



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 12 June 2009

### Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Meridian Star, an excavation crew digging a trench to lay in a natural gas pipeline found on Wednesday about 20 unexploded bombs in Clarke County, Mississippi. (See item [2](#))
- CNN reports that the World Health Organization raised the swine flu alert Thursday to its highest level, saying H1N1 has spread to enough countries to be considered a global pandemic. (See item [23](#))

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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 11, Reuters* – (National) **OSHA issues citations to U.S. refiners.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said on Wednesday nearly 350 citations were issued to 14 refiners in the first year of a national inspection program to improve refinery safety. In response to the OSHA statement, the American Petroleum Institute said injury rates at refineries have been steadily falling since 1998. “According

to (U.S.) Bureau of Labor Statistics data, a refinery employee is four to five times less likely to be injured on the job than employees in other manufacturing sectors,” API said in the statement. OSHA announced the national emphasis inspection program for refineries in 2007 after an investigation by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board faulted the agency’s enforcement of safety rules at BP’s Texas City, Texas refinery.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idINN1046542920090610>

2. *June 11, Meridian Star* – (Mississippi) **Bombs uncovered during pipeline excavation.**

An Oklahoma excavation crew digging a trench to lay in a natural gas pipeline were surprised Wednesday morning when they found about 20 unexploded bombs in Clarke County, Mississippi. County Emergency Management Agency authorities and officials from the Clarke County Sheriff’s Department were called to the scene as were bomb squads from the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security in Jackson and Camp Shelby south of Hattiesburg. “During World War II about 60 families were displaced from 10,000 acres here to make room for a training and bombing range,” the sheriff said Wednesday afternoon. “Apparently the work crews here have found ordinance left over from some of those training exercises.” No one has been hurt, and none of the white phosphorous bombs detonated when they were uncovered with a back hoe.

Source:

[http://news.bostonherald.com/news/national/south/view/2009\\_06\\_11\\_Bombs\\_uncovered\\_during\\_pipeline\\_excavation/srvc=home&position=recent](http://news.bostonherald.com/news/national/south/view/2009_06_11_Bombs_uncovered_during_pipeline_excavation/srvc=home&position=recent)

3. *June 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Not so windy: Research suggests winds dying down.** The wind, a favorite power source of the green energy movement, seems to be dying down across the United States. And the cause, ironically, may be global warming — the very problem wind power seeks to address. The idea that winds may be slowing is still a speculative one, and scientists disagree whether that is happening. But a first-of-its-kind study suggests that average and peak wind speeds have been noticeably slowing since 1973, especially in the Midwest and the East. “It’s a very large effect,” said a study co-author, who is a professor of atmospheric science at Iowa State University. In some places in the Midwest, the trend shows a 10 percent drop or more over a decade. That adds up when the average wind speed in the region is about 10 to 12 miles per hour. There has been a jump in the number of low or no wind days in the Midwest, said the study’s lead author, an atmospheric scientist at Indiana University.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALEqM5hTDEhuJEga5TgzmbnWtYF1Y5Gm7gD98NNON81>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 11, Associated Press and Newbury Port Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Town OKs license for hazardous chemical storage.** Amesbury, Massachusetts has approved a last-minute request by a hazardous chemical storage company to amend the existing

storage license for a property, against the wishes of abutting neighbors. Approximately 30 neighbors, mostly those living on adjacent Monroe and Portsmouth streets, showed up to voice concerns about what they deemed a hastily arranged license hearing for Haas TCM, a Pennsylvania-based chemical management company. The request was approved by a 7-1 vote of the Municipal Council on June 10. Neighbors are concerned over reports that the materials to be stored by future building occupant Haas are some of the same materials determined to be involved in a massive explosion in 2006 in Danvers at CAI Inc. that damaged more than 90 homes in the middle of the night and lifted buildings straight off their foundations. The company specializes in the storage and disposal of hazardous chemical waste for companies such as Lockheed Martin and Airbus, Raytheon, 3 divisions of United Technologies, Hamilton Corp., Sikorsky Aircraft, General Dynamics and the United States Department of Defense.  
Source: [http://www.newburyportnews.com/punews/local\\_story\\_161224359.html](http://www.newburyportnews.com/punews/local_story_161224359.html)

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

5. *June 11, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Yankee drill shows communication gap.** Three teams from Vermont’s hazardous materials response team went looking for imaginary radioactivity Wednesday, as part of the federal emergency preparedness drill for the towns around the Vermont Yankee nuclear reactor. Wednesday’s drill revealed some real-life problems: the team’s emergency radio would not work, and neither could they pull down a strong cell phone signal to relay information back to headquarters. The drill also revealed communication problems with the town of Brattleboro, the largest community near the plant. The Brattleboro municipal building had been having problems with its direct extension phone lines for a couple of days even before the drill, and state emergency officials in the state center in Waterbury had to resort to contacting people on their private cell phones at the center in Brattleboro to find out what was wrong. Vermont’s director of emergency management said after the daylong exercise that alternative routes of communication were established, using radios and the town’s fax machine. Brattleboro’s problems were traced to a faulty digital interface from One Communication of Hartford, Connecticut, which provides the 251 direct-dial line into the town office extensions, according to a spokesperson for the town office. The problem had existed for more than two days, she said. Out in the field, Team 3 had problems with its radio, as well as cell phones, eventually resorting to the phone of an official observer of the drill.  
Source:  
<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20090611/NEWS04/906110367/1003/NEWS02>
6. *June 10, World Nuclear News* – (National) **B&W unveils modular nuclear power design.** Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) has announced plans to develop and deploy a scalable, modular nuclear power reactor. U.S. utilities have already expressed an interest in the 125 MW design. The company, a subsidiary of McDermott International, describes the mPower reactor design as “a passively safe Advanced Light Water Reactor (ALWR) with a below-ground containment structure,” and is air-cooled. According to B&W, “this optimized ALWR represents true Generation III++ nuclear technology that

B&W believes can be certified, manufactured and operated within today's existing US regulatory, industrial supply chain and utility operational infrastructure."

Source: [http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/NN-BandW\\_unveils\\_modular\\_reactor\\_design-1006095.html](http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/NN-BandW_unveils_modular_reactor_design-1006095.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *June 10, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Explosion at Marion asphalt plant.** An explosion at an asphalt manufacturer on June 10 was felt more than a mile away, but no injuries were reported. Crews were still assessing the damage, but it appeared to be relatively minor. The Marion fire captain said the explosion happened around 10:30 a.m. inside an area called the "batcher," and the impact traveled down a metal conveyor to the ground. Investigators later determined that a bearing inside the conveyor caused the blast. Workers were making cold pack asphalt used to fill potholes at the time. Operations at the plant appeared to be back to normal by noon.  
Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/47525962.html>
8. *June 10, KBMT 12 Beaumont* – (Texas) **Tyco chemical accident.** An industrial accident at the Tyco Plant leaves one man in critical condition after being exposed to dangerous chemicals. It happened at 11 a.m. on June 9 at the plant in North Lubbock. Several employees were cleaning a tank when the combination of chemicals apparently turned dangerous. Seven Tyco employees, as well as five first responders, were taken to the hospital after being exposed to what fire officials believe to be hydrogen sulfide. The employees were apparently cleaning a 1500 gallon tank. The cleaning products, combined with the chemicals inside the tank, formed hydrogen sulfide gas — which can be deadly. Emergency responders immediately began de-contaminating employees on the scene.  
Source: <http://www.kbmt12.com/news/state/47523837.html>
9. *June 8, Reuters* – (International) **Climate change protest targets Australia smelter.** Environmental activists tried to shut down Australia's second-largest aluminum smelter on June 9 in a widening series of protests targeting the resources sector, blamed by green groups for dragging its feet over global warming. Production at the giant Tomago smelter north of Sydney was unaffected by the protest by environmental group Rising Tide, said a spokeswoman for the smelter, which is 51.55 percent owned by Rio Tinto Ltd/Plc. Three members of the activist group had chained themselves together inside the facility to block trucks, a spokesman for Rising Tide said. The Australian government has delayed introduction of a far-reaching carbon emissions trading scheme by one year until 2011 to enable heavy industry to recover from the global financial crisis, drawing ire from green groups. The Rising Tide spokesman said the protest was also to express anger that Tomago would get some 90 percent of its pollution permits for free under the government's carbon plans.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUSTRE5576FX20090609>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *June 11, Military.com* – (Oklahoma) **Strike could move Vance operations.** Training planes remained grounded at Vance Air Force Base on June 10 as a strike continues between union workers and the base's primary contractor and three subcontractors. "If the negotiations do not reach a conclusion within the next seven days, the Air Force will be forced to send the current senior training class of pilots to another base that conducts training for pilots," said a U.S. Senator. "If the strike continues, more and more classes, and potentially their aircraft, will be moved out of Vance." He and other legislators are concerned about the military's reliance on contractors, and an increase in collective bargaining agreements that can stop operations on a base. "It is my fear that, in some cases, outsourcing to contractors has gone too far," he said. "Inherently governmental tasks should be left to government workers." Nearly 800 members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 898 walked off the job on June 8 as the union's three-year contract with CSC Applied Technologies expired. Union members voted on June 5 to strike against CSC, PRI/DJI, DenMar Services and M1 Support Services.

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/strike-could-move-vance-operations.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

11. *June 10, Aviation Week* – (California) **Global Hawk testing awaits investigation.** Testing of the Global Hawk unmanned aerial system (UAS) at Edwards AFB, California, was halted pending investigation of a May 28 emergency landing that was prompted by a spoiler malfunction during a test sortie. The landing occurred at 11:53 p.m. and is being hailed by the Flight Test Center commander as a serendipitous success due to the availability of the massive Rogers Dry Lake Bed, which is used by the space shuttle for landings. Global Hawk air vehicle 9 (AV-9) was about 9 hr. into a sortie designed to characterize performance of the Raytheon Enhanced Integrated Sensor Suite when the first indication of a malfunction emerged. "The descent from altitude was not proceeding according to profile and the spoilers were not responding as predicted," according to Edwards officials. The Global Hawk landing is notable for two reasons. "Landing on the lakebed would not be an option with a manned aircraft since the lakebed runways are unlit, but the unmanned Global Hawk would not know the difference," the commander said. The PAPI system provides slope indications for the shuttle, but is not suitable for landing manned aircraft. Secondly, the endurance of the aircraft allowed enough time for officials to come up with a contingency plan.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/GLOBAL061009.xml&headline=Global%20Hawk%20Testing%20Awaits%20Investigation](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/GLOBAL061009.xml&headline=Global%20Hawk%20Testing%20Awaits%20Investigation)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *June 10, Dow Jones Newswire* – (New York) **Adviser Weitzman arrested in more**

**than \$6m fraud.** An investment adviser surrendered to federal authorities on June 10 to face charges he misappropriated more than \$6 million in client funds. According to a criminal complaint unsealed on June 10, the defendant, a former principal of AFW Asset Management Inc., has been charged with investment-adviser fraud, six counts of securities fraud and six counts of wire fraud. Prosecutors have alleged the defendant, between 2005 and March 2009, misappropriated millions of dollars in client funds, lied to investors about how their money was invested and improperly converted investor funds to his own use. The government claims the defendant advised clients to sell securities or sold securities on their behalf under false pretenses in order to take the proceeds for himself six times between October 2007 and January 2008. According to the complaint, about \$7.3 million was deposited into an AFW account between July 2005 and March 2009 in which the defendant had sole signatory authority. More than \$6.6 million was withdrawn from that account, including more than \$3.89 million to the personal checking account of the defendant and his wife, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090610-709638.html>

13. *June 10, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Citigroup begins \$58 billion conversion of shares.** Citigroup Inc. began swapping \$58 billion of preferred stock into common, a deal that will make the U.S. government the bank's largest shareholder and close a shortfall in common equity found in stress tests last month. A portion of the Treasury's \$25 billion of preferred stock will be converted to common, the company said on June 10 in a statement, giving the government a 34 percent stake in the New York-based bank. Citigroup will also exchange as much as \$33 billion of preferred securities not held by the government. Citigroup is counting on the transaction to replenish an equity base eroded by \$27.7 billion of losses last year. The bank said in April it would delay the swap until government stress tests were completed. Those results came last month. It was also held up as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman questioned the company's leadership, people familiar with the matter said. More than 17 billion shares may be issued to the government and other preferred holders, diluting existing stockholders by about 76 percent. The deal is set to expire July 24, and distribution would be made on July 30.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aV.hnNFzkEFo>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *June 11, Associated Press* – (Guam) **Australian flight forced to make emergency landing in Guam.** An Airbus 330 carrying 203 people made an emergency landing in Guam on June 11 after an electrical problem sparked a small fire in the cockpit, airline officials said. It is the same type of plane that crashed last week in the Atlantic. There were no injuries. The incidents last week and June 11 appear unrelated, and an airline official said the electrical problem did not raise any new safety concerns about the aircraft. The Jetstar plane was about four hours into its flight from Osaka, Japan, to Australia's Gold Coast when the pilots noticed a small flame and smoke in the cockpit near the window, a spokesman said. A pilot used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire, which did not spread to the cabin, he said. The plane, which was carrying 190

passengers and 13 crew members, landed without incident at Guam International Airport. The general manager for government and corporate affairs of Jetstar's parent Qantas Airways, said the electrical connector for the heating element in the cockpit had malfunctioned, causing sparks and smoke, but the situation was quickly brought under control. The heating element is used to ensure that the cockpit windows do not fog up as the plane flies in cold air at high altitudes, he said.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,525805,00.html>

15. *June 11, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **LAX to unveil new warning system on taxiways, runway.** Federal and local officials will unveil a new warning system June 11 that is designed to stop runway incursions that for years have endangered planes taxiing to and from terminals at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The \$7 million system relies on radar that is connected to status lights along a runway and eight taxiways deemed to have the highest risk for aircraft accidents. If the radar detects a potential conflict between two planes or an aircraft and a motor vehicle, the lights automatically turn red, alerting pilots to the risk. Once the lights go off, pilots and motorists traveling on airport roads must still obtain clearance from air traffic controllers before crossing or entering the runway. Combined with recent improvements to the airport's southern runways, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials say the warning lights should further reduce the chance of collisions as aircraft move around busy LAX. A similar system at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has reduced the number of close calls from 10 to three during 2 1/2 years of operation. Although FAA officials believe the system will contribute to runway safety, they contend that more needs to be done at LAX, such as widening the distance between the two parallel runways on the north side of the airfield.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-runway11-2009jun11.0,2675433.story>

16. *June 11, Progressive Railroading* – (New Jersey) **NJ Transit exercises option with Bombardier for additional locomotives.** New Jersey Transit's board approved purchasing nine additional electric locomotives and spare parts from Bombardier Transportation for \$72 million. In December 2007, the agency awarded a \$245 million contract to Bombardier for 27 ALP-46A electric locomotives. The total order of 36 locomotives will enable New Jersey Transit to replace a large portion of its aging ALP-44 locomotive fleet. New Jersey Transit currently operates a fleet of 32 ALP-44 and 29 ALP-46 electric locomotives. The new locomotives will offer better acceleration than the older power and be able to pull 10 multi-level cars versus the six cars the current locomotives can pull, New Jersey Transit said. The first locomotives are scheduled to arrive early next year, with delivery expected to conclude in mid-2011.

Source: <http://www.progressiverailroading.com/news/article.asp?id=20632>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

17. *June 8, Forth Worth Star Telegram* – (Texas) **'Ice' bombs go off in Hurst mailboxes, police say.** "Ice" bombs exploded in mailboxes last week as vandals placed them in two

separate neighborhoods, police said Monday. No one was injured in the explosions. Four plastic bottles filled with water and another substance were left at the mailboxes, police said Monday. Investigators said dry ice may have been used. No one had been arrested as of June 8.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/804/story/1421791.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

18. *June 11, Iowa Ag Connection* – (National) **Regional exercise to improve States' preparedness for disaster, terrorism.** The States of Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska (FEMA Region VII) are participating in an exercise this month involving disasters and terrorist attacks in the Midwest including the introduction of a foreign animal disease in Kansas and Iowa as well as various emergency response situations in both states. The exercise, called Vigilant Guard 09, is a National Guard exercise, which involves local, state and federal emergency response partners. "This exercise will provide us [with] a great opportunity to test our planned response to foreign animal disease and a variety of disasters, and determine if changes are needed before such events happen," said the director of Kansas division of emergency management and Kansas adjutant general. "The threat of foreign animal disease and the possibility of multiple, simultaneous large-scale disasters in the Midwest, whether natural or manmade, are an unfortunate part of our world today. We want to take every opportunity to ensure we are prepared for all of these situations."

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-regional.php?tbl=IA2009&ID=560>

19. *June 10, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Recall notification report: Class III recall.** Sigma Processed Meats, Inc., a Seminole, Oklahoma, establishment, is recalling approximately 2.68 million pounds of fully cooked ham products because they contain monosodium glutamate (MSG), and it is undeclared on the label. Some persons who have eaten foods containing MSG have reported adverse reactions. Each label bears the establishment number "EST. 34447" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a "Use By" date of "May 23-Sept. 7, 2009." Each case bears the identifying case code of "01106." The fully cooked ham products were produced on March 1, 2009 through June 9, 2009 and were distributed to retail stores, service delis and wholesale distributors. The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of these products.

Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis\\_Recalls/RNR\\_031\\_2009/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/RNR_031_2009/index.asp)

20. *June 10, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Texas firm recalls frozen poultry products due to undeclared allergens.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp., a Mount Pleasant, Texas establishment, is recalling approximately 608,188 pounds of frozen poultry products because they may contain the undeclared allergens milk, soy, and wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. Milk, soy, and wheat are known potential allergens that are not declared on the label. The frozen poultry products were produced on July 25, 2008

through June 8, 2009 and were shipped to Kroger retail establishments nationwide. The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of this product.

Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_032\\_2009\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_032_2009_Release/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

21. *June 10, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Old water plant pumps need grant money.**

A 30-year-old wastewater treatment plant in desperate need of repair and one Colbert County town is hoping to get an upgrade. It is all through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Federal funds that could possibly help pump four times more sewage than the plant was originally built to hold. The water plant serves a population of a little less than 1,000, but also a big purpose; and now it can barely hold what it was built to pump. It is a system built to pump 100,000 gallons per day, but flow chart recorders show the amount pumped often is double or sometimes quadruple what it was built to handle. “A lot of times when you have a lot of rain that comes in,” a councilman said. “What’s known as sanitary sewer overflow. We have that sometimes through our man holes and through some of our older pumping stations.” The council will learn if they received this grant by mid July.

Source: <http://www.waff.com/Global/story.asp?S=10499390&nav=0hBE>

22. *June 9, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Inspectors watched pipe installed poorly.**

Regional water officials said on June 8 that they have determined inspectors were on the scene more than 40 years ago when the large water main on River Road that broke in December 2008 was improperly installed against jagged rock. But they still do not know how broad installation problems might be. According to a consultant’s report, the faulty installation of the pipe caused last year’s major rupture, which flooded the road in Bethesda, stranding motorists and leading to dramatic televised rescues. In a briefing, Washington suburban sanitary commission officials sought to reassure Montgomery County council members that even if the installation practice was widespread, they are continuing to put technology in place to create an early warning system. “The fact that there were inspectors who turned a blind eye suggests this may have been part of the culture,” said a council member, who represents the River Road area. The consultant’s report, released last month, said a contractor laid the 66-inch-diameter concrete pipe against rock without the required bed of gravel used to prevent tears and corrosion.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/08/AR2009060801869.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

23. *June 11, CNN* – (International) **Swine flu ‘not stoppable,’ World Health Organization says.** The World Health Organization raised the swine flu alert Thursday to its highest level, saying H1N1 has spread to enough countries to be considered a

global pandemic. Increasing the alert to Level 6 does not mean that the disease is deadlier or more dangerous than before, just that it has spread to more countries, the WHO said. As of Wednesday evening, the virus had spread to 72 countries, the health agency said. There were 25,288 confirmed cases and 139 deaths. The United States had 13,217 cases and 27 deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on June 5. Also Thursday, authorities in Hong Kong ordered the closure of all elementary schools; kindergartens and day care centers in the city after 12 students were found to be infected with the virus. Authorities have not determined the source of the infection, said Hong Kong's chief executive. This makes it the first cluster of swine flu cases in the city without a link to someone who had traveled overseas.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/06/11/swine.flu.who/index.html>

24. *June 11, WHBQ 13 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **No bomb found in abortion clinic threat.** Five hours after getting a call about a bomb threat at a Memphis women's clinic Wednesday night, police turned up nothing. Memphis Police and the FBI searched the Memphis Center for Reproductive Health in Midtown, using bomb sniffing dogs and a high tech robot to sweep the area and nearby cars. After an exhaustive search which blocked traffic for blocks, they found no evidence of a bomb. "The FBI will be investigating it, as well as MPD. We will continue our investigation and hopefully we will identify the person that made that call and they will be prosecuted," said a Memphis Police lieutenant colonel.

Source:

[http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/061109\\_No\\_Bomb\\_Found\\_in\\_Abortion\\_Clinic\\_Threat](http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/061109_No_Bomb_Found_in_Abortion_Clinic_Threat)

25. *June 11, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (Ohio) **Funds awarded to build fiber optic network.** The Southern Ohio Health Care Network has awarded an \$18 million contract to Horizon Telecom to build a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network in 13 southern Ohio counties. The project will connect more than 120 health care facilities to a fiber optic network that will allow area providers to participate in telemedicine initiatives, community health record projects and a regional health information organization. The network will also enhance sustainability of rural medicine practices, increase collaboration among healthcare providers and improve emergency communications. Businesses, educational sites and government offices in the area will also be given access to the same broadband services.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/47765692.html>

26. *June 10, Associated Press* – (California) **State fines 2 OC nursing homes \$180,000 for deaths.** California state health regulators have fined two Orange County nursing homes for poor care that contributed to the deaths of two patients. The California Department of Public Health said Wednesday that Alamitos West Health Care Center was fined \$100,000, the maximum penalty. The state's report says an 82-year-old woman died of acute kidney failure after staff failed to monitor her fluids for signs of dehydration. Huntington Valley Health Care Center was fined \$80,000 after a nurse failed to call 911 promptly because she believed a patient had a "do not resuscitate order."

Source: <http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2009/jun/10/state-fines-2-oc-nursing->

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *June 11, Associated Press* – (International) **4 in German terror plot to confess.** Four men accused of belonging to a German cell of the radical Islamic Jihad Union that plotted to attack U.S. targets in Germany have announced during their trial that they are prepared to confess to some or all of the charges against them. One alleged member of the group was the first to announce during the 15th day of the trial Tuesday that he wanted to confer with his three co-defendants and then offer a confession. The alleged ringleader of the group that allegedly was planning bombings for the fall of 2007 said he also wanted to confess and would then submit to questioning. The trial is not set to resume until June 23. Prosecutors allege that they were plotting bombing attacks in Germany against American citizens and facilities. Prosecutors said the group was considering attacks in many cities, including Ramstein — home of a large U.S. Air Force base — which were to be carried out before Germany's parliament voted in October 2007 to extend the country's commitment of troops to Afghanistan.  
Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/4-in-german-terror-plot-to-confess.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

28. *June 10, Associated Press* – (National) **U.S. student convicted of video terror plot.** A federal judge convicted a former university student Wednesday of plotting to aid a terrorist group by videotaping landmarks around Washington, D.C. The U.S. District Judge found the 24-year-old defendant guilty of one count of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorism in the United States and abroad. Prosecutors based the case against him on a series of videos that he and a codefendant shot of U.S. landmarks, including the Pentagon and the Capitol. They said he sought to use the videos to earn respect from overseas terrorist leaders and attempted to connect with terrorists in Canada and Pakistan. Federal authorities said they began building a case after he and the codefendant took a bus to Toronto in March 2005 and met with at least three other targets of an FBI investigation. Authorities said they brainstormed strikes against targets that ranged from military bases to oil refineries, and plotted to disrupt the Global Positioning System satellite network. Prosecutors said the defendant drove his pickup truck to Washington, D.C. with the codefendant a few weeks later and made the videos of U.S. landmarks, as well as a fuel depot and a Masonic Temple. The two also were accused of discussing an attack against Dobbins Air Reserve Base.  
Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/June-2009/us-student-convicted-of-video-terror-plot.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

29. *June 11, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **NM team find hiker's body after chopper crash.** Searchers have found the body of a hiker who was in a New Mexico State Police helicopter that went down Tuesday night on snowy, 12,000-foot Santa Fe mountain peak, but were still searching for the pilot. The chopper went down Tuesday night after it had just rescued the hiker. The chopper carried the hiker, a pilot State Police sergeant, and a State Police officer, who managed to reach safety Wednesday. Just before smashing into the mountain Tuesday night, the sleek police copter, designed for just such high-altitude rescue missions, picked up the hiker after she became stranded while hiking. Late Wednesday, two crews located the helicopter's fuselage and other debris that had been scattered down the mountainside. The State Police chief said the debris field stretched about 800 feet in steep terrain. The crash occurred northeast of Baldy peak in the Santa Fe Mountains, at about 12,000 feet, officials said. The State Police officer remained hospitalized. The pilot had radioed in his last radio transmission Tuesday night that he had hit the mountain. The helicopter may have crashed into the mountainside after the tail rotor hit something and subsequently failed to gain enough altitude to negotiate a safe landing, the State Police chief said.  
Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090611/ap\\_on\\_re\\_us/us\\_missing\\_helicopter\\_22](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090611/ap_on_re_us/us_missing_helicopter_22)
30. *June 11, Mississippi Press* – (Mississippi) **Jackson County breaks ground on \$1.4M hurricane shelter.** Fontainebleau County and Mississippi state leaders broke ground Wednesday on a new \$1.4 million hurricane shelter and community center just south of the Fontainebleau Volunteer Fire Department on Mississippi 57. The 5,400-square-foot structure will serve as a pre-disaster shelter for first responders, he said, while serving as a shelter for the community after a disaster strikes. The building is slated for completion in early 2010 and is the first of four planned for Jackson County. The civil defense director said the shelter will be built to withstand wind gusts up to 200 miles per hour. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will pay about 73 percent of the project. The Fontainebleau shelter is the first of four the county has planned.  
Source:  
<http://www.gulflive.com/news/mississippipress/news.ssf?/base/news/1244715324168550.xml>
31. *June 10, Associated Press* – (New York) **FBI, NYPD conduct terror attack drill in New York City.** The FBI, New York Police Department and other law enforcement agencies are spending three days testing their response to a simulated terror attack on the city. The drill began Tuesday night and continues through Thursday in Queens. About 300 police officers and nearly 400 FBI agents and analysts are participating. The police commissioner says it will "address the possibility of a nuclear or radioactive device coming into the city." Special units will be assessed on how well they detect, intercept and defuse a dirty bomb or other device. Police are warning that the exercise could cause traffic delays. The drill will cost a few hundred thousand dollars and is part of the Securing the Cities initiative.  
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[http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/fbi\\_nypd\\_conduct\\_terror\\_attack\\_1.html](http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/fbi_nypd_conduct_terror_attack_1.html)
32. *June 10, Urgent Communications* – (Iowa) **Iowa PSAP ready to receive text via 911.**

An Iowa call center Tuesday announced that it has become the first in the country to successfully receive text messages sent directly to 911 and expects to offer the service beginning next month. While many public-safety answering points (PSAPs) have taken steps to be able to receive text messages outside the 911 infrastructure, the Black Hawk Consolidated Public Safety Communications Center in Black Hawk County, Iowa has demonstrated the ability to receive text messages within the 911 system. Such native 911 reception of text messages is one of the promises of next-generation 911 centers, but Black Hawk County's PSAP is a Phase 2-capable center with targeted enhancements, said a senior technical officer for Intrado. The Black Hawk solution included upgrading CPE equipment with special software, improving reliability with redundant high-speed data links and having commercial wireless service provider i wireless — a T-Mobile affiliate in the Midwest — route 911 texts directly into Intrado's redundant national gateway, he said. The solution should be a "stepping stone," because the equipment and software can be leveraged in a next-generation architecture.

Source: [http://urgentcomm.com/networks\\_and\\_systems/news/text-message-911-psap-20090610/](http://urgentcomm.com/networks_and_systems/news/text-message-911-psap-20090610/)

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## **Information Technology**

33. *June 11, VNUNet.com* – (International) **Security firm warns of new Mac malware.** Security firm Sophos has reported seeing two new pieces of malware for Apple Mac computers. The first is a worm known as Tored-Fam, which spreads via email attachments and is simply a variant on the well known Tored family of malware that has been in circulation since last year. The worm collects email addresses and attempts to forward itself to other computers. A Sophos analysis of the worm's source code suggests that it is being used to build a Mac botnet known as Raedbot. This is being assembled by a malware writer called 'Ag\_Raed,' who is based in Tunisia. The second piece of malware is a Trojan called Jahlav-C, which is embedded in a bogus pornography Web site. Jahlav-C masquerades as an Active X video codec that needs to be downloaded in order to run the content.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2243917/two-pieces-mac-malware-surface>

34. *June 10, NextGov* – (National) **Cybersecurity tops priorities for DHS' research and development arm.** The Homeland Security Department's science and technology office plans to triple spending on cybersecurity research and development, the acting Undersecretary told Congress on June 9, with most of the additional funds in the U.S. President's fiscal 2010 budget request focusing on new ways to protect the nation's critical infrastructure, including transportation and the electric grid. The Directorate for Science and Technology, which is the primary research and development arm of DHS, requested \$968 million for fiscal 2010, a 3.8 percent increase over the previous year's enacted budget. Of the \$35 million in additional funds requested, DHS would earmark \$5.4 million for cybersecurity, the Directorate's acting Undersecretary told the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism.

The Undersecretary said cybersecurity would gain a 300 percent funding increase, compared with fiscal 2009, for the development of “leap-ahead technologies” that secure the nation’s computer networks and information infrastructure, including energy, transportation, telecommunications, and banking and finance.

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20090610\\_3239.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20090610_3239.php)

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## Communications Sector

35. *June 10, Gallup Independent and Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Qwest loses fiber-optic line, leaves area without communications.** Emergency 911 services as well as Internet and long-distance phone service were knocked out in much of west-central New Mexico on June 9 when the driver of a tractor-trailer failed to clear an aerial fiber optic cable. Residents in the Gallup area lost the ability to make long-distance phone calls for several hours on June 9, as well as Internet service. Cell phone coverage was spotty until services returned. The outage affected local ATMs and all local businesses, including Safeway that accept EBT benefit payments, which are governed from an office in Albuquerque. The New Mexico Department of Public Safety spokesman said emergency calls for all of Cibola and McKinley counties and part of Catron County were being rerouted with the help of other counties and ham radio operators. The spokesman said everything but local phone service was knocked out when the cable east of Grants was damaged. Emergency 911 calls were routed to Albuquerque and Valencia County, which then contacted authorities in Gallup using local numbers. The McKinley County Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management installed an Emergency Management Operations Center at Metro Dispatch. Officers with New Mexico State Police, Gallup Police Department, Gallup Fire Department and EMS gathered at the EOC in order to ensure communications between departments.
- Source: <http://www.gallupindependent.com/2009/06June/061009incommunicado.html>

36. *June 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Friday is final curtain for analog TV signals.** The last major TV stations that are still broadcasting in analog will turn those signals off on June 12 and go all digital. The original February 17 deadline for the shutdown was delayed by the Presidential Administration after funding ran out for \$40 coupons the government offered to help people buy converter boxes for old TVs. Now officials say the country is much better prepared than in February, though they still expect some viewers to be confused. About 3.1 million U.S. homes were unprepared to receive digital signals as of late May, according to the Nielsen Co. That is half the number that were unprepared in February, and the number will probably decline further by June 12, as procrastinators get around to replacing old TVs or hooking them up to converter

boxes or cable or satellite service. Some people may believe the analog shutdown will be put off once again. But the U.S. President debunked that with a statement last week: “I want to be clear: There will not be another delay.” Because digital signals are more efficient than the analog TV broadcasts that have been on the air for six decades, the transition will make room in the airwaves for wireless Internet and emergency communications services.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j4Aw5-Oq5nP5BrNdeQ3RKwvIbyPQD98ND3380>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

37. *June 11, Bristol Evening Post* – (International) **Terror suspect caught ‘staking out’ Bristol shopping center.** A security camera picture shows the moment a student accused of terror offences allegedly staked out a Bristol shopping center. The jury hearing the case of the Westbury-on-Trym student was shown images caught by the CCTV cameras at the Mall Bristol shopping center in Broadmead, United Kingdom, in April 2008. The 20-year-old, who changed his name after converting to Islam, is accused of making a bomb and planning to explode it at the center, formerly known as the Galleries. A Winchester Crown Court jury has heard that the man had home-made explosives in the fridge at his home in Comb Paddock, along with a “suicide vest”, allegedly to wear when detonating them. The Crown claims the moving footage and stills from CCTV cameras shows the man carrying out a reconnaissance mission at the center on April 7, days before his arrest by armed police. The man denies making an explosive substance with intent to endanger life or cause serious injury to property. He also denies preparation of terrorism acts. He has pleaded guilty to simply making an explosive substance. The trial has already heard that when the man, a chemistry student at a local college, was arrested, a quantity of home-made high explosive, hexamethylene triperoxide diamine, was found in a biscuit box in his fridge, along with an electrical circuit capable of detonating it. The prosecution told the jury on the first day of the trial that the man spent about an hour walking around the center without entering any of the 100 shops located over three floors. The prosecution said that as the man walked he made a note on his mobile phone of the location of bins, lifts, escalators and exits, and described the food court as a “dense area.” He also made a note of the time it would take to exit the mall without running, the prosecution said. The case continues.

Source: <http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk/news/Terror-suspect-caught-camera-staking-Bristol-shopping-centre/article-1068615-detail/article.html>

38. *June 10, Gadsden Times* – (Alabama; Arkansas) **Prank calls lead to damage.** Prank calls for fires and fire alarm checks at hotels and motels across the state have led to thousands of dollars in damage, an Alabama state deputy fire marshal said. One call to a Gadsden hotel recently led to about \$12,000 in damage when the sprinkler system was activated, he said. A caller identified himself as a representative of the Gadsden fire department and asked the clerk to pull the fire alarm as a test. The employee pulled the

alarm. The caller then told the employee it was necessary to deactivate the sprinkler system and to break a bulb for that deactivation, the marshal said. Once the bulb was broken, the sprinkler system was activated and about \$12,000 in damage was done, he said. A similar incident at a hotel in Arkansas on June 9 caused about \$50,000 in damage. Some calls have been placed to those staying in rooms, and they have been asked to break the bulbs to deactivate the sprinkler with the same results as at the hotel in Gadsden, the marshal continued. Reports have come from Gadsden, Birmingham, Daphne and Saraland in Alabama and other locations across the country. The FBI has joined the investigation. “Nobody who is legitimate would call on the phone and ask someone to pull the fire alarm or break a bulb on the sprinkler,” the marshal stated. A legitimate representative from a fire department or sprinkler company would appear and show proper identification, he said. Anyone who receives a call should not follow the directions and instead should call authorities.

Source:

<http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20090610/NEWS/906109966/1017/NEWS?Title=Prank-calls-lead-to-damage>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

39. *June 11, USA Today* – (District of Columbia) **Holocaust museum suspect faces murder charge.** A white supremacist was charged Thursday with murder in the shooting death of a U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum security officer, said the chief of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department. The suspect, of Annapolis, Maryland, remains in critical condition with a gunshot wound, said the mayor. After the security officer was hit, other guards returned fire, authorities said. The police chief said the suspect will also be charged with killing in possession of a firearm in a federal facility. Wackenhut Security, which employed the security officer, said the officer was hit by a bullet in the upper left torso. The firm told the Associated Press that its officers at the museum were wearing appropriate gear as specified in a union contract. The police chief said the gunman acted alone. She and an FBI spokesman said there was no threat before the attack.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-06-10-holocaust-museum-shooting\\_N.htm?csp=34](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-06-10-holocaust-museum-shooting_N.htm?csp=34)

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## **Dams Sector**

40. *June 11, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Dallas council approves \$27M in effort to prove levees safe.** On June 10, the Dallas City council took the first costly step to try and prevent thousands of property owners along the Trinity River from being forced to buy flood insurance. The council hopes the millions in taxpayer dollars it will spend can prove the river levees are safe. Since the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers flunked the

levees protecting Dallas from the Trinity River, the city is now in the spot of spending money to save money “so citizens that live adjacent to the levees aren’t put in the precarious situation of having to buy additional flood insurance,” said a council member. The city council approved spending \$27 million for a study the city hopes can show the levees are in better shape than the Corps thinks.

Source:

[http://www.wfaa.com/sharedcontent/dws/wfaa/latestnews/stories/wfaa090610\\_mo\\_leveeefforts.6a374846.html](http://www.wfaa.com/sharedcontent/dws/wfaa/latestnews/stories/wfaa090610_mo_leveeefforts.6a374846.html)

41. *June 10, WAFF 8 Huntsville* – (Mississippi) **Old water plant pumps need grant money.** Officials in Oktibbeha County are set to repair a deteriorating section of the Oktibbeha County Lake levee in coming weeks. The problems exist on the back side of the levee, where a spillway flows beneath County Lake Road. The ground beside the spillway is beginning to crumble and become unstable. “At this point, we don’t consider it dangerous, but this is something we definitely need to keep an eye on and make the repairs to so we can prevent it from getting dangerous,” said the Oktibbeha County District 3 supervisor, who lives below the levee.

Source: <http://www.waff.com/Global/story.asp?S=10499390&nav=0hBE>

42. *June 10, Treasure Coast Palm* – (Florida) **Exercise Thursday to test emergency response at Lake Okeechobee.** The Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District and more than 15 state and county agencies will participate in a four hour exercise June 11 to evaluate response capabilities to an emergency involving the Herbert Hoover Dike that surrounds Lake Okeechobee. This year’s exercise is Phase One in an annual series sponsored by the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program and the Corps’ National Dam Safety Program. Specific to the dike, the Phase One exercise and evaluation will test response capabilities that include rapid and accurate notification and communications, command and control responsibilities and information sharing among all participating agencies. The exercise will be discussion-based and begins with simulated wet-weather that stalls over central Florida, saturating the Kissimmee River/Lake Okeechobee basin. A series of built-in events will help define specific real world scenarios to test participant response strategies and capabilities.

Source: [http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2009/jun/10/no-headline---tc\\_dikebrf/](http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2009/jun/10/no-headline---tc_dikebrf/)

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