



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 17 June 2009

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Dallas Morning News reports that Oncor says power has been restored to homes and businesses left in the dark by severe storms that hit North Texas last week. The storms caused more than 500,000 customers to lose power, making it one of the worst outages in the region, the company said. (See item [2](#))
- According to the Associated Press, surprise inspections at 42 Veterans Affairs clinics across the United States revealed that fewer than half had proper training and guidelines for colonoscopies and other endoscopic procedures, says a report released Tuesday by the VA inspector general. (See item [25](#))

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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 16, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Biodiesel refinery at port hit by blaze: valve blamed; production line is lost.** A faulty safety valve was blamed for a fire at a biodiesel refining business at the Port of Toledo the afternoon of June 15. No one was hurt in the

3:30 p.m. blaze, but it destroyed one of two production lines at Midwest Biorenewables LLC, which had been producing diesel fuel from soybean oil for about a month. A vacuum-control valve that should have regulated a vacuum-refining vessel failed to work, causing the vessel to implode, said a company co-owner. The biodiesel inside was hot enough that it ignited upon contact with air. The co-owner said the accident will be cause for an internal investigation before production resumes. “We need to evaluate what’s happened here. We need to find out why our safety system didn’t work,” he said as he stood outside his building’s scorched back door after the fire had been extinguished. The plant’s fire-suppression system, however, worked as intended. Midwest Biorenewables had been producing 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of biodiesel daily before the accident, the co-owner said, with most of it being sold either to the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority or Midwest Terminals of Toledo International. Midwest Terminals operates the adjoining general-cargo dock at the Port of Toledo. No dollar estimate of the damage was immediately available.

Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3270663>

2. *June 15, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Power restored to Dallas-Fort Worth residents left in dark after storms.** Oncor says power has been restored to homes and businesses left in the dark by severe storms that walloped North Texas last week. An Oncor spokeswoman said power was restored the evening of June 14 to all customers who could receive power. Storms that hit the Dallas-Fort Worth area starting June 10 caused more than 500,000 customers to lose power, making it one of the worst outages in the region, the company said. Tree limbs hitting power lines and thousands of lightning strikes were to blame for the outages that were scattered in Dallas, Tarrant, Denton and Collin counties, Oncor said. Residents without power struggled to beat the heat as temperatures soared into the mid-90s over the weekend. Temperatures are expected to reach the high 90s and possibly hit 100 degrees later this week, according to the National Weather Service.

Source:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/latestnews/stories/061609dnmetoutages.823df3c8.html>

3. *June 15, WHBQ 13 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **MLGW update: 33,000 without power 100,000 customers restored since Friday storms.** As of 5 p.m. on June 15, about 33,000 MLGW customers remain without power. Since June 12, MLGW has restored power to more than 107,000 customers. MLGW crews are continuing restoration efforts through the night. At this time, more than 800 MLGW employees and contractors are on the streets working to restore power. Crews are working 24 hours a day, in 16-hour shifts. There are currently 88 electric crews, 50 tree trimming crews and the Customer Care Center has been open 24 hours a day, and will remain open the evening of June 15. Emergency Line: Customers need to treat MLGW's Emergency Line (528-4465) the same as they would 911. That number is only used to report life threatening utility emergencies such as wires down or gas leaks.

Source:

[http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/061509\\_MLGW\\_Update\\_33000\\_With\\_out\\_Power](http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/061509_MLGW_Update_33000_With_out_Power)

4. *June 15, Reuters* – (Texas) **Total shut Port Arthur, Texas, FCC Friday.** Total Petrochemicals USA shut the gasoline-producing 78,000-barrel-per-day (bpd) fluidic catalytic cracking unit at its 232,000-bpd Port Arthur, Texas, refinery on June 12, according to a notice filed with state pollution regulators. A Total spokeswoman declined to discuss operations at the refinery. “Instrumentation issues” on the cat cracker caused the shutdown, according to the notice filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN1522836720090615>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *June 15, Victoria Advocate* – (Texas) **Train derails near Schulenburg, spills chemical.** A train derailment and chemical spill west of Schulenburg, Texas led to the evacuation of 75 homes June 15, said the Fayette County emergency management coordinator. No one was injured in the incident and homeowners were allowed to return to their homes about 10 p.m. Schulenburg Fire Department responded to a phone call about 6 p.m. reporting that a Union Pacific train headed west on a bridge over the West Navidad River had derailed, said the Schulenburg Fire Chief. They did not have information on the cause of the derailment or the type of chemical spilled. Local authorities, as well as La Grange Volunteer Fire Department and a hazardous materials team from Hays County, helped with the clean up. Union Pacific and local law enforcement are investigating the initial cause of the derailment.  
Source:  
[http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2009/jun/15/er\\_train\\_derailment\\_061609\\_54757/?news](http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2009/jun/15/er_train_derailment_061609_54757/?news)
6. *June 15, Oil and Gas Journal* – (National) **Associations urge Congress to renew chemical facility security law.** Thirty-four trade associations, including the American Petroleum Institute and six others from the oil and gas industry, asked Congress on June 11 to reauthorize the chemical facility security law without significant changes. HR 2477, the Chemical Facility Security Authorization Act, would reauthorize U.S. Department of Homeland Security chemical security standards that Congress enacted in 2006 by extending their sunset date to October 1, 2012. This would provide owners and operators of such installations the necessary certainty to protect citizens and contribute to the economic recovery, the letter said. “However, we strongly urge you to oppose disrupting this security program by adding provisions that would mandate government-favored substitutions, weaken protection of sensitive information, impose stifling penalties for administrative errors, create conflicts with other security standards, or more away from a performance (or risk-based) approach,” it continued. The groups, which also include agricultural, chemical, transportation and manufacturing associations, said that a bill introduced in 2008, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act, would have disrupted new federal security standards in the short term and weakened infrastructure

protection and economic stability in the long run.

Source: <http://www.pennenergy.com/index/articles/display/5376929155/s-articles/s-oil-gas-journal/s-general-interest/s-government/s-articles/s-associations-urge.html>

7. *June 15, New Jersey Local News Service* – (New Jersey) **Road reopened after Mendham Twp. chem spill.** A chemical spill closed Calais Road for about four and a half hours on June 15. The Morris County hazmat unit cleaned up about 150 gallons of spilled pesticides, and told police there was no danger to the surrounding area. A man driving a 1998 International at 8:31 a.m. lost control and “fishtailed” into a tree. The truck is owned by TruGreen, a lawn care company based in Randolph, and was carrying a liquid mixture of fertilizer and pesticide. The road was reopened at 1 p.m.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/news/local/index.ssf/2009/06/road\\_reopened\\_after\\_mendham\\_tw.ht](http://www.nj.com/news/local/index.ssf/2009/06/road_reopened_after_mendham_tw.ht)  
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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

8. *June 16, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **FEMA gives VY high marks for disaster drill.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency Radiological Assistance Committee gave Vermont Yankee officials and participants in the plant’s evacuation exercise high scores for their work in and around the nuclear power station on June 10. FEMA teams, along with emergency management teams from 18 communities in three states, tested the plant’s ability to react in the event of a leak at Vermont Yankee. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission critiqued the interior actions at the plant. During a public meeting Monday night at the Vernon Elementary School, a FEMA Tech Hazards Program specialist said the plant performed very well during the five-hour drill. In his 13 years, this is the best performance in an evaluation drill by Vermont Yankee. Nearly 90 evaluators were in the field examining more than 550 criteria from the Department of Homeland Security nuclear power plant exercise. The FEMA specialist said Vermont agencies provided calm leadership, kept morale high and were able to give timely advice in a confident manner during the drill. The tracking teams also demonstrated a professional manner in the midst of the exercise.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci\\_12598461](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_12598461)

9. *June 15, Monroe News* – (Michigan) **Fermi restarted.** DTE Energy restarted its Fermi 2 nuclear power plant near Newport early Monday, apparently after repairing a water leak near the reactor over the weekend. The utility shut down the plant early Saturday morning after instruments detected the leak in the containment area of the plant. Early Monday, the reactor was operating at about 10 percent power. It needs to reach a 20 percent power level before it can start generating electricity. Further details about the extent of the leak, its cause and equipment it affected were unavailable this morning.

Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/article/20090615/NEWS01/706159976/-1/NEWS>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *June 15, Reliable Plant* – (Maryland) **EPA cites Rayloc plant for hazardous waste violations.** Genuine Parts Company paid a \$43,000 penalty to settle alleged violations of hazardous waste regulations at Rayloc, its auto parts rebuilding facility in Hancock, Maryland, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced. EPA cited Genuine Parts Company, headquartered in Atlanta, for violating the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the federal law governing the treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste. RCRA is designed to protect public health and the environment, and avoid costly cleanups, by requiring the safe, environmentally sound storage and disposal of hazardous waste. Following a May 2008 inspection, EPA cited the company for RCRA violations involving hazardous waste stored at the facility, including cadmium-contaminated clean-out debris stored in 55-gallon containers. The alleged violations involve storage and recordkeeping violations, and not discharges of hazardous waste. The \$43,000 settlement penalty reflects the company's compliance efforts, and its cooperation with EPA in the investigation and resolution of this matter. As part of the settlement, Genuine Parts Company has neither admitted nor denied liability for the alleged violations, but has certified its compliance with applicable RCRA requirements. Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=18201&pagetitle=EPA+cites+Rayloc+plant+for+hazardous+waste+violations>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

11. *June 15, Air Force Times* – (International) **AF ready for F-22 export version.** The Air Force is prepared to create a version of the F-22 Raptor that the U.S. could sell to foreign countries if it gets the go-ahead from Congress and the State Department, according to one of the service's top acquisition officers. A Lieutenant General told the Senate Armed Services air and land forces subcommittee that the Air Force would follow established practices to ensure the export model did not jeopardize U.S. military secrets. Currently, a federal law enacted to keep sensitive military technology from hostile governments prevents Japan and Australia from acquiring the Raptor. Japan has said it would pay the estimated \$1 billion it would cost to develop an F-22 export model. The \$140 million F-22 is one of six potential contenders to replace Japan's aging fleet of F-4s. The F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter is another possibility. In May, the U.S. Secretary of Defense recommended Japan go with the F-35 instead of the F-22. A month earlier, in his 2010 budget recommendation, he made clear his vision for the fifth-generation fighter fleet: the F-35 with a helping hand from the F-22. His plan calls for capping Raptor production at 187 aircraft, the goal once had been 381, and bringing on 513 F-35s over the next five years. The last F-22 will roll off the production line in 2011.

Source: [http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/airforce\\_tactical\\_061409/](http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/airforce_tactical_061409/)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *June 15, Reuters* – (International) **Swiss seek U.S. tax deal before UBS case continues.**

A looming court case against Swiss bank UBS AG could prove a stumbling block to the United States and Switzerland clinching a tax agreement this week. Switzerland, whose private banks manage around \$2 trillion of foreign wealth, aims to secure 12 new bilateral tax deals by the end of 2009 which could allow it to be removed from an OECD “grey list” of states which need to improve tax cooperation and avoid possible sanctions from G20 nations. It has already secured five agreements, with Denmark, Norway, France, Mexico and one other unnamed country, and plans to put the issue to a referendum. Talks between Swiss and U.S. officials restart in Washington on June 16. The Swiss President has asked the U.S. Treasury Secretary to drop a tax evasion case against UBS in return for a new tax accord, which might struggle for ratification in Switzerland if the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) persists with its pursuit of the bank. “We believe there has to be some kind of agreement before July 13 when the IRS and UBS are due to take part in a mini-trial,” said an analyst at Vontobel, adding this could even come in an 11th hour deal on July 12.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSLF49225420090615>

13. *June 15, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **SEC charges founder of Chicago Sports Webio in fraud.**

On June 15, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accused a defendant of violating federal securities laws, three days after the FBI executed search warrants on the Chicago office of NextStep Financial Services Inc. and NextStep Medical Staffing, two business ventures with ties to the defendant. The SEC said NextStep Financial is a defunct corporation through which the defendant operated his fraudulent scheme. He allegedly sold so-called “guaranteed investment contracts” to investors that promised returns of 10 percent to 16 percent per month. The complaint said the defendant, 48, of Downers Grove, raised more than \$11 million from investors in at least 12 states.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chi-sec-chicago-sports-webio-jun15,0,4162544.story>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *June 16, USA Today* – (National) **FAA plans new safety rules for regional airlines.**

Federal aviation regulators and airlines June 15 agreed to take emergency actions to improve safety at regional carriers in response to concerns over poor piloting and fatigue in recent accidents. Using unusually tough language, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) chief said that safety among the smaller airlines is not always equal to their major counterparts, and he vowed to use his position to increase pressure for broad improvements. After a day-long meeting with about 50 government, union and



airline officials, the FAA said it plans to write new regulations on how many hours pilots can work; pressure all airlines to adopt safety programs that closely monitor data from every flight; improve the ability of airlines to research the flying records of pilots before they are hired; conduct a review by airlines and pilot unions into pilot training. The chief acknowledged that the actions were all either voluntary or new rules could take years to finalize.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2009-06-15-faa-pilot-safety\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2009-06-15-faa-pilot-safety_N.htm)

15. *June 15, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Discovery of knife delays Denver-to-Atlanta flight.** An Atlanta-bound flight from Denver International Airport was delayed 2 1/2 hours Monday when a small knife was found in the cabin, according to the Transportation Security Administration. The knife's owner is still under investigation, said an agency spokeswoman. "We haven't excluded the possibility that it was inadvertently left behind by some maintenance workers, or something as simple as that," she said. She was not sure where the knife was found, but passengers on the 5:50 p.m. flight were taken off the plane and their luggage was rescreened and nothing was found, she said.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci\\_12597473?source=commented-](http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci_12597473?source=commented-)

16. *June 15, United Press International* – (Georgia) **Southwest jet makes emergency landing.** Officials were investigating what caused a cabin pressure indicator to trip, forcing a Southwest Airlines plane to make an emergency landing in Georgia. An airline spokesman said Southwest Flight 1050, traveling from Chicago, Illinois to Fort Myers, Florida, was forced to land in Columbus, Georgia on June 14 after a cabin pressure indicator went off, CNN reported on June 15. The incident did not prompt the release of the plane's passenger oxygen masks, but the plane was diverted to Columbus as a precaution, he said. No injuries from the 122 passengers were reported in the incident being investigated by both the airline and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2009/06/15/Southwest-jet-makes-emergency-landing/UPI-21381245070491/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/06/15/Southwest-jet-makes-emergency-landing/UPI-21381245070491/)

17. *June 14, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Powder found at Bradley Airport baggage area.** A baggage claim at Bradley Airport was shut down for several hours June 13 after a suspicious white powder was discovered. The powder was found shortly after 8 a.m. at the US Airways baggage claim in Terminal A. The area was cordoned off until crews from State Police and the Department of Environmental Protection arrived. A contractor removed the powder and cleaned the area. The baggage claim was reopened at 11:45 a.m. Tests were being run on the powder to find out what it is.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/topic/hc-copdigbrf0614.art4jun14,0,4309270.story>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

18. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Powder leads to lockdown at DSM Federal Building.** A suspicious powder found at the Federal Building in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, turned out to be harmless. Police blocked a street that runs in front of the building so hazardous material crews could investigate a report Monday of a suspicious package after someone in the mailroom opened an envelope with a white powder inside. The Des Moines fire inspector said the 10th floor of the building was also shut down but reopened early Monday afternoon. The fire inspector says the powder turned out to be a common substance but did not elaborate.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-powderscare,0,4511730.story>
19. *June 15, KIVI 6 Boise* – (Idaho) **A 2nd scare for the State Tax Commission.** There was a total lock down at the Boise State Tax Commission on June 15. Elevators were stopped and no one could get in or out of the State Tax Commission building after an employee opened an empty envelope filled with a suspicious powder. “It had no return address on it and there was nothing inside the envelope other than about a half a teaspoon of a yellowish powder,” said the division chief of the Boise Fire Department. Within minutes the Boise fire department and hazardous material crews were on the scene. They say only a few people were exposed to the powder but as a precaution people in the mailroom were evacuated. The powder was tested and found to be non-dairy creamer.  
Source: <http://www.kivitv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10537587>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

20. *June 15, USAgNet* – (Nebraska) **32 herds quarantined because of Bovine TB fears.** Concerns about bovine tuberculosis (TB) have led to the quarantine of 32 cattle herds with about 15,000 adult cattle in north-central Nebraska, officials said. According to the Associated Press, the bovine TB investigation has confirmed only two cases of the disease in one Rock County herd, but Nebraska state agriculture director said the other 31 herds have been quarantined because the animals may have had fence-line contact with the infected herd. The 32 quarantined herds, which must all be tested for TB, are in Rock, Holt, Loup, Boyd and Brown counties. The director added that other herds could be added to the quarantine if investigators learn they may have contacted the infected herd. Testing of all the quarantined herds will begin next week, but that will take a considerable amount of time to complete. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says Nebraska started the year with 6.35 million head of cattle and calves.  
Source: <http://usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1280&yr=2009>

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## **Water Sector**

21. *June 16, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **EPA presses Holbrook to file missing**



**wastewater reports.** Holbrook, Arizona has 30 days to file almost two years worth of missing reports related to wastewater treatment and disposal, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official said. The city was either late or failed to submit reports that describe the quality of treated wastewater, mainly used by Holbrook for irrigation. Also missing are reports that describe whether the city's treatment plant discharged wastewater into a wash that drains into the Little Colorado River, an EPA environmental engineer said. If the northeast Arizona city, with a little more than 5,000 residents, does not comply, it could face fines up to as much \$32,500 per day, she said. Holbrook was given a permit in January 2007 to release treated wastewater into the Leroux Wash west of town. Federal regulations require the city report when it discharges that water as well as test for pollutants, she said. The city has to make a monthly discharge report, if only to say it did not discharge any wastewater. The city also has to submit regular wastewater tests. During the first 23 months of its permit, the EPA did not receive any reports from Holbrook, she said. The city's Painted Mesa Water Reclamation Facility treats about 1 million gallons of water per day, she said. The state issued a notice of violation in February, she said, but since then Holbrook has only submitted 10 of its 23 missing reports and none of its required monitoring reports. It is doubtful that Holbrook's inaction has immediately endangered public safety, but the EPA needs to know what is in the water in case a problem does develop, she said. A supervisor at the reclamation facility, said his employees had completed all of the required testing, but admitted that some of the paperwork may not have been sent in or completed correctly.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/06/15/20090615EPA-holbrook0615-ON.html>

22. *June 15, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **DHEC investigating second sewage spill on Congaree River.** Another case of sewage overflow in the Midlands and some of it could have ended up in the Columbia Canal and the Congaree River. The break might have allowed almost 400,000 gallons of sewage to leak onto land and possibly into the canal. The pipe was fixed on June 11 and cleanup still underway on June 15. "We had basically a part of the piping blew out when the pumps came on," said a city engineer. He says the pipe failure was rare and a bypass is in place. So far, there is no indication large amounts of bacteria are showing up at the Columbia Water Treatment plant where the city draws its drinking water. That could mean the potential for more trouble downstream might have already passed.

Source: [http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10537189&nav=menu36\\_2](http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10537189&nav=menu36_2)

23. *June 14, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S., Canada to update Great Lakes water agreement.** The United States and Canada say they will update a key agreement to protect the Great Lakes from invasive species, climate change, and other established and emerging threats to the world's biggest surface freshwater system. The U.S. Secretary of State said June 13 that the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which was last amended in 1987, is no longer sufficient. She announced the deal to revise it, something environmental groups have been pushing for, with the Canadian foreign affairs minister during a ceremony marking the 100th anniversary of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. The treaty created an international commission to settle water-

related disputes between the two countries. The agreement commits the United States and Canada to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin ecosystem. Since the agreement was first signed in 1972, levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, mercury, dioxin and other pollutants have dropped and the lakes have seen the return of the bald eagle and other species. But Great Lakes states and provinces have worried in recent years that the cleanup has lost momentum amid new threats from the growing population, new chemicals and climate change.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gNAjvMM2VhBC3Uc8RKBBOKrMGcUAD98Q1F700>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *June 16, Reuters* – (International) **Canada approves new source of medical isotopes.** Canada's health ministry on Monday approved a new source of Technetium-99m (Tc-99m) medical isotopes. Boston-based Lantheus Medical Imaging has been authorized to use Molybdenum 99 (Moly-99) produced by the Open Pool Australian Light-water (OPAL) reactor to make Tc-99m for diagnostic imaging in Canadian healthcare facilities, the ministry said. The ministry said Lantheus expects to begin receiving Moly-99 from the OPAL reactor over the next few weeks. The isotopes, which are valuable in medical imaging for diagnosing cancer, heart disease and other medical conditions, are in increasingly short supply. The Chalk River reactor in Ontario, which makes a third of the world's medical isotopes, was taken out of service in May after it was discovered to be leaking a small amount of heavy water.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssHealthcareNews/idUSBNG46913620090616>

25. *June 15, Associated Press* – (National) **Proper training, guidelines lacking at many VA clinics: report.** Surprise inspections at 42 Veterans Affairs clinics across the United States revealed that fewer than half had proper training and guidelines for colonoscopies and other endoscopic procedures, says a report by the VA inspector general. The findings suggest that problems with colonoscopies and other minimally invasive procedures may not be limited to three facilities implicated earlier this year, the Associated Press reported. The surprise inspections conducted in May found that just 18 (43 percent) of the 42 clinics were able to prove that they had properly trained their staffs and that they had standard operating guidelines in place for the procedures, the AP reported. The VA inspector general's report is to be released Tuesday at a hearing before a House Veterans Affairs subcommittee.

Source: <http://www.healthday.com/Article.asp?AID=628086>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

26. *June 16, Columbia State* – (South Carolina) **Bomb threat clears Columbia federal courthouse.** A bomb threat on June 16 cleared the Matthew J. Perry Jr. federal

courthouse and surrounding streets in downtown Columbia, South Carolina, for about two hours. Bomb-sniffing dogs from SLED searched the three-story building and found no evidence of explosive, said the Columbia deputy fire chief. Columbia fire trucks were among several agencies that responded to the possible threat. Also on hand were officers from the FBI, the U.S. Marshall's Service and the Columbia police department. The threat was telephoned in to the clerk's office. The Perry courthouse, built in 2004, has security features that include strong fences around its perimeter, an ample setback from streets and tightly controlled access. During the incident, occupants of nearby buildings were allowed to leave their offices but were not allowed back until things were ruled safe.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/breaking/story/828272.html>

27. *June 15, Craig Daily Press* – (Colorado) **Courthouse bomb scare turns out to be false alarm.** A red cooler filled with an empty soda can, tools, spoons and an open bag of sunflower seeds stopped all activity at the Moffat County Courthouse for more than five hours Monday afternoon. The episode began about 1 p.m. Monday, when local law enforcement responded to calls from courthouse security about a suspicious package outside the building's southwestern entrance. The threat of a bomb lasted until about 6:30 p.m., when the Grand Junction Police Department Bomb Squad determined the cooler did not contain an explosive.

Source: [http://www.craigdailynews.com/news/2009/jun/15/bomb\\_scare\\_over/?breaking](http://www.craigdailynews.com/news/2009/jun/15/bomb_scare_over/?breaking)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

28. *June 16, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Fort Collins tornado alert system fails.** Fort Collins officials tried and failed Monday to warn tens of thousands of residents and businesses about a tornado warning using a new countywide emergency alert system. An estimated 100,000 phone numbers and e-mail addresses did not receive the notification from the city that would have alerted those in the south-central part of the city. The cause of the failure is still being determined by the Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority, according to the organization's executive director. She said Everbridge, the system's vendor formerly known as 3n, worked Monday to determine if it was responsible for the error but could not find any flaws in its operating system. Everbridge successfully sent out similar alerts in Aurora and Morgan County at about the same time Fort Collins tried to send out its message. Technical workers for the city of Fort Collins will continue to work Tuesday to determine if an error occurred at the city's dispatch center, where the message is sent from. Monday's failed alert would have been the first weather-related message sent out using the system, which has successfully been used 18 times and successfully tested more than 50 times.

Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20090616/NEWS01/90616001/Fort-Collins-tornado-alert-system-fails>

29. *June 15, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa; Michigan) **Law enforcement agencies**

**consider joint communications system.** Currently, the Linn County, Michigan, sheriff's office, the Cedar Rapids Police and the Marion Police can not directly talk to each other on the same system. To remedy this, Linn County and Cedar Rapids have already agreed to put money toward a study of the area's law enforcement communication systems. Marion will discuss the issue this week. Law enforcement officials say now is the perfect time to get all three systems to talk to each other. Linn County Sheriff's department dispatchers handle just about every emergency that happens in the county. Linn County, Cedar Rapids and Marion law enforcement are pushing for a new system that will allow all three emergency radio and dispatch systems to talk to each other instantly. If approved all three agencies will still have their own independent emergency dispatch centers, but they will use the same technology and software.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/48110802.html>

30. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Police say Jonesboro man broke into police station.** Police have arrested a convicted felon after they say he stole some guns from the McDonough, Georgia, police station. Police say the man broke into the police station June 1 by climbing through a window in the administrative building. He took several items, including the guns, from the evidence room. Court records show he sold some of the guns he had stolen, but it was not clear how many guns were taken and how many have been sold. Police also arrested three other people during a raid on a Jonesboro home Tuesday. At the home, police said, investigators found a gun, drugs, a flat screen television and several other items stolen from the police station.

Source: <http://www.news-daily.com/Main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=2&ArticleID=27759>

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## **Information Technology**

31. *June 16, Washington Post* – (International) **Apple patches Java flaws, at last.** Apple on June 15 shipped updates to plug more than two dozen security holes in its version of Java, including a particularly dangerous flaw that Java maker Sun patched back in early December. In May, Security Fix and others took Apple to task for taking too long to fix Java vulnerabilities. In fact, Apple patches Java flaws on average about six months after Sun had shipped its own updates to fix the same vulnerabilities. At least two different researchers even released proof-of-concept exploits to shame Apple into quickly fixing an easy-to-exploit vulnerability that potential attackers had known about for six months. This Java update appears to address most of the outstanding Java vulnerabilities. From looking at the common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVE) numbers attached to each of the flaws fixed by Apple's Java rollup, it looks like this update brings Mac OS X systems to the equivalent of Java 6 Update 13 (Sun recently released Update 14, but there do not appear to be any security related fixes in that bundle).

Source:

[http://voices.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2009/06/apple\\_patches\\_java\\_flaws\\_at\\_la.h](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2009/06/apple_patches_java_flaws_at_la.h)

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## Communications Sector

32. *June 15, Homeland Security Newswire* – (International) **Locating VoIP callers in emergencies.** U.K. phone companies are developing a system to allow 999, the equivalent of the U.S. 911, operators to pinpoint the location of Internet callers, as concerns that the increasing use of VoIP could mean police, paramedics, and fire crews are unable to attend emergencies promptly. The hope is that the technology could be in place in some ISPs next year, according to the chairman of the industry group leading the work. The majority of calls to 999 are currently made via traditional landlines and mobile phones. BT has seen a ten-fold increase in the volume of VoIP calls to its emergency contact centers in the last 18 months, however. The ability to locate emergency calls is vital as callers may be under duress, too ill to speak, or may simply not know where they are. Traditional landlines can be found by what amounts to a reverse directory lookup, but using the line identity number and mobile phone coordinates approximated by triangulation, solving VoIP location is a more complex problem. Typically, VoIP users are allocated a number by their provider and are able to log in and make calls on any broadband connection. They could be at several sites in one day. That means a solution would require cooperation between VoIP providers and ISPs. Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/single.php?id=8143>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *June 15, MyCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Possible cyanide poisoning probed in Edison store owner's death.** The owner of a jewelry store in Edison, New Jersey was found dead in his shop Monday afternoon and authorities are investigating the possibility that he succumbed to cyanide poisoning. The owner was found in the bathroom of the shop by an employee who then called 911 about 12:50 p.m., said the Edison Police lieutenant of the Edison Police Department. Police found a bucket containing 4 to 5 ounces of cyanide in the back of the shop where the man was working, an official said. A patrolman, the first to respond, was taken to JFK Medical Center in Edison as a precaution for possible exposure to the cyanide, the police lieutenant and a hospital official said. "We don't know if this is a heart attack or the result of chemical exposure," he said, adding that cyanide is used in jewelry cleaning. Employees of a Walgreens, located next to the jewelry store in the Oakwood Plaza shopping center, said

they were told to evacuate the store about 1:35 p.m. Some three hours later, a metal grate was pulled down over the front of one of the windows at the jewelry shop and emergency workers were seen leaving wearing bright green hazmat suits. Half of the shopping center was closed off for several hours as personnel from the Middlesex County Hazardous Materials Unit, Edison fire and police departments, the State Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration remained on the scene during the afternoon.

Source:

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20090615/NEWS/90615047/1003/newsfront/UPDATE++Possible+cyanide+poisoning+probed+in+Edison+store+owner+s+death>

34. *June 13, San Diego Union Tribune* – (California) **22 fall ill at church; most are children.** Twenty-two people, most of them schoolchildren, were taken to hospitals to be checked for possible carbon monoxide poisoning on June 12 after they were sickened at a Coronado church. No evidence of carbon monoxide was found during an inspection of the church and the adjacent school, said the Coronado fire division fire chief. The inspection, which included the church furnace, was conducted by a county hazardous-materials team and a San Diego Gas & Electric Co. crew, he said. The incident began shortly after 9 a.m. when two children fainted and a third felt ill during a mass attended by about 300 people at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. June 12 was the last day of school for students at Sacred Heart, which has classes for kindergarten through eighth grade. In the middle of mass, two students sitting in a pew fainted. Others then began reporting headaches, nausea and weakness. Seventeen children and five adults were taken to three hospitals. None of the 18 tested positive for carbon monoxide poisoning, a hospital spokesperson said. A UCSD Medical Center doctor who treated most of the patients said he believed the initial readings taken by emergency personnel at the church may have been incorrect, the spokesperson added. The level of one patient tested at the church read 12, which is “pretty significant,” the division chief said. At the hospital, “they’ve got a higher level of testing than we do in the field,” he said. He also said that with a continuing flow of oxygen, carbon monoxide levels will diminish over time.
- Source: <http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/jun/13/1m13hazmat233021-22-fall-ill-church-most-are-child/?metro>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

35. *June 15, Prescott Daily Courier* – (Arizona) **Beneficial fire leads to plan for prescribed burn near Camp Wood.** After seeing the beneficial effects of the Hyde Fire over the past few weeks, Prescott National Forest officials have decided to conduct a prescribed burn in the same remote area about 20 miles northwest of Prescott, Arizona. Fire officials plan to conduct the burn on about 4,000 acres June 15-19 if weather conditions permit. Prescribed burns are rare in this forest in June because the fire danger commonly is extreme, but this month has been unusually cool and last month produced much more rain than usual. Also, the chaparral is much harder to burn and that is what the Forest Service is targeting with this project, said a fire management officer for the



Bradshaw Ranger District of the forest. This burn site is near Camp Wood, west of Forest Road 705 and south of County Road 68. No road closures are expected, but fire officials ask that visitors be cautious when driving in these areas. Signs will be posted warning drivers of fire activity.

Source:

<http://prescottdailycourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&subsectionID=1&articleID=69301>

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