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- According to the Associated Press, Nebraska and federal officials are trying to find out whether bovine tuberculosis has spread from a herd of beef cattle in Rock County, Nebraska. The outbreak was discovered three weeks ago during routine tests of cattle by a federal inspector at a slaughterhouse. (See item [19](#))
- ABC News reports that the suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of one soldier and the critical injury of another at a Little Rock, Arkansas Army recruiting booth on Monday was under investigation by the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force since his return from Yemen. (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 2, Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **23 small lightning fires continue to burn in county.** Twenty-three small fires were smoldering in Jackson County June 1 after a weekend of lightning strikes wreaked havoc throughout Southern Oregon. Crews remained wary on

June 1 as more thunderstorms moved in. A spokesman for Pacific Power said that of the more than 14,000 customers without power the evening of May 31, all but 40 had their electricity restored by the afternoon of June 1. Additional crews were brought in from Grants Pass to help out. Because of the erratic nature of the lightning strikes, individual transformers were knocked out throughout the valley, causing power outages to individual homes or small areas.

Source:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090602/NEWS/906020316>

2. *June 1, Greenwire* – (Indiana) **Duke ordered to close coal-fired units at Ind. plant.** A federal judge in Indianapolis has ordered Duke Energy Corp. to shut down nearly 40 percent of an Indiana power plant's capacity as part of an enforcement case that dates back to the Clinton administration. A U.S. District Court judge for the Southern District of Indiana ordered Duke to shut down three units at its Wabash River Station in West Terre Haute no later than September 30. The judge also ordered Duke to run those units at a reduced rate until they are closed and to surrender pollution allowances to account for the plant's sulfur dioxide emissions. Shutting down the three units at Wabash River Station will remove a combined capacity of 265 megawatts, or 39 percent of the plant's 677-megawatt capacity, according to Duke. The company had proposed a remedy that would have retired the three units by 2012. Duke will also be required to pay a fine of nearly \$690,000 and install emission monitoring devices at its Beckjord plant near Cincinnati.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2009/06/01/01greenwire-duke-ordered-to-close-coal-fired-units-at-ind-35951.html>

3. *May 29, Dow Jones Newswires* – (Louisiana) **Storm threat to Louisiana power grid looms over refiners.** Louisiana's electrical grid remains vulnerable to the storm-related outages that last year led to lengthy disruptions at many of the state's refineries. The lingering weakness of the power system is making refiners nervous and increases the likelihood of gasoline shortages and price spikes in the eastern half of the U.S. during the 2009 hurricane season, which officially lasts from June 1 through November 30. The Louisiana Energy User Group (LEUG), a trade association that includes many of the state's refiners, says the electric grid owned by Entergy Corp. (ETR) still lacks the necessary upgrades to prevent widespread outages during the upcoming hurricane season. "It's not only important to Louisiana, it's also a critical component of energy infrastructure across the Southeast," said LEUG's president. "The grid system is still in the same condition going into this summer pretty much as it was last summer." Entergy contends that improving the system is not as easy as flipping a switch. Making upgrades is costly and time-consuming, said an Entergy spokesman in Houston. But "Entergy does upgrade and improve its transmission lines," he said. A major Louisiana project will be announced soon, but he said he could not provide more details until then. Refinery shut-ins could lead to gasoline and diesel fuel price spikes this year because the plants have been running well below normal capacity levels. Therefore, the summer driving season is likely to draw down inventories, which usually act as a cushion when shut-downs occur. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that the 2009 Atlantic Hurricane season will have fewer storms than recorded in 2008. LEUG is

not the only stakeholder sounding off about the power grid. The Louisiana Public Service Commission, which is in charge of regulating utilities, is also looking into the issue. The state's governor has publicly said improvements are needed. In the immediate aftermath of Gustav, the governor said power was the one of the biggest issues facing the state. A better system could have sped up the recovery process, he said.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090529-710331.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *June 1, Salinas Californian* – (California) **Warehouse explosion; OSHA says chemicals were being mixed.** Officials continue to investigate the cause of a chemical explosion that ripped through the offices of a paint-mixing company in southeast Salinas on the evening of May 29, destroying half of a large commercial building on Dayton Street but causing only minor injuries to one man. Seventeen fire engines from Salinas, Soledad, Gonzales, and other Monterey County departments were dispatched to fight the resulting fire. It was under control late May 29. The explosion occurred around 6:45 p.m. when a man was mixing chemicals for water-based paints in a plant that makes children's paints, the Salinas fire chief said. A sign in front of the building said Excelligence Learning Corp. A California-OSHA public information officer said the employee was mixing hexamine, methelalcohol, and green dye before something went wrong. The man was treated and released on the scene. The fire chief said he expected no toxic hazards in the neighborhood, but that firefighters were taking precautions. "There are chemical issues on the ground," he said. "We believe they are contained but we're being cautious." A number of firefighters were stationed with hoses atop a neighboring building. About 55 firefighters responded, he said. On June 1, the county's health department said 3.5 miles of ditch with contaminated water has been dammed off. A spokesperson for the health department said they are testing the contents of the water with results to come June 2.

Source: <http://thecalifornian.com/article/20090601/NEWS01/90601028/1002>

See also:

<http://thecalifornian.com/article/20090530/NEWS01/905300313/1002/Explosion+rocks+Excelligence+Learning+Corp.+in+Salinas>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *June 2, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (California) **Unusual event: Smoke alarm in protected area lasting greater than 15 minutes.** Licensee at Diablo Canyon nuclear facility in California declared an Unusual Event due to a possible fire in the protected area inside containment. The smoke alarm could not be verified before 15 minutes, therefore licensee entered into EAL HU 2.1. There are 17 smoke detectors located inside the containment, and it is unknown if more than one smoke detector initiated the alarm. The local fire department was not requested to respond to the site. Licensee is sending personnel inside containment to investigate weather or not this

alarm was spurious. There is no indication of smoke or an increase in temperature in or around the containment. There was no radiological release to the environment.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45112>

6. *June 1, Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Environmental groups seek to overturn Oyster Creek nuclear plant license renewal.** Two months after the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Lacey Township won a 20-year extension of its license, a coalition of environmental and citizens groups have asked a federal court to overturn the decision. Citing inadequate information provided to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) about the plant's safety, the coalition wants a federal court to invalidate the relicensing of the 40-year-old facility "We are appealing the decision because the Nuclear Regulatory Commission did not have sufficient information available to it to decide whether Oyster Creek can operate safely for the next 20 years," said the coalition's attorney of the Eastern Environmental Law Center. The coalition is composed of the New Jersey Environmental Federation, the New Jersey Sierra Club, the Public Interest Research Group, the Nuclear Information Resource Service, and, Grandmothers, Mothers and More for Energy Safety (GRAMMES). They contend the continued operation of the plant, which stores 650 tons of radioactive waste in an above-ground fuel pool, is an unnecessary risk for the 3.5 million people who live within a 50-mile radius of Oyster Creek, which is the nation's oldest nuclear power plant. They said its safety record is the second worst of the nuclear plants throughout the country and its thermal releases into a nearby body of water create environmental problems for Barnegat Bay. The NRC issued the 20-year on April 8, the day before the plant's operating license was scheduled to expire. Its relicensing had all but been assured after the NRC on April 1 voted to dismiss a complaint by the coalition alleging the drywell liner, which encases the reactor and contains steam during an accident, is too corroded to enable the plant to operate safely. But officials at Exelon Generation Co. LLC, the plant's owner, said corrosion problems have been addressed with repairs and modifications since they were uncovered in the 1980s and 1990s. They said ongoing monitoring of the drywell and calculations of the walls' thickness keep them apprised of any potential issues.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/groups_file_appeal_to_overturn.html

7. *May 29, Associated Press* – (New York) **Push is on for full cleanup of NY nuclear site.** The push is on for complete decontamination of the West Valley nuclear waste site in western New York. A coalition of environmental, religious and political leaders has a little over a week left to make its case against a state and federal government plan to put off a final decision on the site for as long as 30 years. Public comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement closes June 8. On Saturday, supporters of a full cleanup will take to Lake Erie in boats to draw attention to the threat of radioactive contamination of the lake if nuclear waste is left at the Cattaraugus County site. West Valley housed the nation's first commercial nuclear reprocessing facility in the late 1960s and early 70s.

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *June 1, New York Times* – (Massachusetts) **Battery maker to open Massachusetts plant.** Boston-Power, a lithium-ion battery maker, is expected to announce plans to build a state-of-the-art battery manufacturing plant in Auburn, Massachusetts. The factory will produce several product lines, including rechargeable lithium-ion batteries for long-range electric vehicles. Company officials said the factory would create 600 new jobs at Boston-Power, and as many as 2,000 more jobs up and down the supply chain. Massachusetts is offering Boston-Power up to \$9 million in low-interest and forgivable loans, and the company has also applied for approximately \$100 million in federal stimulus money under a \$1.5 billion battery manufacturing initiative from the Department of Energy. Boston-Power is also expected to release on June 1 the first details of its new automotive battery technology, dubbed Swing. Swing batteries will be very similar in design to Boston-Power's Sonata computer batteries, which are said to be longer-lasting, faster charging, and less likely to catch fire than other lithium-ion batteries.

Source: <http://greeninc.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/01/battery-maker-to-open-massachusetts-plant/>

9. *May 30, Total Recall Info* – (National) **Mazda recalls 2009 Mazda3 vehicles.** Mazda is recalling 7,100 my 2009 Mazda3 vehicles equipped with dynamic stability control for failing to comply with the requirements of federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 126, "electronic stability control system." The yaw rate measured after completion of the sine with dwell steering input exceeded the test standards. This results in improper operation of the electronic stability control. Dealers will inspect and have the unit replaced free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule.

Source: <http://www.totalrecallinfo.com/freerecalls.php?id=11878>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *June 2, Aviation Week* – (National) **JSF refocusing on test-ready aircraft.** Joint Strike Fighter officials are refocusing the program on delivering test-ready aircraft following further delays to completing F-35s for development flight-testing. The shift will delay the first flight of aircraft still in production by up to three months, but is expected to enable faster flight-testing to recover some of the slippage. Aircraft were previously being flown once, and then grounded for modifications to incorporate design changes resulting from analysis and testing. The new JSF program executive officer, a Brigadier General, has asked Lockheed Martin to study the effect of rephasing the work to accomplish the modifications on assembly before first flight. The ferry flight to the test center at Edwards Air Force Base in California or Naval Air Station Patuxent River in

Maryland would become the new programmatic milestone. Instead of flying all the development F-35s by year's end, four of the aircraft would slip into 2010, he says, but Lockheed hopes to recover some of the delay by delivering fully modified aircraft into productive flight-testing.

Source:

<http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/JSF060209.xml&headline=JSF%20Refocusing%20On%20Test-Ready%20Aircraft&channel=defense>

11. *June 1, Aviation Week* – (California) **Global Hawk emergency prompts hard landing.**
U.S. Air Force Global Hawk unmanned air system (UAS) experienced an in-flight emergency May 28 during a test sortie at Edwards Air Force Base, California that resulted in a hard landing, according to service officials. The incident took place late in the evening, they say. The aircraft involved, which is parked on the dry lakebed at the base, is in the Block 20 configuration. This Global Hawk version has an extended wingspan and is designed to carry 3,000 pounds of payload. Air Force officials expect this configuration to eventually assume the high-altitude surveillance role now handled by the U-2. This was unfortunate timing for a flight incident; it occurred the night before Air Force officials briefed the incoming Pentagon acquisition czar on the Global Hawk program as part of a Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) review. USAF officials briefed him about the incident but drew no conclusions pending an investigation, according to a Pentagon official. The DAB is in the midst of establishing a new initial-operational test and evaluation plan for the Block 20/30 Global Hawk. At least a six-month slip is expected from earlier plans, which called for the testing to take place from August to November.

Source:

<http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/HAWK060109.xml&headline=Global%20Hawk%20Emergency%20Prompts%20Hard%20Landing&channel=defense>

12. *June 1, United Press International* – (Texas) **Sikorsky dedicates Texas facility.**
Sikorsky Aerospace Services announced the dedication of its new Texas-based facility designed to support helicopter blade repairs. U.S.-company Sikorsky, maker of the widely deployed UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, has dedicated its Composite Technology unit's new maintenance and repair installation at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Texas. The 152,000-square-foot building is designed to support helicopter blade repair and overhaul for a wide range of helicopter models. "This is a world-class blade repair facility that offers us greater efficiencies, which translates to faster repairs and lower costs for our customers," the Sikorsky Aerospace Services president said in a statement.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Security_Industry/2009/06/01/Sikorsky-dedicates-Texas-facility/UPI-83411243887944/

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *June 1, Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **More banks, clients targeted by phone scams.** A phone scam is sweeping through Tennessee. A recorded message states that it is calling from the F&M Bank and that an individual's account has been frozen. The recording then asks for an account number and PIN. Thousands of people in Clarksville have received harassing calls at home, at work and on their cell phones from a computerized system claiming to be a bank and asking for personal information. Recently, clients of First Federal Savings Bank and Fort Campbell Federal Credit Union joined clients of F&M Bank as local targets of the scam.
Source:
<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090601/NEWS01/906010332/1006/NEWS01/More+banks++clients+targeted+by+phone+scams>
14. *June 1, WLFI 18 Lafayette* – (Indiana) **Bank phone calls are statewide scam.** Over the weekend, many people received the following automated call: "This is a message from Salin Bank. Your card has been temporarily suspended because we believe it was accessed by a third party. Please press one now to be transferred to our security department." A West Lafayette detective recommended that the public never give any personal information over the phone. The detective said the robocalls claiming to be from Salin Bank are not just limited to the Lafayette and West Lafayette areas. "It is apparently a statewide scam. It is a spoofing of the caller ID where the caller ID is not where the call is originating from, and it is believed that it is coming from outside the US," she said. Salin Bank issued a news release on June 1 that stated that the bank will not contact customers by telephone or text message to request an account number. If you are a customer of Salin Bank who may have fallen victim to this scam, you can call Salin Bank at 1-800-320-7536.
Source:
http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local_wlfi_lafayette_bank_scams_060120091800
15. *May 31, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Congress funds mortgage fraud crackdown.** It may not have made a big splash on network news or in print, but for real estate it was the equivalent of a congressional declaration of war against mortgage fraud. Just as security and intelligence agencies were given huge funding boosts by Congress after 9/11, the FBI, the Justice Department, the Secret Service and the U.S. Postal Service have just gotten a combined \$500 million in new funding authority to investigate and prosecute individuals and companies who engage in mortgage fraud. The targets range from people who lie about their incomes on home mortgage applications to highly organized roving networks of "foreclosure relief" scammers who bilk money out of homeowners seeking mortgage modifications. Known as the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009, the legislation will fund new SWAT teams of fraud-busters and broaden federal legal powers to go after individuals and mortgage operations that currently get attention, if at all, only at the state or local levels. The law also creates a Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission with broad powers to investigate who and what got us into the real estate mess, starting with the subprime boom, Wall Street impropriety, and more recent bank failures.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/classified/realestate/news/la-fi-harney31-2009may31,0,3019413.story>

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Transportation Sector

16. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Continental flight makes emergency landing in Okla.** A spokeswoman for ExpressJet Airlines says a Continental Express jet with 53 people on board has made an emergency landing in Oklahoma. Flight 2916 diverted to Tulsa International Airport just after 9:30 a.m. June 1 after the three-member crew said they were having a “pressurization problem.” Firefighters and ambulances were called to the scene but reported no injuries. The spokeswoman said the original plane is being examined by maintenance personnel to determine what caused the cabin pressure to drop.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i8_ioOULaO86HkebF4dQvm72HAawD98I3K180

17. *May 30, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Wetlands restoration could find dry hole.** The much-heralded, \$86 million restoration of the San Dieguito wetlands may have hit a snag. Southern California Edison and the North County Transit District (NCTD) are at odds over how to cover the cost of reinforcing a wooden railway bridge that spans the coastal site. The agencies agree that the Del Mar structure will need to be strengthened once Edison dredges the tidal wetlands near the fairgrounds this fall, the final piece of the restoration project. Part of the wetlands needs to be dredged to allow the San Dieguito River to more easily flow into the Pacific and to fully restore tidal conditions to the area. An Edison spokesman said several hundred cubic yards of sand need to be removed from under the bridge alone. The single-track structure, just west of Interstate 5, spans more than 1,000 feet and serves Amtrak and the NCTD’s Coaster commuter train. A study commissioned by Edison concluded that the dredging would contribute to the deterioration of the bridge, but that several existing forces, including salt air and wood pests, already play a major role in its wear and tear. The utility argues that a cost-sharing agreement to shore up the bridge seems only fair, since the dredging would not be the overriding cause of its deterioration. An NCTD spokesman said recently that the agency wants to eventually replace the bridge with a concrete span.

Source: <http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/may/30/1mc30bridge202140-wetlands-restoration-could-find-/?northcounty&zIndex=107878>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *June 1, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Surprise courthouse evacuated over unknown substance.** Surprise City Court in Arizona was shut down on June 1 following an

evacuation. The court at 16081 N. Civic Center Plaza was cleared at about 2:40 p.m. after a worker opened a piece of mail that contained a gray, crumbly substance, said the assistant fire chief in Surprise. One person was taken to the hospital and three others were treated at the scene after complaints of itching eyes and noses. About 25 people were at the courthouse when it was evacuated. A hazardous-materials team that responded to the scene was unable to determine the identity of the substance, the assistant fire chief said. Fire officials plan to send a small amount of the substance to a testing facility and it could take several days to learn just what it was, the assistant fire chief said.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/westvalley/articles/2009/06/01/20090601gl-nwvevacuate0601-ON.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Nebraska cattle herd tests positive for bovine TB.** Nebraska and federal officials are trying to find out whether bovine tuberculosis (TB) has spread from a herd of beef cattle in north-central Nebraska's Rock County. The herd has been quarantined and officials say the Nebraska Department of Agriculture is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) also want to find out how the disease was introduced to the herd. The outbreak is unwelcome to the state's roughly \$10 billion cattle industry, which started the year with 6.35 million head. A spokesman for an industry group, the Nebraska Cattlemen, said it is too early to worry too much. "We don't know the extent of the infection," said executive vice president of the Nebraska Cattlemen. "Is it one herd, is it three herds? It's far too early to say what the effect might be." At stake is the state's tuberculosis-free designation from the USDA. Were that to change, Nebraska producers shipping cattle to other states might have to prove their cattle are disease-free — an expensive proposition when margins are already tight, said the vice president. A spokeswoman for the State of Nebraska said the outbreak was discovered three weeks ago during routine tests of cattle by a federal inspector at a slaughterhouse. She said she did not know where the slaughterhouse was located. The cow-calf herd was placed in quarantine as soon as officials could trace back the cattle to the producer, but she did not know how many days passed before the connection was made — hence the concern about possibly infected cattle being shipped elsewhere. The spokeswoman said the USDA makes the final determination on whether to kill an entire herd. The other option is continued quarantine and testing. An entire herd would have to have eight consecutive clean tests before the quarantine could be lifted, a process that could take years.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g-Ss18sZ5KvhQjwReuBIOADRhYCQD98IEJ7G2>

20. *June 1, KGMB 9 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Ammonia leak at Campbell Industrial Park.** Honolulu fire hazardous materials teams responded to an ammonia gas leak at a cold storage warehouse in Campbell Industrial Park on June 1. Roads were closed for about four hours and opened at 8:30 a.m. The chemical spill out of Campbell Industrial Park

cleared out workers. Officials say the leak came out of the Hawaii Logistics Services building.

Source: <http://kgmb9.com/main/content/view/17967/245/>

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Water Sector

21. *June 1, L'Observateur* – (Louisiana) **Vacherie businessman facing more than 90 felony charges/DEQ alleges illegal dumping of wastewater.** A Vacherie businessman facing more than 90 felony counts of environmental violations was arrested on May 27 by criminal investigators from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), according to a spokesman for the department. The owner and operator of Armant Environmental Services LLC, a water treatment company, is accused of routinely dumping loads of untreated wastewater on the ground and bypassing the treatment facility at the plant, said a DEQ spokesman. The charges allege that the owner knowingly allowed the illegal discharges of untreated water from his business into the Mississippi River. He is also accused of submitting false documents and statements to DEQ pertaining to the dumpings, a violation of the company's Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit. According to a release from the St. James Sheriff's Office, the owner faces 89 felony counts of intentional violations of an LPDES permit and seven counts falsifying documents pertaining to an LPDES permit. If convicted, the owner faces fines between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for every day he was in violation as well as the potential for three years of jail time for each violation committed.

Source:

<http://www.lobservateur.com/articles/2009/06/01/news/doc4a20218c97927865655041.txt>

22. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Tunnel problem delays new KingCo sewage plant.** Work on a \$1.8 billion sewage treatment plant has been stalled by the breakdown of a machine boring a tunnel in the Kenmore area north of Seattle. The King County Wastewater Treatment Division says it will take months to make the repairs because of the difficulty working 320 feet below ground. The 13-mile tunnel will carry treated sewage from the plant near Woodinville to Puget Sound. The Seattle Times reports the plant's planned opening in 2010 had already been pushed back to late 2011 before this problem.

Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/northwest/story/867758.html>

23. *June 1, San Mateo County Times* – (California) **Utility fined for spilling chemicals into Polhemus Creek, killing steelhead trout.** A private utility that provides drinking water to the city of San Mateo has been fined for spilling chemicals into Polhemus Creek, killing more than 30 protected steelhead trout. Although the incident occurred nearly two years ago, the California Water Service Co. was slapped with a \$199,350 fine last

week from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for the fish kill and for failing to report the problem until local biologists noticed dead fish in the creek, according to the complaint. The water board said at least 32 steelhead trout, a federally protected threatened species, died in September 2007 after two incidents in which the water purveyor accidentally spilled about 93,000 gallons of chloraminated drinking water into Polhemus Creek after a machine malfunctioned. Polhemus Creek flows through a watershed east of Crystal Springs Reservoir and is a main tributary of San Mateo Creek. It was only after SFPUC biologists began noticing the dead fish and alerted Cal Water about the magnitude of the chemical spill that the water company took action, according to the complaint. A Cal Water spokeswoman said the computer problem that triggered the chemical spill has long since been resolved as part of a \$500,000 upgrade to the water tank in question, near Polhemus Creek.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_12491133?source=most_email

24. *May 30, Park Rapids Enterprise* – (Minnesota) **High nitrates result in closed well.** A Park Rapids city well has been closed due to high nitrate levels in the water. Other wells in the city had nitrate levels below the maximum contamination level and continue to supply the city's water. The high nitrate levels in the closed well appear to be from area farms that use fertilizers, said a Ulteig Engineers representative. He said there have been discussions with producers in the area, including R.D. Offutt Co. and Becker Farms about ways to alleviate nitrate contamination and some changes have already been made. But it may take years before those changes will be seen in the water, he said. Park Rapids has fairly shallow wells, he said. They are about 50 to 70 feet deep. It is recommended that the city have a deeper well where there would not be nitrate contaminants, he said.

Source:

<http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/articles/index.cfm?id=17649§ion=news>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *June 2, Washington Post* – (National) **MedImmune wins key contract to develop swine flu vaccine.** Federal health officials, racing to respond to a potential swine flu pandemic that has already sickened thousands of people around the world, awarded a major contract on June 1 for a vaccine to Gaithersburg, Maryland-based MedImmune. The \$90 million deal comes less than two weeks after Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) officials said they were setting aside about \$1 billion to test and purchase vaccines for the national stockpile to fight the unusual virus strain, called swine-origin influenza A (H1N1). Under the contract with HHS, MedImmune will continue to make its seasonal FluMist vaccine and also develop a vaccine targeted specifically at the H1N1 virus that has prompted world health officials to raise the pandemic alert level to the fifth of six stages. Health officials say that H1N1 has sickened more than 15,000 people, killing 99, in 53 countries. MedImmune began working at hyper speed on a vaccine shortly after the outbreak grabbed world attention five weeks ago.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/01/AR2009060101608.html>

26. *June 1, Portland Oregonian* – (National) **Portland scientists pursue West Nile virus vaccine.** This week, Oregon Health & Science University and partners said they have been awarded a \$7.3 million federal grant to develop a safe and effective shot for people. OHSU, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and Najit Technologies, Inc., a Portland biotech firm, are readying a candidate vaccine for clinical trials within three years. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases awarded the grant. Najit Technologies' approach uses a less damaging chemical to kill the viruses used to make vaccines. The goal is to leave viral proteins more intact so that the immune system can correctly recognize and mount a protective response to the live virus.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2009/06/portland_scientsts_pursue_west.html

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *June 1, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Federal building is evacuated because of suspicious package.** Several hundred people were evacuated from the U.S. Transportation Department headquarters building in downtown Washington, D.C. on Monday while police and firefighters investigated a suspicious package that turned out to be harmless, authorities said. The two-hour evacuation, which began about noon, was triggered by the discovery of an unattended cardboard box in a second-floor bathroom of the building in the 1200 block of New Jersey Avenue SE, D.C., a fire department spokesman said. He said authorities ordered the building cleared after noticing a strong odor of diesel fuel coming from the box. He said the small box apparently had been soaked in fuel but was empty. How it came to be in the bathroom was not immediately clear, he said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/01/AR2009060102011.html>

28. *June 1, ABC News* – (Arkansas) **Recruiter shooting suspect under FBI investigation.** The suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of one soldier and the critical injury of another at a Little Rock, Arkansas Army recruiting booth on June 1 was under investigation by the FBI's Joint Terrorist Task Force since his return from Yemen, ABC News has learned. The investigation was in its preliminary stages, authorities said, and was based on the suspect's travel to Yemen and his arrest there for using a Somali passport. The 24-year old suspect had changed his name after converting to the Muslim faith. "At this point it appears that he specifically targeted military personnel, but there doesn't appear to be a wider conspiracy or, at this point in time, any indication that he's a part of a larger group or a conspiracy to go further," the Little Rock police chief said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=7730637&page=1>

29. *June 1, Lake North Tahoe Bonanza* – (Nevada) **Bomb threat at Reno high school results in two arrests.** Washoe County School District Police have made two felony arrests of students who police believe made bomb threats on May 22 and May 28 at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno, Nevada, police said Monday. According to a WCSD press release, one of those apprehended is an adult, 18, who was jailed on \$25,000 bail. According to the release, there have been five bomb threats made between May 21 through May 29 against Damonte Ranch High School. One threat required the school to be evacuated for a short period of time. WCSD School Police have been actively investigating all threats made. “We consider these threats — and any threats — made against our students, staff and schools to be extremely serious. Those who make them need to realize that we will make every effort to find and arrest anyone who makes them,” said a police lieutenant. School Police continue to investigate the cases which remain and expect more arrests as investigations continue, the release reads.

Source:

<http://www.tahoebonanza.com/article/20090601/NEWS/906019991/1061&ParentProfile=1050>

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *June 1, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **City’s new hurricane command center in disrepair.** While New Orleans’ new emergency operations center was supposed to be open on Monday, June 1, it is currently empty as hurricane season begins. “Unfortunately there’s been some problems with getting that work done,” the city’s emergency preparedness chief said. Inside the current New Orleans EOC, which is much smaller than some others in the metro area, the chief addressed the media about his office’s readiness for this storm season. Despite the holdup, he said the city’s emergency response teams are ready for this hurricane season. But with no guarantees the new EOC will be ready before the height of storm season, they will have to work with what they have.

Source:

<http://www.wwltv.com/topstories/stories/wwl060109cbcommand.3cd807fa.html>

31. *June 1, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **County 911 scrutinized.** The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) expects to issue a written report soon regarding emergency-dispatch operations at Erie County’s public-safety building. A PEMA spokeswoman said the agency does not have an exact timetable for the report’s release. PEMA has launched its outside review of the way emergency dispatching and call-taking is handled at Erie County’s public-safety building in Summit Township. The County’s Public Safety Director said the state agency began interviewing public-safety employees and reviewing the center’s technology “about two weeks ago.” County government asked for the third-party review after questions were raised within and outside of county government in recent weeks about how effectively emergency calls are being dealt with at the center.

Source:

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090601/NEWS02/306019960/-1/NEWS>

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Information Technology

32. *June 2, CNET News* – (International) **Thought the Conficker virus was bad?**

Gumblar is even worse. ScanSafe, a computer security firm, has been tracking the progress of the worm since its arrival on the scene in March, according to CNET. Originally, the attack spread through infectious code that was planted in hacked Web sites and then downloaded malware from the gumblar.cn domain on to victims' computers. But that was just the opening salvo. As Web site operators cleaned their pages of the code, Gumblar replaced the original material with dynamically generated Javascript (Web site code that is created on the spot instead of being completely determined beforehand — a key element of Web apps like Gmail) that is much harder for security software to detect and remove. The evolved version also went about adding new domains to the list of sources for downloading its malware payload, including liteautotop.cn and autobestwestern.cn, and began exploiting security holes in Flash and Adobe Reader. The worm also searches out credentials for FTP servers (a method for uploading files to a Web site) on a victim's computer, using them to infect additional Web sites. It is not clear how many sites Gumblar has infected, but security firms seem to agree that it accounts for about 40 percent of all new malware infections right now. According to ScanSafe in just the first two weeks of May over 3,000 Web sites were compromised and spreading the worm. Most sites have been quick to clean up the infections as best they can, but, even if all the infected pages were removed, Gumblar would still have an army of infected PCs to inflict further damage.

Source: <http://www.switched.com/2009/06/02/though-the-conficker-virus-was-bad-meet-gumblar/>

33. *June 1, CNSNews.com* – (National) **Obama plans Internet czar to help protect**

against cyber attacks. Declaring that cyber security is both a national defense and an economic issue, the U.S. President announced on May 29 his plan to keep government and commercial information on the Internet safe from cyber criminals or terrorists. "Our defense and military networks are under constant attack," he said. "Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups have spoken of their desire to unleash a cyber attack on our country, attacks that are harder to detect and harder to defend against. Indeed, in today's world, acts of terror could come not only from a few extremists in suicide vests but from a few key strokes on the computer, a weapon of mass disruption." He pointed abroad to what cyber attacks can do as the "future face of war." A White House report released on May 29 detailed plans for naming a cyber security coordinator or "cyber czar"; forming partnerships with state and local governments as well as the private sector; focus on training and education to meet security needs; and working with other countries to determine ways to secure networks. The report also called for working closely with civil liberty and privacy groups to ensure that the government does not apprehend an individual's information.

Source: <http://www.cnsnews.com/public/content/article.aspx?RsrcID=48855>

34. *June 1, CNET News* – (International) **‘Best Video’ scam on Twitter dropped malware.** Twitter users were hit with another attack over the weekend featuring tweets reading “Best Video” and a link to a Web site that downloads malware, a security firm said on June 1. The Web site, with a .ru (Russia) domain, purports to show an embedded YouTube video. Instead, the page downloads a malicious PDF that contains a “flurry of exploits” and if successful downloads fraudware that displays a fake security warning to try to get people to pay money, according to Kaspersky’s Viruslist.com blog. Contrary to earlier reports that the attack was a worm, the Kaspersky blog post speculates that the attackers were using accounts stolen in a phishing attack that occurred recently. Thousands of Twitter users were affected by what looked like a worm-like phishing attack recently, but was instead a site designed to help Twitters increase their number of followers quickly. The TwitterCut site looked like a Twitter log-in page and prompted people to type in their user names and passwords. Site administrators denied the phishing allegations and said they were shutting it down, according to the TrendLabs Malware Blog. “This attack is very significant,” the Kaspersky post says of the latest attack. “It would seem that at least one criminal group is now exploring the distribution of for-profit on Twitter. If the trends we have seen on other social platforms are any indicator for Twitter, then we can only expect an increase in attacks.”
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-10253507-83.html

35. *June 1, SC Magazine* – (International) **Microsoft Office 2000 users warned of potential malware attacks as final patching date announced.** Microsoft has warned Office 2000 users that it plans to withdraw patch updates from the middle of July. According to Network World, Microsoft supports business software for a total of ten years by policy, half in ‘mainstream’ support and the second half in the more limited support, with security updates delivered for the entire ten year stretch. Microsoft said: “This move will allow us to provide a more simplified and consistent experience for users across Microsoft products.” Also being removed from the Patch Tuesday update list will be Office Update and Office Inventory Tool. Microsoft has urged system administrators that still use Office Inventory to switch to its Windows Server Update Services (WSUS). The European director of Fortify Software, said: “That date is, of course, Patch Tuesday, so Office 2000 users can expect their last security patches for this still-popular version of Office to be issued on that date. From that date onwards, however, if any security threats are discovered with this version of Office, no patches or updates will be issued.” He claimed that organizations using custom Office extension applications should avoid the temptation to carry on using Office 2000 due to the likelihood of malware being injected into the unpatched holes.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/Microsoft-Office-2000-users-warned-of-potential-malware-attacks-as-final-patching-date-announced/article/137749/>

36. *June 1, PCINews.com* – (International) **Don’t become a victim of the Firefox ‘nstextframe::cleartextrun()’ remote memory corruption vulnerability.** Mozilla Firefox, casually called “Firefox,” is basically a free and open source web browser. It is a fast, full-featured Web browser with a streamlined browser window that displays a

number of features that work with the user to help get the most out of the user's time online. Unfortunately, Mozilla Firefox is prone to various types of vulnerabilities. A remote memory-corruption vulnerability announced at the end of April was discovered in the nsTextFrame::ClearTextRun function in layout/generic/nsTextFrameThebes.cpp Mozilla Firefox version 3.0.9. This specific vulnerability can be exploited by remote attackers to compromise a user's system. If this type of vulnerability is exploited successfully, it will enable the attacker to execute arbitrary code within the context of the affected browser or crash the browser, denying service to legitimate users. This vulnerability is found in the 'nsTextFrame::ClearTextRun()' function of the 'layout/generic/nsTextFrameThebes.cpp' script. This security issue appears when the HTML Validator add-on is enabled. The vulnerability is caused by an unsuitable call to 'free()', which results in a pointer to point to deallocated memory. A remote user is able to design specially crafted HTML that, while loaded by the target user, will trigger a memory corruption error in nsTextFrame::ClearTextRun() and possibly execute arbitrary code on the target system. The code will run with the rights of the targeted user.

Source: <http://www.pc1news.com/news/0678/mfx-nstextframe-cleartextrun-remote-memory-corruption-vulnerability.html>

37. *June 1, PC1News.com* – (International) **Are you safe enough? Serious vulnerability found in Trend Micro Officescan.** A serious vulnerability has been found in Trend Micro OfficeScan Client. Not long ago, the security issue was confirmed and refers to version 8.0 SP1 Patch 1. Other versions might be affected as well. This is extremely worrying due to the fact that this particular vulnerability may allow for attackers to create a denial of service attack, in other words, crash a targeted application. This particular vulnerability is called the Trend Micro OfficeScan Client Folder Name Denial of Service Vulnerability. Local attackers could exploit this vulnerability in order to terminate the NTRtScan.exe process and temporarily disable the real-time scanning protection by scanning a specially crafted directory including overly long pathnames. By performing such evil actions, malicious users are able to create denial of service attacks, as was mentioned in the first paragraph of this article. This vulnerability has been rated as low risk. Some of the file components of Trend Micro OfficeScan include but are not limited to the following: svc_au32.exe, tavupdui.exe, tavsvc.exe.

Source: <http://www.pc1news.com/news/0680/are-you-safe-enough-serious-vulnerability-found-in-trend-micro-officescan.html>

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Communications Sector

38. *June 1, Press Republican* – (New York) **Verizon to add 10 cell towers in the northern region.** Verizon Wireless plans to install 10 new cell-phone towers in the North Country this summer. “They will go up throughout the region; we’ll have them turned on by the end of the year,” a Verizon spokesman said June 1. All of the planned towers are new construction, he said, expanding the company’s northern cellular telephone network to 90 towers, 26 of which are in the Adirondack Park. Proposed tower locations are under review by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) in Westport, Town of Wells, Duane, Queensbury, Wilmington, and Keene Valley. A Verizon tower was recently approved for construction on land owned by Paul Smith’s College. Another approved area includes a Verizon tower along Route 73 in Keene. Four towers of a 13-tower Verizon network planned along the Adirondack Northway are already operational, with a site approved by the APA for Poke-O-Moonshine in Chesterfield slated for construction this summer. Fully activated Verizon towers located in Schroon, Schroon Falls, Lewis and North Hudson improved communications this winter along a stretch of Adirondack Northway where there was previously little or no signal. The director of Essex County Emergency Services cautioned that some stretches of I-87 still remain without cell-phone signal.
Source: http://www.pressrepublican.com/homepage/local_story_152221259.html
39. *May 31, Hewlett-Packard* – (International) **HP to discuss datacenter challenges at Data Centre Strategies Middle East.** Research1 conducted by HP shows that data centers across Europe are critically close to exceeding their limits, with the majority having reached 82 percent of their full capacity. The results further reveal that a vast majority of chief information officers (CIOs) are addressing this issue in the short term through data center rationalization and consolidation programs. These challenges will be discussed at the Data Centre Strategies Middle East in Abu Dhabi from June 2-3. “While increased pressure is being placed on CIOs to deliver more business services at a reduced cost, data centers are approaching the limits of their energy, cooling and space resources,” commented the managing director of HP Middle East.
Source: <http://www.tradingmarkets.com/.site/news/Stock%20News/2352188/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Louisville Zoo train wrecked despite daily checks.** A miniature train that derailed on June 1 injuring 22 people at the Louisville Zoo in Kentucky underwent daily inspections and passed a state examination this passed January, according to safety officials. The zoo reopened at its normal time the following morning while state investigators worked to figure out why the ground-level train derailed. The train ride however, which loops two miles around the zoo, remains closed. A child was critically injured when three open-air cars and the engine fell off the tracks. A spokesman for the state said, the ride operator must test and inspect the ride daily and confirmed that the ride was inspected the morning of the derailment, prior to the zoo’s opening. A zoo spokeswoman said details about the daily inspection procedures were unavailable June 2 because of the ongoing investigation into the crash. The zoo said the attraction has been around for about 40 years but the train that derailed was bought in

2000. Officials said there were about 30 people on board when the train derailed.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jdYy6Xopz9IGfxL0Mh1fFzHuJ26gD98IJOM80>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

41. *June 1, Roseburg News-Review* – (Oregon) **Reedsport levee needs certification.** Just one month before the levee failure that left most of New Orleans under water, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a memorandum related to levee protection. Essentially, FEMA officials wanted to make sure levees across the country could provide the level of protection for which they were designed, said the chief of the risk analysis branch at FEMA's Northwest region office. But FEMA officials hope to prevent destruction seen in Hurricane Katrina in the future by requiring engineer certification of any levee shown to provide protection for a 100-year flood. One such levee exists in the city of Reedsport, and the new certification requirement has city officials scrambling to find funding for the inspection. Without the certification, FEMA will remap the Reedsport area as if it had no levee at all. As a result, more of the city would be considered flood prone and residents' and businesses' insurance rates would climb. Even with the city's July certification deadline approaching, the Reedsport city manager said he is still optimistic the city will find funding. The national memorandum gives communities with levees two options for acquiring certification: either hire a qualified professional engineer or a qualified federal agency, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the FEMA chief said. FEMA then gives city officials 24 months to complete the certification and submit necessary documentation to FEMA. Once that 24-month designation period elapses, FEMA proceeds with the mapping process. Levees that have not been certified within the given time frame will then be considered nonexistent in the new maps, he said.

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