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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The New York Times reports that suicide bombers rushed a small truck packed with explosives through the gates of the five-star Pearl Continental hotel in the northwestern city of Peshawar, Pakistan on Tuesday. The death toll was reported to have risen to 16 on Wednesday. (See item [39](#))
- According to CNN, a lone gunman wounded a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday before being injured by return fire. (See item [42](#))

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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 10, Reuters* – (International) **Chevron confirms fire at Nigerian oil facility.** Chevron confirmed on June 10 reports that there had been a fire at its Utonana production facility in the Niger Delta on June 9. Nigeria's main militant group said on June 10 that it had attacked a Chevron-operated facility in the Niger Delta, but the

military denied an attack had taken place. Chevron said production at the facility had been shut down before the incident.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSLA60304320090610>

2. *June 9, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Fire out at Valero St. Charles refinery.** An early morning fire in a vacuum unit at Valero Energy Corp's 185,000-barrel-per-day (bpd) St. Charles, Louisiana, refinery was quickly extinguished, according to a spokesman with the St. Charles Parish Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Department. There were no injuries reported due to the fire, the spokesman said. The fire was out about a half hour after being reported.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN0938481920090609>
3. *June 8, Pensacola News Journal* – (California) **Gulf Power studying substation fire.** Gulf Power Co. is looking into what may have caused a large voltage regulator to malfunction and catch fire at a substation on June 7, causing a major power outage. About 4,500 Pace customers were without electricity for six to seven hours the afternoon of June 7 because of the fire at the Pace electric substation on East Spencer Field Road near White Lane. Gulf Power has a team of people investigating how the fire began, which may take several days to determine, a company spokeswoman said. "We want to know how it started...this is very unusual," he said. "It's a very large piece of equipment, and very expensive to replace. They will have to take apart the regulator and basically use forensics."
Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20090608/NEWS01/90608015>
4. *June 6, Daily News Miner* – (Alaska) **Aurora Energy working to correct fire damage.** Aurora Energy crews are working overtime repairing equipment damaged in a coal fire in the First Avenue power plant the afternoon of June 4. "We still don't know the cause of the fire," Aurora Energy president said. "From the general area where it started, it could be more than one thing." The fire was focused in the upper level conveyors, which carry the coal supply from the railroad yard across the Chena River. Plant crews are focusing their attention on making repairs in order to get coal back into the plant, he said. Equipment damaged by the fire or the water used to put out the fire is being taken apart and repaired. Half of the 60-year-old power plant never went offline even as firefighters from the city and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Fire Department battled the blaze on June 4. "The fire never interrupted heat delivery nor did we stop making electricity," he said. "We did curtail delivery to Golden Valley (Electric Association) since we don't have the ability to get coal into the plant. We have to run at a low level because we don't want to run out of coal right now and have to shut it down."
Source: <http://newsminer.com/news/2009/jun/06/aurora-energy-working-correct-fire-damage/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 10, Lancaster Eagle Gazette* – (Ohio) **Drill to help emergency crews hone their**

skills. It is not uncommon for tanker trucks with hazardous materials, such as chlorine or ammonia, to make their way through Fairfield County. The trucks often pass through the area without incident. But in the event a tanker truck were to hit another vehicle, spilling the hazardous material in the street, the result could be dangerous for residents. This is the scenario emergency response teams will deal with June 9 during a hazardous materials, or Hazmat, exercise at Rising Park in Lancaster, Ohio. The State Emergency Response Commission requires local emergency response teams to participate in these types of exercises once a year. There are about six incidents a year involving hazardous material spills in Fairfield County, said the Fairfield County Emergency Management director. “The most hazardous spills would be chlorine or ammonia spills,” he said. Members of the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office, the Lancaster Police Department and Fairfield Medical Center are among the agencies that will participate in the annual exercise. They will respond to the fictitious scenario the same way they would if it were an actual emergency.

Source: <http://www.lancastereaglegazette.com/article/20090610/NEWS01/906100302>

6. *June 9, KYPPost.com* – (Ohio) **Worker injured in chemical plant explosion.** An employee is in the hospital after he was badly burned in an explosion at a local chemical plant on June 8. The explosion happened just before midnight at Emery Oleochemicals in St. Bernard, Ohio. According to police, it happened in an area where fatty acids were stored and mixed with hydrogen. Police say a hydrogen tank exploded, igniting a fire in the plant. Both Cincinnati and St. Bernard firefighters worked together to quickly extinguish the flames. Officials say there was only minimal damage to the building, but a worker was reportedly knocked unconscious in the explosion. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.kypost.com/content/wcposhared/story/Worker-Injured-In-Chemical-Plant-Explosion/CKaVyMqt9k--sKJv1mr2Og.csp>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *June 10, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Louisiana) **Door for secondary containment boundary left open.** This notification is being made pursuant to NRC regulation, any event or condition that at the time of discovery could have prevented the fulfillment of the safety function of structures or systems that are needed to mitigate the consequences of an accident. On June 9, personnel at the River Bend Station in Louisiana discovered that a normally closed auxiliary building door was open. This door serves as part of the secondary containment boundary. At discovery, immediate action was taken to close the door. This action restored the secondary containment to the design configuration. Investigation determined that the door was last accessed at 12:42 p.m. on June 9 and was most probably left open at that time. Further action is being taken to investigate the cause of the event. Secondary containment leak tightness is required to ensure that the release of radioactive materials from the primary containment is restricted to those leakage paths and associated leakage rates assumed in the accident

analysis, and that fission products entrapped within the secondary containment structures will be treated by the Standby Gas Treatment System prior to discharge to the environment. With the subject door being open, the function of secondary containment would be impacted. A second door is located in the same exterior passage way as the secondary containment door found open. This door was closed during the period of time the secondary containment door was open. This second door serves a security function. However, it potentially could serve to perform the secondary containment function. An evaluation is being performed to determine the actual impact of the condition on the secondary containment function. However, based on the identified condition, this report is being made as a condition that could have prevented fulfillment of a safety function. The licensee has notified the NRC Resident Inspector.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45119>

8. *June 9, Platts* – (New York) **NRC sends special inspection team to Ginna.** NRC has sent a special inspection team to the Robert E. Ginna nuclear facility in New York to look into recent failures of the plant's turbine-driven auxiliary feedwater pump, the agency said June 9. The pump tripped twice during quarterly testing May 26, after which Constellation undertook troubleshooting and maintenance, NRC said. A Constellation spokesman said in a June 9 interview that the pump is working "fine" after replacement of some parts and other adjustments. The pump is now being tested weekly rather than quarterly, he said. Also, the NRC issued a notice of violation June 8, saying plant personnel did not lubricate the pump's governor linkage as required in March 2008, resulting in the pump's failure during testing in December 2008. The violation was rated by the NRC as a "white" finding, the next-to-lowest level in the agency's reactor oversight process, indicating "low to moderate" safety significance. Constellation officials told NRC staff at a May meeting that the company will not contest the violation or significance finding. The NRC said in the June 8 notice that it will schedule a supplemental inspection, in addition to the special inspection, "to provide assurance that the root cause and contributing causes of risk significant performance issues are understood, the extent of condition is identified, and the corrective actions are sufficient to prevent recurrence."

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7894596.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *June 10, Reliable Plant* – (South Carolina) **BMW manufacturing expansion nearing completion.** It has been over one year since BMW Manufacturing announced it would invest \$750 million in its upstate South Carolina factory to add 1.5 million square feet. Since that time, design, engineering and construction crews have been busy constructing the new 1.2 million square foot assembly facility and have added 80 percent, or 300,000 square feet, to the existing paint shop. This investment is the largest ever announced for the Spartanburg County factory, increasing investments of the BMW Group in its South Carolina operations to nearly \$4.6 billion (total investment for BMW through 2008 is

\$3.9 billion). The new assembly facility is now fully enclosed and equipment is being installed. Expansion construction to the existing Paint Shop is also complete and new equipment is being tested. A new one-third mile conveyor system has been constructed to connect the expanded paint shop to the new assembly hall. In the expanded paint shop area, BMW has added several new technologies, many borrowed from other BMW plants, including the Leipzig plant in Germany. One such technology is a new RoDip system. This new conveyor system represents a breakthrough in paint conveyor technology for pre-treat and e-coat processes. Previously, BMW Manufacturing used a pendulum system, similar to a ski lift, which carried the car along a rail and lowered it under the water. The new RoDip system rotates the entire vehicle 360° through each process tank. This reduces the amount of chemicals that are removed from the tank and reduces chemical and dirt deposits inside the vehicle.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=18091&pagetitle=BMW+Manufacturing+expansion+nearing+completion>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *June 10, Air Force Times* – (National) **Air Force to buy 15-ton bombs from Boeing.** The Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, announced on June 8 the service will buy 20 massive bombs designed to destroy hard targets or targets deep underground. At 30,000 pounds, the Massive Ordnance Penetrator, developed by the Air Force and Boeing, promises to be the largest guided bomb flown on any bomber. Five bombs will be used for tests. The price is still being negotiated and a contract with Boeing should be signed by the end of this year. Development plans call for flight tests to begin by June 2011. Only the B-2 Spirit bomber will be able to carry the 30,000 weapon, which will use Global Positioning System signals or inertial guidance to find their target.

Source: http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/airforce_big_bomb_060909w/

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *June 9, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Two California men accused of \$80 million Forex scam.** Two federal agencies accused two California men and two companies they controlled of allegedly running an \$80 million Ponzi scheme that targeted Korean-American investors. The Securities and Exchange Commission said the two suspects attracted about 500 investors in the U.S., South Korea and Taiwan but rather than trading their money in the Forex market, used new investments to pay cash “returns” to earlier investors. They also were accused of using investors’ money for their personal use, including mortgage payments on one of the suspect’s multimillion-dollar home. The two promised annual returns of up to 36 percent from foreign-currency

trading. The SEC is seeking an emergency court order to freeze the men's assets as well as requiring them to repay ill-gotten gains and pay financial penalties. The agency said that in the last year of operation, the defendants took in about \$22 million in new funds before they shut down.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124457789446599209.html>

12. *June 9, Tampa Bay Business Journal* – (Florida) **SEC charges defunct firm, Howard Scala, others with fraud.** The Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint charging Wall Street Communications Inc., a Tarpon Springs company that was dissolved in March, and the president of Wall Street Communications, with securities fraud. Two other individuals also were charged in the case, a filing in the Tampa division of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida said. In the complaint, the SEC alleged that from at least January through December 2004 Wall Street Communications, described as a financial public relations firm, and the president acquired large blocks of stock in thinly traded microcap companies. Wall Street Communications acquired the stock for little or no consideration, based on agreement to find buyers for the shares in exchange for part of the sale proceeds, the complaint said. The SEC charged that Wall Street Communications and the president created a market for the shares through spam e-mails touting the stock, as well as by coordinating manipulative trading with brokerage accounts controlled by a resident of Peoria, Arizona, also charged in the case. The complaint said that after creating an artificially inflated market for the stock, Wall Street Communications and the president dumped the shares, reaping tens of thousands of dollars in profit.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/stories/2009/06/08/daily32.html>

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Transportation Sector

13. *June 10, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S. plane with bathroom fire diverts to Halifax.** An American Airlines Boeing 767-300 with 194 passengers and 12 crew members aboard, en route from New York City to Europe was diverted on June 9 to a Canadian airport after a fire was reported in a bathroom. Officials for the airline and the Federal Aviation Administration said Flight 64 landed safely at 7:15 p.m. at an airport in Halifax, Canada, after the pilot declared an emergency due to smoke in the mid-cabin. The plane had departed from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York at 5:55 p.m. EDT bound for Zurich, Switzerland. A Halifax Stanfield International Airport spokesman said the smoke was traced to a fan motor in the bathroom. All passengers got off safely, but one was taken away by ambulance to hospital, he said.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jZgzzsrCoMe4-GC8vwK5Ipi7-USQD98NICI81>

14. *June 10, CNN* – (New York) **New security to get test with New York rail commuters.** Commuters on the New York-New Jersey Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) rail system will have added security screening June 10 as part of a month-long pilot program, according to a news release from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The screening system is called the Passive Millimeter Wave. The Transportation

Security Administration (TSA) and the Port Authority stress that there is no current threat to the mass transit system, nor do they anticipate delays for commuters from the new technology, which has already been tested at several other transit locations. The Passive Millimeter Wave “detects threats by analyzing the energy generated by the human body,” according to a TSA spokesperson. The camera-like device displays an image for operators, and “an indicator produces a strength bar from green to red that indicates the presence/absence of anomalies that could have security implications, including the possible presence of explosives,” according to the TSA Web site. The TSA and the Port Authority emphasize that the device is non-invasive and completely safe. The Port Authority’s news release explains that all PATH passengers are subject to the pilot security screening, and passengers who do not want take part must leave the station.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/06/09/new.york.rail.security.screenings/>

15. *June 9, Associated Press* – (International) **2 A330 airlines distance themselves from sensors.** Several airlines flying the type of plane involved in the Air France crash said June 9 they use a different brand of airspeed sensor than those aboard the doomed flight, distancing themselves from instruments seen as a possible factor in last week’s accident. At the same time, other carriers that use probes similar to those on the flight — including Delta Air Lines Inc. and the Middle East’s Qatar Airways — said they are working to upgrade the devices on dozens of Airbus planes. Focus on the sensors known as Pitot tubes intensified after Air France issued a statement last week saying it was in the process of replacing the instruments on the Airbus A330 model. The cause of Air France Flight 447’s crash on May 31 remains unclear. But one theory is that the sensors became iced over and gave incorrect readings. That could have caused the plane to fly either too slow or too fast. The sensors aboard the plane were made by France’s Thales Group and had not yet been replaced. A Thales spokeswoman confirmed the company made the Pitot tubes on the jet that crashed. The defense and aerospace manufacturer did not provide details on the devices or say how many other planes use them. Emirates, the Middle East’s largest airline and one of the biggest A330 operators, said the Pitot tubes aboard its planes were made not by Thales but by U.S. manufacturer Goodrich Corp. of Charlotte, North Carolina. “We have not experienced any issues with our probe units,” said an Emirates executive vice president for engineering and operations.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i3jUeyNyq8Ncn83m0t4WJuse2mvQD98N9VH00>

16. *June 9, Anchorage Fire Department* – (Alaska) **AFD responds to Alaska Airlines chemical spill.** Shortly after 3:00 a.m. June 9, 11 Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) units responded to the scene of a reported chemical spill. Employees on location and Airport Public Safety Dispatchers reported a forklift had run over a formaldehyde container in the Alaska Airlines Cargo Hanger. Airport Police and Fire units cordoned off the area and assisted with evacuation of employees, while AFD Hazmat technicians wearing special protective gear entered the building to contain and clean up the spill. Reports indicate that the spill covered an area approximately 4 feet by 8 feet, amounting to about 1 quart of fluid. Absorbent pads were used to clean up and remove the spill

from the hangar for disposal. Alaska Airlines will be responsible for final disposal of the substance. Initial interviews of employees working in the area presently indicate that the spill occurred while a forklift was moving the product. The operator did not realize the container had been punctured and began moving the pallet.

Source: http://www.ktva.com/ci_12552778

17. *June 9, Associated Press* – (National) **FAA to inspect regional airline training.**

Federal officials said on June 9 they will beef up inspection of pilot training programs at regional airlines in response to safety concerns raised by the crash of a regional airliner in New York in February 2009. The Transportation Secretary and Federal Aviation Administrator said in a statement they will also hold a meeting with the airline industry — both regional and major carriers — next week to seek better pilot training, cockpit discipline, and other safety improvements. The Federal Aviation Administrator said it was clear from the crash of a regional airliner near Buffalo, on February 12 that safety needs to be improved. “My goal is to make sure that the entire industry, from large commercial carriers to smaller regional operators, is meeting our safety standard,” he said in a statement. Testimony at a National Transportation Safety Board hearing in May revealed that a series of critical errors by the captain and co-pilot preceded the crash of Continental Express Flight 3407 as it neared Buffalo Niagara International Airport on February 12. The plane experienced an aerodynamic stall before plunging to the ground, killing all 49 aboard and one man in a house on the ground. The flight was operated for Continental by Colgan Air Inc. of Manassas, Virginia. Testimony at the hearing indicated the flight’s captain may not have had hands-on training on a critical cockpit safety system. The cockpit voice recorder showed the co-pilot describing her lack of experience flying in icy weather not long before the crash. A Senate panel is scheduled to hold a hearing June 10 on Federal Aviation Administration oversight of regional airlines; the House holds a hearing June

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2009-06-09-Pilots_N.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *June 10, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Crews find 3rd body inside NC Slim Jim plant.** Authorities say they have found a third body inside a ConAgra Inc., Slim Jim factory in Garner, North Carolina a day after an explosion wrecked the building. The worker was the only person unaccounted for after the blast. The body of 43-year-old woman was retrieved on the night of June 9, before searchers suspended work because heavy rains threatened to collapse the unstable structure. The search and rescue chief

said enough water had drained off by the following morning, June 10, to allow crews to re-enter the building. The identity of the second victim has yet to be officially confirmed. He said the first and second bodies were within 100 feet of each other in the rubble. Seven-person search crews will be rotated in and out of the building every 30 minutes. Hazmat suits were required because ammonia vapor, which had been tamped down by the rain, was leaking up through the debris, the rescue chief said. But the gas was not a danger outside of the building and schools in the area planned to proceed with classes. Some roads in the area were still closed. Officials said 300 workers were in the plant when the blast occurred and 38 employees were injured, including four with critical burns. Three firefighters were treated for inhaling ammonia fumes and released. The blast collapsed an exterior wall, smashing cars parked next to the 500,000-square-foot building.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gBj6FQpRXrxsKovHU6JL9I0MUveQD98NT4FG0>

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Water Sector

19. *June 10, Times-Georgian* – (Georgia) **Meth lab near reservoir no cause for concern, Bowdon officials say.** Bowdon officials say there is no reason for concerns about the quality of the city's drinking water following the discovery of an underground methamphetamine lab this weekend near the city's main drinking water source. Four members of a family were arrested on numerous charges, including manufacturing methamphetamine, when officers in the ACE unit discovered an active methamphetamine lab buried underground in an aquarium near the family's mobile home on June 5. Officials with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) were testing the reservoir water at Lake Tisinger in Bowdon on June 8 for any chemicals that could have contaminated the water source from the methamphetamine lab. Authorities said the lab was found covered with dirt in a hole dug approximately 100 yards from the lake. The Bowdon city manager said the city's water is safe for consumption, and the city continues to await an official finding following an investigation by the EPD. The Bowdon Water Plant superintendent said there is no reason residents in the city should be concerned about the safety of the water since all water from the lake undergoes an intensive treatment process.

Source: http://www.times-georgian.com/pages/full_story?page_label=home&id=2686619-Meth+lab+near+reservoir+no+cause+for+concern-Bowdon+officials+say&widget=push&instance=home_news_top&article-Meth%20lab%20near%20reservoir%20no%20cause%20for%20concern-%20Bowdon%20officials%20say%20=&open=&

20. *June 9, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Pasadena wastewater treatment plant shut down.** An industrial wastewater treatment plant in Pasadena has been shut down. The Harris County attorney has cited the plant, located on North Richey just north of Highway 225, for allowing untreated industrial wastewater to be discharged into nearby

Vince Bayou. This has allegedly happened at least five times. The bayou leads into the Houston Ship Channel. The plant was ordered to remain closed until it can prove the wastewater can be contained.

Source: http://www.khou.com/news/local/stories/khou090609_tnt_wastewater-plant.63f5399e.html

21. *June 9, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Crews control source of chlorine leak near downtown Orlando.** The Orlando Fire Department has controlled a chlorine leak at a water-treatment plant near downtown Orlando. Fire and hazardous materials crews have controlled the source of the leak. The plant had 20 one-ton containers of materials delivered and discovered the leak, said Orlando fire commander. The crews that responded to the call found a leaky valve and the leak was contained inside the building. Although the plant itself was evacuated, there were no injuries or evacuations of any nearby buildings.
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/orl-bk-chlorine-leak-060909,0,2692931.story>
22. *June 9, Mineral Daily News-Tribune* – (West Virginia) **City moves to secure plant.** In response to an inspection by state environmental officials, the city of Keyser, West Virginia is moving to secure its wastewater treatment plant with a gate, cameras and key-pad entries. During last week's meeting of the Keyser Sanitary Board, the Treatment Plant supervisor reported that officials from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had advised the city that the plant on Waxler Road lacks adequate security measures to protect it from tampering, theft or sabotage. The security failing was one of dozens of findings cited by DEP in the wake of the dismissal of the former treatment plant supervisor for misconduct. While the city has addressed most of the DEP's findings — the majority of which were relatively routine operational issues — the lack of adequate security will continue to be a significant mark against the city until the problem is resolved. A representative of Advantage Computer in Cumberland said the lack of security was evident from the time he drove up to the plant, passed through the open gate, and walked to the treatment plant unchallenged. He recommended that a remote-control gate be installed at the plant entrance as a first line of defense. In addition, several cameras would be installed at the various points of entry, establishing a visual record of everyone who visited the site or entered the plant.
Source: <http://www.newtribune.info/news/x986604397/Citiy-moves-to-secure-plant>
23. *June 8, News Herald* – (Florida) **Panama City's lost water hits 2.4 billion gallons.** Over the past five years, 2.4 billion gallons of water — 23 percent of all water purchased by Panama City, Florida — has gone unaccounted for, according to an analysis of utility records obtained in a public records request. In 2006 alone, the city lost 631 million gallons, the largest single-year amount since at least 1996, according to utility records. The chief of groundwater regulation for Northwest Florida Water Management District said an average water system of Panama City's size should lose less than 10 percent of its water annually. He said the lost water can be attributed to three factors: a leaky system, water the city's utility department uses that is not accounted for, and old water meters that read incorrectly. The city does not keep

estimates regarding the amount of revenue lost because of unaccounted-for water. But if applied to the city's current wholesale water rate of \$1.49 per 1,000 gallons, the 2.4 billion gallons lost would equate to more than \$3.5 million in lost revenue over that time period. The city plans to conduct a water audit to help determine how the city is losing such large amount of water each year.

Source: <http://www.newsherald.com/news/panama-74848-city-water.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *June 10, Reuters* – (International) **H1N1 flu vaccine a step closer as firms test seed.**

Drug makers are on track to have a vaccine against the new H1N1 strain of flu ready for the northern hemisphere autumn after receiving seed virus samples, company officials said on Wednesday. Sanofi-Aventis, GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis and Solvay all said their vaccine teams had obtained the new influenza A (H1N1) seed virus within the past fortnight, enabling them to begin the production process. What is still unclear, however, is how much vaccine they will be able to manufacture, since this depends on how easily the new virus strain grows within a commercial production environment. The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday it was on the verge of declaring the first influenza pandemic in more than 40 years. It is concerned at the sustained spread of the H1N1 strain — including more than 1,000 cases in Australia — following major outbreaks in North America, where it emerged in April. Confirmed community spread in a second region beyond North America would trigger moving to phase 6 on the U.N. agency's six-step disease scale, signifying a full-blown pandemic.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-SwineFlu/idUSTRE5592MH20090610>

25. *June 9, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Stanford Hospital to test 'drive-through' pandemic triage model.** Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, California, is about to test a "drive-through" approach to processing large numbers of medical patients during a pandemic. A test of the approach is planned for Friday at Stanford University, the first test of its kind in the United States, Stanford health officials said. It offers a potential alternative to the standard walk-in system for screening and treating patients. "The main idea is to avoid infection," the hospital's medical director for disaster planning said in a statement. Friday's exercise involves medical staff at several screening and treatment stations with portable digital monitors, and portable labs for blood and other specimen testing. They will also test a drive-through plan for giving out medications or administering vaccines. Stanford Hospital officials said the federal government may consider results of the test for incorporation into a new protocol at hospitals nationwide during pandemic emergencies.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12553596

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *June 10, Hampton Roads Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Flu ship: 21 aboard Iwo have swine flu.** The Navy has confirmed that 21 sailors and Marines aboard the amphibious assault ship Iwo Jima have been diagnosed with swine flu. The shipmates' sicknesses were preceded by those of three other service members, who were diagnosed with flu-like symptoms May 27, the day before the ship left New York after visiting the city for Fleet Week. The three were from other units but were temporarily attached to the ship. They were never officially confirmed to have swine flu, also known as the H1N1 virus, said a Navy spokesman. They were treated at the Veterans Affairs hospital in New York and have since returned to their home units. The 21 sailors and Marines aboard the ship were diagnosed with swine flu while on board. "We're going to keep a watchful eye on this, but we are glad to see the cases were mild," the spokesman said. "There was no operational impact on the mission." Several other people on the ship have developed flu-like symptoms, the spokesman said. They have been isolated in the ship's medical ward as the ship makes its way back to Norfolk, where it is expected later this week. If the people are not better by that time, they will remain on the ship until they recover. Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/flu-ship-21-aboard-iwo-have-swine-flu.html?col=1186032310810&ESRC=topstories.RSS>
27. *June 9, Military.com* – (International) **Corps sees embassy guard shortfall.** What was once one of the plushiest duties in the Corps, the Marine Security Guard cadre is short on manpower, prompting the Corps to issue an urgent request for junior enlisted marines needed to protect American diplomatic facilities abroad. Officials from the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group are currently touring installations worldwide to recruit Marines into these vital positions, according to Corps-wide administrative message 283/09. The Corps is looking for about 100 single Marines — lance corporals to sergeants — with between two and five years of service to serve as guards at embassies and consulates worldwide, service officials say. They are also looking for qualified noncommissioned officers to serve as detachment commanders. Despite growing the Corps to approximately 202,000 active duty Marines in the past several years, deployment requirements (that are not expected to ease as the Corps ramps up its mission in Afghanistan) have put increased pressure on the service to find enough Marines for this unique assignment. Additionally, the State Department has requested more Marine guards at far-flung consulates, putting pressure on the Corps to fill the ranks. Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/June-2009/corps-sees-embassy-guard-shortfall.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>
28. *June 9, WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **White House fence jumper in custody.** The White House says 46-year-old female suspect jumped the fence Tuesday along the northeast fence line. Officials say she was taken into immediate custody by the Secret Service. Officials say the suspect had a back pack, but nothing suspicious was found inside it. Charges against her are pending. At that hour of the day, the White House's daily press briefing was going on. No one was hurt. The President was inside the White House at the time of the incident. As part of Secret Service

protocol, both Lafayette Park and Pennsylvania Avenue were locked down to pedestrian traffic while the investigation continued.

Source: http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/dc/060909_white_house_fence_jumper

29. *June 9, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Hanford report shows repeated stoppages.** A new report shows that work to clean out underground tanks and build a waste treatment plant at the Hanford nuclear reservation was stopped 31 times over nine years to address safety or construction quality issues. The Government Accountability Office report released Monday says more work needs to be done to track the costs of the work stoppages. The report advised the Department of Energy to establish criteria for when contractors should track the causes and costs of work stoppages. However, the report says those criteria should recognize the importance of worker and nuclear safety.
- Source: http://www.kndo.com/Global/story.asp?S=10504834&nav=menu484_2_9

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *June 10, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Aurora's 911 operators fled as twister neared.** Aurora, Colorado's, emergency operators had to leave their phones as Sunday's tornado bore down on the city's emergency dispatch center. But before the call takers fled to a basement shelter, they switched all incoming calls to Arapahoe County's emergency call center, the city of Aurora's spokeswoman said. Radio dispatchers remained at their posts to continue dispatching emergency vehicles, she added. Some emergency dispatch centers in the state are located below ground, where they face less threat from tornadoes, said the spokesman for the Colorado Division of Emergency Management.
- Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_12557097
31. *June 9, Hagerstown Herald-Mail* – (Maryland) **911 center should be ready in six months.** The Consolidated 911 Dispatch Center and several other long-awaited safety-service projects in Washington County, Maryland, should be fully functional within the next six months. The director of Emergency Services for Washington County said county employees will spend July and August training at the \$26.5 million center to prepare for its September opening. The center will allow residents who call 911 to stay on the line with a single dispatcher throughout the call, he said. As it stands, callers are transferred among the Maryland State Police, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Hagerstown Police Department and the county's fire and emergency medical services until the right agency is found. Currently, police, firefighters and rescue personnel from different agencies do not have a direct line of communication.
- Source: http://www.herald-mail.com/?cmd=displaystory&story_id=224673&format=html
32. *June 9, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Suspected PCP user allegedly hijacks ambulance.** A patient being transported in a Washington, D.C. ambulance took off all of his clothes, assaulted two firefighters, and then managed to

crawl through the ambulance to the front seat and hijack the vehicle. The patient crashed the ambulance into the side of the fire truck sent out to block the ambulance. He was taken into custody and another ambulance was called to take him to the hospital. No one was seriously hurt. But both firefighters had minor bruises from the hand-to-hand combat. The ambulance did sustain quite a bit of damage, according to authorities. It is now out of service.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0609/630371.html>

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Information Technology

33. *June 10, VNUNet.com* – (International) **McAfee pushes unified network security package.** McAfee is making a major play for the network security market with a unified security suite offering an improved firewall technology that it hopes will make it an even competitor with Symantec and Cisco. The company's Network Security Business Unit (NSBU) is looking to double its revenues to \$1B per year by offering a complete network security software package with new management tools that it feels will cut operating security costs by better management. "Our plan is to consolidate a full selection of network security products," said the executive vice president of NSBU, and former chief executive of Secure Computing. "It is unique to the industry." The consolidation of the security industry over the last ten years has seen single service providers swallowed up into more unified security offerings, he said. By offering a single point solution, McAfee was both mirroring current trends in the industry and taking them forward for network managers. Key to the strategy is simplifying management by IT administrators. This approach is shown in McAfee's new firewall product and management suite, which uses a new graphical user interface to simplify the setting of firewall rules and policies using Firewall Enterprise Profiler.

Source: http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story_id=67070

34. *June 9, Softpedia* – (International) **New Chinese worm bypasses system rollback software.** Security researchers from Bach Khoa Internetwork Security (Bkis) warn of a new worm that is able to bypass the protections enforced on the file system by software such as Deep Freeze. The malware was discovered in early March and has already made thousands of victims in Asia. Deep Freeze is an application developed by Faronics to help administrators restore computers to a secure state after being used by untrusted parties. Such software is very popular in environments with many casual users such as cybercafes, libraries, or computer labs in schools. "The software can monitor any change in sectors (data storage area) in hard disk partitions and save the changes in another area (buffer). When normal programs retrieve these sectors, they will reach the data in the buffer rather than in the original sectors," a senior malware researcher at Vietnam-based Bkis, explains. This allows administrators to easily restore the computer to the previous state by simply rebooting the machine. The researcher believes that, because of this, the computer administrator can get a false sense of security, which is particularly reflected by this latest threat.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Chinese-Worm-Bypasses-System-Rollback-Software-113677.shtml>

35. *June 9, The Register* – (International) **Apple security is ‘struggling,’ researcher says.** A well-known security consultant says Apple is struggling to effectively protect its users against malware and other online threats and suggests executives improve by adopting a secure development lifecycle to design its growing roster of products. “Based on a variety of sources, we know that Apple does not have a formal security program, and as such fails to catch vulnerabilities that would otherwise be prevented before product releases,” writes the founder of security firm Securosis and a self-described owner of seven Macs. “To address this lack, Apple should integrate secure software development into all internal development efforts.” Microsoft was among the first companies to integrate an SDL into its internal development routine. Under the program, products are built from the ground up with security in mind, so that poorly written sections of older code are replaced with code that can better withstand attack. It also subjects programs to a variety of simulated attacks. Adobe Systems recently beefed up the SDL program for Reader and Acrobat following criticism about the security of those two programs. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/06/09/apple_security_suggestions/
36. *June 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft update removes rogue antivirus program.** Microsoft has taken aim at a rogue antivirus program called Internet Antivirus Pro. The company’s latest update to its Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, (MSRT) released on June 9, adds detection for this dubious program, which masquerades as security software. Like all of these rogue antivirus products, Internet Antivirus Pro tries to trick victims into installing the software. It pops up a fake warning message and then pretends to scan the victim’s computer. But instead of scanning for malicious software, Internet Antivirus downloads password-stealing software that looks for FTP user names and passwords, presumably so that its creators can install their software on Web servers. Internet Antivirus installs a browser component that displays fake messages, and it also pops up a fake Windows Security Center, Microsoft said in a blog posting on June 9. The software has also used the names General Antivirus and Personal Antivirus. Rogue antivirus software has been on the rise over the past year and was among the most-detected unwanted software on Windows PCs during the second half of last year, Microsoft said in its recent Security Intelligence Report. Source: http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/166382/microsoft_update_removes_rogue_antivirus_program.html

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Communications Sector

37. *June 8, The Register* – (International) **DOS attacks threaten mobile network security.** New types of denial of service attacks threatened the security of mobile data networks, a senior telecoms security researcher warned recently. The vice president of networking research at Bell Labs said inherent weaknesses in the mobile IP protocol allow the launch of attacks that are relatively straightforward to mount but hard to detect and thwart. The attacks would take the form of repeatedly setting up and releasing connections, for example, a form of attack analogous with the SYN Flood assaults that have long been a problem on the fixed-line (wired) internet. Other attacks might rely on preventing mobile devices from going into a dormant mode, thereby draining battery life. “We need to especially monitor the mobile networks, with limited bandwidth and terminal battery, for DOS attacks,” the vice president said during a session at the Cyber Infrastructure Protection Conference at City College of New York on June 4, Network World reports. Worse still the resources needed to launch an attack might be out of all proportion to the damage that could be inflicted, the vice president suggested. “One cable modem user with 500Kbps upload capacity can attack over one million mobile users simultaneously,” he said.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/06/08/mobile_dos_threat/

38. *June 8, Islands Business* – (International) **Marshall Islands fiber optic cable plan moves forward.** Construction of the starting point for a 2,000-mile submarine fiber optic cable that is expected to revolutionize communications in the north Pacific kicked off recently in Majuro, reports Marianas Variety. An agreement that involves the U.S. Army and telecommunications companies of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) was signed earlier this year after six years of on-and-off negotiations. The cable contracts are worth more than US\$130 million. Tyco Telecommunications (US) Inc. will begin laying the cable in November, working from the Marshall Islands to Guam. The U.S. Army Lieutenant General who commands the Army’s Space and Missile Defense Command described the fiber optic cable as the “critical enabler” to transform the Reagan Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll to meet the United States’ changing space and missile defense needs. The new cable is supposed to be operational by April 2010.

Source:

http://www.islandsbusiness.com/news/index_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=130/focusContentID=15541/tableName=mediaRelease/overrideSkinName=newsArticle-full.tpl

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *June 10, New York Times* – (International) **Death toll in Pakistan bomb now 16.** A day after suicide bombers rushed a small truck packed with explosives through the gates of the five-star Pearl Continental hotel in the northwestern city of Peshawar, Pakistan, the death toll was reported to have risen to 16 on June 10 as more bodies were pulled from the wreckage, news reports and officials said. As Pakistani authorities cleared away the debris and began investigating the attack, closed-circuit television footage showed two vehicles — a car and a pickup truck — speeding through the security post at the hotel

late on June 9, taking security guards by surprise. One attacker sprayed bullets at the guards from the truck before it blew up, the footage showed. It was not clear whether the bullets hit the guards. The blast, powerful enough to leave a crater 6 feet deep and 15 feet wide, collapsed the western wing of the hotel, one of the few in the city that cater to Western visitors. The hotel's registry at the time of the attack included officials working for United Nations agencies, two of whom died in the blast, and other aid groups tending to the large refugee population that has been displaced by the recent fighting between the Pakistani Army and Taliban insurgents. The hotel owner said the government should have provided better security and pledged to reopen the hotel in two months, local news reports said. He also owns the Marriot Hotel in Islamabad which was the target of a bombing last September. According to a report by McClatchy Newspapers, the Pearl Continental hotel was apparently at the center of an American plan to establish a long-term presence in Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province. The report also states that a senior State Department official confirmed that the U.S. plan for the consulate in Peshawar involves the purchase of the luxury Pearl Continental hotel.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/11/world/asia/11pstan.html?_r=1&ref=world
See also: <http://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/09/report-us-planned-to-buy-bombed-peshawar-hotel/>

40. *June 9, New York Post* – (New York) **2nd Ave. subway caused building evac: officials.** Second Avenue subway construction is being blamed for the sudden evacuation of residents at an already teetering Upper East Side building this weekend. About 18 people at 1772 Second Avenue — near 93rd Street — had to be relocated when department of buildings inspectors discovered cracks in the facade they feared could lead to collapse, officials said. It is unknown when they will be allowed back in the six-story walkup. Business owners and neighbors say vibrations from the never-ending construction on the MTA Second Avenue mega-project definitely played a role in causing the evacuation. The owner of a nearby pizzeria said, “There’s no coincidence here. Buildings have been suffering all along the construction route.” The MTA is “cooperating with the Department of Buildings (DOB) and continue to closely monitor vibrations, which remain at acceptable levels,” said an MTA spokesman. Building records show a long list of complaints about the walk-up, including one from 1989 that says the structure is leaning eight inches to the north — a serious structural problem that was never rectified. A January 2008 complaint said the building was shaking and vibrating, which affected its stability, the records show. Inspectors are still looking in to the cause of cracks in the building’s facade, said a DOB spokeswoman.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/seven/06092009/news/regionalnews/manhattan/2nd_ave_subway_caused_building_evac_off_173392.htm

41. *June 7, Associated Press* – (New York) **Sewage worries close 2 Brooklyn beaches.** Swimmers were told to stay out of the water on June 7 at Coney Island and nearby Manhattan Beach because of concerns about a sewage overflow. The city’s parks department posted signs saying swimming was not permitted at the two Brooklyn beaches. But the Coney Island boardwalk was open, and sunbathing on the sand was

allowed. The city's department of environmental protection said ocean water at the two beaches might be contaminated by raw sewage from a sewage treatment plant that overflowed. The health department said the beaches would be open the following day, but under an advisory that swimming was not recommended.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/08/nyregion/08closure.html?_r=3

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

42. *June 10, CNN* – (District of Columbia) **Shooting at Holocaust Museum injures guard, suspect.** A lone gunman wounded a security guard at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., on June 10 before being injured by return fire, according to police and a museum statement. The suspect was identified as an 88-year-old white supremacist from Maryland, two law enforcement officials told CNN. A private security guard and the shooting suspect were wounded, according to officials of the Washington police. A spokesman for U.S. Park Police told reporters a man armed with a “long gun” entered the museum at 12:50 p.m. and fired at a security officer, and both were wounded in the exchange of gunfire. He also said, “My understanding is that two other security officers at the museum returned gunfire at the man that had entered the museum.” The spokesman said he did not know exactly what kind of firearm the man had and whether the shooting was before or after he passed through a metal detector.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/CRIME/06/10/museum.shooting/index.html>

43. *June 8, Prescott Daily Courier* – (Arizona) **BLM plans Agua Fria prescribed burn.** The Arizona Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to conduct prescribed burning on the Agua Fria National Monument grasslands Wednesday and Thursday. The 2,600-acre burn location is north of Silver Creek and east of the Agua Fria River, which is just northeast of the Horse Shoe Ranch. The monument is located in southeast Yavapai County. The burn aims to reduce vegetation that otherwise could fuel a much larger wildfire. It also aims to restore grasslands overtaken by woody vegetation. BLM fire personnel will ignite the vegetation from both the ground and by helicopter when the weather presents the best conditions. The vegetation should burn quickly but may smolder for a few days.

Source:

<http://prescottdailycourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&subsectionID=1&articleID=69034>

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Dams Sector

44. *June 10, Daily Journal of Commerce* – (Oregon; Washington) **Army Corp tackles \$46M Dalles spillwall project.** The Army Corps of Engineers is building an 830-foot-long wall in the middle of the Columbia River, at the Dalles Dam. The spillwall is 10

feet wide and about 45 feet tall, and is designed by the Army Corps of Engineers to allow juvenile salmon safer passage downstream. The project is needed, according to a project manager of the Army Corps of Engineers, because the spillwall will direct juvenile salmon to a deeper channel in the river where fewer predatory fish lurk. General Construction has constructed about 200 feet of the project and this fall will begin the next phase of the project: to build another 630 feet of the wall. The Corps allows the contractor to work between September and March, when salmon runs are at their lowest. The design uses 200-ton, hollow, pre-cast concrete units. The blocks are filled with concrete and then post-tensioned with high-capacity 30- and 40-ton strand rock tendons. Much of the wall is located on a basalt rock shelf, which required General Construction to place a leveling slab on which to set the precast concrete units.

Source: <http://www.djcoregon.com/articleDetail.htm/2009/06/10/Army-Corp-tackles-46M-Dalles-spillwall-project-The-project-is-desinged-to-help-protect-juvenile-fish>

45. *June 10, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Funds are here; move quickly to repair dam.** Thanks to Texas State lawmakers, much-needed repairs to Medina Dam can be made. The recently approved state budget for the next biennium included \$4 million for the repairs. Added to \$3 million provided by the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa (BMA) Water Control District and \$3 million from Bexar County, the state funds will allow the BMA to launch the \$10 million repair job needed to protect downstream farmers, residents, and businesses from floods. The dam's collapse would send floodwaters all the way to Karnes City and cause serious damage in southern Bexar County. Officials have been aware of the problem for years, but funding has been elusive. The state money is contingent on an interlocal agreement among the BMA, the Bexar Metropolitan Water District, the San Antonio River Authority, and the Edwards Aquifer Authority, the BMA Board president noted in a memorandum to the other agencies involved. Downstream interests remain vulnerable until the work is done.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/editorials/47470612.html>

46. *June 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Army Corps orders thousands of trees by levees chopped down.** The Army Corps of Engineers is on a mission to chop down every tree in the country that grows within 15 feet of a levee — including oaks and sycamores in Louisiana, willows in Oklahoma and cottonwoods in California. The corps is concerned that the trees' roots could undermine barriers meant to protect low-lying communities from catastrophic floods like the ones caused by Hurricane Katrina. An Associated Press survey of levee projects nationwide shows that the agency wants to eliminate all trees along more than 100,000 miles of levees. But environmentalists and some civil engineers insist the trees pose little or no risk and actually help stabilize levee soil. Thousands of trees have been felled already, though corps officials did not have a precise number of how many will be cut. The corps has "this body of decades of experience that says you shouldn't have trees on your levees," said the agency's special assistant for dam and levee safety. Trees are being cut despite the outcry from people who say the trees are an essential part of fragile river and wetland ecosystems. In 2006, the corps began sending hundreds of letters to levee districts across the nation, ordering them to cut down "unwanted woody vegetation," a prospect that could cost many of the districts millions of dollars each in timber-clearing expenses. Inspectors began an

inventory of the levee system and told districts to fill in animal burrows, repair culverts, and patch up erosion. If they fail to comply, the agencies risk higher flood insurance premiums and a loss of federal funding. Experts outside the corps say a tree has never caused a U.S. levee failure. A former worker for the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi said, "There's never been a documented problem with a tree." The Corps' dam and levee expert said the agency does not know whether a tree has ever directly caused a levee failure. But he noted that dam failures have been linked to trees, including a 1970s collapse in Georgia that claimed 39 lives. The corps also wants to get rid of trees for safety reasons. A treeless levee is easier to inspect and repair during a flood.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20090609/LIFESTYLE14/906090427/1361/Army-Corps-orders-thousands-of-trees-by-levees-chopped-down>

47. *June 8, Glens Falls Post-Star* – (New York) **Dam rules may be altered.** The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is revising its proposed dam maintenance regulations in response to concerns from property owners about being able to meet the new requirements. The guidelines were proposed following the 2005 failure of the Hadlock Pond dam in Fort Ann. The department will be accepting public comments on the revisions until June 19. The DEC has been attempting to revise the regulations since the dam's failure and has gone through a variety of incarnations. The requirements would apply to 5,000 dams around the state and include provisions for record keeping, inspection and maintenance plans, and scheduled inspections for a professional engineer working for the owner.

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