



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 23 June 2008

Current Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- CNN reports that beginning June 21, travelers who “willfully refuse” to show IDs will not be allowed through checkpoints or onto planes. The Transportation Security Administration says it is changing the policy to smooth passenger flows and improve security. (See item [19](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a report by the Government Accountability Office found that Medicare health providers diverted money into personal accounts instead of paying those payroll taxes to the government. The culprits owe the federal government more than \$2 billion in payroll and other back taxes. (See item [34](#))

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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 20, Bloomberg* – (International) **Shell says Bonga oil exports may be cut for six weeks.** Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Europe’s biggest oil producer, told customers it may suspend deliveries of Nigeria’s Bonga crude for as many as six weeks after militants attacked an offshore production vessel on Thursday. Shell declared force majeure on exports of Bonga crude for the remainder of June and July, a company spokesman said on Friday. The Nigerian president ordered “beefed up” security for oil installations in the Niger delta, according to a statement released from his office. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) claimed responsibility for the assault and

urged oil companies to evacuate foreign staff from Nigeria. MEND, which has stepped up raids on the country's oil installations since April, also said oil and gas tankers were at risk of attack if they entered Nigerian waters.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601207&sid=a8RvU0dVwKxE&refer=energy>

2. *June 20, Platts* – (National) **U.S. House lawmaker introduces climate bill with 80% emissions cuts.** A senior member of the U.S. House of Representatives committee on taxation on Thursday introduced a carbon cap-and-trade bill with the help of 70 cosponsors. The legislation will be the first to go before that panel, the House Ways and Means Committee, in July. The representative said his bill calls for U.S. industry to slash its emissions of carbon by 80 percent compared with 1990 levels by 2050. It sets up an emissions allowance market where 15 percent of these credits initially would be given away, but by 2020, all emission allowances will have to be bought. The bill focuses on the big industry emitters, such as the electric power sector, petroleum refiners, large industrials, and transportation, and excludes agriculture, forestry, and small businesses from the emissions cap. Other key provisions include funding to operators of emitting facilities who take early action to cut emissions.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/8821701.xml?sub=Electric%20Power&p=Electric%20Power/News&?undefined&undefined>

3. *June 19, Reuters* – (International) **Nigeria militants release U.S. hostage.** Militants from Nigeria's oil-producing Niger Delta said they released an American oil worker captured in an attack on an offshore oil facility earlier on Thursday. The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta said the U.S. captain from oil services company Tidex was freed at 12:45 p.m.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSL1930294520080619>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 19, Xinhua* – (International) **China prohibits chemical plants from producing banned drugs.** China on Thursday warned chemical plants across the country to stop production of two banned drugs for Olympic Games. In a jointly-released regulation from the Ministries of Public Security, Information and Industry, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, and the Food and Drug Administration, production of anabolic agents and peptide hormones was banned. Anabolic agents and peptide hormones, both on a doping list, have been used by athletes to unfairly improve their body's performance and are banned by the International Olympic Committee. Chinese chemical plants must cease the drugs' production, seal up the drugs' storage and recall the sold production to the best of their ability. Advertising or selling the drugs on the Internet is also banned. Plants which fail to comply with the regulation will lose their production licenses and may face criminal charges.

Source: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-06/19/content\\_8403305.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-06/19/content_8403305.htm)

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

5. *June 20, Portland Business Journal* – (Washington) **CH2M Hill wins \$4.5B contract for Hanford cleanup.** The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a contract worth \$4.5 billion to CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Co. to clean up nuclear waste at the central plateau of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in eastern Washington. The Plateau Remediation subsidiary will lead a five year effort to treat and dispose of various radioactive waste streams, ground water, spent nuclear fuel, and other contaminants. The contract includes an option to extend by five years.  
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2008/06/16/daily40.html>
6. *June 20, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **NC utility plans to fix holding pond at nuclear plant.** Progress Energy says it is fixing a holding pond at its Brunswick County nuclear power plant where radioactive material leaked last year. The Star-News of Wilmington reported Friday the utility held a meeting Thursday to discuss repair plans. A company official said planning was being done to build a smaller pond within the existing 60-acre impoundment, maybe by early 2009. The newspaper reports that the leaked material was the radioactive isotope tritium. Not enough was leaked to get into drinking water wells. Progress Energy has installed 28 monitoring wells on the site and is installing 46 more around it.  
Source: [http://www.wlos.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.nc/38502abb-www.wlos.com.shtml](http://www.wlos.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.nc/38502abb-www.wlos.com.shtml)
7. *June 20, Augusta Chronicle* – (South Carolina) **Nuclear waste dump is closed.** It was an active dump for 22 years and a final resting place for seven million cubic feet of radioactive waste. On Thursday, Savannah River Site celebrated the end of an 18-year, \$56 million project to formally close the 76-acre area that once served as the site's primary burial ground for low-level nuclear waste. The site was used to dump clothing, tools, containers, and other low-level wastes contaminated with radioactivity. The area was filled in 1974. The closure plan completed this month included using grout seals to stabilize 22 underground solvent tanks, each with a capacity of about 25,000 gallons; demolition of three buildings; and the use of soil and impermeable liners to seal the area for good. The remediation was completed in 2007, but final paperwork certifying the project as complete was transferred this month, an Energy Department spokeswoman said, noting that the \$56 million cost for the project was below the \$75 million estimate. Thursday also marked the start of normal operations at the site's interim salt waste processing facilities – the Actinide Removal Process and the Modular Caustic Side Solvent Extraction Unit. The two facilities are part of a broader salt-decontamination system scheduled to start up in 2013.  
Source: [http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/062008/met\\_462822.shtml](http://chronicle.augusta.com/stories/062008/met_462822.shtml)
8. *June 19, Current Argus* – (New Mexico) **DOE gives details on erroneous waste shipment.** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Carlsbad Field Office has provided its regulators with information detailing why a drum of transuranic waste may have been

mistakenly shipped from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad. On Friday, the manager of the Carlsbad Field Office issued a memo to the Environmental Protection Agency. The 55-gallon drum was originally examined through real-time radiography, and no deficiencies were identified. However, a portion of waste containers examined through radiography were also required to be examined visually, and the drum was selected for a follow up visual examination in 2005. During the visual examination, liquid in excess of one percent of the waste container was identified. The drum was tagged as noncompliant and set aside for remediation, he wrote. But in April 2008, the non-conformance report for the visual examination was mistakenly dismissed due to an assumption that the condition had been fixed. The drum was overpacked with three other drums from the same waste stream into a standard waste box and shipped to WIPP. He speculated that they may have missed identifying the non-conformance report partially because nearly all of the waste containers processed at LANL have been tagged for remediation at some point. The secondary check – physically noting the non-conformance tag – also failed in this instance, and personnel involved with operations have stated that no tags were attached. The presence or absence of the tag will be verified, he wrote.

Source: [http://www.curentargus.com/ci\\_9642309](http://www.curentargus.com/ci_9642309)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

9. *June 19, Air Force Print News* – (National) **New radar facility to open.** Officials from the Ellsworth Air Force Base and Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, Radar Approach Control (RAPCON) Facilities are preparing to open the Dakota Air Traffic Control Facility this summer here. “Our mission will be to provide air traffic services to the military and civilian airports from one co-located facility,” said the 28th Operations Support Squadron RAPCON chief controller. The facility will be a noncontiguous, co-located RAPCON, and will service both bases and the region. “The current Ellsworth RAPCON provides radar-based traffic service to all aircraft within 40 miles of Ellsworth, both military and civilian, up to and including 16,000 feet above sea level,” said the 28th Operations Support Squadron Airlift Operations flight commander.

Source: <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123103476>

10. *June 19, KUTV 2 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Neighbors of Hill AFB alerted of combat drills.** Utah’s Hill Air Force Base is about to go on alert. The base is running a practice drill next week to get an idea of how people there would do in a chemical combat environment. “Chemical warfare is always a potential threat,” said the 75th Air Base Wing commander. “We can never over-prepare for such situations — the threat is out there.” The Air Force will simulate many combat scenarios and evaluate the airmen on their reaction and performance. Neighbors of the base can expect to see some smoke, to hear loud explosions, and night flying.

Source: [http://www.kutv.com/content/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=0d88a917-abc7-41e9-8d1d-4c56365ca893](http://www.kutv.com/content/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=0d88a917-abc7-41e9-8d1d-4c56365ca893)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *June 20, WTVQ 36 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Credit Union scam warning.** Wednesday night, hundreds of people in Kentucky received calls telling them their bank accounts had been suspended. The calls were allegedly from the Commonwealth Credit Union, but they were not. The Better Business Bureau of Central Kentucky was also getting calls. Commonwealth Credit Union is warning their members of the scam and assuring them no accounts have been compromised.  
Source: <http://www.wtvq.com/news/1-latest/304-credit-union-scam-warning.html>
  
12. *June 20, BankInfoSecurity* – (Maine) **TD BankNorth warns customers of phishing attempt.** Less than a month after TD BankNorth customers in New Hampshire were alerted by the bank that their Visa debit or credit cards may have been compromised comes news of a phishing email scam against the bank's customers. The bank, headquartered in Portland, Maine, has \$119 billion in assets and 1,100 locations on the east coast. TD BankNorth is warning customers about an email scam that could infect computers. The email messages say the notes are from TD BankNorth's president and chief executive officer. The email asks 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. The bank posted an alert on its web site home page on June 4 after reporting the emails to law enforcement agencies. The bank declined to say whether customer information or money was taken as a result of people responding to the phishing email.  
Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=890](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=890)
  
13. *June 19, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **67 charged in federal mortgage fraud probe.** Federal authorities have charged 67 people in a dozen new mortgage fraud cases uncovered in Chicago as part of a nationwide investigation. The cases involve over \$170 million in fraudulent mortgages, which were given out by a variety of lenders and security by several hundred homes in the Chicago area and other places across the country. When the mortgage holders in the cases defaulted, the lending companies suffered losses of more than \$40 million, the U.S. Attorney's office said. In the Chicago case, mortgage brokers, loan officers, realtors, home builders, and attorneys were among those charged, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.  
Source: <http://cbs2chicago.com/topstories/operation.malicious.mortgage.2.752302.html>
  
14. *June 19, South Bend Tribune* – (Indiana) **Common link found in bank scam.** A breach of the computer system affecting customers' debit cards at 1st Source Bank in early May appears to be at the center of the fraudulent overseas withdrawals this past weekend affecting the accounts of hundreds in Michiana. "As we are piecing it together, it appears transactions coming out of Eastern Europe, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Turkey, Nigeria, Spain are most likely related to our breach," said the senior vice president, consumer and electronic banking for 1st Source Bank. People who used cards from other banks in 1st Source machines at any local site might have been victimized. Information has been sent to various card associations like Discover, Visa, and Master Card, the official said.

Source:

<http://www.southbendtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080619/News01/806190400/1013/Biz>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *June 20, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Tobin Bridge to get \$1 million stress sensors.** The green hulk in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, known as the Tobin Bridge is getting a \$1 million early warning system to detect structural failures in the millions of tons of steel and concrete before it buckles and cars plummet into the Mystic River. A Burlington company was awarded a contract yesterday to complete initial testing of the bridge, then begin installing the wireless stress sensors on some of the steel beams used to prop the two-mile long behemoth within about six months, according to a spokeswoman. A spokeswoman for Massport said the new system will back up the various types of human testing performed every two and four years. Last year, the upper deck of the aging bridge was closed to heavy tractor trailers and buses when engineers spotted cracks in supporting beams in the 57-year-old steel. Two months before, workers installed netting beneath the bridge when chunks of concrete fell and damaged boats on the Chelsea side.

Source:

[http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/politics/view/2008\\_06\\_20\\_Tobin\\_Bridge\\_to\\_get\\_1\\_million\\_stress\\_sensors/srvc=home&position=recent](http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/politics/view/2008_06_20_Tobin_Bridge_to_get_1_million_stress_sensors/srvc=home&position=recent)

16. *June 19, CNN* – (International) **TSA: Drunk fire-starter on plane in police custody.** A drunken passenger who tried to set the curtains of a Boeing 767 on fire during a trans-Atlantic flight is in custody in Vienna, Austria, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said Thursday. There was no apparent connection to terrorism, officials said. The Slovakian citizen was on a Delta Flight from Atlanta, Georgia, to Vienna Wednesday night when flight attendants refused his request for more liquor. According to a TSA spokesman, the man slapped a flight attendant on the hand, moved forward in the cabin, pulled out a lighter, and tried to ignite the curtains around the flight attendants' rest area. A federal air marshal on the flight arrested the passenger and put him in handcuffs, said the official.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/06/19/tsa.drunk.passenger/index.html>

17. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Van driver at DFW airport passes out, hits plane.** A Dallas airport spokesman says a service van's driver lost consciousness and wedged the vehicle under a plane full of passengers. A Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport spokesman says no one in the plane was hurt Thursday. The Midwest Airlines flight to Milwaukee was canceled. An airline spokesman says the Boeing 717 is significantly damaged.

Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gohCNgM4ki5NZNEOOIwUk1Ne-fgD91DDU6O1>

18. *June 19, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Suspicious item closes concourse at**



**Newark airport.** Part of Newark Liberty International Airport was closed after a suspicious item was found in a woman's carry-on bag Thursday in Terminal C. A Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman says security officers saw what looked like an electronic device concealed in a book. Port Authority police were called, and a bomb squad also was summoned. Passengers were removed from the checkpoint area for about an hour before the item was deemed not a threat. Further details on the item were not disclosed. About 30 flights were affected by the closure, and delays were expected as a result.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--airportincident0619jun19,0,7391984.story>

19. *June 19, CNN* – (National) **Flying without an ID is coming to a controversial end.** Under current Transportation Security Administration (TSA) policy, passengers can refuse to show identification (ID) and can still fly -- as long as they agree to secondary screening, meaning a search of their carry-on bags and a pat down. But all that is about to change. Beginning Saturday, June 21, travelers who “willfully refuse” to show IDs will not be allowed through checkpoints or onto planes. Only passengers who show IDs, and “cooperative” passengers who explain why their IDs are missing and help police confirm their identities, will get through. The TSA says it is changing the policy “to facilitate travel for legitimate passengers” while helping its security work force focus on “people, not things.” But the change in policy, announced this month on the TSA Web site, has raised the ire of privacy advocates who believe the TSA is setting a dangerous precedent, in essence requiring U.S. citizens to carry documentation when traveling in the United States, even if only by air. Of the two million people who fly every day, only about 300 do not show IDs, according to a TSA spokesman. The TSA does not keep statistics on the reasons people do not have IDs, but it is presumed that most people report them lost, stolen, or simply forgotten.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/POLITICS/06/19/flying.id/>

20. *June 19, Aviation News* – (National) **House passes bill to study transition to biometrics in airports.** The House Wednesday approved legislation (H.R. 5982) to study ways to speed the deployment of biometric identifier systems for airport workers. The biometrics bill would require the Transportation Security Administration to conduct a detailed study in consultation with industry and an aviation and airport security working group. The American Association of Airport Executives and a number of airports are working together through the Biometric Airport Security Identification Consortium (BASIC) to move forward with biometrics in a way that meets security objectives and protects the investments airports have made with badging and access control systems, builds upon existing processes and technologies, and provides for local control and flexibility.

Source: [http://www.aviationnews.net/?do=headline&news\\_ID=156154](http://www.aviationnews.net/?do=headline&news_ID=156154)

21. *June 18, United Press International* – (National) **TSA launches new security effort.** The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has launched an initiative, the Airside Vulnerability Reduction Team program, in an effort to enhance security operations around the perimeter of the airport and around the area past the airport

security checks, including the tarmac.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Emerging\\_Threats/2008/06/18/TSA\\_launches\\_new\\_security\\_effort/UPI-28701213828534/](http://www.upi.com/Emerging_Threats/2008/06/18/TSA_launches_new_security_effort/UPI-28701213828534/)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *June 20, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **FBI takes over letter probe.** A letter mailed to an East Milton man containing a suspicious white powder triggered an emergency response Thursday by state, local, and county public-safety departments. The powder, initially suspected to be Anthrax or another poisonous substance, was tested and deemed harmless. It was identified as a polyethylene polymer, a substance used to make a variety of plastic items, such as shopping bags.

Source:

<http://www.pnj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080620/NEWS01/806200333/1006/NEWS01>

23. *June 19, Seacoast Online* – (Maine) **Postal service warns of liquid explosives in mailboxes.** The United States Postal Service (USPS) is warning residents of Maine about liquid explosives placed in curbside mailboxes. Residents received a postcard informing them that postal carriers do not place soda bottles or other plastic containers containing liquid into mailboxes. They are warned to use extreme caution if anything suspicious is found in their mailboxes. According to the postcard, isolated incidents of vandalism involving the mixing of common household materials together have occurred throughout the country, including in Maine. The result can be a powerful explosion, with the potential for serious injury. A public affairs officer for USPS in Maine said there have been a small number of incidents in Maine towns and the post office is simply being proactive.

Source:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080619/NEWS/80619011/-1/NEWS19&sfad=1>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *June 20, Associated Press* – (International) **Health experts: Global fight against bird flu remains weak, can worsen global food crisis.** Bird flu is still active in 10 countries, down from 60 that have been affected since 2003. Hot spots include China, Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Vietnam. The head of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization Emergency Prevention System said that death of poultry especially affects the poor, 80 percent of whom own livestock for their livelihood worldwide. He warned that failure to protect their food sources could worsen the global food crisis. Veterinary services around the world need to be strengthened and more experts trained, while reporting must be more transparent, he said, adding that countries



have to use more surveillance and implement policies to deal with the disease.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/06/20/asia/AS-MED-Malaysia-Bird-Flu.php>

25. *June 20, Press Democrat* – (California) **State won't spray over cities for moth pest.** State and federal agriculture officials announced that they are gearing up to release millions of sterile moths in areas where the Australian insect is most numerous. The aim is to disrupt the moth's breeding cycle and eradicate a pest that the officials say poses a threat to numerous crops, including wine grapes. The proposed application of special twist ties, laced with a synthetic chemical that confuses the male apple moth, will go forward in a moth quarantine area in the Sonoma Valley. Critics, who maintain that the moth is not a serious threat and who have questioned the safety of the chemicals involved, applauded the decision to do away with aerial spraying over cities. The state, which maintains that the moth could do considerable damage to crops and the environment, conducted aerial spraying with a synthetic pheromone last year over Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. Nearly 500 people in the spray areas later reported feeling symptoms ranging from itchy eyes to breathing trouble. Judges in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties halted the spraying program until the state studied the spray's effect on people and the environment.

Source:

[http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20080620/NEWS/806200367/1033/NEWS&title=State\\_won\\_t\\_spray\\_over\\_cities\\_for\\_moth\\_pest](http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20080620/NEWS/806200367/1033/NEWS&title=State_won_t_spray_over_cities_for_moth_pest)

26. *June 20, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization* – (International) **Unlocking genome of world's worst insect pest.** The Australian minister for Innovation, Industry, Science, and Research said at the BIO 2008 International Convention that a team was expected to sequence the *Helicoverpa zea* moth's genome in about four months, which will allow specialists to work on new ways of controlling the pest. According to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization group executive for Agribusiness, these include: the molecular basis of resistance to chemical and Bt insecticides, and population genetics related to the refuge strategies in place to help prevent *Helicoverpa* from developing resistance to Bt transgenic cottons. "This moth is resistant to nearly every class of chemical pesticide and threatens the long-term viability of transgenic crops which are reliant on the biological pesticide, Bt," she said.

Source: <http://www.sciencecentric.com/news/article.php?q=08062031>

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## **Water Sector**

27. *June 20, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **DEP says lab falsified well water results.** Hundreds of New Jersey homeowners are urged to have their water wells retested because a private lab falsified results. The Environmental Protection Department (DEP) is asking 700 homeowners who used Accurate Analytical Labs to check for at least coliform bacteria and nitrate. Some 90 public water systems also used the Lake Hopatcong company. Officials began investigating the company six months ago when

DEP engineers in Sussex County noticed tests on a known tainted well came back clean. The DEP says there is no imminent health threat.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--fakewellresults0620jun20,0,1624814.story>

28. *June 20, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **U.S. agencies to clean up uranium on Navajo land.** The U.S. government will spend tens of millions of dollars to assess and clean up uranium contamination across the Navajo Reservation. The new five-year plan is the first coordinated push to measure and fix the environmental damage that resulted from a Cold War hard-rock mining boom in Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. Today, the Navajos say the new federal response effort, which includes testing of water sources and the review of hundreds of homes and buildings for radioactive materials, is a “good step forward.” But they also have grave concerns about the proposal, which is short on specifics in several key areas, including funding, estimated costs, and detailed remediation plans. From 1944 to 1986, more than four million tons of uranium was mined from Navajo lands through lease agreements with the tribe. After demand for the ore dropped, the Navajos were “left with more than 500 abandoned mines, four inactive milling sites, a former dump site, contaminated groundwater, structures that may contain elevated levels of radiation and environmental and public-health concerns,” according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The new federal plan proposes to address “the most urgent risks to human health first.” The plan includes some financing for these projects: more than \$1 million in funds for structure analysis, \$916,000 in committed funds for studies at the Tuba City dump, and \$8 million-plus for maintenance and monitoring at defunct milling sites. It also lays out \$34 million in grants to the Navajo Nation that can be used toward the construction of new public-water facilities. Roughly 30 percent of the people who live on the reservation rely on unmonitored and unregulated water sources.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2008/06/20/20080620uranium0620.html>

29. *June 19, WebWire* – (Texas) **Former Fujicolor employee pleads guilty to environmental crime.** A former employee of Fujicolor Processing pleaded guilty Thursday to willfully concealing and covering up a material fact in reports required to be filed under the Clean Water Act, the Justice Department announced. According to a plea agreement, while an employee at Fujicolor’s film developing facility in Terrell, Texas, the man was responsible for environmental compliance at the plant, which included preparing and submitting the plant’s wastewater Discharge Monitoring Reports. In order to ensure compliance with the plant’s monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports, the man selectively screened or “cherry-picked” samples of the facility’s wastewater effluent. Samples that were out of compliance with the facility’s pre-treatment permit for silver were not reported on the Discharge Monitoring Reports as required by the facility’s permit. The film finishing process at the facility generated a significant amount of process wastewater that contained silver. By “cherry-picking” the samples, he falsely presented the analysis of the final “good” samples as representative of the facility’s discharge, when he knew this was not true, and created the false impression that the facility was meeting its effluent limits required by the discharge

permit.

Source: <http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?aId=68249>

30. *June 19, Stockton Record* – (California) **Lodi's legal fight over toxic groundwater ends.** Lodi's legal saga to clean up toxic chemicals that threaten the city's drinking water has come to an end. The city attorney reported Wednesday night that the insurance company for United Dry Cleaners and Lodi agreed on a \$50,000 settlement for the business' role in dumping toxic industrial cleaning chemicals down leaky city sewer pipes, contaminating soil and groundwater. The proceeds will help offset the estimated \$48 million cost to clean up the contamination, which is expected to take up to 30 years to finish.

Source:

[http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080619/A\\_NEWS/806190332/-1/A\\_NEWS14](http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080619/A_NEWS/806190332/-1/A_NEWS14)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *June 20, Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **County clinic wages fight against TB.** Allen County operates a clinic that is the front line against communicable diseases such as tuberculosis, which continues to affect local residents. In 2007, 17 new cases of tuberculosis were diagnosed in Allen County, according to the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health's annual report. The caseload is not dropping, in part because as the local medical community gets better at diagnosing the contagious illness, more cases are discovered, said the Allen County health commissioner. But with another influx of Burmese refugees last year, tuberculosis continues to be a concern for local health officials. An estimated 40 percent to 50 percent of those refugees have latent TB, which could become active if not treated, health officials have said. In 2004, the county had 24 new cases of active TB, compared with 16 the previous year. The spike prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to consider Allen County a crisis area. The CDC also provided funding and staff to help tackle the outbreak.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080620/FOCUS04/806200329/1002/LOCAL>

32. *June 19, KFSM 5 Fort Smith* – (Arkansas) **Washington County Health Department evacuated; Hazmat called.** Washington County officials are trying to find out what caused 25 people to become ill at the Washington County Health Department in Fayetteville. Officials say around 9am Thursday morning, staff members starting becoming ill. 25 staff members were transported to hospitals with symptoms such as dizziness and vomiting. According to officials, hazmat was called to the scene and the building was evacuated. Officials say samples will be sent to the State Department of Health for testing.

Source: <http://www.kfsm.com/Global/story.asp?S=8524979>

33. *June 19, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA sued over alleged painkiller risks.** The

painkiller propoxyphene, sold under the brand names Darvoset and Darvon, has too many health risks to be left on the market, a consumer advocacy group alleges in its lawsuit filed Thursday against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The drug, which also is sold generically, has been involved in the accidental deaths of more than 2,000 people who took it since 1981, Public Citizen said in its petition two years ago to ban the medication. In its lawsuit, Public Citizen said the FDA broke the law when it failed to act on the petition within the required six months. The advocacy group has said that there are safer, more effective painkillers than propoxyphene, which the lawsuit says is addictive and can cause cardiac problems including a slowed heartbeat, the Associated Press reported. It can also cause sedation and confusion among the elderly, according to the Director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group. Some 22 million prescriptions for the drug are filled annually in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/19/AR2008061901808.html>

34. *June 19, Associated Press*– (National) **GAO finds tax abuse in Medicare program.** Thousands of hospitals, nursing homes and other Medicare health providers owe the federal government more than \$2 billion in payroll and other back taxes. In some cases, they used the money to buy luxury cars, million-dollar homes and other personal items, congressional auditors say. A report by the Government Accountability Office, obtained Thursday by the Associated Press, examined roughly 436,000 providers who received government payments in 2006 for treating Medicare patients. It found that more than 27,000, or about 6 percent, owed the federal Treasury back taxes. Nearly half those taxes – \$ 896 million – was money the health care providers withheld from their employee's paychecks for Social Security and Medicare programs. Instead of paying those payroll taxes to the government, the owners of hospitals and nursing homes diverted it into personal accounts, the GAO said. Some nursing homes also had health and safety violations or lacked the required licensing, in one case losing track of a patient who has yet to be found and in other cases not taking appropriate action to prevent a patient's suicide, investigators said.
- Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/politics/sns-ap-medicare-tax-abuse,0,4243024.story>

35. *June 19, Xinhua* – (International) **DPRK denies bird flu outbreak.** The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Thursday denied allegations of a bird flu outbreak in the country. Official news agency KCNA rebuffed an Associated Press (AP) report that various types of fowl and a boy had died of bird flu, accusing AP of fabricating the epidemic situation to ruin the country's international image. The DPRK has set up a state emergency anti-epizootic committee as a national command to combat bird flu, while maintaining close contact with several international organizations including the FAO (UN Food and Agriculture Organization) and the World Organization for Animal Health, KCNA said. There is a well-organized anti-epizootic system in the DPRK, the agency said, adding that more than 1,600 watch posts along the east and west coasts are surveying the movement of seasonal birds, major carriers of the bird flu virus.
- Source: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-06/19/content\\_8403174.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-06/19/content_8403174.htm)

## **Government Facilities Sector**

36. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Ecoterrorist sentenced to six years.** A California woman convicted in an ecoterrorism attack at the University of Washington has been sentenced to six years in prison and to pay \$6 million in restitution. The woman was a student at Evergreen State College in 2001 when she acted as a lookout as others set fire to the Center for Urban Horticulture. The Earth Liberation Front (ELF), a loosely organized radical environmental group that has been linked to acts of ecoterrorism in the Northwest, claimed responsibility because it believed, mistakenly, that a researcher was genetically modifying poplar trees. The blaze, which destroyed the plant research center, was one of at least 17 fires set from 1996 to 2001 by ELF and the Animal Liberation Front. In all, more than a dozen people were arrested; four suspects remain at large.  
Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/20/us/20brfs-ECOTERRORIST\\_BRF.html?ref=us](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/20/us/20brfs-ECOTERRORIST_BRF.html?ref=us)
37. *June 20, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Pentagon grapples with 9/11 memorial puzzle.** When the nation's first major 9/11 memorial is dedicated on the grounds of the Pentagon's western side this September, it will change the iconic building into a tourist destination. The Pentagon Memorial will allow the public free access 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The site will be dedicated September 11 and opened to the public the next day. With permanent memorials in New York and Pennsylvania several years from completion, security officials are bracing for one million to two million visitors a year to the Pentagon site. From a security standpoint, the site will require a shift in enforcement approach that tends to view the public warily and equate increased access with increased risk. Part of the security challenge is creating a visible enforcement presence that discourages threats, while not making visitors uncomfortable with an overwhelming police presence. This will involve some compromise for the agency, which will change its long-standing policy against photography to allow people to take pictures of the site. But several restrictions will remain. Signs posted outside the memorial and along the walkway to its entrance will warn visitors not to photograph the building from outside the memorial site. Security personnel will reserve the right to confiscate visitors' cameras if they suspect anything undue. The memorial will offer no access to the building itself. A metal fence with vertical bars will separate it from the wall of the Pentagon and the roadway that skirts the building, with guard booths at either end of the fence. State-of-the-art surveillance equipment is also being deployed to the site.  
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25276087/>
38. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Uranium found in soil at Colo. Army site.** A Colorado lawmaker says high levels of uranium have been found in soil samples he took from an Army training site in southeastern Colorado. He collected seven samples during a tour of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site and had them analyzed by an independent laboratory in Nebraska. According to the report from the lab, they also found detectable levels of the toxic metals cadmium, chromium, and lead. The lawmaker said the samples

were collected over two thirds of the 368-square-mile site in May 2007 with the permission of the Army during a tour for state officials. A post spokeswoman said they had not seen the lab results or uranium report cited by the lawmaker, and that no weapons that would use depleted uranium are fired at the site. The lawmaker said he is concerned because a 48,000-acre wildfire is burning on the training site.

Source: <http://www.hanfordnews.com/news/2008/story/11690.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

39. *June 20, Carson Times* – (Nevada) **Triage center part of statewide disaster drill.** As part of a multi-agency drill aimed at preparing Northern Nevada for a large-scale disaster, officials erected a medical triage center in the parking lot of Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center this week. The two main structures of the so-called Nevada One, a 20-bed tent designed for rapid deployment and a more permanent 50-bed enclosure similar to a military field hospital, could be used to care for people in the event of damage to an existing hospital or in a mass-casualty situation that overwhelmed local officials, said a program manager with the state Department of Health and Human Services. The Carson City event coincided with drills in five other Nevada counties simulating the response to a 7.1-magnitude earthquake along the Mt. Rose Fault System. The hypothetical incident is assumed to have done billions of dollars' worth of damage and killed hundreds of people. Subsequent exercises, part of the national Vigilant Guard project, test the ability of civilian emergency responders and regional National Guardsmen to work together, organizers said. Every state is required to run similar exercises throughout the year.

Source:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080620/CARSON/806200373/1003>

40. *June 18, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Blackhawk flyovers whip up concern, curiosity.** The sight of Blackhawk helicopters scouring the skies over Denver on Monday and Tuesday night looked like a scene from a movie. Instead, it was an anti-terror drill that surprised and concerned residents, who had not been warned about the exercise. The drill was a multi-agency operation involving special forces in the military and Denver police. U.S. military Special Operations commandos were to continue conducting the counter-terrorism training from early afternoon until 11 p.m. through Friday night, according to the Rocky Mountain News. None of the agencies involved informed the public or news agencies about the drill and that may have had an effect on Denver's 911 system. Denver dispatchers answered at least 140 calls pertaining to the exercise, with calls averaging about 30 seconds. So between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Monday there were at least 70 minutes where dispatchers were handling preventable, non-emergency calls, related to the unannounced drill.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/16636462/detail.html>

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## Information Technology

41. *June 19, Computerworld* – (National) **Apple does about-face, fixes Safari’s ‘carpet bomb’ bug.** Apple Inc. updated the Windows version of Safari today, patching four vulnerabilities, including one that prompted rival Microsoft Corp. three weeks ago to urge users to stop using Apple’s browser. The fix stymies the kind of attacks that a security researcher disclosed last month, dubbing them “carpet bomb” attacks because they could litter the Windows desktop with malware files by taking advantage of a design flaw in Safari. Today’s patch is an about-face of sorts for Apple. The company earlier said that it did not consider the problem a security issue because Safari had no option to require a user’s permission to download a file. Instead, Apple said it would consider the change an “enhancement request,” and perhaps make a modification in a future feature update.  
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42. *June 19, PC Magazine* – (National) **Dangerous malware e-mail making the rounds.** An e-mail message with a provocative, socially-engineered fake news story titles in it subject line has been circulating in an attempt to spread a Trojan that will download additional malware onto a victim’s computer. The e-mail’s objective is to install an ActiveX control and run a file named video.exe, thereby installing the Trojan.  
Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2320835,00.asp>
43. *June 19, CNet News* – (International) **Storm worm version uses China earthquake to lure victims.** On Thursday, US-CERT (Computer Emergency Readiness Team) advised against opening e-mails that contain a link to a video with information about the earthquake in China. The group has received reports of a new variant of the Storm worm that targets people interested in the May 12 earthquake that killed nearly 70,000 people and left 5 million homeless. Some of the e-mails also have subject lines that deal with the Olympic Games that China is hosting. In the e-mail is a link that sends a recipient to a malicious Web site, US-CERT says. Opening the purported video link on the site runs executable code that infects the computer with malicious code that can be used to turn the machine into a zombie on a spam botnet. Previous versions have used April Fools’ Day and Valentine’s Day themes, as well as masqueraded as a fix for another worm to lure victims to sites.  
Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784\\_3-9972672-7.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-10784_3-9972672-7.html)

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## Communications Sector

44. *June 19, Associated Press* – (National) **FCC expected to rule Verizon violated privacy laws.** The Federal Communications Commission is expected to rule that Verizon Communications Inc. violated privacy laws when it tried to keep phone customers from switching providers, a person at the agency who is familiar with the issue said Thursday. The ruling could come as early as Friday, according to this person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision was not yet public. The ruling would uphold a complaint brought by Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc. and privately owned Bright House Networks, and it goes against an earlier staff recommendation that Verizon did not violate any consumer privacy laws. In that April recommendation, FCC's enforcement bureau said the commission needs further public input on rules governing competition for voice, video and Internet services and whether further regulation is needed.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hHhkq9rtvf57XoFxbRDvsQrjFzngD91DE8D03>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *June 20, ABC* – (International) **Euro soccer finals are terror target.** U.S. and European security officials tell ABC News that they have identified threat information pointing to a possible terror attack in Austria or Switzerland during the ongoing European Championship soccer tournament. According to four security, law enforcement, and intelligence officials from four separate agencies who were briefed on the matter there is a significant, ongoing concern over an Al Qaeda inspired attack at the Euro 2008 tournament – possibly one conducted by Algerian terrorists. Another noted there have been two recent arrests in the United Kingdom and documents seized in searches there appear relevant to the current threat. None of the officials were able to elaborate on that point. Authorities say that the threat streams they have been briefed on in recent weeks are distinct from those internet based threats which were not deemed of pressing concern.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/print?id=5207622>

46. *June 19, Business First* – (Kentucky) **PETA protests at Churchill but doesn't disrupt shareholders' meeting.** Churchill Downs Inc.'s annual shareholders' meeting came off without a hitch this morning, despite the presence of a handful of protesters from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). About 10 PETA representatives held signs outside the track before the meeting. The animal welfare group, which recently bought 80 shares of Churchill stock, has been critical of the Louisville-based racetrack company since the filly Eight Belles broke its front legs and was euthanized following this year's Kentucky Derby. Following the shareholders' meeting, a PETA representative, approached Churchill Downs Inc. president and chief executive officer to ask for an opportunity to meet with the executive and discuss concerns. PETA is asking for several racing reforms.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/louisville/stories/2008/06/16/daily46.html>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

47. *June 20, Cybercast News Service* – (National) **Mexican smugglers make U.S. lands unsafe.** The secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI) said drug traffickers sneaking into the United States from Mexico through U.S. lands administered by his department have made some of those lands unsafe for American families. “Unfortunately,” a DOI spokesperson said, “DOI lands make up approximately 40 percent of the Southwest border, and I think there has been a shift in some of those illegal activities, particularly drug-trafficking crossings, to those lands because they tend to be less populated.” The DOI Southwest Borderlands Web page warns visitors about criminals and criminal activities in national parks, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas near the Mexican border. In February, the DOI secretary announced that his department was seeking an \$8 million increase in its budget for law enforcement and “to remediate the environmental impacts of these illegal activities” along the Mexican border.

Source:

<http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewNation.asp?Page=/Nation/archive/200806/NAT20080620a.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

48. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Flooded cities battle to contain Mississippi River.** Three Mississippi River levees broke Thursday in Lincoln County, sending a creeping wave of water toward Foley, Missouri, and causing more concern in nearby Winfield. The river was overflowing 90 percent of the levees in eastern Lincoln County, and at least four more breaches were expected to aggravate the flooding overnight, said the Lincoln County Emergency Management spokesman. While the situation worsened in Lincoln County, it improved slightly elsewhere along the river after the National Weather Service significantly lowered crest predictions. The revisions came after several levee breaks in Illinois, including one on Wednesday near Meyer that potentially could inundate 17,000 acres of farmland with water that otherwise would have been flowing south. That means many towns along the river will not see the record-level flood crests they expected. The new prediction shows St. Louis cresting at 37.3 feet on Friday, well short of the 49.58-foot mark in 1993. The southward flows were expected to put increasing pressure on a series of inland levees protecting the towns of Winfield and Elsberry.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/weather/06/20/midwest.flooding.ap/index.html>

49. *June 20, Fallon Star Press* – (Nevada) **Fallon farmers help repair levee to save crops.** This past Sunday, farmers helped patch a 30-foot breach in a levee along the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Canal near Fallon, Nevada, that collapsed last week, washing

out a road, damaging an access bridge, and taking out part of a spillway. Farms several hundred acres south of Fallon were affected by the breach that forced Truckee-Carson Irrigation District officials to shut down water deliveries through the V-Line, L-Line, and most of the A-Line canals. There were no injuries, and no homes were damaged after a large section of the V Line Canal collapsed about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, authorities said. The earthen channel takes water from the Carson River Diversion Dam below Lahontan Reservoir and delivers it to nearly 2,500 farmers and 30,000 acres of crops. Rushing water tore a 30-foot breach in the embankment and flowed into a separate channel that returns water from the canal into the Carson River. The force of the water surge eroded about 60 feet of the wasteway, uprooting trees and washed away a driveway and two commercial propane tanks. The cause of the failure was under investigation, said a spokesman for the Bureau of Reclamation. The levee failure was the second on the canal this year. A levee collapse January 5 in Fernley flooded or damaged about 600 homes.

Source:

<http://news.rgj.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080620/MVN01/806200406/1305/BIZ01>

50. *June 20, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Staffordville Dam needs repairs, officials say.** The Staffordville Dam is in need of immediate repairs by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Staffordville Reservoir needs to be drawn down a foot or more so the repairs can be made. Temporary repairs to fix a hole behind the dam spillway will start as soon as the water level is low enough to assess the problem and a plan is submitted to the state. “We don’t believe there is an imminent concern with the dam failing,” said a supervising analyst at the DEP’s inland water resources division. A worker at the TTM Technologies mill noticed the hole on Friday, and the company’s consulting engineers looked at it, the town’s first selectman said.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/news/local/nc/hc-stadam0620.artjun20,0,2343334.story>

51. *June 19, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Project stabilized Indianford Dam.** The weakest part of a dam is often the ground it is anchored in. That was the case when water bypassed a dam to carve a new channel that emptied Lake Delton recently, and that was the fear of Rock County officials last week at the Indianford Dam. Indianford’s dam is on the Rock River, downstream from Lake Koshkonong. It helps stabilize the lake’s level. These days, water pours freely through the dam, but the lake is well above flood stage. So there is a lot of water pressure on the dam and the land around it. County and Koshkonong Lake District officials became concerned last week that the water could rise and erode the saturated land between the dam and the nearby bridge, and that could lead to a Lake Delton-style breach. In the space of six hours Friday, workers built dikes on either side of the dam, said the Rock County Public Works director. So far, the dike is holding well. If the water did cut a new channel, Lake Koshkonong would drop much lower than anyone wants. Water would course downstream to Janesville and points south.

Source: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2008/jun/19/project-stabilized-indianford-dam/>

52. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Illinois; Iowa; Missouri) **Midwest flood victims feel misled by feds.** Amid the flooding across Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri some policymakers are demanding the government come up with more accurate, up-to-date flood-risk assessments, inform the public better of the dangers, and require nearly all homeowners to buy coverage if they live near dams or levees. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) relies on outside engineers whose job is to certify whether a levee can withstand a 100-year flood. If FEMA agrees with the certification, then the homes and businesses protected by the levee are not considered to be in a floodplain. That means homeowners living there do not have to buy federal flood insurance. However, some FEMA floodplain maps are 20 years old and seriously outdated, based on old evaluations of levees and river conditions. FEMA, which administers the National Flood Insurance Program, has spent almost \$1 billion since 2003 so far to modernize its maps, which are for insurance purposes, not to indicate people are safe. Moreover, some of this year’s floods exceeded the 100-year benchmark, including Gulfport’s flood, which was a 500-year deluge, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. FEMA said it is up to Congress to decide whether everyone whose home could be swamped by a breach of a levee or dam should be required to buy flood insurance. A senator has sponsored a bill passed by the Senate that would require just that. It would also require FEMA to assess the risks more accurately.  
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