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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Associated Press, the NTSB said there was high water along a rail line in Rockford, Illinois, where a freight train derailed on Friday, setting off a fiery explosion and killing one person. Canadian National Railway Company officials say 18 rail cars loaded with ethanol left the tracks, exploding into flames. (See item [2](#))
- The Associated Press reports that poultry processing plant Mountaire Farms in Lumber Bridge, North Carolina is restarting its operations after an ammonia leak killed one worker and injured four others on Saturday. (See item [17](#))

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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 22, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Four northbound I-95 lanes open, three closed after truck carrying 8,000 gallons of gas explodes near West Palm Beach.** A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of gasoline swerved to avoid an abandoned car, flipped and exploded on Interstate 95 overnight. The crash happened about 1:30 a.m. in northbound

lanes of I-95 between Forest Hill and Southern Boulevard. Crews remove the charred wreckage from the highway. Some lanes of the highway may not open until rush hour this evening. The explosion damaged the road's surface so extensively that some lanes of the highway may not open until rush hour this evening, a Florida highway patrolman said. No one was severely injured. The driver, whose name has not yet been released, walked away from the wreck and was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for minor cuts to his arms and face. Both northbound and southbound lanes were completely closed for an hour. While four lanes were open at 8:15, FHP warned that the damage to the highway's surface may take most of the day to repair. The seven-lane stretch may not be completely open until 5 p.m.

Source:

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/search/content/local_news/epaper/2009/06/22/0622i95closed.html?imw=Y

2. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **NTSB finds water on rails at Ill. derailment site.** There was high water along the northern Illinois rail line where a freight train derailed, setting off a fiery explosion and killing one person, federal authorities said June 21. It is unclear what the exact water levels were during the crash on June 19 and what role if any water played in the accident, said the National Transportation Safety Board. Parts of northern Illinois may have gotten as much as 4 inches of rain Friday, according to the National Weather Service. Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, 40 to 50 miles east of Rockford, measured 3.6 inches, a record for the date. June 21 was the first full day federal investigators spent at the accident site. Burning tanker cars kept them at bay for much of June 20. The NTSB has said identifying a cause of the derailment could take a year. The agency has conducted initial interviews with the train's crew, and investigators are looking for witnesses. Canadian National Railway Company officials say 18 rail cars loaded with ethanol left the tracks, exploding into flames. A 41 year-old of Rockford woman abandoned her car at a rail crossing and made it 20 feet before she fell and died. A 17-year-old girl injured in the accident was in critical but stable condition on June 21 at the burn unit of Chicago's Stroger Hospital, said a spokesman. The train was hauling 114 cars, 74 of which contained highly flammable ethanol.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jnmYkIXl2D9g8uo3XlclFRJNsBcQD98VDV900>

See also: <http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2009/06/20/derailment.html>

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3. *June 19, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **Police: Fuel spill act of vandalism.** Vandalism was the cause of a diesel fuel spill at the American Asphalt Plant on River Road in Burlington Township. An unknown person entered the plant overnight on June 17 and tampered with a fuel pump that spilled fuel on the property, police said. The spill was discovered the morning of June 18 by an employee. American Asphalt staff began cleaning up before assistance arrived. Members of the township Fire Department, Burlington County Health Department's hazmat team, Department of Environmental Protection and Clean Harbors Environmental Services responded, police said.

Source:

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/news_details/article/678/2009/june/19/police-fuel-spill-act-of-vandalism.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *June 22, Raleigh News and Observer* – (North Carolina) **Chemical accidents overtax agency.** A federal agency investigating the recent massive explosion at the ConAgra plant in Garner, North Carolina does not have the manpower to also look into an ammonia leak on June 20 at a Robeson County, North Carolina poultry plant that killed one worker and injured several others. “It is certainly within our jurisdiction, and we are certainly concerned about it,” said a spokesman for the Washington-based agency, which provides technical expertise on chemical accidents to federal regulators such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. “We simply do not have the resources. I do not believe we will be able to investigate.” Ammonia leaks are not unusual, but deaths from it are not common, he said. His agency has 20 investigators nationwide, four of whom will likely be tied up with the ConAgra plant analysis for weeks. The chemical agency has said the explosion that killed three people at the Slim Jim plant was caused by a natural gas line being vented improperly. Investigators there still have some delicate work to do.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1578235.html>

5. *June 19, American Chemical Council* – (National) **ACC reaffirms support for modernizing federal chemical regulation.** With the U.S. Congress planning to soon begin revisiting how the federal government manages and regulates chemicals, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) on June 19 reaffirms its support for changes to improve and modernize the system and boost public confidence. “The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is operating under a thirty year old law,” said the ACC President and CEO. “The time is right to harness the scientific and technological advances developed in the ensuing years.” An EPA Administrator and key Members of Congress recently stated that review and revision of the existing law (the Toxic Substances Control Act) is a priority and legislation may be introduced soon. ACC is urging Congress to: authorize EPA to make formal safety determinations of priority chemicals in a timely and risk-based manner; ensure that the EPA has appropriate tools to fulfill this new mission; give EPA the authority to share confidential information with state and local governments when relevant to a decision on chemical safety; and ensure that industry continues to provide relevant and timely information in a transparent manner on the chemicals we produce, to help EPA assure the safety of all chemicals in production.

Source: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/chemical/20090619/DC3555519062009-1.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *June 20, Reuters* – (National) **NRC says six utilities have fund shortfalls.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has notified six utility companies that they have until the end of this year to explain how they will fix shortfalls in nuclear decommissioning funds, the Wall Street Journal newspaper said in its June 20 edition. The shortfalls ranged from \$12 million to \$204 million for each of the 26 reactors at 18 sites on the list, or one quarter of the country's reactors. The six utilities were Exelon Corp, Entergy Corp, Constellation Energy Group Inc, FPL Group, First Energy Service Co LTD and Tennessee Valley Authority. The number in arrears is more than normal and needs to be "resolved in the near future", an NRC spokesman told the newspaper. An FPL spokesman told the newspaper his company is committed to meeting its obligation but blamed market conditions for the under-funding for its Point Beach and Duane Arnold units in Twin Creeks, Wisconsin, and near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Decommissioning funds are required by the NRC and would be used to cover the anticipated costs of taking plants out of service and eventually razing them.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2040065420090620>
7. *June 20, Reuters* – (Ohio) **FirstEnergy Ohio Perry reactor shut.** FirstEnergy Corp's 1,231-megawatt Perry nuclear power station in Ohio shut from full power on June 21 likely due to a main turbine trip, the company told the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a report. The company said it was investigating the cause of the event.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2249450320090622>
8. *June 20, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Georgia) **Automatic reactor scram from high reactor pressure scram signal.** Unit 2 at the Hatch nuclear plant experienced a full reactor scram from the main generator protection circuitry (generator runback circuit). Preliminary indications are that a main generator high temperature signal was received; initiating the generator protection (runback) circuitry and a high reactor pressure scram signal was received during the turbine/generator runback. Investigations into the cause of the generator high temperature signal are ongoing. Reactor water level was recovered using the reactor feed system, and reactor pressure was controlled using main turbine bypass valves. All control rods inserted, as expected, during the scram. Other than the cause of the main generator high temperature signal, all systems functioned as expected. The licensee informed the NRC Resident Inspector.
Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en45145>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *June 20, Car Recalls Blog* – (Michigan) **Scion TC recall, Scion XB recall, Toyota Highlander recall, RAV4 recall, Sienna recall, Tacoma recall, Tundra recall, Yaris recall.** Toyota is recalling 1,348 model year 2009 and 2010 passenger cars built from June 2, 2008 to May 4, 2009. These vehicles were not equipped with load carrying capacity modification labels which fails to conform with the requirements of federal motor vehicle safety standard no. 110, “tire selection and rims.” Incorrect load carrying capacity modification labels could result in the vehicle being overloaded, increasing the risk of a crash. Toyota will notify owners and provide them with a new, accurate label. Source: <http://carrecalls.blogspot.com/2009/06/scion-tc-recall-scion-xb-recall-toyota.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 21, WXII 12 Winston-Salem* – (North Carolina) **Scam messages warn of illegal account activity.** People from across the Piedmont are getting calls and text messages with ominous warnings about their accounts, but it is what happens next that has a Triad credit union concerned. People are getting phone calls saying there has been unusual activity and text messages saying their accounts have been deactivated and asking them to call numbers and provide personal information. Bank officials said the messages are not coming from them. The credit union is using a message of its own to let people know about the scam. The company said people, not just their members, are getting text messages and phone calls telling them about account problems and asking people to call various numbers to verify personal information. The messages are from Piedmont Advantage and Piedmont Aviation credit unions, which is the former’s old name. The company is trying to shut down the fraudulent operation. In the meantime, people should just ignore the messages.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/19817674/detail.html>

11. *June 21, Bloomberg* – (Georgia; Kansas; North Carolina) **Banks in North Carolina, Georgia, Kansas are seized.** Banks in North Carolina, Georgia and Kansas with combined assets of \$1.5 billion were seized by regulators last week, costing the U.S. insurance fund \$363 million and pushing this year’s tally of failures to 40. Southern Community Bank of Fayetteville, Georgia, and 111- year-old Cooperative Bank in Wilmington, North Carolina, were closed June 19 by state officials, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency shut First National Bank of Anthony, Kansas. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was named receiver. Southern Community’s \$307 million in deposits were bought by United Community Bank of Blairsville, Georgia, and most of Cooperative’s \$774 million in deposits went to First Bank in Troy, North Carolina, the FDIC said. Bank of Kansas in South Hutchinson acquired First National’s \$142.5

million in deposits. The acquiring banks are assuming a combined \$1.47 billion in assets, mostly loans, and signed agreements with the FDIC to share more than 80 percent losses with the government. “The loss-sharing arrangement is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector,” the FDIC said in each statement. “The agreement also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers.”

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

12. *June 19, Bloomberg* – (National) **FDIC’s Bair pushes for greater systemic risk powers.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. chairman said a proposed council to monitor firms for systemic risk needs greater powers, and suggested she will lobby Congress to expand her agency’s authority. “We would like a seat at the table on systemic risk,” the chairman said on June 19 in an interview on cable channel CNBC. The U.S. President’s proposal, which requires congressional approval, creates a systemic-risk council and gives the Federal Reserve responsibility to identify and regulate companies deemed too big to fail. The plan announced June 17 begins a debate that is likely to result in revisions, with lawmakers criticizing it as an expansion of government power over the economy. “I do think there is a good dialogue on policy grounds that needs to occur about what the appropriate role of the council is vis-a-vis the Fed,” she said. “Adding an additional check-and- balance with a systemic-risk council, it has real teeth, I think could be part of the solution.” The plan to tighten financial supervision also dismantles the Office of Thrift Supervision and put its functions into the new National Bank Supervisor. The administration is also proposing an agency for monitoring consumer financial products, taking away some of the Fed’s powers.
- Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=akgyodvomGJg>

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Transportation Sector

13. *June 22, Buffalo News* – (New York) **NFTA upgrades security to guard against terror attacks.** In the last four years alone, about \$12 million has been poured into Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) facilities by the federal government — just to make them safe from terrorists. Aside from major transit systems in cities like New York and Chicago, the NFTA ranks among the biggest recipients of Department of Homeland Security dollars in the nation. In the post-9/11 transportation world, such huge expenditures are now part of everyday operations. “Technology plays an important role in keeping our transit infrastructure safe,” said a Homeland Security spokeswoman. “The goal is to reduce the threat.” In Buffalo, the new expenditures mean: An increase from 73 surveillance cameras in the Metro Rail system to 170; the addition of sophisticated new screens to monitor the subway in Metro Rail’s operations center in downtown Buffalo; new and strengthened fencing at major bus garages and at the airport and the introduction of security card systems at NFTA facilities.
- Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/home/story/710750.html>

14. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Nev. soldier traveling with ammunition detained.** A Nevada Army National Guard soldier was detained at the Indianapolis

International Airport after machine gun bullets and other live ammunition were found in his check-through luggage. An airport spokeswoman says the 24 year old soldier, of Las Vegas, was held by police for three hours on June 18. The soldier was turned over to a National Guard investigator at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, where he had been training for deployment to Afghanistan. He was traveling to Las Vegas while on leave. The airport spokeswoman says the soldier told police he took the ammunition without the knowledge of superiors because he thought “it was cool.”

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-nv-soldierdetained,0,7151670.story>

15. *June 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Schwarzenegger’s plane makes emergency landing.** Federal investigators on June 20 were looking into what caused smoke in the cockpit that forced the California Governor’s private plane to make an emergency landing. Authorities intend to follow-up with the New Jersey-based private charter company that ferried the Governor on his travels, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said June 20. The spokesman said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will make sure NetJets Inc. diagnoses and fixes the problem that prompted the emergency landing on June 19. The Governor’s jet was about 10 minutes away from landing at the Santa Monica Airport on June 19 when the pilot reported smoke coming from an instrument panel, a spokesman said in a statement. The jet made an emergency landing after the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit. No one was injured. City fire crews met the jet on the runway, though there were no flames. The Governor exited the jet and went to his Los Angeles-area home; a NetJets spokeswoman said the NetJets Hawker 800 was carrying the governor, three passengers and two crew members. “The crew followed standard emergency procedures by informing the passengers of the situation and diverting to Van Nuys where they landed the aircraft safely,” the NetJets spokeswoman said in a statement June 20.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_12654453?nclink_check=1

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *June 21, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Body removed from Pierre federal building.** A body was removed early Sunday evening from the post office section of the Pierre, South Dakota, federal building, but authorities are refusing to provide any details. Police crime tape was placed across the entire west side of the building, covering two sets of entrance doors. Officers used the north set of doors that lead into the post office and the lobby where the private mail boxes are located. About a dozen officers from the Pierre Police Department, Hughes County Sheriff’s Office, Stanley County Sheriff’s Office, FBI and U.S. Marshall’s Office were at the scene. Officers could be seen in the building taking photos and gathering samples. FBI officials did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/news/local/48733812.html>

Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *June 22, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **NC plant restarting after ammonia leak kills 1.** A Lumber Bridge, North Carolina poultry processing plant is restarting its operations with grief counselors on hand two days after an ammonia leak killed one worker and injured four others. Mountaire Farms said it will open on June 22 and hold an internal employee meeting to answer questions about the June 20 incident. The Millsboro, Delaware-based company said grief counselors will be available to talk to employees. Investigators have determined that the ammonia release was an accident that occurred while workers were doing maintenance work on a piece of machinery. Authorities have determined that a 47-year-old man of Fayetteville was killed. Mountaire Farms said authorities have inspected the plant and declared the building safe.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1578003.html>

18. *June 18, Associated Press* – (California) **Citrus pest threatening SJ Valley unites officials.** Agricultural officials from three countries are pledging to work together to stop the spread of a bug threatening California's citrus crop, most of which is grown in the San Joaquin Valley. The Asian citrus psyllid, discovered in Mexico and San Diego County in 2008, can transmit lethal citrus greening as it moves from tree to tree feeding on sap. The disease already has caused billions of dollars in losses across Florida. The agricultural officials meeting in San Diego the week of June 15 included the secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and researchers and government regulators from the United States, Belize and Mexico. They agreed to act quickly to share information, control the bug's migration and detect contaminated trees.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_12623831

Water Sector

19. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Fish kill reported along Rock River.** Illinois investigators are trying to figure out what caused a fish kill on the Rock River in northwestern Illinois — between Grand Detour and Sterling. A sergeant of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources says they are trying to determine if the run off from a train derailment in the Rockford area got into the Kishwaukee River, which flows into the Rock River. That train was carrying ethanol, and the June 19 derailment caused an explosion that killed one person. The Department of Natural Resources is working with the state Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. The state is advising the public not to eat fish from the Rock River in Ogle, Lee and Whiteside counties until the cause of the fish kill is determined.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-rockriver-fishkil,0,907408.story>
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20. *June 21, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **A chemical spill at a waste treatment plant.**

Hazmat crews worked for hours to contain a leak discovered in a 3,000 gallon tank holding hydrogen peroxide at the Southwest Waste Treatment plant after a hazardous chemical spill on June 20. Fire officials say the chemical they are dealing with is about 50 percent. Crews are now working to repair a valve suspected of causing the spill.

Source: <http://www.ky3.com/news/local/48724832.html>

21. *June 19, Jacksonville Daily Progress* – (Texas) **Pump failure results in wastewater spillage.** Both pumps at the Double Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility in Jacksonville, Texas, failed on June 14. The failure resulted in about 1.5 million gallons of untreated wastewater spilling into Ragsdale Creek, Keys Creek, Mud Creek, and the Angelina River. According to the Utility director, the problem occurred after staff members checked the various treatment plants, that morning, to make sure everything was running as it should, but the problem was not discovered until the morning of June 15. “It is very unusual to have two pumps go down at the same time,” he said, adding the pumps were only four to five years old. “We’re not sure yet if it was the pumps that failed or the control board; they’re both getting checked out.” The utility director said he and others checked out the creeks and found nothing — such as dead fish — to indicate there was a significant environmental impact.

Source: http://www.jacksonvilleprogress.com/local/local_story_170095914.html

22. *June 19, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Sewer overflow addressed.** The city of Holyoke, Massachusetts has approved borrowing \$2 million to stop raw sewage from being discharged into the Connecticut River during heavy rainstorms at two locations as part of a \$3.18 million project. That still leaves 11 other locations where untreated sewage mixed with storm water flows into the river during heavy storms. But councilors commended city officials for progress already made on similar expensive, federally mandated projects. The two projects are aimed at eliminating untreated sewage from flowing into the river during high water periods. Design work on both projects will begin this summer, enabling construction to begin early next year. Both projects primarily involve the installation of additional sewer pipe to prevent raw sewage from being discharged into the river. Two similar projects have already been done at two other locations. In both cases, the projects eliminated untreated sewage from being discharged into the Connecticut River with rain water during high water periods.

Source: <http://www.masslive.com/chicopeeholyoke/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-21/124539574252730.xml&coll=1>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

23. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Report: VA hospital botched cancer treatments.** Ninety-two veterans were given incorrect radiation doses in a common surgical procedure to treat prostate cancer during a six-year period at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia, according to newspaper reports June 21. A hospital team that performed the procedure botched it on 92 of 116 occasions and

continued the treatment for a year even though monitoring equipment was broken, the New York Times said. The Philadelphia Inquirer said treatment errors occurred in 92 of 114 cases. The cases involved brachytherapy, in which implanted radioactive seeds are used to kill cancer cells. Most veterans got significantly less than the prescribed dose while others received excessive radiation to nearby tissue and organs. A federal commission announced last fall that an inspection at the hospital was under way partly because of the number of patients given incorrect radiation doses. The medical center suspended its prostate cancer treatment program as a result of the ongoing investigation. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,528024,00.html>

24. *June 22, Mount Vernon News* – (Ohio) **Utica fire scare forces nursing home evacuation.** Almost 40 firefighters and 12 firetrucks from four departments filled a Main Street nursing home in Utica, Ohio, as the 23 residents, most of whom are bedridden or in wheelchairs, were evacuated after smoke from a burning HVAC system fan motor in the attic triggered the fire alarm. “This could have been horrible,” said the Utica mayor, standing in front of the Utica Care Center in the early morning hours as firefighters ventilated the building after a fire in the attic was extinguished and the building evacuated. “But the fire departments did a wonderful job.” Three staff members on duty when the fire started around 11:30 p.m. on June 20 smelled smoke and took action as the fire alarm sounded. Mutual aid from neighboring departments for equipment and manpower was dispatched, and engines, tankers, medics and personnel were on scene in minutes. “The firefighters knew what they were doing,” a neighbor said of the evacuation, which involved placing some of the residents into squads. Others were wheeled on their beds and in their wheelchairs down the street to the Utica Church of Christ. The evacuation was completed in about 15 to 20 minutes, according to the Utica fire captain. The owner of the nursing home said he felt a power surge earlier in the day caused by a tree limb falling on a power line, which may have played a part in starting the fire. The official cause remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.mountvernonnews.com/local/09/06/22/utica-fire-scare-forces-nursing-home-evacuation>

25. *June 22, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **MGH cited on surgeons’ overload.** Junior surgeons at Massachusetts General Hospital have been working too many hours, in violation of patient safety rules, according to a national accrediting organization that is threatening to put the hospital’s surgery training program on probation. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education cited the hospital because a significant number of its surgeons in training, known as residents, were exceeding hour limits and working seven days straight. The organization believes these workloads contribute to fatigue-related mistakes, and has given the hospital until August 15 to fix the problem.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/health/articles/2009/06/22/accreditation_group_cites_mgh_on_resident_surgeons_workload/?page=full

Government Facilities Sector

26. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Pittsburg Co. courthouse evacuated because of bomb threat.** Authorities say the Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, Courthouse was evacuated because someone called a bomb threat into the office of a judge. The sheriff's department ordered the evacuation after a clerk received an anonymous call about 2:15 p.m. Friday implying that a bomb was on the premises. Judges, employees, courthouse patrons, public officials and shackled inmates left the building while law enforcement officers conducted a sweep. No explosive device was found.

Source: <http://www.kfsm.com/news/sns-ap-ok--judge-bombthreat,0,5598244.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *June 22, Culpepper Star-Exponent* – (Virginia) **Culpepper E-911 recognized by State.** Culpeper County, Virginia's E-911 center received State recognition June 18 for successfully implementing a program intended to save lives and manage emergency response resources. The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials' Emergency Medical Dispatch Program utilizes software and training. In turn, the dispatchers can use the software and enhanced training to provide specific medical assistance to callers while trained workers travel to the scene. The county's director of emergency services said at least one life has been saved through the program, which was implemented in January. The communications coordinator for the Virginia Office of Emergency Services said tighter budgets and dwindling resources have prompted many communities to rethink their response to emergencies.

Source: http://www.starexponent.com/cse/news/local/article/culpeper_e-911_recognized_by_state/37897/

28. *June 21, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* – (Colorado) **After confusion, city will try new resident-alert system again.** Last week, the Grand Junction, Colorado, Police Department's first attempt to use the new, automated Regional Communications System to alert residents did not go well, leading the city to try again Sunday morning. The system was purchased last year for \$115,990 from Everbridge along with a yearly service contract for \$81,990. It contacted 50,000 residents by phone and e-mail about Xcel Energy flying a helicopter at low levels for inspection of high-pressure gas lines. More than 400 residents called 911 and Xcel confused and concerned about the message. Public safety officials will try to do a better job of categorizing messages as emergencies or informational, said the manager of the communications center. The call recipients are people who registered with the Police Department to automatically receive emergency notifications and public safety messages. During the first tryout, the system notified residents of an "emergency" and then told them to push No. 1 on their phone's keypad to learn more. Many residents were disconnected, or they panicked and immediately called 911.

Source:

http://www.gjsentinel.com/hp/content/news/stories/2009/06/21/062209_2A_emergency_contacting.html

29. *June 20, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Missing police rifle recovered in San Pablo.** Police arrested two women Saturday after a search of their home resulted in the recovery of a missing police rifle, a sheriff's spokesman said in a news release. The rifle was first discovered missing when deputies with the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office responded to a call that several people were removing items from a police vehicle parked in San Pablo. According to a sheriff's spokesman, officers were later told that items from the vehicle were taken to a nearby house. County deputies found the vehicle belonged to the Contra Costa Community College District Police Department. After a search, it was discovered that an AR-15 rifle, along with other police equipment, were missing from the vehicle. Deputies obtained a search warrant of the nearby home, where they discovered the missing rifle and equipment in the garage.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_12656404

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Information Technology

30. *June 19, Baltimore Examiner* – (International) **Google's online security helps fight malware.** Google's online security recently started to identify web pages that infect computers via drive-by downloads, i.e. web pages that attempt to exploit their visitors by installing and running malware automatically. During that time they have investigated billions of URLs and found more than three million unique URLs on over 180,000 web sites automatically installing malware. Third-party content is one avenue for malicious activity. Today, a lot of third-party content is due to advertising. In Google's analysis, they found that on average 2 percent of malicious web sites were delivering malware via advertising. The underlying problem is that advertising space is often syndicated to other parties who are not known to the web site owner. In addition, Google's security team also investigated the structural properties of malware distribution sites. Some malware distribution sites had as many as 21,000 regular web sites pointing to them. It was also found that the majority of malware was hosted on web servers located in China. Interestingly, Chinese malware distribution sites are mostly pointed to by Chinese web servers. Google says they are constantly scanning their index for potentially dangerous sites. Their automated search systems found more than 4,000 different sites that appeared to be set up for distributing malware by massively compromising popular web sites.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/x-11905-SF-Cybercrime-Examiner~y2009m6d19-Gogles-online-security-helps-fight-malware>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: <http://www.us-cert.gov>.

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/>.

Communications Sector

31. *June 19, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Air Force reports confidence in GPS satellites.** The GPS fleet of military and civilian navigational satellites has resolved a recent technical problem and has “the greatest capability ever,” according to the Air Force. In a press conference with reporters on June 19, an Air Force colonel, the program manager for the Global Positioning System, said three months of studies and ground simulations has resolved a previously reported technical problem with the most recent satellite placed into orbit. The colonel said the problem, which reduced the accuracy of some signals, has “no significance” to military users of the system, and is not expected to affect later satellite models. But in still another apparent schedule slip for a new generation of GPS satellites being assembled by Boeing Co., the colonel said the first launch of those satellites could come as late as February 2010. The launch, which would update what is already considered the premier satellite-navigation system, initially was slated for this summer and then late fall. Describing the condition of the current GPS satellite fleet as robust, the colonel said some satellites are lasting up to 16 years in orbit and that is expected “to keep the constellation healthy” and provide substantial backup capacity for roughly the next decade. The latest Air Force comments are the strongest response yet to a recent critical Government Accountability Office report that raised a red flag about GPS reliability and accuracy through the middle of the next decade.

Source:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124544490592532337.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

32. *June 22, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **Pentagon plans Presidential communications network that can survive nuclear attack.** The Defense Information Systems Agency plans to install a Presidential communications network in the Washington area this year that will be able to survive an attack by a nuclear weapon that generates a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse (HEMP), which can burn out circuit boards and other electronic devices. The agency started work on the network in 2008 and plans to install communications equipment resistant to damage by a high-altitude electromagnetic pulse. The network was developed at the direction of the “National Security Presidential Directive on Survivable Senior Leadership Communications in a HEMP Environment.” It features Promina network switches from Network Equipment Technologies Inc. and manage communications over a specially designed and deployed Voice over Internet Protocol network. DISA developed the HEMP system, which includes upgrades to a UHF network serving senior leadership in the Washington area, as part of a National Emergency Action Decision Network to serve the President, Secretary of Defense and other senior leaders. The systems will be installed in ground installations and executive aircraft, including Air Force One, four VIP Boeing 757s and two VIP Boeing 737 aircraft.

Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090622_8771.php

Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *June 22, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Hazen rink tests high for carbon monoxide.** Some participants became ill at a four day hockey camp in Hazen, North Dakota, where carbon monoxide levels tested unusually high. Officials have not directly linked the illnesses to the carbon monoxide, which has been linked in other rinks to fumes leaked by ice resurfacing machines. Eighty hockey players, ages four to eighteen, attended the Jeff Gustafson Memorial Summer Hockey Camp at the All-Seasons Arena from June 15 to 18. Hazen winter sports director said some people at the camp suffered headaches. A Dickinson parent said he pulled three players from the camp last week after they vomited. The rink was evacuated for a time until the building tested safe. The director added that the rink plans to add ventilation and buy a carbon monoxide detector to prevent similar incidents in the future.
Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/22254/group/home/>
See also: <http://www.americanjuniorhockey.com/2009/06/hazen-rink-tests-high-for-co.html>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

34. *June 20, Morris County Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Denville dam problem forces bridge closure.** The Openaki Road Bridge in Denville, New Jersey, will be closed until officials inspect a possible structural problem with the Lake Openaki Dam, Denville police said June 20. Police closed the county-owned bridge in cooperation with the Morris County Department of Public Works as a precaution in case the dam at the private lake were to fail. Officials were first alerted to water abnormally seeping through the dam on June 18 and decided to close the bridge on June 20, after a slowdown in the amount of rain allowed officials to take a closer look at the dam, the Denville Police chief said. He said it is unknown how long the closure will be in effect. The township engineering department and office of emergency management were involved in the decision.
Source:
<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20090620/UPDATES01/90620006/Denville+dam+problem+forces+bridge+closure>
35. *June 19, KAPP 35 Yakima* – (Washington) **Permanent repairs for levee.** Crews will soon start building permanent protection for land threatened by high river water. Yakima, Washington, and the Army Corps of Engineers will rebuild levees, one near the wastewater treatment plant along the Yakima river. The other is at the water treatment plant along the Naches. Flood waters over the past year weakened the levees. Crews

recently performed a temporary fix. The permanent repairs for both levees will cost more than half a million dollars.

Source: http://www.kapptv.com/news/?sect_rank=1§ion_id=22&story_id=16411

36. *June 19, Mississippi Press* – (Alabama; Mississippi) **Congress approves money for Mississippi barrier island restoration.** As part of a war spending bill approved June 18, Congress agreed to spend \$439 million to restore a 45-mile stretch of Mississippi's barrier islands, according to a news release from the office of a U.S. Senator. After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Mississippi Coastal Improvements Program. The program calls for a variety of coastal improvements, including the restoration of Ship, Horn and Petit Bois islands, using about 22 million cubic yards of sand. According to the news release, the money is in response to the Corps of Engineers' estimate of the amount needed for island rebuilding. "The barrier islands act as Mississippi's first line of defense against the storm surge of a hurricane, and it is critical for their restoration to begin immediately. The funding contained in this bill will help make that happen," another U.S. Senator said. The bill does not include funding for island restoration in Alabama. A recent U.S. Geological Survey report found that the Mississippi-Alabama chain of barrier islands is rapidly eroding because of rising sea levels, more intense and frequent storms, and a lack of sand supply from the dredging of nearby ship channels. Under the Mississippi plan, sand would be placed into that current-driven sand delivery system, allowing the islands to grow more naturally. Sections of Dauphin Island's Gulf beach have lost hundreds of feet in recent decades. Katrina cut a breach in the undeveloped western part of the island.

Source:

<http://www.gulflive.com/news/mississippipress/news.ssf?/base/news/1245406532104320.xml&coll=5>

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