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- According to the Associated Press, the number of Nebraska cattle herds quarantined because of bovine tuberculosis concerns has jumped to 42, and authorities warned the disease may have already spread to Colorado and South Dakota. (See item [22](#))
- The Associated Press reports that emergency crews' response to the massive coal ash spill last year at the Kingston coal-fired plant in Tennessee was hampered by TVA's failure to adopt Homeland Security's National Incident Management System protocols for emergency communications, the public utility's internal auditors said on Monday. (See item [40](#))

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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 17, Reuters* – (Texas) **Valero's Texas City coker back after brief outage.** Top U.S. refiner Valero Energy Corp said on June 17 that a coker unit was back in service at its oil refinery in Texas City, Texas, after the unit suffered a brief power outage the

evening of June 16. “There was an external power event at Texas City yesterday evening at about 6 p.m. that caused a brief power outage at the refinery’s coker, but the coker has been returned to service,” a Valero spokesman said in an email. “There is no material impact to refinery production.”

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN1754984820090617>

2. *June 17, Reuters* – (International) **Shell extends force majeure on Nigeria oil exports.** Royal Dutch Shell on June 17 extended a force majeure on its Nigerian Forcados oil shipments for the rest of June and all of July, a spokesman said. Shell’s joint venture with the state-run Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) imposed the force majeure, which frees the company from contractual obligations, in March following an attack on its trans-Escravos pipeline. “(The joint venture) declared force majeure on Forcados off take program for the remainder of June and for July effective 1800 hours June 16,” a Shell spokesman said. The company said investigations were ongoing and that it was taking steps to repair the line and resume production.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSLH83266820090617>

3. *June 17, Platts* – (California; Idaho; Oregon) **SoCal Ed signs deals for 960 MW from renewable power projects.** Southern California Edison has signed agreements with owners of wind and solar power projects for up to 960 MW of power, the utility said early on June 17. The agreements are subject to approval by the California Public Utilities Commission. The deals include two contracts with Solar Millenium for up to 726 MW of capacity from thermal solar facilities. Those projects would be located in Blythe, California, and Ridgecrest, California, and are expected to be in service in 2013 and 2014, the utility said. Other contracts include two wind power deals, with both projects scheduled to begin service in the fourth quarter of 2010. One is with Columbia Energy Partners for 40 MW, though it is expandable to 104 MW, from a wind power project in central Oregon; the other is with BP Wind Energy and Ridgeline Energy, for 90 MW, expandable to 130 MW, from a project in southeast Idaho. The utility said it has signed 12 contracts from its 2008 solicitation for renewable power supplies, representing potential deliveries of more than 6.5 billion kWh per year. In addition, it is preparing to issue its 2009 renewable solicitation by the end of June. SoCal Ed said it delivers more power to its customers from renewable facilities, 12.6 billion kWh in 2008, which is more than any other utility in the United States, and 16 percent of its generation portfolio comes from geothermal, wind, solar, hydro and biomass resources.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/8641713.xml?sub=Electric%20Power&p=Electric%20Power/News&?undefined&undefined>

4. *June 16, Yale Daily News* – (Connecticut) **Man arrested for firebombing Yale power plant.** Police arrested a West Haven man the evening of June 12 for, among other things, throwing a Molotov cocktail at Yale’s Central Power Plant on June 7. No one was hurt in the ensuing fire, which workers quickly extinguished. The man, 30, told police that he was glad about being arrested so he could tell them what he did. According to news reports, the man told police that he was trying to “melt down” the plant, which is located next to Swing Space. He explained that Allah told him to steal

the fuel from a North Haven hobby store in order to carry out the firebombing. He also confessed to several other crimes, including robberies dating back to 2004 and the recent theft of a car from the corner of Chapel and Church streets. He also claimed he had planted pipe bombs under a bridge near the city's border with West Haven, though a bomb squad searched the bridge in question and found nothing. Police are still probing his involvement in the other crimes. The man is now in prison on a mental health watch. Source: <http://yaledailynews.com/blogs/crosscampus/2009/06/16/man-arrested-for-firebombing-yale-power-plant/>

5. *June 16, Charlotte Business Journal* – (North Carolina) **Smart Grid experiment produces results.** Duke Energy says its experiment with Smart Grid technology at the McAlpine Creek Switching Station has already proved the advanced technology can improve service. In December 2008, the company found an outage involving five of the 16,000 customers served by the substation before the customers were aware their power was out. For three of them, the power was already restored before they had learned the service had failed, says the chief technology officer. During a thunderstorm a couple of weeks ago, a technician monitoring real time information from McAlpine noticed a strange fluctuation. When a friend from the neighborhood called to say his lights were flickering, the technician figured from the data where the problem had to be. He drove to the area and found a downed tree lying across the power line. The officer says he is pleased with how the pilot program is going in south Charlotte. On June 16, he showed off an array of 213 solar panels installed on the site that will provide enough power to serve 50 homes. Within two weeks, he says, Duke will install a 500-kilowatt battery that will store about 2.5 megawatt hours of electricity from the solar panels. That would be enough to power those same 50 homes for five hours, he says. Source: http://charlotte.bizjournals.com/charlotte/blog/power_city/2009/06/smart_grid_experiment_produces_results.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *June 16, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **Emergency workers respond to chemical spill in Upshur County.** A clean-up effort is underway after nearly 900 gallons of hydrochloric acid leaked out of a tanker truck at Weatherford Technologies, in Tennerton, on June 16. The Upshur County 911 Center got a report of an unusual odor, just after 7:00 a.m. The Buckhannon Fire Department and the Upshur County Office of Emergency Management initially responded to the scene. Ryan Environmental, under the supervision of the State Department of Environmental Protection, is cleaning up the spill. Authorities are investigating to see what caused the leak, but so far do not believe anything intentional had anything to do with it. Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=61116>
7. *June 15, Delaware News Journal* – (Delaware) **Fire at FMC in Newark deemed**

accidental. A fire on June 15 at the FMC Corporation in Newark was determined to be accidental, state fire officials said. The fire was reported shortly after 1 p.m. at the chemical manufacturing facility on Ogletown Road in Newark. When Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Company firefighters, assisted by firefighters from surrounding volunteer fire companies, arrived at the scene, smoke was coming from the third-floor machine area. An investigation determined that the fire was the result of a mechanical malfunction in a piece of machinery that ignited nearby combustibles. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20090615/NEWS/90615042/Fire+at+FMC+in+Newark+deemed+accidental>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

8. *June 17, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **Diablo nuclear waste starts going into dry casks.** Workers at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant on Monday began loading the facility's first dry cask container for used reactor fuel storage. Over the next several months, eight canisters will be loaded and taken to a storage pad on a hillside behind the plant, where they will remain for the foreseeable future. Establishment of the above-ground storage facility has been years in the making. It has been the subject of considerable controversy as nuclear watchdog groups have filed lawsuits in an attempt to make it safer from terrorist attacks. Each large steel and concrete cask will contain 32 spent reactor fuel assemblies that have been stored in below-ground pools at the plant. The pools are nearing their storage capacity. Moving the spent fuel assemblies, which are still highly radioactive, to dry casks is a standard practice. Two-thirds of the nation's 65 commercial nuclear plants use dry casks. Dry casks are the preferred storage method because they are low maintenance with no moving parts and more casks can be added as needed.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/local/story/754813.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La. lawmaker: Autos to be built in Ouachita.** A well financed company is close to choosing a shuttered north Louisiana site to start a new automobile manufacturing facility, creating up to 1,500 jobs, according to two elected officials from the region. The vehicles would be the unidentified company's first and would be built at a former Guide Corp. plant in Ouachita Parish. A Monroe city council member said the project would build fuel-efficient vehicles and involve California venture capitalists. The Louisiana Governor's economic development chief confirmed that Louisiana is in the final stages of negotiations with a company to move into the plant, but declined to say which industry. He said he could not reveal details

about the firm, or the amount of public money at stake in the negotiations, because of confidentiality agreements with the company.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/wire/chi-ap-la-autoplant,0,6888498.story>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *June 16, Online Defense and Acquisition Journal* – (National) **Lynn wants halt to cyber sniping.** Bot-nets, Internet-zombies, industrial spies, and cyber-mercenaries attack U.S. networks every day in the ongoing 21st century cyber war, said the Deputy Defense Secretary. Defense networks are probed “thousands” of times a day and the frequency and sophistication of those attacks are increasing exponentially. Attacks are up against defense contractors, he said on June 15 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, and “major aerospace platforms” have experienced intrusions that have compromised sensitive, but not classified, information.
Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2009/06/16/military-must-adopt-cyber-maneuver-warfare-lynn/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *June 17, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Obama wants SEC, CFTC to police derivatives.** The Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission should get “clear, unimpeded authority to police and prevent fraud” in the derivatives markets, according to a new U.S. Presidential Administration proposal. The Administration also wants new record-keeping and reporting requirements on all over-the-counter derivatives as part of its proposed revamp of financial regulators. “All OTC derivatives markets, including CDS (credit default swaps) markets, should be subject to comprehensive regulation that addresses relevant public policy objectives,” according to a near-final draft of the regulator plan. The proposal, obtained on June 16, was being circulated through Washington ahead of the U.S. President’s announcement of a major proposed rewrite of U.S. financial regulations. Many of the proposals would require Congress to act, so significant changes are likely. The U.S. President’s proposal touches on regulation of banking, securities, mortgages and other financial products. For derivatives, the plan describes core principles, such as “preventing activities in those markets from posing risk to the financial system.” It also seeks to promote the efficiency and transparency while preventing market manipulation, fraud, and other market abuses. The plan also seeks to ensure “that OTC derivatives are not marketed inappropriately to unsophisticated parties.” It calls for ensuring the SEC and CFTC “have clear, unimpeded authority to police and prevent fraud, market manipulation, and other market abuses involving all OTC derivatives.”

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124520844404822287.html>

12. *June 17, Financial Times* – (National) **Banks cut FDIC guarantee ties.** JPMorgan Chase and Morgan Stanley will no longer issue government-guaranteed bonds in an effort to sever their financial ties to the U.S. authorities and show investors they can fund themselves without Washington's help. In separate statements, the two banks said on June 16 they did not expect to have to sell short-term bonds backed by banking regulator, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The announcements by the two banks, which could be followed by Goldman Sachs and the other institutions that passed the government's recent stress tests, make it likely the debt guarantee plan will not be extended beyond its October deadline. The move by JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley underline the gap between banks that have freed themselves from government aid and rivals such as Citigroup, Bank of America and Wells Fargo that still owe money to the authorities.
Source: <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/bed54412-5ad5-11de-8c14-00144feabdc0.html>
13. *June 16, Bloomberg* – (Illinois) **Lake Shore's Baker indicted in \$300 million fraud.** The managing director of the collapsed Chicago hedge fund Lake Shore Asset Management Ltd. was indicted by a U.S. grand jury for allegedly operating a \$300 million fraud. The 27-count indictment was unsealed June 15, the Chicago U.S. Attorney said in a statement on June 16. While an arrest warrant has been issued for the defendant, his whereabouts are unknown, the prosecutor said. The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission last year accused the defendant in a civil-enforcement lawsuit of having defrauded at least 700 investors by hiding trading losses. The CFTC won court orders barring Lake Shore from commodities trading. "The defendant misrepresented and caused to be misrepresented that Lake Shore had a long history of trading success," when in reality it had lost about \$38 million between 2002 and 2007, according to the indictment.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=atvW964OYSr0>
14. *June 15, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. credit card defaults rise to record in May.** U.S. credit card defaults rose to record highs in May, with a steep deterioration of Bank of America Corp's lending portfolio, in another sign that consumers remain under severe stress. Delinquency rates, an indicator of future credit losses, fell across the industry, but analysts said the decline was due to a seasonal trend, as consumers used tax refunds to pay back debts, and they expect delinquencies to go up again in coming months. "I find it hard to believe that it is really a trend. You need to see stabilization in unemployment before you see anything else," said an analyst at Stifel Nicolaus. "It is too early to see some kind of improvement." Bank of America Corp, the largest U.S. bank, said its default rate, those loans the company does not expect to be paid back, soared to 12.50 percent in May from 10.47 percent in April. The bank is paying the price of expanding rapidly in recent years and of holding one of the highest concentrations of subprime borrowers among the top card issuers, analysts said. In addition, American Express Co, which accounts for nearly a quarter of credit and charge card sales volume in the United States, said its default rate rose to 10.4 percent from 9.90, according to a regulatory filing based on the performance of credit card loans that were securitized. Citigroup, the largest issuer of MasterCard branded credit cards, reported credit card chargeoffs rose to

10.50 percent in May from 10.21 percent in April.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsOne/idUSTRE55E5GQ20090615>

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Transportation Sector

15. *June 17, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen* – (Pennsylvania) **Amtrak criticized for main line fires near Philadelphia.** A series of Main Line fires — including a serious house blaze — caused by a malfunctioning Amtrak locomotive has alarmed Lower Merion residents who live near the busy tracks. They are worried about Amtrak's response to the April 2009 fires. Amtrak dispatchers initially refused firefighters' requests to halt the malfunctioning train or to stop other trains to give firefighters better access to battle the fires, the Lower Merion Fire Chief said. At least four fires in Lower Merion were started around 8:40 p.m. April 28 by a locomotive on a westbound 16-car Amtrak ballast train that carried stone used in rail bed repairs. The train was powered by two diesel locomotives. The second one — a 40-year-old engine — shot sparks high into the air from its exhaust stack. "Sparks were spewing out of the back of the first car or the top of the second car...it was like they were falling out of the engine. It looked like a giant sparkler," said a witness. The sparks ignited brush along the tracks, which run from Philadelphia through the leafy Main Line suburbs and on to Harrisburg. One fire also started just west of the Ardmore station. As fire companies scrambled to respond to reports of blazes springing up along the line, "we did not receive the cooperation we needed from Amtrak," said the fire chief. An Amtrak dispatcher at 30th Street Station said he would only slow trains down, not stop them, the fire chief said, and that if firefighters went onto Amtrak property, "we'd be trespassing." Trains continued to pass through the fire zone until firefighters placed flares on the tracks to stop the trains about 9:15 p.m., nearly a half-hour after the first fire call at 8:47. Amtrak officials blamed a "miscommunication" between the dispatcher and the fire chief. A spokeswoman in Washington for Amtrak said the dispatcher was "asking them to await Amtrak supervisors on the scene" for their own safety because of overhead electrical lines.

Source: <http://www.ble.org/pr/news/headline.asp?id=26552>

16. *June 16, Aviation Herald* – (Virginia) **American MD83 at Washington on Jun 15th 2009, engine failure.** An American Airlines McDonnell Douglas MD-83, performing flight AA-1317 from Washington National Airport to Dallas Fort Worth, Texas diverted to Washington's Dulles Airport reporting engine trouble shortly after takeoff from Washington's National Ronald Reagan Airport. The airplane landed safely on runway 11, minutes after takeoff. The Federal Aviation Administration reported that there had been minor damage to the engine.

Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=41b438a9&opt=4865>

17. *June 16, R News* – (New York) **Canal still closed for barge retrieval.** The Erie Canal between Palmyra and Newark, Wayne County, reopened the afternoon of June 14 after it had been closed because a barge sank near the Maple Street Bridge on the evening of June 13. Crews from the New York State Canal Corporation are preparing to remove the

300-ton hydraulic barge. The head of the New York State Canal Corporation said less than a half a gallon of fuel leaked into the water. The state canal corporation closed the canal between Locks 28-B and 29 to navigation beginning at 7 a.m. June 16. The canal corporation is lowering the water level on the canal. Officials hope to remove the disabled barge from the canal on June 17. The vessel will be placed onto another barge and will head to a dry dock in Lyons. The work is expected to last about two days. The Maple Avenue bridge over the vessel is also closed. The cause of the sinking will not be known until the barge is in dry dock, a spokesman for the Canal Corporation director said. State Police are assisting with the investigation. "This is the most serious incident that has happened with one of our vessels on the canal," she said. The vessel, which is 100 feet long and 26 feet wide, started sinking about 7:30 p.m. June 13, where it was docked next to the Maple Street bridge, said a Canal Corporation spokeswoman. The barge, carrying hydraulic dredging equipment, is based near Palmyra and travels to various locations to keep the channel clear, she said.

Source: http://www.rnews.com/content/top_stories/474722/canal-still-closed-for-barge-retrieval/?RegionCookie=2004

See also:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20090615/NEWS01/906150316/Erie+Canal+reopens+after+barge+sinks>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *June 16, KOVR 13 Sacramento* – (California) **Suspicious package found at post office a hoax.** A suspicious package found at a post office in Sacramento on June 16 was a hoax and is harmless, according to authorities. Sacramento Police say a shelter in place was ordered for the Cannary building and the post office while authorities investigated the device, a glass bottle with wires that was made to look like an explosive, and rendered it harmless. There were reportedly no harmful materials inside. Authorities are continuing to search for suspects who may have made the device.

Source: <http://cbs13.com/breakingnews/sacramento.post.office.2.1047241.html>

19. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Bomb squad blasts suspicious package, find bible.** A bomb squad used a disrupter gun to blast a suspicious package left on the counter of the Leavenworth post office, but only a Bible was found inside. Police said the person who left the package on Friday night took off in a hurry and probably did not put enough stamps on it to get it delivered. The woman to whom the package was sent to said she was expecting something from a relative who had been acting a little strange. But she had no idea what it was. The package and the Bible were taken as evidence. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hK-vUPIj3KGKHNzcw1Wt1YP2VuWQD98RV1AO0>

20. *June 16, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Huntsville Post office cleared; all okay**

regarding mystery package. Huntsville, Alabama police, firefighters and hazmat teams checked a suspicious package at a local post office that was leaking on the morning of June 16, but determined it was not hazardous. Authorities say the product contained a medical product. The package did have the correct paperwork with it. Teams had evacuated employees and customers from the post office while they checked into the matter. The post office is open for business again.

Source: <http://www.whnt.com/whnt-huntsville-post-office-evacuated-61609,0,6103148.story>

21. *June 15, Sun Coast News* – (Florida) **Suspicious powder sent to Clearwater State Attorney.** The State Attorney's Office in Clearwater, Florida received a letter containing a powdery substance on June 15. Deputies responded to the Criminal Courts Complex in Clearwater at about 1:28 p.m. According to deputies, a letter addressed to the State Attorney's Office that arrived via the U.S. Mail was opened earlier Monday and found to contain a white powdery substance. The incident was reported. Deputies, Pinellas Park Fire Department and Pinellas County Hazmat responded to the scene. There have been no evacuations at the Criminal Courts Complex as a result of this investigation.

Source: <http://suncoastpinellas.tbo.com/content/2009/jun/15/state-attorneys-office-clearwater-receives-letter/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *June 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Bovine TB quarantine expands to 42 Nebraska herds.** The number of Nebraska cattle herds quarantined because of bovine tuberculosis concerns has jumped to 42 and two other states were warned the disease may have already spread there. The quarantine, which includes roughly 15,000 Nebraska cattle, is likely to continue growing in the weeks ahead, Nebraska agriculture director said, because investigators are still tracking down all the animals that may have had contact with the infected herd over the last two years. The director said the 10 herds added to the quarantine on June 16 included cattle bought from restricted herds before the quarantine was imposed. And Colorado and South Dakota officials have been alerted because animals from quarantined herds were sold to cattle producers in those two states. Ten Nebraska counties now have quarantined herds, up from five last week. The outcome of that investigation could create a significant disadvantage for Nebraska's roughly \$10 billion cattle industry. Meanwhile, Texas officials quarantined a West Texas dairy herd and slaughtered several cattle that tested positive for tuberculosis. They have not yet identified the source. Also, the Kentucky State veterinarian has imposed restrictions on certain livestock entering Kentucky from Nebraska and Texas as a result of outbreaks of tuberculosis in cattle in those states.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g-Ss18sZ5KvhQjwReuBIOADRhYCQD98SCD880>

23. *June 17, CommodityOnline* – (International) **Ug99 fungus and spurt in agriculture ETFs.** Crop scientists have discovered a new threat to wheat crops within the United

States, leading to a race to be the first to breed a resistant wheat plant, before there is trouble. Any outcome could have a big effect on related agriculture exchange traded funds (ETFs). Crop scientists fear the Ug99 fungus could wipe out more than 80 percent of worldwide wheat crops as it spreads from eastern Africa. It is the number one threat to the world's most widely grown crop. Word is that the fungus has already traveled the Red Sea, and experts are saying that Northern India and Pakistan are next. The Los Angeles Times reports that the wind will transfer it to China and Russia, and eventually North America, unless it travels by human first. Fear that the fungus will cause widespread damage has caused short-term price spikes on world wheat markets. Although famine has been avoided, it is still a possibility in the long run. The major goal is to create a new wheat variety that is immune to Ug99. Estimates are that 19 percent of the world's crop is already in danger.

Source: <http://www.commodityonline.com/news/Ug99-fungus-and-spurt-in-agriculture-ETFs-18722-3-1.html>

24. *June 16, Whiznews.com* – (Ohio) **Upcoming chemical spill exercise.** The Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency is teaming up with the Kellogg Company in Zanesville to test their abilities should a hazardous material spill occur. “It's an ammonia leak, they have an ammonia refrigeration system at their plant so the chemical will be released, we are simulating injuries, people getting exposed and then the haz-mat team coming and doing rescue and decontamination of people who were exposed,” says a public information officer. The exercise will begin at 9 a.m. on June 20 and last until noon at the Kellogg plant on Fairview Road.

Source: <http://www.whiznews.com/article.php?articleId=26162>

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Water Sector

25. *June 17, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **94,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into creek.** Officials say it took more than 10 hours to clean up more than 94,000 gallons of raw sewage that spilled into a South Carolina creek this week. Multiple media outlets reported on June 17 that crews worked two days to remove the contamination in a Spartanburg County creek. The spill happened on June 15 when a blocked manhole caused the sewer line to overflow. Spartanburg Water officials say the spill posed no danger to the public, but signs were posted in the area as a precaution.

Source: http://www.wistv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10547397&nav=menu36_2

26. *June 16, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Small chlorine leak forces evacuation at treatment plant.** Orange County Fire Rescue crews contained a small chlorine gas leak at an Orange County waste water treatment plant Tuesday morning. Crews were called to the building just before 7 a.m. while the building was evacuated. County rescue workers put on hazardous material suits to go inside to locate the leak. Crews were inside the building for five minutes and shut down valves that stopped the leak, said a spokesman. Air cleaning systems inside the building will work to make it safe for workers. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/orl-bk-chlorine-leak->

27. *June 16, Water Technology Online* – (Tennessee) **Possible petroleum contamination prompts testing.** The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is investigating whether underground storage tanks are leaking petroleum into the community's supply, according to a June 15 report by WBIR 10 Knoxville. A complaint from a resident has prompted the investigation. The resident said that since a June 14 water main break her tap water smells of gasoline. The main break occurred in an area where the groundwater is tainted with petroleum from leaking underground storage tanks that belonged to a now-defunct gas station. According to the report, an unnamed contractor for Theta Technologies said while testing one of several monitoring wells he found 0.15 foot of petroleum product "floating on top of the water down there." City officials said water lines have been flushed twice following completion of the main repair.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=72076

28. *June 14, Associated Press* – (International) **Victoria maps plan to stop raw effluent into Strait across from North Olympic Peninsula.** Victoria, British Columbia, Canada plans to stop pouring millions of gallons of untreated sewage into the Strait of Juan de Fuca between Vancouver Island and the North Olympic Peninsula, which separates Washington State and Vancouver Island, British Columbia. British Columbian politicians early this month approved a \$1.2 billion plan to build four treatment plants to handle about 34 million gallons of raw sewage that Victoria and six suburbs pump into the Strait each day. The cities are home to about 300,000 people. Environmentalists say the treatment should improve the marine environment and public health. Others, however, argue the money could be better spent elsewhere, and that sewage pumped into the Strait is sufficiently diluted by water and fast-moving currents. The strait separates the island from the Peninsula and leads to Puget Sound. On June 2, the capital district's sewage committee voted to build four plants in Esquimalt, Saanich East, the West Shore, and Clover Point, Victoria. All four could be online by 2016. The plants would be built to secondary treatment levels or beyond, said the district's project director. Sewage from the Victoria area currently is screened for solid objects larger than about a quarter inch, but it is not treated beyond that. The wastewater is pumped out of two outfalls that run about 213 feet deep and about a mile into the Strait.

Source: <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20090614/news/306149985>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *June 15, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Cedars-Sinai worker gets prison for stealing patient records.** A former employee of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, in Los Angeles, California, was sentenced to four years, eight months in prison after pleading guilty Monday to stealing patient information to defraud insurance companies of \$354,000. The hospital had sent letters in December to more than 1,000 patients, warning them that their personal information had been found during a search of the home of the employee, who worked in the billing department between 2003 and 2007.

He was charged with using the information of 12 of the victims, all of them Los Angeles Unified School District employees who had filed workers' compensation claims, to bill insurance companies more than \$1.3 million for medical treatment that was never provided. The scam netted him \$354,000.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2009/06/cedarsinai-worker-gets-prison-for-stealing-patient-records.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *June 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Camp Pendleton wildfire contained.** A 102-acre wildfire that forced evacuations at the Camp Pendleton Marine base has been contained. A spokesman at the San Diego County base says the brushfire was fully surrounded at 10 p.m. Tuesday without any building damage or injuries. Offices in two areas of the base were evacuated after the fire broke out around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, but the evacuations were canceled later in the day. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_12608543

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *June 16, Federal Times* – (National) **Audit: Critical files missing at FEMA.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) needs to track, manage and monitor contracts better, according to an independent audit released Tuesday. Foxx & Co., an audit firm hired by the Homeland Security Department Inspector General to review fiscal 2007 FEMA disaster contracts, found that some contracts it sought to review were missing. One official told the auditors “lots of files are missing — probably 30 percent,” a report by the company said. Of the 32 contracts that had files and were reviewed, many lacked the documents that: proved the goods and services were necessary; justified why work was not competed; and assessed contractor performance. For example, none of the 32 contracts reviewed had contractor performance assessments, and 23 did not provide information about whether the contract was opened to competition. Without this information, “it was difficult to determine that contractors were performing as required or that FEMA was paying fair prices for goods and services,” the Foxx & Co. report said. It concluded that “FEMA was not in compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation or Acquisition Management Division’s contracting policies and procedures for emergency acquisitions for most of the contracts reviewed.”

Source: <http://federaltimes.com/index.php?S=4141961>

32. *June 16, New York 1* – (New York) **City OEM brings preparedness to Facebook.** New York City’s Office of Emergency Management’s commissioner announced

Tuesday the launch of the new OEM Facebook page. The office is looking to expand its reach through the popular social networking site. It is designed to make it easier for New Yorkers to get information on emergency preparedness. The commissioner encouraged all New Yorkers to sign on at: facebook.com/NYCEmergencymanagement. OEM has also added email alerts, twitter and YouTube videos as part of its outreach effort.

Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/news_beats/politics/100867/city-oem-brings-preparedness-to-facebook/Default.aspx

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Information Technology

33. *June 17, MX Logic* – (International) **Cligs URL shortener hacked to redirect 2.2 million links.** Hackers managed to hijack some 2.2 million links posted through the URL shortening service Cligs, redirecting the links to a single page on freedomblogging.com, a website of the OC Register. The hack occurred sometime on June 15, Cligs, the fourth-most popular URL shortening service, said on the company's blog. The hackers were able to exploit a security flaw in the company's URL editing software to change the web addresses of the links. The company said on June 17 that it is moving to a new platform and 97 percent of the affected URLs were backed up and restorable. "I have identified the hole and disabled all cligs editing for now and I am restoring the URLs back to their original destination states," the company blog said on June 16. Cligs also said the hackers were not able to hijack user accounts and passwords are encrypted on the site. Although the hacker did not redirect the URLs to a malicious site, web security experts said the attack demonstrates how URL shorteners could be used by cybercriminals to direct users to malicious sites for phishing or to spread malware.

Source: <http://www.mxlogic.com/securitynews/web-security/cligs-url-shortener-hacked-to-redirect-22-million-links091.cfm>

34. *June 16, San Francisco Chronicle* – (International) **Sophisticated online crime ring detected.** Security researchers have uncovered a sophisticated online network for buying and selling access to infected PCs, raising concerns that businesses, governments and even home computer users are growing ever more vulnerable to cybercrime. Called GoldenCashWorld, the network acts as a one-stop shop for people who seek to acquire, sell or trade infected computers and Web sites. Infected PCs can be used to send spam or collect documents and personal information or inject new Web sites with malicious code that can in turn be passed on to fresh PCs. The network also includes tools for creating malicious code and stolen credentials for about 100,000 Web sites. Although it appears to be in Russia, about 40 percent of the computers compromised through the network belong to individuals or companies in the United States. "This is the most advanced network we have found," said the chief technology officer of Finjan, a venture-funded security company based in San Jose that found the network two months ago. "They are trying to combine all the elements together and enable more people to participate in this crime." Other security researchers said that they were not surprised by Finjan's discovery, which the company announced on June 16.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi->

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

35. *June 16, IDG News Service* – (National) **FCC chair nominee: broadband deployment a major priority.** Rolling out broadband to rural and other areas that lack service will be a major priority for the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, the man nominated to be chairman of the agency said on June 16. The FCC, tasked by the U.S. Congress with creating a national broadband plan, will focus on making broadband available and affordable to U.S. residents, said the nominee to become chairman of the FCC. Congress, in requiring a national broadband plan in a huge economic stimulus package passed earlier this year, recognized that “we as a country are not where we need to be, with respect to our communications infrastructure,” said the nominee, who was a tech adviser to the U.S. President’s presidential campaign and a former special counsel at the FCC. “We should have, I believe, a communications infrastructure that is world-leading, a 21st-century infrastructure that generates economic growth, opportunity, prosperity.” The economic stimulus package provides \$7.2 billion for broadband deployment in both unserved and “underserved” areas.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=networking_and_internet&articleId=9134465&taxonomyId=16&intsrc=kc_to_p

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Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *June 17, Winnisquam Echo* – (New Hampshire) **Plane crash near hotel results in one fatality.** A Cessna airplane crashed into the parking lot of the Margate Hotel the evening of June 13, resulting in the death of the pilot. The call came in to the dispatcher of the GPD at approximately 4:07 on June 13. An officer was dispatched immediately. The New Hampshire State Police were on the scene in less than a minute because an officer had heard the plane going down from his cruiser. When the officers arrived on the scene the main cockpit of a Cessna 177 was on the grass beside the hotel parking lot and the tail of the plane was resting on a parked car. The officers attended to the pilot’s injuries and removed debris from the area. Gilford Fire Rescue was dispatched and upon arrival transported the pilot to Lakes Region General Hospital, where he died of injuries sustained in the crash. Evidence indicates the pilot was en route from Laconia to

Portland when shortly after take-off the plane crashed. The National Transportation Safety Board arrived June 14 to assess the scene and begin their investigation into the cause of the crash. The Federal Aviation Administration was on the scene June 13.

Source: <http://www.winnisquamecho.net/Articles-c-2009-06-16-148814.113119 Plane crash near hotel results in one fatality.html#543>

37. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Grenade donated at Goodwill turns out to be fake.** A grenade discovered in Lincoln, Nebraska, by a Goodwill worker in a box of donated house wares turned out to be a training model without any explosives. Emergency crews responded to the Goodwill store several blocks south of downtown on June 15 after the grenade was found. The Lincoln fire inspector says the bomb squad used binoculars to check out the grenade from more than 20 feet away, trying to stay out of its potential kill zone. They spotted a blue-colored pin in the grenade signifying that it is a military training grenade. Officials were able to verify the grenade was a fake one with no internal explosives so they did not have to blow it up.
- Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/Global/story.asp?S=10540822>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

38. *June 17, Associated Press* – (National) **4 States ravaged by beetles ask U.S. for forest fire support.** Officials from Rocky Mountain States urged Congress on June 16 to help them avert a potential catastrophe this summer, with millions of acres of beetle-ravaged pines prone to fire. Local government officials and forestry specialists told the House Natural Resources Committee at a hearing that small towns, ski resorts, water supplies, and electricity transmission lines near dying forests are at risk for wildfires. A commissioner from Jackson County, Colorado, in prepared testimony, quoted the Interior Secretary as describing the mountain pine beetle infestation as the “Katrina of the West.” The pine beetle problem, which hit Colorado in 1996, has spread to more than 2 million acres in the State. U.S. Forest Service officials have predicted that by 2014, beetles will kill most of the State’s lodgepole pines, the predominant pine at high elevations. Other severely affected States include Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. In Canada, more than 22 million acres have been affected and scientists suspect that the death of so many trees is altering local weather and air quality. Two Colorado lawmakers also want the Federal Government to help create a market for products made from the dead trees.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2009/06/17/beetle_plagued_west_asks_congress_to_boost_forest_fire_prevention

39. *June 16, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Westminster’s Churchill Museum is vandalized, then named “America’s National” museum.** A student from William Woods University was arrested for defacing Westminster College’s renowned Churchill Memorial and Library. The vandal painted a silver mustache on the statue of Churchill.

Then, earlier this week, the same memorial was recognized as “America’s National Churchill Museum” in a resolution passed by voice vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. A U.S. Representative introduced the resolution recognizing the memorial as a National Museum on June 15. Westminster College is where Churchill gave his famous “Iron Curtain” speech in 1946 in which he spoke of the beginning of the Cold War. Since the vandalism, the school has stepped up security patrols of the area. And the executive director of the memorial said he is looking into adding a security camera.

Source: <http://www.stltoday.com/blogzone/the-grade/higher-education/2009/06/westminsters-churchill-museum-is-vandalized-then-named-americas-national-museum/>

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Dams Sector

40. *June 17, Associated Press* – (Alabama; Tennessee) **Report cites emergency communications, media errors, delayed victim response after ash spill.** Emergency crews’ response to a massive coal ash spill last year was hampered by the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) failure to adopt emergency communication procedures recommended by the Federal Government, the public utility’s internal auditors said late June 16. The report by the TVA’s Inspector General’s Office also faulted the utility for making inaccurate statements to the media and a claims process that delayed reparations to victims. “TVA management generally agreed with the report and plans to take actions in regards to the recommendations,” the deputy inspector wrote. The utility’s managers disagreed with how the report described inaccurate statements to the media. The inspector general sharply criticized the agency’s 11 coal-fired power plants for failing to adopt Homeland Security’s National Incident Management System protocols for emergency communications, which are used by TVA’s nuclear and hydroelectric stations. Emergency responders with other agencies complained that TVA managers were “speaking a different language” in the key hours after the spill because they were unfamiliar with the protocol’s terms and concepts. Some TVA managers were even scrambling to look up terms on the Internet before consultants were finally hired to straighten things out at a cost of \$510,000, the auditors said. The communications breakdown caused delays in getting environmental data about the ash, in assessing the stability of the remaining dike and in distributing health and safety information to the public, including a 12-hour delay in lifting an evacuation order. TVA misstatements to the media included initial reports that the spill was less than half its actual size. There were inconsistent statements on whether the Kingston dike failure was connected to earlier leaks.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-coal-ash-spill-response,0,4300469.story>

See also:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20090617/GREEN02/906170370/TVA%20wasn%20t%20trained%20to%20handle%20Kingston%20Springs%20ash%20spill>

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