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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- KSWB 5 San Diego reports that a student was arrested on suspicion of setting off 12 crude homemade chemical bombs in trash cans at San Ysidro High School in San Diego, California on June 5, prompting an hour-long lockdown at the campus but causing no injuries or property damage. (See item [23](#))
- According to IDG News Service, T-Mobile is investigating a claim that a massive amount of internal data has been stolen from the telecommunication operator's servers, a company spokesman said on Monday. (See item [31](#))

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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 8, KYMA 11 El Centro* – (California) **Firefighters battle flames at renewable energy plant.** Thick black smoke is surrounding the renewable energy plant owned by the Imperial Valley Resource Recovery company in the city of Imperial. Imperial County fire fighters are controlling the fire that started Saturday afternoon. "You could

see the height of the stack we are starting to pull the stack down to increase the oxygen,” said the fire captain. Currently, there is only one crew on the scene, but the captain said several departments assisted them throughout the night. Firefighters do not know the cause of the fire, but they say the flames spread fast because wood chips were burning. The captain said the plant has shut down, but workers are helping protect the equipment. “There’s wood chips in the hoppers right now, all they are doing is keeping those all wet so that any ash that could fly off if the wind were to pick up doesn’t get in the hoppers,” he said. No one was hurt, but 50 percent of the wood chip inventory was damaged.
Source: <http://www.kyma.com/slp.php?idN=2331>

2. *June 7, Reuters* – (Alaska) **Tesoro Alaska refinery process unit shut.** Tesoro Corp shut a process unit at its 72,000 barrel per day (bpd) Kenai, Alaska, refinery last week due to an electrical equipment problem, the Peninsula Clarion newspaper reported on its website Sunday. A Tesoro representative was not immediately available to discuss refinery operations. The Clarion Peninsula reported that the electrical equipment was being repaired and there was no interruption to the refinery’s ability to supply its customers.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN0728159420090607>
3. *June 5, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Coakley seeks \$4.6M fine for utility after storm.** The Massachusetts attorney general said that the power company Unitil should pay \$4.6 million in fines for its botched response to a December 2008 ice storm that knocked out electricity for thousands. All of Unitil’s 28,500 Massachusetts customers lost power in the storm. One in five had no power a week later, and more than 1,000 had no electricity for 12 days or more. In a statement, Unitil called the proposed fine “unreasonable and unprecedented” and “severely disproportionate” to its role in the outages. The attorney general’s office said it found numerous problems with Unitil’s storm preparation, including an emergency response plan that was insufficiently reviewed and tested and a failure to invest in any system to help restore power during an outage. Most disturbingly, the attorney general’s office said, during the outage Unitil did not try to contact 65 critical care customers whom it knew depended on electricity for survival.
Source:
http://news.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2009_06_05_Coakley_seeks_4_6M_fine_for_utility_after_storm/

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *June 5, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Chemical spill on NE 410 closes lanes.** A chemical spill on the Northeast Side prompted police to close down lanes on a section of Loop 410. The spill happened around 4:00 p.m. on the eastbound lanes of Loop 410 near Perrin Beitel Road, San Antonio, Texas. According to a San Antonio Police Department spokesperson, 700 gallons of asphalt seal coat spilled onto the highway. HazMat was

called to the scene to assist with the cleanup. Three lanes on eastbound Loop 410 remained closed as of 4:30 p.m.

Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Chemical-spill-on-NE-410-closes-lanes/Hb6mq1gY6kSQ6eJi2kD-WA.csp>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *June 8, Reuters* – (New York) **Entergy NY Indian Point reactor up to 56 pct power.** Entergy Corp's 1,025-megawatt Indian Point 3 nuclear power unit in New York was at 56 percent power early June 8, up from 25 percent of capacity early June 5, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in its power reactor status report. The unit, in Buchanan, New York, about 45 miles north of New York City, shut in late May to fix a control oil system a day after exiting an outage due to high vibration on one of the two main boiler feed pumps.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0826416420090608>

6. *June 8, Morris Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Tritium leak discovered at Dresden.** Dresden Generating Station plant workers performing monthly environmental monitoring identified tritium in a localized area near the center of plant property. Exelon Nuclear officials, who on June 6 publicly announced the find, also notified state and federal authorities over the weekend after the tritium in water samples was confirmed. "While this is not a public or employee safety issue, we're committed to being forthright, clear and concise with our neighbors about the status of our plant operations," Dresden Site vice president said. Station experts are working to determine the tritium source, performing additional sampling to verify that the tritium is contained to the areas where it was found and taking steps to minimize overall impact to the area. There is no indication that tritiated water left station property. The plant maintains an extensive environmental monitoring program, including routine water sampling from 71 on-site dedicated monitoring points designed to detect unusual levels of tritium in the environment. Prior to the sampling done last week, none of the wells contained higher than normal background levels of tritium.

Source: <http://www.morrisdailyherald.com/articles/2009/06/08/46203996/index.xml>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *June 7, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **3-alarm fire at Warrington factory.** Firefighters were called to the scene of a factory fire on the 200 block of Valley Road in Warrington at around 7:00 p.m. on June 7. Bucks County Radio confirms the fire originated from Flexible Circuits, a maker of circuit boards. Hazmat crews were called to the scene due to materials in the building containing harmful chemicals that may surface within the smoke. Residents near the area of Street and Valley Roads were told to stay indoors and keep their windows and doors closed as smoke filled the sky. At 10:32 p.m., the fire was placed under control.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=6852967>
8. *June 6, Air Force Times* – (National) **Spy planes due in Afghanistan are late.** The Air Force's delay in deploying MC-12W spy planes to Afghanistan could hamper a summer offensive planned against the Taliban, a spokesman for the Secretary of Defense said. The first MC-12W arrived in theater June 1, but 23 others scheduled to deploy later this year have fallen as much as four months behind schedule. "It's a real concern. ... There will be a lag between when these thousands of additional forces hit the ground [in Afghanistan] and when additional [intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance] capabilities will be available to them," the spokesman said. "Whatever the reason is for the delay, the secretary wants to see these aircraft in theater as soon as possible and put to work because it is a matter of life and death for these guys." MC-12W prime contractor L-3 Communications has opened three production lines to speed up delivery. L-3 Communications teams also have been working 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the beginning to speed up delivery, said L-3's vice president of special programs. Delays to the MC-12Ws were caused in part by the nontraditional development of the aircraft. The Air Force bought used models for the first seven MC-12Ws, while models eight through 31 — with an extended range — will be built by Hawker Beechcraft specifically for the Air Force. The first seven models will be able to fly three to four-hour missions while the extended range MC-12Ws will fly five to six-hour missions.
Source: http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/airforce_spycraft_060609w/
9. *June 5, WIRED* – (National) **Hot-breathing Osprey sparks five-acre fire.** An unfortunate incident last month when a MV-22 Osprey was damaged in a grass fire is just the latest indication that the tilt-rotor's fearsomely hot exhaust can cause real problems; it can even damage ships' decks. In the official version, the aircraft landed due to mechanical problems at 7 p.m. in Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County, North Carolina. When it was preparing to take off, the heat from the exhaust ignited the grass underneath it. News stations, however, say that fire-fighters did not bring the blaze under control until 11 p.m., implying a larger conflagration that could not be put out by one man with a portable extinguisher. A few fires are one thing, but the hot exhaust can also cause trouble on board a ship, where it can warp steel. It was discovered that on smaller deck amphibious ships, heat from the downward-pointing nacelles could potentially warp the stringers [horizontal structural beams] underneath the deck plates. An Aviation Week story quotes a man familiar with the situation as saying, "We're concerned with heat on the LPD and LSD decks because the steel is so thin," adding that

the service has “worked through that challenge.” There are two suggested solutions. One is to angle the nacelles forward rather than leaving them vertical, which would allow the aircraft to remain for about half an hour. The alternative is to add deck plates which would give ninety minutes of protection.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/06/hot-breathing-osprey-sparks-five-acre-fire/#more-13377>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 8, MX Logic* – (International) **Man pleads guilty in brokerage account hacking scheme.** A 23 year-old suspect has pleaded guilty to charges of money laundering in connection with a scheme to steal funds from hacked brokerage accounts. Prosecutors said the suspect would receive fund transfers from hacked accounts in bank “drop accounts” he had set up. He would then wire the funds to co-conspirators in Russia using remittance services. The scheme involved infecting brokers’ PCs with Trojan horse software that would steal account numbers and passwords from the brokers when they logged in over the internet. A co-conspirator in the identity theft fraud allegedly used the stolen passwords to access accounts to sell securities and then transfer funds to drop accounts set up by the suspect. The suspect would then wire the stolen funds to Russia. The co-conspirator is believed to be in Russia and out of reach of U.S. law enforcement, according to IDG News Service. Investigators used an unnamed informant to catch the co-conspirator and another man charged in the scheme in the act. The informant set up an account under investigators’ control to which the co-conspirator wired funds stolen from two Charles Schwab brokerage accounts in July 2007. The suspect agreed in his plea arrangement to return \$112,000 he made as part of the fraud. Source: <http://www.mxlogic.com/securitynews/identity-theft/man-pleads-guilty-in-brokerage-account-hacking-scheme859.cfm>
11. *June 8, Bank Info Security* – (Massachusetts) **Bank teller charged in fraud scheme.** A former bank teller in Massachusetts has been charged with fraud and aggravated identity theft in a \$270,000 fraud scheme. The FBI investigation led to a 25-year-old who worked as a bank teller at a Bank of America branch in Peabody, Massachusetts. The suspect was indicted in U.S. district court on 17 counts of bank fraud, one count of access device fraud, and two counts of aggravated identity theft. The crimes allegedly took place from July 2005 to June 2006, according to the Acting U.S. Attorney. The suspect used his position as bank teller to get access to the accounts and personal data of bank customers who deposited money at the branch he worked from November 2004 to February 2006. The suspect then sold the stolen account information to others, who used the data to make unauthorized withdrawals from customers’ accounts, states the indictment. The suspect shared the proceeds of the unauthorized withdrawals, approximately \$270,000, with the others. Unauthorized withdrawals ranged from \$2,800 up to \$38,100 and hit bank customers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey, says the indictment. Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=1521

12. *June 5, Investment News* – (New York) **Ex-Credit Suisse broker charged with \$1B fraud jumps bail.** A former Credit Suisse Securities LLC broker indicted in a \$1 billion auction rate securities scandal has vanished, federal authorities say. The suspect — along with another former Credit Suisse Securities broker — was scheduled to stand trial this month to face fraud charges filed by the U.S. attorney’s office for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn. However, the prosecutors today officially told a federal judge that the suspect has been missing since May 9. He was expected to plead guilty before standing trial June 22. In September, the U.S. attorney’s office for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan charged both men with securities fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy. Going back to 2004, the suspect misled investors who thought that they were buying auction rate securities that were backed by student loans, when in fact the securities were backed by collateralized debt obligations that were linked to subprime mortgages, according to the indictment.

Source:

<http://www.investmentnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090605/REG/906059966>

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Transportation Sector

13. *June 8, USA Today* – (National) **Pilots in crashes had failed multiple tests.** In nearly every serious regional airline accident during the past 10 years, at least one of the pilots had failed tests of his or her skills multiple times, according to an analysis of federal accident records. In eight of the nine accidents during that time, which killed 137 people, pilots had a history of failing two or more “check rides,” tests by federal or airline inspectors of pilots’ ability to fly and respond to emergencies. In the lone case in which pilots did not have multiple failures since becoming licensed, the co-pilot was fired after the non-fatal crash for falsifying his job application. Pilots on major airlines and large cargo haulers had failed the tests more than once in only one of the 10 serious accidents in this country over the past 10 years, according to a USA Today review of National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) accident reports. At a time when fatal aviation accidents have become increasingly rare, regional carriers have had four since 2004, compared with one by a major airline. The NTSB has voiced concern about a loophole in a law requiring airlines to check pilots’ records when hiring. The 1996 Pilot Records Improvement Act orders airlines to check pilot records from previous employers, but that does not cover failures that occurred while a pilot was in flight school.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2009-06-07-regional-pilots_N.htm

14. *June 7, Aviation Herald* – (Florida) **American A306 near Miami on Jun 6th 2009, hydraulics leak.** An American Airlines Airbus A300-600, performing flight AA-803 from Miami, Florida to Port Au Prince, Haiti was about 5 minutes into the flight, when the crew leveled the airplane off at 16000 feet to troubleshoot a technical problem and finally decided to return to Miami due to a low pressure indication in one hydraulics system. The airplane landed safely about 30 minutes after departure. Mechanics found a low fluid quantity and subsequently a leak in that system. The flight had to be cancelled.

Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=41acb1f0&opt=0>

15. *June 5, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Light-rail train, bus collide; 8 sent to hospital.** Metro light rail experienced its most serious crash to date June 4 when a train and a Valley Metro bus collided in downtown Phoenix and sent eight people to local hospitals with minor injuries. The crash was the 22nd of the year and a setback for Metro's improving safety record. After averaging nearly five crashes a month, Metro's last crash was May 15. The June 4 crash happened at 6:38 a.m. at First Avenue and Washington Street. Both the train and the bus were traveling south. The Route 8 bus made a right turn across the path of the tracks to continue its run down Washington Street when it collided with a two-car train carrying about 30 people. Metro reported moderate damage to the front left of the train and the rear of the bus. Video footage indicated the train operator saw a vertical white-bar traffic signal, meaning the train was clear to travel through the intersection, a Metro spokeswoman said. The same footage showed the bus driver had a red turn arrow, she added. In none of the previous 21 crashes this year has Metro been held at fault. In almost every case, motorists have been cited, usually for failure to obey a traffic signal.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2009/06/05/20090605rail-crash0605.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *June 5, Eudora News* – (Kansas) **Two more drano bombs explode in Eudora mailboxes.** Two more mailbox bombs made with liquid Drano and aluminum foil exploded on June 4 in Eudora, Kansas. Residents in the area notified police on June 5 of an explosion that occurred between 8 and 10 p.m. Thursday night. Members of the Eudora Police Department found the remnants of an explosive device in the mailbox of a residence at the location. The occupants were not present at the time of the explosion. A mail carrier found a second detonated bomb in a mailbox just beyond the Eudora city limits. On Thursday afternoon, the Olathe bomb squad detonated a bottle filled with the same substance after it was found in another mailbox. The Eudora police chief met with officials from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service who have offered to help with the ongoing investigation. The police chief said he believed the three incidents are connected.

Source: <http://www.eudoranews.com/news/2009/jun/05/two-more-explosive-devices-found-eudora-mailboxes/?breaking>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *June 5, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Recall notification**

report: Class I recall — wholesale level. Cameco, Inc., a Verona, New Jersey, establishment is recalling approximately 79,312 pounds of various fully cooked, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products because the products may contain under-processed ham components after contacting surfaces of equipment. The fully cooked, ready-to-eat meat and poultry products were produced on May 29, 2009 and June 1, 2009, and were distributed to wholesale distributors in Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia. The distribution of the products was limited only to wholesale distributors; none of these products are available to consumers. The problem was discovered by the company. Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/RNR_029_2009/index.asp

18. *June 5, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Second case of bovine TB found.** Another animal with bovine tuberculosis (TB) has been found in a quarantined north-central Nebraska cattle herd. Nebraska state agriculture director said on June 5 that authorities have given TB tests to the entire herd at the Rock County operation, but so far only one additional animal was diagnosed with the disease. Tests after it was killed confirmed the diagnosis. The first case was detected more than three weeks ago by a federal inspector at a slaughterhouse, after the animal was killed. He condemned the carcass so it would not enter the food chain, a Nebraska official said. Experts say bovine TB can not be contracted from eating meat from an infected animal, but the beef industry is taking no chances. “We err on the side of an abundance of caution,” the director said, so consumers can be certain of a safe food supply.

Source: http://www.omaha.com/index.php?u_page=1208&u_sid=10646863

19. *June 5, Des Moines Register* – (National) **Search intensifies after ash tree pest’s larva found near Elkader.** An emerald ash borer larva was reportedly discovered on a tree at Osborne Welcome and Nature Center near Elkader, Iowa, but state investigators have not confirmed an infestation. The search will ramp up in the coming weeks, when more traps will be placed in the area, a state entomologist said. So far, no larvae or damage has turned up in the Osborne area. Clayton County, one of the state’s top producers of forest products, has an estimated 6.6 million ash trees. The entomologist said the emerald ash borer, a pest that can kill ash trees across broad areas, is probably in Iowa already, but scientists have not confirmed that. If an infestation turns up, the state has a plan to help fight the spread. Already, the state has asked people not to bring firewood from other states into Iowa. A public meeting on the larva discovery will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 16 at the Osborne center. WSBT 22 South Bend reports that the USDA has already put Indiana and Ohio, Illinois and Michigan on the quarantine list, which issued limits on the interstate travel of ash trees and their wood — used commonly as firewood because of the risk for contaminating non-affected sites. All hardwood firewood like oak, maple and beech fall under this regulation. The insect is now in 14 states and parts of Canada, and officials from Indiana’s Department of Natural Resources say millions of ash trees are at risk.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20090605/NEWS/90604054/-1/NEWS04>

See also: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/46847582.html>

Water Sector

20. *June 8, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Gasoline in sewer line causes explosion in Park Township.** A sewer line explosion the night of June 4 in Park Township was the result of gasoline being pumped into the township’s sanitary sewer system. The subsequent ignition, which blew manhole covers off the street, caused damage to condominiums in the area. The incident occurred at Anchorage Marina when less than 22 gallons of gasoline was discovered in the sewer storage portion of a boat, said the township supervisor. When it was realized what had happened, attempts were made to pump the gasoline out and that is when it was pumped into the sanitary sewer system, the supervisor said. Pumping gasoline into the sewer system is a violation of the township’s sewer ordinance. Damage from the ignition affected the nearby Anchorage Condominiums. “They were able to segregate and contain the sewage flow with gasoline in it,” she said. She said it did not appear there was serious damage to the sewer line, but it is possible a scope could be used to check the lines. “We were very lucky there were no injuries. No boats were damaged from the explosion,” she said.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x726832179/Gasoline-in-sewer-line-causes-explosion-in-Park-Township>
21. *June 4, Occupational Health and Safety* – (Idaho) **Idaho mine operator pays for NPDES permit violations.** Hecla Mining Company, operator of the Lucky Friday Mine and Mill near Mullan, Idaho, will pay a \$177,500 fine for violations of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater permit. The silver, lead, and zinc mine exceeded its permit limits for lead, zinc, cadmium, and total suspended solids between September 2008 and February 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said. Discharges from the facility enter the South Fork Coeur d’Alene River. In addition to assessing these civil penalties, EPA issued an administrative order to Hecla requiring the company to upgrade the Lucky Friday wastewater treatment system and achieve full compliance with its permit this week.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2009/06/04/idaho-mine-operator-pays.aspx>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *June 7, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Deputies shoot, kill suspect in E.R.** Sheriff’s deputies opened fire in a hospital emergency room on a patient armed with a knife early Sunday morning at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, California. Contra Costa County sheriff’s officials said the man tried to attack two deputies with a knife before they shot and killed him. They later backed away from that statement, saying they need more time to interview all of the witnesses in order to determine exactly what happened. Authorities say the 47-year-old man brought himself to the hospital complaining of chest pains. Sources tell ABC7 he appeared to be intoxicated. The man was being treated by a nurse in a private room when he pulled out a knife and threatened her. Two sheriff’s deputies on guard as ER security heard the nurse scream and responded to the room where they both fired their guns.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=6852960

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *June 6, KSWB 5 San Diego* – (California) **High school student arrested for suspicion of bomb threat.** On June 6, San Diego police officials released the name of an 18-year-old high school student who was arrested on suspicion of setting off 12 crude homemade chemical bombs in trash cans at San Ysidro High School the afternoon of June 5, prompting an hour-long lockdown at the campus but causing no injuries or property damage, authorities said. The suspect was booked at San Diego Central Jail on June 5 with a bond set at \$860,000, according to jail records. The suspect faces felony charges of detonating explosives and possessing bomb-making materials, authorities said. The suspect who planted the makeshift explosive devices was under arrest within an hour of the explosions, which occurred about 3:15 p.m. in a patio area, according to San Diego police and fire officials.

Source: <http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/kswb-sanysidro-bomb,0,3345693.story>

24. *June 5, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National) **Former State Department official and wife arrested for serving as illegal agents for Cuba for nearly 30 years.** A former State Department official and his wife have been arrested on charges of serving as illegal agents of the Cuban government for nearly 30 years and conspiring to provide classified U.S. information to the Cuban government. An indictment and criminal complaint unsealed June 5 in the District of Columbia charge the 72 year-old suspect and his 71 year-old wife with conspiracy to act as illegal agents of the Cuban government and to communicate classified information to the Cuban government. Each of the defendants is also charged with acting as an illegal agent of the Cuban government and with wire fraud. According to the affidavit, the suspect told the source that he typically removed information from the State Department by memory or by taking notes, although he did occasionally take some documents home. According to the affidavit, he also acknowledged delivering information to the Cuban Intelligence Service that was classified beyond the “Secret” level. The affidavit further indicates that an analysis of the suspect’s classified State Department work computer hard drive revealed that, from August 22, 2006, until his retirement on October 31, 2007, he viewed more than 200 sensitive or classified intelligence reports concerning the subject of Cuba, while employed as an INR senior analyst for Europe. Of these reports concerning Cuba, the majority was classified and marked Secret or Top Secret, the affidavit alleges.

Source: <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2009/June/09-nsd-554.html>

25. *June 5, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **Suspicious package at Mahopac High determined to be unharmed.** A backpack containing wires and batteries that was found outside the main office at Mahopac High School in Mahopac, New York, on June 5, forcing the evacuation of the high school and two other nearby schools, was not harmful, police said. The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, which handled the call, summoned a crew from the Westchester County Bomb Squad, which determined the package to be innocuous.

Source:

<http://www.lohud.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090605/NEWS/906050403>

26. *June 5, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Turlock school evacuated because of suspicious package.** Police evacuated Julien Elementary School and some neighboring Turlock High School buildings in Turlock, California, on June 5 after a librarian saw a suspicious package and the school office got a threatening phone call. Julien office staff received a telephone call Friday morning, during which the voice on the other end said “boom” and hung up, police said. The Julien librarian had noticed a suspicious Target bag minutes earlier. Some nearby streets were closed.

Source: http://www.modbee.com/1618/story/732258.html?storylink=omni_popular

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *June 8, Washington Post* – (National) **GAO cites FEMA preparedness gaps.** Almost four years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has failed to clarify the responsibilities of different agencies that would respond to such disasters, according to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office. One result is that FEMA lacks assurances that the agencies have improved preparedness since the deadly hurricane in August 2005 exposed numerous flaws in the nation’s readiness for large-scale catastrophes. Among the gaps revealed by the disaster were confusion about the roles of federal, state and local officials; limitations in the help provided to those with special needs, such as nursing home residents; and problems providing food, water and other goods to victims. The GAO report, which was released last month, finds that while FEMA has made progress in developing such a system, it lacks a plan for assessing improvements. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, said in its response to the GAO report that it generally concurs with the recommendations and is already taking steps to improve.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/07/AR2009060702165.html>

28. *June 6, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Thief gets away with police officer’s guns.** A Honolulu Police officer’s department-issued gun, rifle and ammunition remain in the hands of a thief. According to Honolulu Police sometime between two and three on Friday afternoon someone broke into an off-duty officer’s subsidized vehicle while it was parked in a parking lot. Police reports reveal the officer’s handgun and rifle were taken, along with his ammunition, holster and I.D. Police issued an all points bulletin in search of the suspect, but no one has been found. Residents and business owners in Kailua say they are concerned for their safety.

Source: <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Thief-Gets-Away-with-Police-Officers-Guns/mOovutaAgEuI7Hdz-6R0iw.csp>

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Information Technology

29. *June 6, The Register* – (International) **Adobe's quarterly patch cycle to commence Tuesday.** Adobe Software's new quarterly patch cycle will commence on Tuesday with an update that patches a severe vulnerability in some versions its Reader and Acrobat products. The program is part of a push by Adobe to beef up security after complaints earlier this year that the software maker was too slow in plugging security holes in its software, which runs on the vast majority of machines running Windows, Mac OS X and Linux. The quarterly release, which will coincide with Microsoft's Patch Tuesday, is designed to make life easier on people administering large fleets of computers. Up to now, Adobe has issued security updates on an ad hoc basis that frequently fixed a critical vulnerability in one version but not others.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/06/06/adobe_quarterly_patch_release/

30. *June 5, The Register* – (International) **Pondlife scammers abuse Air France tragedy.** Cybercrooks are once again taking advantage of current events to push malware. Prurient interest in the recent death of an actor is being used to promote Twitter updates containing links to sites punting rogueware. The attack is the latest in a string of assaults over the last week or so that abuse the Trending Topics feature of Twitter to promote scareware. Meanwhile, search engine result poisoning is being used so that searches involving the disappearance of Air France Flight 447 off the coast of Brazil point to scareware affiliate Web sites. The complex attack uses multiple site redirections, as explained in a blog posting by Trend Micro.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/06/05/scareware_soc_eng/

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

31. *June 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **T-Mobile investigates alleged data breach.** T-Mobile is investigating a claim that a massive amount of internal data has been stolen from the telecommunication operator's servers, a company spokesman said Monday. On Saturday, a message about T-Mobile was posted to the Full Disclosure mailing list by people who wrote they had unsuccessfully tried to sell the data to T-Mobile's competitors. They wrote they had pitched the information to the wrong e-mail addresses, but were now willing to sell the data to anyone. Full Disclosure describes itself as an un-moderated forum where people can post information on security vulnerabilities. "We have everything — their databases, confidential documents, scripts

and programs from their servers, financial documents up to 2009,” read the message. “We are offering them for the highest bidder.” The hackers then included a raft of data that showed information on operating system versions, applications and IP (Internet protocol) addresses allegedly collected from T-Mobile’s systems. The strings of information listed vendors such as Tibco Software, SAP, Centivia and Teradata whose software T-Mobile supposedly uses. Whether the message is a hoax or real is still not clear.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9134090&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

32. *June 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Rogue ISP shut down by the FTC.** A district court judge has ordered Pricewert, a company incorporated in Oregon, to cease all operations after the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed a complaint against it for knowingly and actively collaborating with cybercrooks, to whom it offered various Internet services. Pricewert, which is headquartered in Belize City, operates as an Internet Service Provider business under various aliases including Triple Fiber Network (3FN), APS Telecom, APX Telecom, and APS Communications. In its complaint against Pricewert, the FTC alleges that the company “recruits and colludes with criminals seeking to distribute illegal, malicious and harmful electronic content via the Internet.” The illegal content includes viruses, trojans, phishing and spam websites, botnet control and command servers, as well as illegal explicit adult material. “Pricewert offers these criminals a full service Internet hosting facility that welcomes content no legitimate Internet Service Provider would ever willingly host,” the FTC notes. In addition to offering hosting services, company representatives are being accused of actually assisting cybercrooks in configuring and deploying botnets (armies of infected computers). Such activity is revealed by logs of ICQ chats in Russian between 3FN’s Head of Programming Department or Senior Project Manager and some of the company’s shady customers. After considering the complaint, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, San Jose Division, granted the motion for a temporary restraining against Pricewert and ordered all of its upstream providers to immediately cut it off the Internet in order to prevent the cybercriminal gangs from moving their illegal content. Additionally, the company’s assets have also been frozen in order to cover potential damages, if proven.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Rogue-ISP-Shut-Down-by-the-FTC-113454.shtml>

33. *June 4, United Press International* – (National) **Scientists conduct data center heat study.** U.S. researchers are using a simulated data center to develop new methods to reduce the heat generated by large computer equipment. Georgia Institute of Technology scientists said about a third of the electricity consumed by large data centers does not power computer servers, but instead must be used to cool the servers, a demand that continues to increase as computer processing power grows. The Georgia Tech scientists are using a 1,100-square-foot simulated data center to optimize cooling strategies and develop new heat transfer models. Their goal is to reduce the portion of electricity used to cool data center equipment by as much as 15 percent. “Computers convert electricity

to heat as they operate,” said a professor. “As they switch on and off, transistors produce heat, and all of that heat must be ultimately transferred to the environment. If you are looking at a few computers, the heat produced is not that much. But data centers generate heat at the rate of tens of megawatts that must be removed.” He said five years ago, a typical refrigerator-sized server cabinet produced about one to five kilowatts of heat. Today, high-performance computing cabinets of about the same size produce as much as 28 kilowatts, and machines now being designed will produce twice as much heat. Summaries of the research have appeared in the Journal of Electronic Packaging and International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2009/06/04/Scientists-conduct-data-center-heat-study/UPI-22301244150231/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *June 8, Associated Press and KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Southlands mall stays closed after tornado strike.** The majority of an Aurora mall in Denver, Colorado remains closed as cleanup efforts continue after a tornado damaged roofs, overturned benches, and injured a man on June 7. A Southlands Shopping Center spokeswoman says most of the property will remain closed on June 8 as damage continues to be assessed. Firefighters say a man was hospitalized with serious injuries he suffered while taking photographs outside the mall. Officials also reported gas leaks at the shopping center. The tornado was one of five across the state. The others were east of Boulder near Lafayette, and east of Denver in Bennett, Deer Trail and Byers.
Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/weatherupdates/southlands.mall.tornado.2.1035558>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

35. *June 7, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Gila National Forest wildfires grow, fanned by weekend winds.** Weekend winds fanned the flames of three fires, all believed to be caused by lightning strikes that have been burning in the Gila National Forest over the past 10 days. A Gila National Forest spokeswoman said crews had increased efforts to keep the fires under control. The fires had been left burning to clear brush. The largest blaze, the Diamond Fire, has burned about 8,500 acres. The Willow fire has scorched 3,000 acres, and the Meason Fire has claimed 1,200 acres. More than 229 crew members are battling the three fires. Air tankers and helicopters are dropping fire retardant. No structures are threatened and there have been no evacuations.
Source: http://www.kdbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=10492511&nav=menu608_2_3

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Dams Sector

36. *June 4, ICIS News* – (Texas) **‘Ike Dike’ could spare Houston petchem plants from storm damage.** Houston-area politicians are considering a proposal to build a 17-foot-high sea wall along 60 miles of the upper Texas coast, potentially limiting damage to the hub of the U.S. petrochemical industry from storms such as last September’s Hurricane Ike, the idea’s originator said on June 4. The proposed “Ike Dike” — named for the storm that caused \$32 billion in damage to the greater Houston area — could protect almost all of the Galveston-Bolivar Peninsula area from water and storm surge damage from future hurricanes, said the Texas A&M University at Galveston oceanographer who first proposed the wall several months ago. “People don’t realize that about 50 percent of the country’s petrochemicals and about 25 percent of its oil comes up from the Houston Ship Channel,” he said. “If traffic there is affected, it becomes truly a national problem, not just a Texas problem.” Damage to the region would have been minimized if the wall had been installed before Ike hit. The hurricane cut much of the area’s chemical production for weeks, and months in some cases. The president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, a local business group, said conversations have been held with Houston-based chemical leaders the idea has received widespread support so far. “[The chemical industry] is the next real big push we’re going to make to get onboard,” he said. With a wall, chemical companies would not have to dedicate as many resources to making their facilities hurricane-resistant, he said.

Source: <http://www.icis.com/Articles/2009/06/04/9222530/ike-dike-could-spare-houston-petchem-plants-from-storm-damage.html>

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