inside them, a spokesman said. “In each case, the substance turned out to be absolutely benign,” he said. He said the substance was turned over to police.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chicago/chi-letter-threats-bothjun13,0,2283849.story>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *June 13, Caspar Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming; Montana) **Disease resurfaces in Wyo**

**cattle.** Two cows in Sublette County, Wyoming, likely have been infected with brucellosis, state officials said Thursday. The discovery, which comes less than two years since Wyoming’s cattle industry was declared “brucellosis-free,” raises the possibility that it could lose that status again – if the disease is found in another cattle herd within two years. The positive blood tests have so far been isolated to two cows from the same herd near Daniel, officials said. Blood tests are not a fool-proof method for determining whether animals are infected with brucellosis, but blood samples from these particular cows were put through six diagnostic tests apiece, all of which produced “strong” positive reactions. The cattle were slaughtered, and tissues from the animals are in the process of being analyzed at the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory in Laramie to confirm the blood tests. It could take two weeks or more before the final results are available. Montana is expected to lose its brucellosis-free status in the coming days after a cow there tested positive for exposure to the bacterial disease, the second case in that state in just over a year.

Source:

<http://www.trib.com/articles/2008/06/13/news/wyoming/5e10270b65c9bd3f872574670005b372.txt>

19. *June 13, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **9 food testing labs subpoenaed.** A House subcommittee voted Thursday to subpoena the records of nine private laboratories involved in food testing as part of a congressional investigation into allegations that some companies have withheld information on tainted food from federal regulators. The subcommittee in May asked 10 labs for records dating back to 2002, but only one complied. The other labs, according to the subcommittee, refused to turn over records, arguing that the documents belong to their clients, which are food-importing companies. The Food and Drug Administration says that since mid-April there have been 228 reported illnesses nationwide caused by Salmonella Saintpaul, an uncommon form of salmonella, and at least 23 victims have been hospitalized.

Source: [http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-food\\_safety13jun13,0,7824123.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-food_safety13jun13,0,7824123.story)

20. *June 12, Universal Detection Technology* – (National) **Universal Detection Technology's (UDTT) EPA approved vital oxide solution effective against salmonella.** Universal Detection Technology (UDTT), a developer of early-warning monitoring technologies to protect people from bioterrorism and other infectious health threats and provider of counter-terrorism consulting and training services, reported today that its Environmental Protection Agency-approved Vital Oxide solution is highly effective against bacteria. Moreover, the treated food is safe to eat following treatment with Vital Oxide. UDTT's broad-spectrum disinfectant kills 99.9 percent of bacteria and is a green alternative to chlorine bleach and alcohol-based disinfectants. Vital Oxide contains no harmful chemicals. It is not harmful to people or pets and is safe for use around food.  
Source: [http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1429369/universal\\_detection\\_technologys\\_epa\\_approved\\_vital\\_oxide\\_solution\\_effective\\_against/](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1429369/universal_detection_technologys_epa_approved_vital_oxide_solution_effective_against/)

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## **Water Sector**

21. *June 13, Kansas City infoZine* – (National) **Chemicals at water plants need more protection from terrorists, experts say.** Laws regulating the security of most factories and other businesses that possess a large amount of chemicals should also cover drinking water and wastewater treatment plants, some experts said at a House hearing Thursday. The Chemical Security Anti-terrorism Act of 2006 created a framework for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish national standards for chemical facilities. The act requires any facility that uses a certain amount of chemicals to register and to create a safety plan. The law is aimed at preventing terrorists from obtaining chemicals such as chlorine gas, which can be made into bombs. This act expires in 2009. The two bills discussed Thursday, the Chemical Facilities Act of 2008 and the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2008, would extend and modify the 2006 act. Drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities are exempt from the 2006 legislation because they are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. The EPA's assistant administrator for water said he thinks it would be best to extend the laws already in place to regulate water and sewer plants. Currently, no bioterrorism act applies to water plants, and the EPA and DHS think this exemption should be closed because some water treatment plants use chlorine and other chemicals.  
Source: <http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/28874/>
22. *June 13, Gazette* – (Iowa) **Anamosa levee break sends contaminated sewage water flowing.** The levee between the Wapsipinicon River and the waste water treatment plant in southern Anamosa, Iowa, broke just before 9 p.m. Thursday, the Jones County sheriff said. Floodwaters breached a couple of man-made levees earlier Friday, but this most recent break sent contaminated sewage water flowing. Even before the levee broke, the waste water treatment plant was given up as lost to floodwaters about 7 p.m. The concrete wall surrounding it was built to withstand a 100-year flood, but this is more than a 100-year flood, said the city administrator.

Source:

<http://www.gazetteonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080613/NEWS/941719219/1006/news>

23. *June 13, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Planting of device at wastewater plant probed.** Petersburg, state, and federal authorities are investigating whether someone deliberately set off an explosive device in a pumping-station generator, causing a scare among area residents Thursday morning. A device was planted in the generator at a wastewater treatment plant, causing its casing to burn and release fiery smoke, fire officials said. No one was injured, and there were no other reports of structural damage in the area, authorities said. The chief of the Petersburg Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services said the device could have caused a big explosion because of the pump's proximity to gas pipelines. Thursday night, fire marshals continued to investigate how the device was planted into the generator and whether there was an intent to cause damage, he said. "We are treating it as a crime scene." The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Virginia State Police are assisting in the investigation. Evidence was taken to a state lab, an ATF spokesman said, but he added that as of Thursday evening, officials had not been able to determine what exactly had happened.

Source: <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/news.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2008-06-13-0102.html>

24. *June 12, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Chemicals resurface in sewer system.** A toxic chemical commonly used to kill pine beetles has shown up again in wastewater treated at the Silverthorne/Dillon Joint Sewer Authority, officials reported this week. Last summer, routine testing at the treatment facility revealed the presence of carbaryl – an insecticide also known as Sevin – in effluence draining into the Blue River. Because of concerns about the chemical's possible impact on the river's delicate ecosystem, the sewer authority started a stringent monitoring schedule for this year's pine-beetle spraying season. Two samples taken on different dates in May tested positive for carbaryl, and although the amounts of the pesticide were small, any measurable level at all indicates illegal disposal of the chemical.

Source: <http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20080612/NEWS/125368855>

25. *June 12, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **5,000 fish dead after chemical spill in Montgomery County.** A chemical discharge killed 5,000 fish in the Skippack Creek in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pointing the finger at a local meat packing plant. Officials say the Smithfield Beef Group accidentally discharged waste water that should have been treated before being released. The DEP inspected nearly a mile and a half of creek contaminated by ammonia tainted water from Smithfield Beef Group processing plant. The DEP says the incident does not pose a threat to animals or ground water, and says Smithfield has stopped the discharge. The company released a statement saying it takes environmental stewardship responsibilities seriously and is committed to resolving the situation as quickly as possible to meet the environmental expectations of the state, its company, and the community.

Source: <http://wfmz.com/view/?id=281870>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *June 13, New York Times* – (New York) **Officials find expired items at drugstores in New York.** The New York State attorney general said on Thursday that he sent his staff to 1,000 pharmacies across the state in March, April, and May and found expired items — including milk, eggs, infant formula and common medications — at more than 250 stores across the state, including 50 in New York City. He said at a news conference in Manhattan that the two worst offenders were Rite Aid and CVS, where investigators bought more than 600 items — though typically only one or two per store — that had expired. Many of the items were intended for children. Doctors said on Thursday that consumers would not be poisoned by taking expired medication like allergy remedies, Tylenol or cough syrup, but that the medicine might have lost its potency and might not be as effective as it should be. Most of the expired medications found in the survey had expired just a month or a few months before investigators purchased them.

Source:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/13/nyregion/13drugs.html?\\_r=1&ref=health&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/13/nyregion/13drugs.html?_r=1&ref=health&oref=slogin)

27. *June 12, BioNeutral Laboratories Corp.* – (National) **BioNeutral announces a breakthrough in the fight against bioterrorism.** BioNeutral announced Thursday the results of tests utilizing its Ygiene(TM) formulation to kill anthrax spores on contact. This chemical technology is designed to be used by the military and first responders in conjunction with any suspected anthrax exposure. “The Ygiene(TM) formulation killed all anthrax spores exposed to the formulation in as little 15 seconds,” said the Principal Investigator on the project. A member of the Board of Directors, said, “We look forward to introducing this technology to the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Defense and city and state task forces on bioterrorism.”

Source:

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1429711/bionneutral\\_announces\\_a\\_breakthrough\\_in\\_the\\_fight\\_against\\_bioterrorism/](http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/1429711/bionneutral_announces_a_breakthrough_in_the_fight_against_bioterrorism/)

28. *June 12, iHealthBeat.* – (National) **Utah hospital says billing records of 2.2M patients stolen.** This week, the University of Utah Hospitals & Clinics reported that backup tapes with about 2.2 million patients’ and guarantors’ billing records were stolen from a car belonging to an independent storage company, Healthcare IT News reports. The data include names, related demographic information and diagnostic codes for all patients treated at the facilities or by one of their providers in the last 16 years (Merrill, Healthcare IT News, 6/12). Hospital officials said they are sending letters to all affected patients and providing a year of credit monitoring at no cost to the 1.3 million patients whose Social Security numbers were included in the breached records (Collins/Falk, Deseret Morning News, 6/11). Officials added that they are looking into the network’s information systems and safeguarding patient records. The Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Department, FBI and U.S. Postal Service are investigating the theft.

Source: <http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2008/6/12/Utah-Hospital-Says-Billing-Records-of-22M-Patients-Stolen.aspx?topicID=55>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

29. *June 13, Mansfield News Journal* – (Ohio) **Sentencing delayed for Bellville man accused of mercury spill.** Sentencing for the Bellville man convicted of contaminating the Morrow County Courthouse with mercury will occur later than previously scheduled. The man was trying to intimidate public employees and officials when he deliberately contaminated the courthouse June 27, 2007, leading to the closing of the building for several days and a cleanup bill of \$85,000 for the county, prosecutors said. Two days before the man was to appear in court for a pretrial hearing on four counts of gross sexual imposition contained in a 2007 indictment, courthouse employees discovered a metallic substance on the floor near an elevator. Maintenance workers identified the substance as mercury, and the building was evacuated. The Morrow County Sheriff's Department determined the mercury spill was not an accident. The sheriff said mercury was found in four locations in the courthouse.  
Source: <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080613/NEWS01/806130320/1002>
  
30. *June 13, Chico Enterprise-Record* – (California) **X-ray device detects man with firearm.** A man wearing a U.S. Postal Service uniform was arrested when authorities said an X-ray screening device detected a loaded firearm in his computer carrying case as he tried to enter the Butte County Superior Court. Court security officers quoted the arrested man as saying that he had forgotten that the gun was in the case. The man was booked into the Butte County Jail on a felony charge of bringing a loaded firearm into a courthouse where he was a litigant.  
Source: [http://www.chicoer.com/ci\\_9573154?source=rss](http://www.chicoer.com/ci_9573154?source=rss)
  
31. *June 12, WFED 1050 District of Columbia* – (National) **House to upgrade cybersecurity defenses.** House lawmakers must now have better data protection, enhanced user authentication, and improved patch management to protect their computers. The chairman of the Administration Committee directed the chief administrative officer in a letter to immediately adopt new protections for chamber computers. The chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology says in a statement that he commends the move by the committee. Not all experts believe these hacker incidents will wake up members. The director of research for the Sans Institute says until lawmakers are personally affected by these attacks, they will not pay a lot of attention to cybersecurity.  
Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=169&sid=1420558>
  
32. *June 11, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **State Homeland Security focuses on school threats.** The head of the state Homeland Security Commission puts schools as the

number one terrorist target to protect in the state. He follows that closely by the Las Vegas mega-casinos. The information came out of the state Homeland Security Commission meeting Wednesday. The head of the commission says domestic terrorism is more likely to happen here than foreign terrorism. He says domestic terrorists would target schools.

Source: [http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=8466279&nav=menu102\\_2](http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=8466279&nav=menu102_2)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

33. *May 13, Lahontan Valley News* – (Nevada) **Vigilant Guard earthquake drill begins.**

An earthquake scenario, in which a 7.1-magnitude earthquake rocked the Eastern Sierra Thursday morning, initiated one of the largest disaster drills in Nevada by involving many local, state, and federal agencies from the Silver State and California. Besides the Carson City area, other counties involved in the exercise include Washoe, Douglas, Storey, Lyon, and Churchill. The Fallon drill will have three scenarios today and one on Saturday. For the next week, the Vigilant Guard '08 exercise, a full-scale, \$1.5 million emergency preparedness drill funded by the federal government, will test the expertise and coordination of local, state, and federal civilians and the National Guard.

Approximately 1,750 National Guardsmen from seven states and the U.S. Territory of Guam are dealing with the aftermath of a devastating earthquake.

Source: <http://www.lahontanvalleynews.com/article/20080613/NEWS/118631500>

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## **Information Technology**

34. *June 12, IDG News Service* – (National) **U.S. hacker gets 41 months for running rogue botnet.** A U.S. hacker who hooked up a botnet within Newell Rubbermaid's corporate network was sentenced to 41 months in prison on Wednesday, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. He must also pay \$65,000 restitution. He pleaded guilty to charges of computer fraud and conspiracy to commit computer fraud for using the botnet to install advertising software on PCs located throughout Europe without permission. Newell Rubbermaid reported its European computer network had been hacked around December 2006. At least one other European-based company also complained. The hacker's indictment was enabled by investigations conducted by several law enforcement agencies worldwide, including London's Metropolitan Police Computer Crime Unit, the U.S. Secret Service, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Finland National Bureau of Investigation, and other local U.S. agencies. Others who helped in the hack are still under investigation, the department said. The man received a commission from a company called DollarRevenue for every installation of the advertising software. Ad software can be very difficult to remove and trigger unwanted pop-ups. Many hackers have become astute at installing the software through surreptitious means, such as exploiting software vulnerabilities in a PC's operating system or Web browser. In December 2007, DollarRevenue was fined €1 million (\$1.54 million) in the Netherlands, one of the largest fines ever levied in Europe against a

company over adware. That investigation found that hackers were paid €0.15 each for installation of DollarRevenue software on computers in Europe and \$0.25 for PCs in the U.S.

Source:

[http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/06/12/US\\_hacker\\_gets\\_41\\_months\\_for\\_running\\_rogue\\_botnet\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/06/12/US_hacker_gets_41_months_for_running_rogue_botnet_1.html)

35. *June 11, USA Today* – (International) **Olympic visitors’ data is at risk.** National security agencies are warning businesses and federal officials that laptops and e-mail devices taken to the Beijing Olympics are likely to be penetrated by Chinese agents aiming to steal secrets or plant bugs to infiltrate U.S. computer networks. Chinese government and industry use electronic espionage to “easily access official and personal computers,” says one recent report by the Overseas Security Advisory Council, a federally chartered panel comprising security experts from corporations and the State, Commerce, and Treasury departments. Equipment left unsupervised for just minutes in a hotel or even during a security screening can be hacked, mined, and bugged, adds the chair of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, a federal panel that monitors China-related security issues for Congress. China’s government also controls Internet service providers and wireless networks, he says, so computers and PDAs can be monitored and planted with bugs remotely, too. “There is a high likelihood — virtually 100% — that if an individual is of security, political, or business interest to Chinese ... security services or high technology industries, their electronics can and will be tampered with or penetrated,” he says. China’s embassy did not respond to requests for comment, but usually dismisses espionage charges.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/2008-06-10-olympicspy\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/2008-06-10-olympicspy_N.htm)

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## Communications Sector

36. *June 13, PC Advisor* – (National) **IPhones present Wi-Fi risk to businesses.** iPhones are creating an increased security threat to businesses, especially when used with Wi-Fi networks, an Australian expert has warned. A senior security consultant at Pure Hacking highlighted that the adoption by businesses of the iPhone will “elevate risk to a level never seen before.” “We’re going to find a lot of executives using the iPhone’s push e-mail to combine their personal and business messages... combined with the ever-increasing use [on the iPhone] of Web 2.0 applications, there are a lot of vulnerabilities,” he said at the IDC SecurityVision conference in Sydney this week.

“Like it or not, there’s about to be a whole lot more risks for a lot of organizations,” he added. He identified the further increased risk when iPhones are used on Wi-Fi networks. “Wi-Fi spots aren’t encrypted ... nor is a great amount of the information you receive from Web 2.0 applications.” He also warned that as prices for data plans fall, Wi-Fi use will increase, which in turn will “increase the vulnerability of the iPhone.”

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[http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/06/13/IPhones\\_present\\_WiFi\\_risk\\_to\\_businesses\\_1.html](http://www.infoworld.com/article/08/06/13/IPhones_present_WiFi_risk_to_businesses_1.html)

37. *June 12, Belfast Telegraph* – (International) **Council telephones targeted by hacker.** A Northern Ireland council suffered fraudulent use of its phone system involving 18 hours of international calls in a three-day period, it has been revealed. The details of the hacking case are given in a newly-published annual report by the province’s Chief Local Government Auditor. The council itself was not named in the report. The auditor said the calls had been mainly to Morocco, Senegal, and Pakistan. The council was alerted to the problem by the customer fraud management section of its telephone company. “Over three days there had been approximately 18 hours of international usage, all out of normal working hours, which had not been dialed from the council’s system,” the report said. “They indicated that this call pattern strongly suggested that the council’s telephone system had been compromised. The council took steps to protect its systems but the fraud is highlighted in this report for the information of and appropriate action by other councils.”

Source: <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/article3792352.ece>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

38. *June 12, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Olympic terrorism exercise.** Yesterday afternoon, a Chinese anti-terrorism squad carried out a pre-Olympics chemical attack drill at the beach volleyball stadium in Chaoyang Park, the Beijing Youth Daily reports on its front page today. The drill involved evacuating about 400 “spectators” from the site within two minutes and the full operation was completed in about an hour. It was part of a week-long program organized by police, military, and other departments called “Great Wall No. 5” that will include practice sessions on foiling attempts to carjack athlete’s vehicles as well as other unspecified scenarios around Beijing.

Source: [http://blogs.wsj.com/chinajournal/2008/06/12/olympic-terrorism-exercise/?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://blogs.wsj.com/chinajournal/2008/06/12/olympic-terrorism-exercise/?mod=googlenews_wsj)

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

39. *June 13, CNN* – (National) **Behind the scenes: Debating guns in national parks.** The U.S. Interior Department is considering a proposal from 51 U.S. senators to change its regulations on guns in national parks. As the law stands, a person can take a gun, unloaded, into a national park, but it must be packed away or rendered temporarily

inoperable. The country's 391 national parks, recreation areas, monuments, and scenic trails are operated under a single set of regulations by the U.S. Interior Department. The proposed change would have the parks adopt the gun laws of the state in which they are located. This means a person would be able to take a loaded, concealed weapon into a national park if he or she holds a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon in a given state and as long as they would be allowed to carry a concealed weapon in that state's parks.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/06/13/guns.park/>

40. *June 13, Reuters* – (Colorado) **Colorado: Wildfire threatens artifacts.** A lightning-sparked wildfire has blackened 20,000 acres in the southeastern part of the state and is threatening archaeological sites in a national forest, officials said. The blaze has burned through tinder-dry juniper and piñon trees into the canyons of the Comanche National Grassland, the site of numerous historic artifacts, including American Indian rock art, dinosaur tracks, and early American ranches. A spokesman for the Forest Service said about 130 firefighters were battling the blaze from the ground and the air.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/13/us/13brfs-WILDFIRETHRE\\_BRF.html?ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/13/us/13brfs-WILDFIRETHRE_BRF.html?ref=us)

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## **Dams Sector**

41. *June 12, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **Midwest floods expose aging, weak protection.** The worst flooding in the Midwest in 15 years has exposed the vulnerability of aging and weak dams, levees, and bridges that seem barely able – or in many cases are unable – to hold back floodwaters. Spectacular breakdowns happened this week in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, leaving questions as to whether the region is prepared to handle such a disaster. The severity and frequency of flooding in the Midwest have alarmed floodplain managers and others who monitor the effects of raging water on the public infrastructure. A December report from the Association of State Floodplain Managers warned that “millions of citizens and hundreds of communities neither recognize their flood risk nor accept responsibility for reducing that risk.” Experts say the increasing frequency of severe storms and flooding is undermining the integrity of aging levees, bridges, and dams that were not designed to withstand the water flow and pressure that contributed to destruction like that at Lake Delton.

Source:

<http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080612/NEWS07/806120365/1009/NEWS07>

42. *June 13, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Tempe could get soaked on dam replacement.** Tempe, Arizona, recently learned the estimate for replacing the west-end rubber inflatable dams at Tempe Town Lake had shot up \$8 million over the past year, to \$22 million. The two-mile-long manmade lake was built in 1999 and has brought Tempe millions in recreational and development dollars. The mayor said he is frustrated that the city is expecting it will have to replace the four west-end dams soon after the ten-year warranty ends next year. The four east-end dams are holding up fine, according to city

staff. “Certainly there were early conversations about the dams... that they would last at least 20 years... (and) that they would last in this environment,” he said. The City Council has known for several years that the dams would not last 20 years. About four years ago, Bridgestone recommended the city gradually replace them. In 2006, the council learned that the scorching desert heat was damaging the rubber, as the ultraviolet rays and heat were breaking down the rubber dams.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0613dams0613.html>

43. *June 12, Wenatchee World* – (Wisconsin) **Earth dam above homes leaking; lake to be lowered.** The residents of seven homes below a dam in northern Okanogan County were notified that the dam above them has a slow leak, but there is no imminent danger that the dam will fail, officials say. The earth dam on Conners Lake south of Loomis, Wisconsin, holds back 300 to 400 acre-feet of water, said a state Department of Ecology spokeswoman. State officials will lower the reservoir level over the next week to ten days so they can examine the damage and determine how to fix it, she said.

Source:

<http://wenatcheeworld.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080612/NEWS04/224765516>

44. *June 12, Grand Blanc News* – (Michigan) **Inspection of Goodrich Mill Pond Dam creates more confusion.** Despite a recent state inspection, officials of Goodrich, Michigan, are uncertain about what steps need to be taken to protect the village’s 100-year-old Mill Pond Dam. At Monday’s council meeting, residents asked for an update about the damage to the dam, which was inspected May 20 by a Department of Environmental Quality inspector. During regular village inspections earlier this year, Department of Public Works employees discovered what a street administrator called “a blowout” on the east bank of the dam. The inspector said the dam is not in immediate danger, but suggested putting stones or boulders at the bottom of the dam to divert the water away from the opening. He will send a more detailed report to the village within 60 days of his inspection.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/flintjournal/index.ssf/2008/06/inspection\\_of\\_goodrich\\_mill\\_po.html](http://www.mlive.com/flintjournal/index.ssf/2008/06/inspection_of_goodrich_mill_po.html)

45. *June 12, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Dam’s in distress, but Big Bend is already underwater.** More rain is forecast for an already soaked state, and officials in southern Wisconsin fear the Phantom Lake dam in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, could give way. Conditions are improving at the dam but state officials continue to keep a very close eye on it. A flash flood watch is in effect due to the threat of the dam failing. Water is seeping through an adjoining abutment, and if that breaks it could cause a major mess. Everything in its path would be overcome with water, including Interstate 43. The problem started when 20 feet of bog vegetation blocked the dam, causing water to pour around it until that vegetation cleared. That saturated the ground and eroded the dam’s side walls. Emergency officials say the dam is stabilizing – but that could change with more rain expected during the next few days.

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