



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 17 June 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to the Associated Press, investigations of security practices at Cook Nuclear Plant have led to the suspensions of six people who work at the facility due to inattention and inappropriate use of security cameras. The Herald-Palladium reports that those suspended include three American Electric Power Co. workers and three Wackenhut employees. (See item [9](#))
- The Indianapolis Star reports that the state of Indiana had repeatedly warned the owners of four dams damaged by this month's storms that the structures were deficient, but the owners never made the necessary repairs. When no repairs were made, none of the listed owners met with penalties from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. (See item [47](#))

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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 16, Bloomberg* – (International) **Crude oil rises to record on North Sea output cut, dollar drop.** Crude oil rose to a record after a fire cut North Sea output and the dollar declined against the euro. Crude oil for July delivery rose \$1.73, or 1.3 percent, to \$136.59 a barrel at 11:02 a.m. on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Futures reached a record \$139.89 a barrel. StatoilHydro ASA's 150,000 barrel-a-day Oseberg oil and gas

field off Norway's coast shut after a fire broke out Sunday. The field is responsible for five percent of Norwegian output. The company has not given a restart date for Oseberg production. The rise in Brent earlier Monday helped spur the dollar's decline against the euro, which caused investors to purchase more commodities.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601082&sid=astMKstsWFHI&refer=canada>

2. *June 16, Edmonton Sun* – (International) **Native blockade planned to protest big rigs.** Big rigs, semi-trailers, and other oil and gas vehicles may be forced to find a different route to their sites near a northern Alberta community that sits on the Alberta-British Columbia border due to native blockades expected to go up Friday. Kelly Lake Cree Nation plans to block Highway 43 near Beaverlodge and Highway 2 near Dawson Creek to draw attention to health and safety concerns caused by oil and gas exploration in the area, said a consultant working for the band. The blockade is in conjunction with an emergency disaster preparedness drill the community plans for Friday to Monday. Regular motorists will be allowed to pass, but anything or anyone affiliated to any oil and gas operation will have to find another way to get to their sites.  
Source: <http://www.edmontonsun.com/News/Alberta/2008/06/16/5888941-sun.html>
3. *June 15, Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **CFU power plant, offices hit by flood.** Cedar Falls Utilities' downtown Streeter Station power plant has been knocked out of commission for at least six months due to flood damage, said the CFU general manager on Saturday. He said CFU has sufficient electric generating capacity from power plants in Sioux City and Council Bluffs, which it co-owns with other utilities. It also has turbine generators in town.  
Source: <http://www.wfcourier.com/articles/2008/06/15/news/metro/10409858.txt>
4. *June 13, Reuters* – (Iowa) **Flooding shuts 3 Iowa power plants.** Alliant Energy Corp's Interstate Power & Light subsidiary shut three coal-fired power plants in Linn and Marshall Counties, Iowa, due to flooding and reported some 23,000 customers in the state without power, a company spokesman said on Friday. The company started to shut the power in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on June 11 as the area was evacuated due to the potential for flooding.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN1347818320080613>
5. *June 13, Reuters* – (California; Oregon) **Fire no threat to Calif.-Oregon Intertie – WECC.** The fire near two of the three lines that comprise the California-Oregon Intertie no longer posed a threat to the power corridor, the Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) said Friday. On Thursday, the California ISO reduced the flow of power on two of the three lines because the fire was in the vicinity of the lines. The WECC said the lines were the Round Mountain-Table Mountain #1 and #2. The ISO said Thursday the Humboldt fire, which has been burning in the foothills east of Chico, California, caused two 115-kilovolt transmission lines to trip out of service. Those two

lines feed power to about 16,000 customers in the city of Paradise and the surrounding area. The loss of those lines caused a power outage Thursday afternoon in that area. The outage represented about 20 megawatts of load. A spokesman at PG&E Corp's Pacific Gas & Electric subsidiary, which serves the area, said crews restored power to one of the lines serving Paradise within a couple hours, ending the outage. The PG&E spokesman noted the fire was actually burning under the California-Oregon Intertie lines earlier in the week.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssUtilitiesMultiline/idUSN1346822120080613?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *June 16, IDG News Service* – (National, International) **Greenpeace says e-waste from US stopped in Hong Kong.** Environmental group Greenpeace said it identified three containers of electronic waste as they were about to be unloaded in Hong Kong Port over the weekend. The group said the three containers were on the “Yang Ming Success” that had sailed to Hong Kong from the U.S. port of Oakland and were destined for the Sanshui district in neighboring Guangdong province. That meant the shipment was illegal under Chinese law, Greenpeace said. Greenpeace said that Hong Kong is a major transit point for electronic waste because of several loopholes in the territory's environmental protection regulations. Between 20 million and 50 million tons of electronic waste is produced each year but 75 percent of it disappears. That is a problem for the environment because if it is not properly disposed, the toxins found inside, including lead, beryllium, PVC, phthalates and brominated fire retardants can poison the environment and damage human health.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2008/061608-greenpeace-says-e-waste-from-us.html>

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

7. *June 14, Reuters* – (International) **Small radioactive water leak within TEPCO plant.** Water containing a small amount of radiation leaked within a Tokyo Electric Power Co. nuclear power plant in northern Japan, where a 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit on Saturday, company officials said. The water leaked at TEPCO's Fukushima Daini plant from a pool in a warehouse which keeps disposal materials of radioactive waste, an official at Fukushima Daini said. “No water has leaked outside of the warehouse,” the official said, adding that TEPCO has confirmed that there was no impact on the environment. TEPCO's two nuclear plants in Fukushima, including Fukushima Daini, were operating normally, Asia's top power company said. Beside TEPCO, nuclear power facilities run by Tohoku Electric Power Co in northern Japan were also operating normally after the powerful earthquake. “We haven't found any problems at our Onagawa and Higashidori nuclear plants after the earthquake,” an official at Tohoku

Electric said.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUST438720080614?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

8. *June 14, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **WIPP resumes waste intake after drum returned to Los Alamos.** An eastern New Mexico radioactive waste repository has resumed accepting shipments after a transuranic waste drum with prohibited levels of liquid was recovered and removed from the site. Shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant were suspended after it was discovered that a waste drum from Los Alamos National Laboratory that did not comply with WIPP rules had been shipped. The drum was recovered last week and returned to the northern New Mexico nuclear weapons lab Friday, said the director of the national transuranic program for the Department of Energy’s Carlsbad field office. An investigation, which includes the state Environment Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is ongoing. The EPA will investigate Los Alamos on Wednesday. “EPA is concerned that this event may be indicative of system-wide issues,” wrote an employee with the agency’s Radiation Protection Division. “Therefore we will dedicate a portion of our (upcoming) discussions on how DOE will ensure that such erroneous shipments will not occur in the future at other sites.”  
Source: [http://www.lcsun-news.com/ci\\_9587680](http://www.lcsun-news.com/ci_9587680)
9. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Investigations at Cook Nuclear Plant lead to 6 suspensions.** Investigations of security practices at American Electric Power Co.’s (AEP) Cook Nuclear Plant in southwest Michigan have led to the suspensions of six people who work at the facility. The Herald-Palladium in St. Joseph reports Saturday that investigations by AEP and security provider Wackenhut Nuclear Services found two “brief and isolated instances” of officer inattention and inappropriate use of security cameras. The newspaper says those suspended include three AEP workers and three Wackenhut employees. AEP says the reviews did not find situations where plant security was compromised.  
Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf?/base/business-16/1213462441315090.xml&storylist=newsmichigan>
10. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **False alarms prompt low-level emergency at Fermi 2 plant.** DTE Energy Co. declared a low-level emergency at its Fermi 2 nuclear power plant near Newport after more than 75 percent of its reactor control room panel alarms falsely activated. The Monroe Evening News reports the Friday declaration was apparently due to a problem in an electrical system powering the alarms. A DTE spokesman says the alarms “falsely activated” and there was no emergency situation associated with them. He says the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission was notified and the utility switched to a back-up power supply for alarms. The newspaper says plant operation was not affected.  
Source: <http://www.mlive.com/newsflash/michigan/index.ssf?/base/news-54/1213450141225610.xml&storylist=newsmichigan>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *June 16, Reuters* – (National) **US Air Force lifts stop-work order on Boeing.** The U.S. Air Force has allowed Boeing Co. to resume work on a \$1.2 billion contract for maintenance of KC-135 refueling aircraft after the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on Friday denied a second protest filed by Alabama Aircraft Industries Inc. “As a result of the GAO’s decision, the suspension on your award of 10 Sep 2007 is hereby lifted,” the Air Force told Boeing in a document obtained by Reuters. Alabama Aircraft, formerly known as Pemco Aviation, had won its first protest against the contract award in December, but filed a second protest in March after the Air Force again awarded the contract to Boeing. The GAO, a nonpartisan congressional agency that reviews federal contract disputes, had already rejected part of the second protest in May, but dismissed the remainder of the case on Friday.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN1647527720080616>

12. *June 13, Aviation Week* – (National) **Small Raytheon missile deployed on Predator.** A small air-to-surface missile developed as a private venture by Raytheon is being deployed on the Predator unmanned aircraft by an unidentified customer. The Griffin is a 42-inch-long, tube-launched missile with a semi-active laser seeker, and is intended to give the Predator and smaller unmanned aerial vehicles an organic, self-guided direct attack capability, Raytheon says. The short-range missile including its launcher weighs around 45 pounds, and the Predator will be able to carry up to three rounds for each Hellfire missile now carried. Although longer than Hellfire, the Griffin has a narrower diameter at 5.5 inches and a smaller warhead, reducing collateral damage.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/GRIFFIN061308.xml](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/GRIFFIN061308.xml)

13. *June 13, Redstone Rocket* – (National) **Test Week brings industry together to face challenges.** For the 10th consecutive year, Test Week brought the test and evaluation community of the Department of Defense to Huntsville to discuss issues, challenges, and opportunities associated with making the soldier stronger, better, and more effective on the battlefield. This year’s theme was “Test & Evaluation (T&E) for the Future: What Lies 10-15 Years Ahead.” “This conference allows all of us in T&E to come together and talk about the things we do and how we can consolidate efforts in joint programs,” the host of Test Week said. “We cannot afford to fight as an individual Army, Air Force or Navy. We have to fight together, and we have to test and evaluate together. At this government-sponsored conference, we can exchange the information we need across all services.”

Source: [http://blog.al.com/redstone-](http://blog.al.com/redstone-rocket/2008/06/test_week_brings_industry_toge.html)

[rocket/2008/06/test\\_week\\_brings\\_industry\\_toge.html](http://blog.al.com/redstone-rocket/2008/06/test_week_brings_industry_toge.html)

## **Banking and Finance Sector**

14. *June 15, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Officials starting to look for foreclosure irregularities.** Some city and Kalamazoo County, Michigan, officials, as well as local housing-industry representatives will begin reviewing recently foreclosed properties to look for irregularities, the Kalamazoo County treasurer said. The official said the group began meeting last month to find ways to help residents displaced by foreclosure. Now the group plans to expand its mission and look for patterns such as those uncovered by a Kalamazoo Gazette investigation of a suspect's foreclosures that may point to mortgage fraud. The group will develop a protocol for staff to follow to report suspicious activity, such as a string of overpayments or foreclosures, he said. Nationally, reports of mortgage fraud increased six fold between 2002 and 2006, to more than 35,600, the FBI reported. Michigan last year ranked third among states for reports of mortgage fraud, according to the Mortgage Asset Research Institute.  
Source: <http://www.mlive.com/news/kzgazette/index.ssf?/base/news-29/1213503629320620.xml&coll=7&thispage=1>
  
15. *June 15, Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Nothing left but bank's bad name.** A bank headquartered in Staples, Minnesota, looked far from home for new business. But deals flopped for investors, who stopped making payments to First Integrity. Federal regulators closed down the bank two weeks ago. The bank suffered millions in losses. Lawyers for First Integrity officers deny accusations of self-dealing, breach of contract, securities fraud and mismanagement of real estate investments.  
Source: [http://www.startribune.com/business/19911374.html?location\\_refer=Homepage](http://www.startribune.com/business/19911374.html?location_refer=Homepage)
  
16. *June 15, Associated Press* – (National) **U.S. authorities seek assistance from Switzerland in UBS tax case.** The U.S. tax authorities have asked Switzerland to help in their investigation of UBS, a spokesman for the Swiss federal prosecutor's office said Sunday. Switzerland is now examining whether it can assist in the request, said a spokesman. He declined to provide details about the request, which arrived Wednesday. A former UBS executive has been charged with conspiring to defraud the United States by helping wealthy clients hide assets and evade taxes. The case led the U.S. Justice Department to investigate whether the bank itself had helped U.S. clients evade taxes from 2000 to 2007. Swiss law prevents banks from divulging the names and details of their clients except in cases of tax fraud. Tax evasion is not considered sufficient grounds for legal assistance. The U.S. investigation has already affected the Swiss bank's operations in the United States, where it manages about \$704 billion for rich American clients. The Swiss media have reported that UBS was concerned its employees could face arrest if they travel to the United States. The bank has declined to comment on the reports.  
Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/06/15/business/ubs.php>
  
17. *June 14, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **TD Banknorth warning of e-mail scam.** TD Banknorth is warning customers about an e-mail scam that could infect computers. The e-mail messages say they are from TD Banknorth's President and Chief Executive Officer. They ask for personal information. The bank says clicking on a link

in the note probably infects a customer's computer with a program that sends their information to the hacker.

Source: [http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=8491244&nav=menu183\\_16\\_6](http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=8491244&nav=menu183_16_6)

18. *June 13, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **FBI stepping up efforts to combat mortgage fraud.** The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has ordered more than two dozen of its field offices, including two in Illinois, to stop probing some financial crimes so agents can focus on mortgage fraud. The chief of the criminal investigative division issued the directive last week during a conference call with the heads of 26 offices in areas where mortgage crime is rampant, said an FBI spokesman in Washington. The shift comes after an analysis was conducted of how agents were spending their time. In recent years, the FBI has shifted resources away from financial crimes to concentrate on homeland security issues. The affected FBI offices are in Illinois, Florida, Georgia, California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Minnesota.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chi-fri-fbi-mortgage-fraud-jun13,0,7052957.story>

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## **Transportation Sector**

19. *June 15, USA Today* – (National) **TSA's new police-like badges a sore point with real cops.** Screeners at the nation's airport checkpoints are going to start wearing police-style badges — but real officers are not too happy about it. Some sworn officers fear airline passengers will mistake screeners for law-enforcement officials with arrest powers. The Transportation Security Administration is starting to equip its 48,000 screeners with 3-inch-by-2-inch, silver-colored, copper and zinc badges that will be worn on new royal-blue police-style shirts. The attire aims to convey an image of authority to passengers, who have harassed, pushed, and in a few instances punched screeners. Actual airport police, who carry guns and have arrest powers, worry that their own authority will be undercut by screeners who look like police. Every major airport has its own police department or is patrolled by local police. Airport screeners will get badges after finishing a two-day training program covering issues related to badges as well as how to talk to passengers in a calming manner.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-06-15-tsa-badges\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-06-15-tsa-badges_N.htm)

20. *June 14, United Press International* – (California) **Pilot says he smelled smoke on plane.** At least 100 people were evacuated from a Southwest Airlines jetliner at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, California, after the pilot said he smelled smoke. The pilot of Flight 3526 called control tower officials Saturday to say he smelled smoke in the cockpit, an airport spokeswoman said. The plane was coming from Oakland, California, with more than 100 passengers when the incident took place, the Orange County (California) Register reported Saturday. All passengers exited safely and inspectors found no smoke or damage within the plane, the official said.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2008/06/15/Pilot\\_says\\_he\\_smelled\\_smoke\\_on\\_plane/PI-20471213569254/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/06/15/Pilot_says_he_smelled_smoke_on_plane/PI-20471213569254/)

21. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Plane makes emergency landing in Orlando.** Officials say everyone is safe after a Boeing 767 made an emergency landing at Orlando Sanford International Airport because of a smoky odor in the cabin. The First Choice Airways plane, with 259 passengers and 11 crew members aboard, landed safely Friday evening. It was coming from Cancun, Mexico. Passengers were kept overnight while workers examined the plane. The airline is based in Great Britain.

Source:

<http://cbs4.com/floridawire/22.0.html?type=local&state=FL&category=n&filename=FL--Plane-EmergencyLa.xml>

22. *June 14, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Top airport security expert in Israel to inspect LAX anti-terror measures.** Israel's top airport security official will make periodic reviews of anti-terrorist measures at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) under an agreement signed Friday during a visit here by Los Angeles' mayor. The deal is part of an effort by city officials to upgrade security at LAX, which is considered the state's No. 1 terrorist target and has been singled out by the Al Qaeda network. A city councilman, who arranged the Israelis' 2006 visit, said the agreement is believed to be the first between a U.S. airport authority and a foreign government agency. In the United States, federal authorities are responsible for security inside airport terminals. The official, who signed the agreement as executive director of Los Angeles World Airports, said her agency wants to learn from Israel how to fortify the perimeter of LAX and how to incorporate anti-terrorist strategies into plans for expanding the Tom Bradley International Terminal. In particular, she said, she wants to learn to apply Israel's system of electronic scanning of automobile license plates to identify terrorist suspects as they approach the airport.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/california/la-me-mayor14-2008jun14,0,3188457.story>

23. *June 14, USA Today* – (National) **Test gives airport workers a closer look.** Workers at airports are part of a test ordered by Congress that aims to find out whether aviation security can be improved by screening employees every time they enter a restricted zone. The test could lead to hundreds of thousands of airport workers facing the same screening as passengers — a prospect that Congress says could close a security loophole but which opponents call a logistical nightmare. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) also opposes screening all airport workers. The problem is that even after screening, airport workers can get heavy tools, jet fuel and possibly weapons that someone may toss over an airport fence, a TSA Assistant Administrator said. Congress ordered the three-month test last year after a series of incidents. In April, the Government Accountability Office, Congress' investigative arm, said checking airport workers is a top issue in aviation security. In all, about 900,000 workers are employed at the nation's 450 airports. "There are better ways than 100% physical screening," said the head of security for the Airports Council International. The council and other aviation

trade groups estimate that screening airport workers nationwide would cost up to \$6.5 billion a year, the same as the TSA's annual budget.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-06-15-airport-workers\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-06-15-airport-workers_N.htm)

24. *June 14, United Press International* – (National) **Flooding disrupts Amtrak service.** Amtrak has suspended service on two routes between Chicago and the West Coast because of flooding in Iowa and Wisconsin, officials said Saturday. The national rail passenger agency said flooded highways have made providing bus transportation impossible in some areas. The Empire Builder normally connects Chicago to Portland, Oregon, and Seattle by way of Milwaukee and St. Paul, Minnesota. Until the flooding subsides, passengers will travel by bus from Chicago to St. Paul. All service is suspended to Portage and Columbus in Wisconsin, while alternate rail service is available for passengers from Chicago to Glenview, Illinois, and Milwaukee. All service on the California Zephyr has been suspended in Iowa. Bus service is available from Chicago to Nebraska and Denver. Amtrak is substituting buses for trains between Kansas City and Jefferson City, Missouri, on the Missouri Mules because Union Pacific has detoured freight trains to the line.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2008/06/14/Flooding\\_disrupts\\_Amtrak\\_service/UPI-76521213487528/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/06/14/Flooding_disrupts_Amtrak_service/UPI-76521213487528/)

25. *June 14, Daily News Online* – (Massachusetts) **Highway shut down; homes evacuated after rollover.** All four northbound lanes of Interstate 495 near Amesbury, Massachusetts, were shut down, and residents on a nearby road were evacuated early Friday morning when a pickup truck carrying radioactive medical materials rolled over on the highway. The pickup truck, which was carrying a medical grade, radioactive isotope used in diagnostic imaging and treatment of diseases such as cancer, crashed near Route 150 (exit 54). The material was being transported in small packages in the back of the truck when the truck rolled over and the packages spilled onto the roadway. The Amesbury Fire Department and the district hazardous materials (HAZMAT) team from Lowell responded to the scene. "There was no breach of the packaging, and none of the material got onto the roadway," the Amesbury fire Chief said.

Source: [http://www.newburyportnews.com/punews/local\\_story\\_165223701.html](http://www.newburyportnews.com/punews/local_story_165223701.html)

26. *June 13, United Press International* – (National, International) **Canada issues train wheel removal order.** Canada's Transportation and Safety Board ordered CN Rail to remove any train wheel sets installed at a Winnipeg facility following a 2006 derailment inquiry. The rail operator was given four months to identify and remove any wheels handled by the Manitoba facility after investigators determined loose wheels were the cause of a derailment in Ontario on January 31, 2006, CTV News reported Friday. The board said in its announcement as many as 12,000 wheel sets by CN, CPR and U.S. rail lines had been processed at the Winnipeg site, CTV said.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2008/06/13/Canada\\_issues\\_train\\_wheel\\_removal\\_order/UPI-81181213390926/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/06/13/Canada_issues_train_wheel_removal_order/UPI-81181213390926/)

27. *June 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **‘Random’ searches of passengers on Metrolink.** Random searches of passengers and their belongings will begin next week on California’s Metrolink commuter trains, the agency announced Thursday. Passengers got the news via a flier left on train seats. Sheriff’s deputies will be setting up random screening stations at random times. “Access to the station platform will be restricted; passengers must pass through the checkpoint to gain access to the station platform,” stated the flier. The release goes on to say that some passengers will be selected from those lines and have their baggage searched. Anyone who refuses to be searched will not be allowed to get on the train. Deputies are looking for “explosives” or other “dangerous items.” A Metrolink spokeswoman said that the searches are not in response to any threats that have been made against trains.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/bottleneck/2008/06/random-searches.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

28. *June 16, Toronto Star* – (National) **Guelph prof testing cure for tomato contamination.** In the wake of a tainted tomato scare that has sickened at least 228 people in 23 states and caused many restaurants to remove raw tomatoes from their menus, an Ontario scientist believes he may have discovered a way to prevent salmonella outbreaks in the red fruit. The remedy, says a professor of food science at University of Guelph, involves spraying tomatoes with strong concentrations of microbes that naturally occur in the fruits. The microbes are harmless to humans, but kill salmonella in the plant.

Source: <http://healthzone.ca/health/article/443853>

29. *June 16, BBC* – (National) **South Korea says beef talks with US back on.** South Korea said Monday that talks with the United States on the resumption of beef imports will be held as originally planned, just hours after announcing a temporary halt of the negotiations. During two-day talks with a U.S. Trade Representative in Washington that ran till Saturday, the South Korean Trade Minister proposed that U.S. exporters voluntarily refrain from shipping beef from cattle older than 30 months to South Korea. On Sunday, the South Korean President said he has received a positive answer from the U.S. on measures under which the American beef industry would voluntarily not ship meat from cattle older than 30 months.

Source:

[http://www.redorbit.com/news/international/1434168/south\\_korea\\_says\\_beef\\_talks\\_wit\\_h\\_us\\_back\\_on/](http://www.redorbit.com/news/international/1434168/south_korea_says_beef_talks_wit_h_us_back_on/)

30. *June 16, New York Times* – (National) **In Midwest floods, a broad threat to crops.**

Last week, the price of corn rose above \$7 a bushel on the commodities market for the first time, and soybeans rose sharply, too, reacting to the harsh weather hampering crop production across the Midwest. In addition to Iowa, the farming states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota have suffered an unusual level of flooding this year. At a moment when corn should be almost waist-high here in Iowa, the country's top-producing corn state, more than a million acres have been washed out and destroyed. Beyond that, agriculture experts estimate that 2 million acres of soy beans have been lost to water, putting the state's total grain loss at 20 percent so far, with the threat of more rain to come. A crop specialist at the Iowa State University's agricultural extension service has been hosting emergency meetings with farmers around the state. With standing water comes concerns about manure storage, pollution, livestock safety, soil erosion, mold, and fungus and other plant diseases. The ground does not have time to dry before more rain adds to the already saturated earth. And unseasonably cool temperatures have not helped. In May, there were some 30-degree nights. Iowa's growing season is notoriously productive because it is usually long and warm. If the corn sprouts do not mature enough before the deep heat of summer hits, there will be more problems ahead.

Source:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/16/us/16midwest.html?\\_r=1&hp=&adxnml=1&oref=slugin&pagewanted=all&adxnmlx=1213632003-ADYNtjwcBAIWIp6IN8kF2Q](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/16/us/16midwest.html?_r=1&hp=&adxnml=1&oref=slugin&pagewanted=all&adxnmlx=1213632003-ADYNtjwcBAIWIp6IN8kF2Q)

31. *June 13, EUobserver* – (National) **EU frets over U.S. protectionism.** The European Union has voiced frustration over “worrying signs” of protectionism in the United States, pointing to a planned increase of U.S. farm subsidies as well as some anti-terrorism measures such as mandatory scanning of all goods containers entering American territory. The EU has hinted it may challenge the measures in front of the Geneva-based body. “The EU raised doubts about the compliance of these measures with World Trade Organization rules and their professed intent,” the statement concludes. The EU has also criticized more generous hand-outs foreseen in the new 2008 U.S. Farm Bill, especially in the context of the ongoing Doha development round of world trade talks. The Doha development round began in 2001 with the aim of cutting farm subsidies and tariffs and boosting free trade.

Source:

[http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/jun2008/gb20080613\\_701926.htm?chan=top%20news\\_top%20news%20index\\_global%20business](http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/jun2008/gb20080613_701926.htm?chan=top%20news_top%20news%20index_global%20business)

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## **Water Sector**

32. *June 15, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Ironing out nuisance of dirty water.** A flushing of the pipes in East Medway, Massachusetts, last month has significantly improved a long-standing problem with dirty water, residents and town officials report. The pipe flushing took place over the course of ten days, said the superintendent of the town's water and sewer department, and cleared approximately 80 percent of the sediment in the pipes. A newly repaired well also came online early last month, and the town has installed a chlorination system at the request of the state's Department of

Environmental Protection. The flushing was intended to clean iron-heavy sediment from the pipes and reduce the discolored – though safe to drink – water coming out of taps in the northeast portion of Medway. There were some problems with the recent flushing operation. At one point, due to the significant pressure caused by blasting 1,000 to 1,700 gallons of water per minute through the pipes, the top of a valve burst, leading to a momentary outage and more discolored water in nearby areas. Except for the occasional discoloration, the town’s water should be clear now, although officials are urging residents to remember that residue in the pipes leading to individual homes might still be contaminated. To stave off future problems, the town has started a program that calls for flushing the system once or twice a year. Also, a town meeting in November approved borrowing up to \$3.3 million to build a new well. The town is negotiating with homeowners near the proposed well, which officials hope can be completed early next year.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/06/15/ironing\\_out\\_nuisance\\_of\\_dirty\\_water/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/06/15/ironing_out_nuisance_of_dirty_water/)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

33. *June 16, WSBT 2 South Bend* – (Indiana) **St. Joseph County preparing for bird flu pandemic.** The St. Joseph County, Indiana, Health Department and other local groups are preparing for the possibility of a bird flu outbreak there. They say a bird flu pandemic could happen very soon. Health experts estimate local schools and public places like the mall could be closed up to three months. They would also limit social gatherings because human interaction would only spread the virus. “It’s just a matter of when,” said St. Joseph County’s Health Department Epidemiologist. Local coroners, hospital staff, and emergency personnel began meeting with the St. Joseph County Health Department to talk about a bird flu pandemic in 2005. The local bird flu planning group is also prepared to field calls from the public in the event of a pandemic.  
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/19968459.html>
34. *June 15, MedicalNewsToday* – (National) **LLNL detection instrument can monitor the air for all major terrorist threats.** Security and law enforcement officials may some day have a new ally - a universal detection system that can monitor the air for virtually all of the major threat agents that could be used by terrorists. This type of system is under development by a team of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) scientists and engineers, and has already been tested in laboratory and field experiments. Their work, using a system called Single-Particle Aerosol Mass Spectrometry, or SPAMS, is described in the June 15 edition of *Analytical Chemistry*, a semi-monthly journal published by the American Chemical Society. In lab experiments, SPAMS was tested against four types of materials terrorists might use – spores of a non-pathogenic strain of *Bacillus anthracis* (other strains of this bacteria cause anthrax); diethyl phthalate (a nerve agent surrogate), natural cobalt powder (a surrogate for Cobalt 60 and other radioactive metals) and trinitro-1,3,5-triazinane (RDX, a high explosive). Additionally, it was tested against pseudoephedrine (used to synthesize

methamphetamine). In single- and multiple-agent tests, SPAMS accurately identified each substance and set off the correct alarms within an average of 34 seconds after their release against a background of air as the system was open to the environment. All of the measurements were achieved within 26 to 46 seconds after the compounds' release. Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/111100.php>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *June 16, AlJazeera Magazine* – (International) **Secret UK files on terrorism & Al-Qaeda found on train.** The Independent on Sunday said it was handed secret government documents detailing the United Kingdom's policies towards fighting global terrorist funding, drugs trafficking, and money laundering that were found on a London-bound train. According to the daily, the government papers contain criticism of countries such as Iran that are signed up to the global Financial Action Task Force, an inter-governmental body created to combat financial crime and the financing of terrorism. The confidential files also outline how the trade and banking systems can be manipulated to finance illicit weapons of mass destruction in Iran. They spell out methods to fund terrorists and address the potential fraud of commercial websites and international internet payment systems. The files highlight the weakness of HM Revenue & Customs' IT systems, which track financial fraud. This latest security gaffe involving top-level government documents is the second recent breach. A Conservative shadow security spokesman said: "We've now had eight major breaches that we know of in six months. The government needs to get a grip in order to protect this sort of sensitive information and the British public." She called for "cleared and trusted" supervisors appointed to "supervise handling of government information inside the machinery of government on a daily basis."

Source: <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/newsfull.php?newid=130507>

36. *June 13, Daily Bruin* – (California) **Animal Liberation Front claims responsibility for UCLA van fire.** In a statement released Friday morning, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility for setting a University of California, Los Angeles, vanpool vehicle on fire. On the morning of June 3, the unoccupied vehicle was at a park-and-ride facility in Irvine when city fire and police officials responded to the fire after 3 a.m., officials said. Nobody was injured, but the damage to the van was extensive. "There's an ongoing investigation on ALF on charges of terrorism," the director of community services for university police said. A spokesman for the North American Animal Liberation Press office, which works as a press outlet for animal rights activist groups including ALF, defended the actions of the group. He said groups such as ALF were growing frustrated with a lack of progress. ALF in recent history has had a strained relationship with UCLA faculty and staff. In June 2007, the group claimed responsibility for a failed attempt to firebomb a professor's car, and in October, activists claimed responsibility for flooding another professor's home. UCLA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement agencies are offering a \$170,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the attempted firebombing.

Source: <http://www.dailybruin.com/news/2008/jun/13/animal-liberation-front-claims-responsibility-ucla/>

37. *June 13, Reporter* – (California) **Bomb squad probes package.** A Travis Air Force Base bomb squad was called to David Grant Medical Center on Thursday to investigate a suspicious package. The Explosive Ordinance Disposal team was called in around 4 p.m., said a spokesman for Travis. The spokesman said he did not know exactly where the package was found, but did confirm it was discovered indoors. As of press time, the team was still looking into the incident. The hospital was reopened around 6 p.m.  
Source: [http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci\\_9574448](http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_9574448)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *June 16, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Emergency wireless system fails to connect.** A sophisticated wireless communication system intended to link emergency offices throughout the state is still not working properly in portions of Buffalo and other areas of Erie and Chautauqua counties. If the problems are not solved soon, the state will be hard-pressed to embrace the \$2 billion Statewide Wireless Network later this fall when a crucial review will decide whether the system dies in Western New York or expands to other counties that want to tap into the new technology. The goal of the project is to allow emergency agencies to communicate with each other on the same radio channel across town and county lines or even the state. Police agencies are complaining that they cannot talk directly with firefighters or law enforcement from a neighboring town. In a high-speed chase that crosses a town line, police from different agencies can't coordinate directly with each other. The system would be invaluable in major emergencies, whether a terrorist incident or a crippling snowstorm, officials say.  
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/home/story/371285.html>

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## **Information Technology**

39. *June 15, ComputerWorld* – (National) **Microsoft snafu blocks enterprise patching.** Microsoft Corp. confirmed late Friday that enterprise administrators using one of its patch-distribution tools have not been able to install last week's security updates. The company offered a work-around and said it is working on a fix. Only corporate administrators using System Center Configuration Manager (ConfigMgr) 2007, which itself was just updated to Service Pack 1 (SP1), are affected, and only those systems running System Management Server (SMS) 2003 client software refuse to update. "The impact of this issue is that customers in this configuration cannot deploy the June 2008 security updates to their SMS 2003 clients."  
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[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9098078&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc\\_top](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9098078&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top)

40. *June 15, TechWorld* – (National) **Insider threat exaggerated, study says.** Verizon’s 2008 Data Breach Investigations Report, which looked at 500 breach incidents over the last four years, contradicts the growing orthodoxy that insiders, rather than external agents, represent the most serious threat to network security at most organizations. Seventy-three percent of the breaches involved outsiders, 18 percent resulted from the actions of insiders, with business partners blamed for 39 percent – the percentages exceed 100 percent due to the fact that some involve multiple breaches, with varying degrees of internal or external involvement. “The relative infrequency of data breaches attributed to insiders may be surprising to some. It is widely believed and commonly reported that insider incidents outnumber those caused by other sources,” the report states. Nevertheless, the report cautions from using the statistics to dismiss the internal threat altogether. When internal or partner security compromises happen, they tend to involve greater amounts of data. Where data loss was involved, external security breaches resulted in a media of 30,000 records being compromised, some way behind the figure for internal breaches, at 375,000.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/147098/insider\\_threat\\_exaggerated\\_study\\_says.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/147098/insider_threat_exaggerated_study_says.html)

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## Communications Sector

41. *June 16, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Cell phone tower dispute in Blue Ridge Summit.** A proposed cell phone tower is at the center of a heated debate in Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania. The ongoing public hearing will continue Monday. Washington Township supervisors delayed the hearings so they could consult with real estate and cell phone tower experts. Some residents are worried about the tower’s proposed location and the impact it could have on the history of Blue Ridge Summit  
Source: <http://your4state.com/content/fulltext/?cid=17881>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *June 16, Computerworld* – (National) **Man gets six months for posting terror threat online.** A 22-year-old Wisconsin man has been sentenced to six months in federal prison for repeatedly posting online threats that dirty bombs were going to be detonated at football stadiums in seven states. He was ordered to serve six months of house arrest

following his incarceration and to pay restitution to cover the reported costs the stadiums incurred when they called in extra security, including bomb-sniffing dogs and extra law enforcement officers, because of the hoax. The man pleaded guilty on February 28 to a one-count indictment charging him with willfully conveying false information by posting the hoax on an online bulletin board that terrorists would attack the seven stadiums with weapons of mass destruction and radiological dispersal devices. The man also noted that terrorist Osama bin Laden would praise the attacks as “America’s Hiroshima”.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com.au/index.php/id;1900356524>

43. *June 16, WDEL 1150 Wilmington* – (Delaware) **Bomb scare at local theater.** An employee is in trouble after threatening to blow up the Regal Cinema in People’s Plaza. State police say the suspect handed in his two weeks notice earlier this week. He later told a fellow employee that he was going to blow the theater up, but then told her he was only joking and played it off. On Saturday he once again told the same employee he was going to go through with the bombing and warned her to leave work on time. The woman told management, who then called police. The building was evacuated and swept for bombs, but nothing was found. The suspect is being charged with two counts of terroristic threatening.

Source: <http://www.wdel.com/story.php?id=772683175774>

44. *June 15, North County Times* – (California) **Fake bomb planted near movie theater.** A bomb scare at a shopping complex in Escondido caused the evacuation of some restaurants and blocked access to a parking lot, but did not interrupt the Father’s Day schedule at the city’s only movie theater, police said. At about 2 p.m., someone walking through the parking lot spotted a suspicious object, a police sergeant said. “It looked like a round, cylindrical item that was wrapped in duct tape with exposed wires and a circuit board,” the sergeant said. Escondido police called in the sheriff’s bomb squad, which turned a water cannon on the object to either detonate it or determine that it was not explosive, he added. “It was a hoax device.”

Source:

<http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2008/06/15/news/inland/escondido/ze24f58df2a3c75678825746a000d2eef.txt>

45. *June 15, Beijing 2008 Olympics* – (International) **A ‘Great Wall’ of security.** The last national large-scale anti-terrorism practice drill before the Olympic Games was launched in Beijing on June 11 and completed on June 14. The “Great Wall No. 5” series of anti-terrorism exercises was initiated to check Beijing’s ability to cope with threats should anything happen during the upcoming Beijing Games. The unannounced examination investigated the abilities of organizers to deal with simulated chemical attacks, carjackings of vehicles carrying athletes, air accidents, and situations that may occur in the subway system, among other threats. Organizers deemed the series a success, as appropriate measures were taken to control the emergency situations.

Source: <http://en.beijing2008.cn/news/dynamics/headlines/n214405129.shtml>

46. *June 14, Sand Mountain Reporter* – (Alabama) **Thefts of metals increase.** The

Albertville and Boaz police chiefs seek citizens' help regarding increased thefts. The Albertville police chief is concerned about the increasing number of thefts of copper, catalytic converters, and the damage thieves are causing to new homes under construction in his city. Many of the new homes are being heavily damaged by the hasty methods utilized by the thieves in ripping copper and other items from the homes, adding unanticipated expenses to the contractors and in a number of cases the new owners before they have had an opportunity to move in.

Source: <http://www.sandmountainreporter.com/story.lasso?ewcd=f736a660e9ce45b4>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Dams Sector**

47. *June 16, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **State: Dams were faulty.** The state of Indiana had repeatedly warned the owners of four dams damaged by this month's storms that the structures were deficient, but the owners never made the necessary repairs, and the state never punished them. Federal and state officials confirmed that one of the four dams had failed. Landowners and local authorities reported the three others broke or were damaged after record rains flooded the state more than a week ago. Many of the state's dams are several decades old, and it is not always clear who is responsible for their upkeep. But when no repairs were made at the four deficient dams – in some cases for ten years – none of the listed owners met with penalties from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). State officials say half of Indiana's 1,100 dams need work, but they are ill-equipped to force repairs on private owners and have brought legal action against only about a dozen. Faced with limited resources, said the manager of the DNR's dam and levee safety section, the state appears to target the worst offenders. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR teamed up last week to examine major Indiana dams for storm damage. Of the 102 structures checked from Tuesday to Friday, the only one officials found to have failed was the privately owned Earlham Lake Dam in Johnson County, a structure the DNR had deemed inadequate for a decade.

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080616/LOCAL/806160377>

48. *June 16, CBS and Associated Press* – (Illinois; Iowa) **Iowa struggles to exhale.** Record flooding that affected Iowa's smaller river towns may have spared Iowa City from a cataclysm, but the Iowa River was not expected to start receding until Monday night. Elsewhere in the Midwest, National Guard soldiers hoped to fill about 500,000 sandbags by Monday to fortify levees along a 15-mile stretch of the Mississippi River near Quincy, Illinois, and flood waters began to recede in parts of western Michigan. The Iowa River's crest arrived early and lower than expected, possibly because of a number of levee breaches downstream that opened the channel, the National Weather Service

said. On the Mississippi River, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Lock 12 at Bellevue, south of Dubuque, was reopened to river traffic on Sunday. But locks 13-25 remained closed, making 281 miles of the Mississippi from Winfield, Missouri, to Fulton, Illinois, inaccessible to commercial river traffic. The Iowa River breached levees in the town of Columbus Junction on Saturday evening, leaving much of the downtown under about ten feet of water.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2008/06/16/national/main4182350.shtml>

49. *June 15, Reuters* – (International) **Water from dam in quake-hit Japan begins to leak.** Water from a dam in quake-hit northern Japan has started to leak, forcing rescue workers to abandon efforts to pull out a man trapped in a landslide, a military official said on Sunday. The official said there were about 30 homes near the dam. Local authorities, though, had yet to urge people in nearby Kurihara city to evacuate.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idINIndia-34066720080615>

50. *June 15, Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **Pardeeville dam holding as water levels drop slowly.** Although it is failing, authorities said the city-owned Pardeeville dam on the Fox River continued to hold back Park Lake Sunday morning. Temporary repairs have started to stabilize the dam, the Wisconsin Emergency Management office reported. A portion of Wisconsin 22 that forms the embankment on one side of the lake overtopped, releasing water, but water has now returned to an emergency channel built last week. On Saturday morning, the water rushed over Wisconsin 22, causing half of the asphalt to collapse into the lower-lying Spring Lake. Though water continued to gush over the road through a sandbag channel built by the fire department on Friday, the reinforced dam was holding steady.

Source: <http://www.madison.com/tct/mad/topstories/291527>

51. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Levee bursts along Miss.; 15 counties called disaster areas.** Along the Mississippi River in Keithsburg, Illinois, the levee broke in two places. After the levee broke at 8:45 a.m. Saturday and sent water into town, firefighters, city council members, and others fanned out, going door-to-door to alert residents who might not know what was going on and encouraging them to evacuate. Authorities said they did not know if they would make the voluntary evacuations in the part of town where the water was rising quickest mandatory or whether the area being evacuated might grow. The governor had designated 15 dozen counties as disaster areas because of the flooding, added two more to the list on Saturday, and mobilized emergency management officials to monitor a 300-mile stretch of the Mississippi River.

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