



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 25 June 2009

### Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Associated Press, at least three people were injured on Tuesday in an explosion at the Guest Inn Motel in Yukon, Oklahoma. The cause of the blast, which forced the evacuation of 40 motel guests, has not been confirmed. (See item [38](#))
- The Seattle Times reports that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may have to severely restrict how much stormwater the Howard Hanson Dam in Washington State can hold back for the next several winters after discovering that water is flowing through the dam's right abutment "very fast." (See item [41](#))

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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 24, Huntington Herald-Dispatch* – (West Virginia) **Crews battle Duke Energy fire.** Five volunteer fire departments are fighting a blaze at the Duke Energy plant Wednesday morning with a sixth department on the way, according to Lawrence County 911. Dispatchers received word of the fire at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday. Initial reports

indicate a transformer caught fire. Secondary explosions occurred and lines fell. At 7:40 a.m., the dispatcher said crews believe the fire was contained to the transformer.

Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/x1850781895/Fire-reported-at-Duke-Energy>

2. *June 23, Gloucester County Times* – (New Jersey) **Crews respond to tanker leak.** A tanker car leaking volatile fluid brought out emergency responders from across South Jersey to the Pureland Industrial Complex on Monday morning. The Logan Police chief said a tanker holding more than 28,000 gallons of ethanol was discovered sitting on a rail spur off of Sharptown Road seeping the fluid. A local trucking firm, Dana, operates a facility that transfers material from rail car to tank truck to transport it out, he said. “When the rail company went to move the cars this morning,” he said, “they noticed one of those cars had a very minor leak.” A bucket was placed underneath a valve on the bottom of the tanker, which collected about a gallon of the substance. Authorities said there was no indication that a significant amount of ethanol was left on the ground below the tanker, which had been brought in sometime over the weekend. Sharptown Road was shut down between High Hill and Center Square roads for some time, and employees in nearby buildings were asked to stay inside. The county’s hazmat unit was brought in to monitor air quality and to ensure that no vapors were leaking from the valve. Fire-suppressing foam was sprayed on surfaces near the railcar to help neutralize the threat of a spark igniting the ethanol not captured by the bucket. A number of small rail lines are found within Pureland, operated by SMS Lines.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/gloucester/index.ssf?/base/news-12/1245732004128160.xml&coll=8>

3. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP: Central Pa. power plant didn’t do tests.** Pennsylvania State environmental officials have fined RRI Energy \$32,000 for air quality monitoring violations at a plant in central Pennsylvania. Officials from the Department of Environmental Protection say RRI Energy failed to conduct certain technical tests on the emissions monitoring systems at its Shawville power plant in 2007. The DEP says that resulted in nearly a month of lost data. DEP officials also say RRI Energy was late submitting reports for the first two quarters of 2008. The DEP says RRI Energy paid the fine to the Clear Air Fund. RRI Energy did not respond to calls seeking comment Monday.

Source:

[http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/pennsylvania/20090622\\_ap\\_depcentra lpowerplantdidntdotests.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/pennsylvania/20090622_ap_depcentra lpowerplantdidntdotests.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 24, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **House panel advances chemical security bill.** Chemical facilities across the country could be required to use safer technologies and processes and could be sued for security violations under legislation

approved by Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee on June 23. In an 18-11 party-line vote, Democrats approved a bill that would extend and expand the Homeland Security Department's authority to regulate security at places across the country that sell, store or process chemicals. Democrats defeated three GOP amendments that would have changed some contentious provisions in the bill. The bill now goes to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Homeland Security Department's current authority to regulate chemical facilities expires after October 3. Source: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20090624\\_2659.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090624_2659.php)

5. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Truck crash on I-84 spills hazardous material.** The crash of a tractor-trailer truck in Eastern Oregon spilled a hazardous chemical along Interstate 84 and closed the highway in both directions for about four hours. The driver of the truck was reported seriously injured. Oregon State Police say the crash on June 22 was north of Baker City, and the highway was closed from there to La Grande. A police report says a 57-year-old man was driving a truck that rolled after it came up behind a car slowed by mechanical difficulties and swerved to avoid it. The police say hazardous materials workers were called in to clean up 300 to 400 gallons of chromic acid. Source: [http://www.ktvb.com/news/localnews/stories/ktvbn-jun2309-chemical\\_spill.1b06451b.html](http://www.ktvb.com/news/localnews/stories/ktvbn-jun2309-chemical_spill.1b06451b.html)
6. *June 23, Dothan Eagle* – (Alabama) **Newton Street spill site now clean.** Some of the about 5,000 gallons of sodium hydroxide that spilled from a storage tank off East Newton street found its way into a nearby storm drain, but a flushing procedure appears to have mitigated any potential damage, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The spill was discovered May 28 on land near the intersection of Newton and Range streets where an abandoned Peanut Mill exists. A 5,000 gallon above-ground storage tank was apparently vandalized, causing the chemical to spill into the soil. A pollution report generated by the EPA indicates most of the chemical was absorbed by the soil, but that some made its way into a nearby drain. Landowner Golden Peanut Company hired an environmental cleanup contractor to assist in the cleaning of the area. The site is located within Dothan's NBCAR Historic District. Golden Peanut Company had been in the process of demolishing old buildings and cleaning up the site since at least February. It is unknown how long the spill had occurred before it was discovered. An EPA official at the scene of the spill said there was no failure to the storage tank. It is believed a vandal simply turned the tank's valve and released the chemical. Source: [http://www.dothaneagle.com/dea/news/local/article/newton\\_street\\_spill\\_site\\_now\\_clean/78941/](http://www.dothaneagle.com/dea/news/local/article/newton_street_spill_site_now_clean/78941/)

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

7. *June 24, Reuters* – (New York) **Entergy NY Indian Point 3 reactor back at full power.** Entergy Corp's 1,025-megawatt Unit 3 at the Indian Point nuclear power station in New York returned to full power by early Wednesday from 58 percent early Tuesday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit had been running at

less than 60 percent since early June as workers fixed a boiler feed pump, which moves water from the condenser to the steam generators. The unit shut on May 28 due to high vibration in one of the two main boiler feed pumps. It returned to service soon after but had to shut again on May 31 to fix a control oil system. It returned to service in early June.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2414998220090624>

8. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. nuclear plant to appeal drill assessment.** PPL Corp., the operator of the Susquehanna nuclear power plant, in northeastern Pennsylvania, says it plans to appeal an assessment by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission following a security exercise in March. The agency releases little information about security issues, saying it could be used in an attack. PPL plans to meet July 1 with NRC officials at the commission's King of Prussia office near Philadelphia in hopes of avoiding the additional oversight. The assessment came after a drill at the Salem Township plant in Luzerne County during which an effort is made to gain access and plant security forces, which are aware of the drill, repel the attackers. Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/06/21/ap6568519.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

9. *June 24, McClatchy-Tribune Information Services* – (National) **Taliban buy American — to elude attacks.** Terrorist groups and foreign governments have increasingly attempted to purchase sensitive dual-use and military technology from companies in the United States. Taliban fighters in Afghanistan have managed to escape U.S. and NATO attacks and carry out assaults against foreign forces, thanks to an American state-of-the-art military technology that has reached their hands. The Government Accountability Office set up front companies and fictitious identities and was able to buy night-vision scopes and special infrared patches that U.S. troops wear in Iraq and Afghanistan. These infrared patches are used to help soldiers distinguish the enemy from their fellow combatants. Another piece of equipment, the inclinometer, measures an object's slope and inclination for medical, optical, range finder and robotics purposes; it can also be used to make IEDs. According to the GAO and the Department of Defense, this tool has been falling into the wrong hands at the cost of American lives. Other items purchased in the bogus transactions included parts for making nuclear devices and guiding missiles that could carry nuclear warheads, body armor and other hardware for ground combat, triggered spark gaps used to detonate nuclear weapons, and electronic sensors used in improvised explosive devices and gyro chips used in guided missiles and military

aircraft, said the report. The GAO's fake companies were able to obtain military equipment and dual use items — which have both military and commercial use — in the United States and ship them overseas, according to the report recently made public at a House subcommittee hearing. A GAO managing director, who led the 13-month investigation, said it found “sensitive dual-use and military technology can be easily and legally purchased from manufacturers and distributors within the United States and illegally exported without detection.” He stressed that no laws were broken by any of the companies that sold items to the undercover GAO operation, and that the magnitude of trying to check all overseas travelers and shipments made it impossible to halt illegal export of the items under current law.

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/taliban-buy-american-to-elude-attacks.html>

10. *June 23, Online Defense and Acquisition Journal* – (National) **It's official: FCS cancelled.** The Army's flagship FCS modernization program was officially cancelled on June 23 with the stroke of a pen wielded by the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition. The ADM ends the Army's troubled effort to field a family of manned ground vehicles under FCS but paves the way for a new vehicle program. “The ADM directs the Army to identify the most efficient means to end the manned ground vehicle development effort with the least cost to the taxpayer and to use work already completed in any follow-on ground combat vehicle developmental programs.” It directs the Army to undertake, along with the Marine Corps, an assessment of “joint capability gaps for ground combat vehicles.” The assessment is to inform requirements for a new Army combat vehicle, a development effort that is already underway, with the intention of launching a new acquisition program by 2010. Replacing FCS will be the “Army Brigade Combat Team Modernization,” that collects the remaining bits of FCS under a “modernization plan” consisting of a number of “separate but integrated” acquisition programs. These include efforts to provide technological upgrades, or “spin outs” as they have come to be called, to seven infantry brigades in the near term and plans to develop and field additional upgrades to communications networks, new aerial drones, unmanned robots and sensors to all Army brigades some time in the future.  
Source: <http://www.dodbuzz.com/2009/06/23/its-official-fcs-cancelled/>

11. *June 23, WIRED* – (National) **Congressman: Stop building Ospreys.** A Congressman has called on the Marines to stop production on their controversial tiltrotor craft, the V-22 Osprey. The Marine Corps' leadership say they are thrilled with how the Osprey has performed in Iraq — the aircraft's first deployment, after nearly three decades in development. But critics say the aircraft still has a whole host of performance and safety issues; only about half of the fleet of 90 Ospreys are actually combat deployable. The cost per flight hour is over \$11,000 — more than double the target estimate, according to a new Government Accountability Office report, presented at a hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Overall, the program has cost over \$25 billion in research, development, production, and maintenance. “Not only has the Osprey failed to live up to its initial billing, it has failed expensively,” the Congressman said. The Marine Corps disagree. And it is not immediately clear what, if anything, the Congressman can do to stop the Marines. They are already halfway through production.

The assembly line is efficient. Prices (while high) are stable. And they are working to fix some of the most egregious problems with the aircraft.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/06/congressman-stop-building-ospreys/#more-14040>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **37 charged in Ill. mortgage fraud crackdown.**

Two real estate companies, a title company, an investment company and 37 people have been charged in mortgage fraud cases in the Chicago area that cost lenders \$48 million, federal officials announced on June 23. It was the third major batch of unrelated mortgage fraud cases unveiled in the last year by federal prosecutors eager to focus attention on the crime. “There certainly is a wave of mortgage fraud that we’re trying to crack down on,” a U.S. attorney said at a news conference. Properties in the batch of five unrelated cases ranged from dilapidated houses in Chicago’s blighted Englewood neighborhood to Near North Side condominiums to homes in the affluent suburbs of Glenview and Wheaton. Individuals charged included mortgage brokers, loan officers, real estate investors, appraisers and an attorney. The cases involve a total of \$48 million in fraudulently obtained mortgages, federal officials said. Most of these cases involved buyers who allegedly obtained mortgages with the intention of getting the loan money and then skipping out on the payments. In some cases, the buyers used fictitious names. In the largest case, a Buffalo Grove real estate man and his wife are charged with paying people to obtain mortgages on 70 properties, many in dilapidated condition in Chicago’s gang-ridden Englewood neighborhood. Once the mortgage money was in hand, the borrowers skipped out on the payments and the lenders suffered huge losses, prosecutors said. Most of the 15 people accused of taking part in the scheme are charged with mail fraud or wire fraud.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/06/23/ap6578680.html>

13. *June 23, MarketWatch* – (National) **FDIC eyes extension to unlimited deposit insurance.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. on June 23 proposed extending a program that provides unlimited deposit insurance for non-interest-bearing deposits by six months. The coverage was set to expire December 31, 2009, but the agency extended it to June 30, 2010, seeking to calm fears of large businesses that have significant business customers that keep large deposit accounts at banks for their payrolls. The agency provided a temporary blanket deposit insurance coverage for non-interest-bearing accounts last year as the financial crisis worsened.

Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/fdic-eyes-extension-to-unlimited-deposit-insurance>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *June 23, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Nine dead in Washington metro**



**crash.** Rescue workers searched through a mangled mess after a Washington metro train rammed into another one during rush hour, killing at least nine people and injuring 76, officials and media said June 23. The District of Columbia mayor described the June 22 collision as the deadliest in the subway system's 33-year history, as local media reported that nine people were found dead. Rescuers used powerful blades to cut through the wreckage to find any more people trapped after a train slammed into a stationary one, forcing one subway car on top of the other and sending passengers hurtling through the air. The mayor suggested the moving train may have been traveling too fast when it hit the stationary one. The rear car of the lead train compressed like an accordion before leapfrogging on top of it on an above-ground portion of track on the heavily-used Red Line. "It was going at a speed that would have made that initial car literally compress to about one-fourth of the original size," the mayor told CNN, strongly hinting the toll could rise. "We have to go in [to the compressed rear car] and find out if there's any remaining bodies." The mayor confirmed six people had died, but local media reported later that three more bodies were found.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jyFh57RAc4M0vxkxDschwl3i7UIg>

15. *June 23, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Structural collapse at McCarran Int'l Airport.** Five construction workers were injured at McCarran International Airport the morning of June 23 following a structural collapse which authorities are calling a freak accident. The collapse happened around 7 a.m. at McCarran International Airport's terminal 3 project. According to an airport spokesperson, it took rescuers 35 minutes to free the men who were all transported to hospitals. An airport spokesman says the workers were building a 65-foot column of reinforced steel rods. It was still on its side when it collapsed. A Clark County fire department spokesman said all of the workers were conscious and talking during the incident. "Today's incident involved a circular rebar cage which collapsed," said the aviation director. He added that the workers were inside the cage as it collapsed. The reason for the collapse is unknown and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is investigating. The injured workers were employed by a sub-contractor, Pacific Coast Steel. Authorities say the workers were all wearing their safety gear. A construction worker who was employed by Las Vegas Paving was killed on the terminal 3 project in February 2009.

Source: <http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=10579398>

16. *June 23, KTAR 92.3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Threat sends police to Deer Valley Airport.** Phoenix police rushed to Deer Valley Airport June 23 after a man threatened a shootout with police, and mentioned the satellite airport in north Phoenix. Hours later, police said the unidentified suspect was on a crisis hotline, threatening to take his own life, and that he appeared to be a danger only to himself. A detective said a man called Magellan Health Services, the behavioral health provider for Maricopa County, about 8:30 a.m. on June 23. "They received a call from a male who stated he was unemployed, he lived in his car, he was an ex-pilot and, for whatever reason, he was very, very upset," said the detective. He said the man made a threat toward police officers and mentioned Deer Valley Airport. Police restricted people entering Deer Valley for a time. Only the front

entrance — the public access — to the airport was closed. Police were taking a close look at a plane that had a connection to the caller's name, the detective said.

Source: <http://ktar.com/?nid=6&sid=1182418>

17. *June 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Millions ride old, vulnerable rail cars on subways.** Millions of passengers in cities across the United States ride old subway cars like the ones that crumpled in the deadly crash in the nation's capital. The largest transit systems depend on such cars for more than one-third of their fleets, despite safety concerns expressed by federal investigators more than three years ago. Washington is among the seven largest transit systems that rely on older cars in poor or marginal condition for more than a third of their fleets, according to a federal study published this spring that had been requested by a dozen Senators, including the current President (then-Senator). The others are in Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, New York, and suburban New Jersey. The older cars are either near or past their usefulness, the report said. Old subway cars experience the worst damage — a loss of what the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) calls “survivable space” — in crashes because most are not adequately reinforced for impact. A spokeswoman from the NTSB said on June 23 that the problem remains. Transportation officials for decades have debated whether the federal government should have more oversight of local rail systems, but it is largely up to states to set their own standards. A leading Senator on transportation issues said he was surprised to learn after Washington D.C.'s June 22 crash that the NTSB can make recommendations to improve transit safety but does not have oversight authority, nor does the FTA. The industry is working to make subway cars safer, said a chairman of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Rail Transit Vehicle Standards Committee. It has created its own crash standards for rail cars, but the chairman noted that a subway car's crashworthiness is the passenger's last line of defense, since signals and operators are better positioned to avoid accidents.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g9G-bM7GhwiAYsVWtk-iXguF8huQD990MLH00>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

18. *June 23, Spokane Spokesman Review* – (Idaho) **Device explodes, damaging mailbox near Harrison.** Kootenai County, Idaho, sheriff's deputies removed an explosive device from a home near Harrison after it exploded, damaging the mailbox. The East Side Fire District determined the plastic device had already detonated, damaging only the mailbox, officials said. An investigation is ongoing.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/jun/23/device-explodes-damaging-mailbox-near-harrison/>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

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## Water Sector

19. *June 23, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Combined sewer overflow nearly 1 billion gallons Friday.** Nearly 1 billion gallons of untreated sewage and storm water — double the capacity of the deep tunnel system — spilled out of combined sanitary and storm sewers in central Milwaukee and eastern Shorewood into local rivers and Lake Michigan during intense rain June 19 and 20. In an overflow report given to state environmental officials on June 23, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) says combined sewer overflows totaled 935.7 million gallons — one-third of the record set last June. Several separate sanitary sewers under district control also overflowed during the storms, pouring an additional 56.1 million gallons of diluted sewage into waterways, the district says in the report. The deluge quickly started filling the deep tunnels within the first hour of heavy rain early on June 19. “We’d never be able to afford the system that would contain such a storm,” the district executive director said. The deep tunnel system’s capacity is 494 million gallons. The step was taken to reserve space in the storage system for excessive flows from municipal sanitary sewers in communities that the district serves. As the tunnel system filled close to its capacity, MMSD officials ordered two other emergency measures. From 2:40 a.m. June 19 to 7 p.m. June 20, the district blended an estimated 70 million gallons of untreated sewage and storm water from the deep tunnels with fully treated wastewater from the Jones Island treatment plant. The mix was chlorinated to kill bacteria and viruses before being discharged to Lake Michigan. Shortly before 3 a.m. June 19, the district started closing gates between its separate sanitary sewers and the deep tunnels to prevent overfilling the storage system and causing basement backups. All combined sewer gates were open by 5:37 a.m. June 21. The Milwaukee Public Works Department estimated that 547,745 gallons of sewage was diverted to streams at seven locations June 19.  
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/48925762.html>

20. *June 23, Joplin Independent* – (Missouri) **Recent data confirms E coli threat in local waters.** The Newton County Health Department is advising the public to take precautions this year when swimming and recreating in area creeks and streams. Recent sampling data in Newton County confirms that many area creeks and streams still have elevated levels of E coli bacteria. Past sampling in 2006 and 2007 resulted in the listing or proposed listing by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of many area creeks (Clear Creek, Capps Creek, Indian Creek, Shoal Creek, Lost Creek and Hickory Creek) as impaired for bacteriological contamination. Data collected on June 22, 2009 confirmed that several of these creeks were at levels considered by the EPA as unsafe for swimming. After heavy rains fecal material is often flushed into creeks, lakes, and ponds and increases the possibility of disease causing organisms being present in the water. There have not been any documented waterborne disease outbreaks in Newton

County, but isolated cases often go unreported or are often dismissed as being attributed to something else.

Source: [http://www.joplinindependent.com/display\\_article.php/bkulp1245816565](http://www.joplinindependent.com/display_article.php/bkulp1245816565)

21. *June 23, Union of Grass Valley* – (California) **Plugged valve leads to creek sewage spill.** A plugged valve caused a sewage spill into Wolf Creek in the early hours on June 22, and Grass Valley officials are investigating why an alarm system did not sound when it happened. An estimated 10,000 gallons spilled at the Grass Valley wastewater treatment plant at, at the southern end of town, according to a statement from the county Environmental Health Department. Signs have been posted in the area warning of bacteria in the creek, and contact with the water should be avoided. Creek water will be tested in a few days for fecal bacteria, and spring water flows are expected to dilute the pollution in a few days, the county Environmental Health director said. The plant was working properly when workers left at midnight on June 21, but others coming in at 7:30 a.m. on June 22 discovered the spill and unplugged the valve, the director said. A pump moves partially treated sewage into the holding tank, and the valve allows some to drain into another area for the next step in treatment. The pump should have moved through eight or nine cycles overnight, and it was unclear when the valve became plugged, he said. A monitoring system should have sounded an alarm when the effluent neared a high level in the tank; workers are trying to figure out why that did not happen, he said. In the meantime, the trigger has been set for a lower level in the tank.

Source:

<http://www.theunion.com/article/20090623/NEWS/906229982/1001/NONE&parentprofile=1053>

22. *June 22, KCBD 11 Lubbock* – (Texas) **Two major water main breaks in Lubbock.** Crews spent the majority of the morning of June 22 fixing and cleaning up central Lubbock streets after two huge water main breaks. “We’re not sure yet why it ruptured, it is an old cast iron pipe,” said the director of water utilities. The 16 inch pipe on 34th and Avenue M was already in the city’s plan to be replaced by the end of the summer. “We’ll actually replace this particular line and we are actually replacing the line all the way from Quaker to Avenue A and it will be with a newer line and we’ll be able to feel that it’s more reliable,” the director said. It took about two hours to get the water turned off, and in the meantime 1.5 million gallons of water were lost. On June 22 crews worked to patch the break as a temporary solution. “If it just ruptured in a small area then we’ll literally put a metal band-aid on to the cast iron pipe and as we come through here we’ll abandon the pipe as we have the new pipe in place,” the director said. A few hours later another water main break happened at 66th and Avenue U. This pipe was not connected to the other, but more than likely was a result of the first one because of too much pressure that caused the street to buckle and shift. Complete repairs for both breaks were set to take about week.

Source: <http://www.kcbd.com/Global/story.asp?S=10576281>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

23. *June 24, Detroit News* – (National) **Dozens arrested for \$50M in alleged Medicare fraud schemes.** Federal indictments unsealed in Detroit Wednesday charge 53 clinic owners, doctors and others with defrauding Medicare of more than \$50 million. FBI agents in Detroit arrested dozens of people locally Wednesday morning, while other arrests were made in the Miami, Florida, area. As many as 38 of the defendants were expected to be arraigned Wednesday in connection with the case in U.S. District Court in Detroit, one federal official said. Federal court records filed in 2007 show federal agents seized more than \$250,000 in cash and a 2006 Ford van in connection with a Medicare fraud investigation involving alleged billings for fictitious patients. The cases were investigated by the Detroit FBI and the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services.  
Source: [http://www.detnews.com/article/20090624/METRO/906240404/1409/METRO/FBI-arrests-dozens-linked-to-alleged-\\$50M-Medicare-fraud-scheme](http://www.detnews.com/article/20090624/METRO/906240404/1409/METRO/FBI-arrests-dozens-linked-to-alleged-$50M-Medicare-fraud-scheme)
24. *June 23, Agence France-Presse* – (National) **U.S. company makes first batch of swine flu vaccine.** A U.S. company that was awarded a contract to develop an influenza vaccine using insect cell technology has produced a first batch against (A)H1N1 flu. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Tuesday announced that it has awarded a 35-million-dollar contract to manufacture the first batch of H1N1 vaccine to Protein Sciences, which could be extended for another five years to reach 147 million dollars. The insect cell technology “has advanced in recent years to a point that we believe it could help meet a surge in demand for US-based vaccine for seasonal and pandemic flu,” the U.S. Health Secretary said in a statement.  
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5i2bpdelOTRhwtP5-k6SGdhdmQ-A>
25. *June 22, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Fort Sanders Med Center spill IDed as chemotherapy waste.** Employees of a private firm “knocked over and spilled” medical waste in a Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center storage facility in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Monday, prompting the evacuation of some employees in the immediate area, officials said. Authorities initially suspected the leak involved radioactive material, but that initial report was incorrect. A Knoxville Fire Department spokesman said the spill occurred in an 8-by-10-foot storage area and involved hazardous waste left over from chemotherapy treatments. A hospital spokesperson said the separate storage room has its own air-conditioning unit, so there was no need to evacuate any patients or close medical center operations. Workers from the immediate area were evacuated, but no patients were moved.  
Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2009/jun/22/radioactive-spill-prompts-evacuation-fort-sanders-/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

26. *June 24, WENY 2 Elmira* – (New York) **Security breach at Cornell University compromises 45,000 identities.** A computer with thousands of people’s personal

information has been stolen from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. School officials say current and former faculty, staff and students could be at risk of identity theft. WENY TV News obtained a copy of a Cornell's IT security office email, which states that a Cornell owned computer, stolen earlier this month, contains the names and social security numbers of more than 45,000 people in the Cornell community. The email goes on to say there have been no reports of misuse of the information. A Cornell University spokesman would only confirm a breach of security. The spokesman says the University is trying to figure out the full extend of the damage before releasing any more information. The email states Cornell will pay for fraud counseling and credit monitoring for anyone affected by the breach.

Source: <http://www.weny.com/News-Local.asp?ARTICLE3864=9145745>

27. *June 23, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Suspicious package probably not an explosive.** Blue Springs, Missouri, police still do not know what was inside a suspicious package that prompted them to evacuate a school on Monday. The item was still being evaluated today by the Independence Police bomb squad, said a Blue Springs detective. About 8 a.m. Monday construction workers repairing the roof at Hall McCarter Education Center in northwest Blue Springs noticed an item they considered suspicious. The item, about eight inches long, was wrapped tightly with what appeared to be black electrical tape. The workers evacuated the building, which contained no students, and then contacted the Blue Springs police and the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District. At the same time officials evacuated a nearby school, John Nowlin elementary, of about 250 students. Those students were transferred to another Blue Springs School District facility. Although Blue Springs police officials did not think the item was an explosive device, the investigation was continuing.

Source: [http://www.kansascity.com/news/breaking\\_news/story/1270721.html](http://www.kansascity.com/news/breaking_news/story/1270721.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

28. *June 23, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* – (National) **Secretary Napolitano announces decision to end National Applications Office Program.** The Homeland Security Secretary announced her decision Tuesday to end the National Applications Office (NAO) program, after a five-month review conducted in coordination with the Department's law enforcement, emergency management and intelligence partners. NAO was established to facilitate access to satellite imagery for homeland security and law enforcement purposes. The NAO Charter formally established NAO as a part of DHS in February 2008. The Department's review of NAO involved direct consultation with a broad range of the Department's state, local and tribal homeland security partners to assess the program's potential effectiveness, led by the Acting Under Secretary of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) at DHS. Following a series of meetings with several major national law enforcement and intelligence organizations, the DHS official recommended ending the NAO program in favor of more urgent priorities — including state and local fusion centers and the National Suspicious Reporting (SAR) Initiative.

Source: [http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr\\_1245785980174.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1245785980174.shtm)

29. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Midwest) **‘Crisis City’ gets test during multistate drill.** A training exercise simulating a domestic terrorist setting off an explosion on a railroad line, causing a derailment and a building collapse caused by a propane tank explosion took place Tuesday at Crisis City, a training site near the central Kansas town of Salina. The mock city is part of the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center, which includes the Smoky Hill Range Complex, the Kansas Regional Training Institute, and the Kansas Army National Guard Training Center. The event in Kansas involved state and local officials from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, along with the National Guard and other federal agencies. It was part of a larger exercise, dubbed Vigilant Guard, that started last week in Iowa. Despite temperatures that reached about 100 degrees Tuesday, officials said the Salina exercise and the venue met their needs. The goal of the exercise was to identify gaps in preparedness and response, and pass lessons on to others. An unmanned aerial vehicle patrolled above, sending live video and data below.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ks-disastertraining,0,6611355.story>
30. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Oahu firefighters cause blaze at own fire station.** Oahu firefighters have been issued a reminder to be sure to turn off cooking equipment when responding to emergencies. The advice comes in the wake of a May 22 blaze at the Waipahu fire station that caused about \$25,000 damage. Honolulu Fire Department’s spokesman said food was inadvertently left cooking on a stove when the firefighters responded to an emergency call involving a traffic accident. The fire caused smoke and heat damage, primarily to kitchen areas that had been scheduled for renovation. He said the damage has been repaired.  
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iyA49KCLsPWUBsmQN4-RUmAvnJYwD99019001>
31. *June 22, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Bacteria found in police station water.** There are concerns about results on the water at the Madison Heights Police Department in Detroit, Michigan. Local news reported that legionella bacteria, in addition to underlying health conditions, may have played a role in the death of an officer there. The official cause of death was swine flu. Members of the Madison Heights Police Department are being forced to drink bottled water and use portable toilets after tests just revealed the legionella bacteria in the water and the police station’s heating and cooling system. Additional tests have been ordered for the 22 officers who became ill with flu-like symptoms.  
Source: [http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/090622\\_legionella\\_police](http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/090622_legionella_police)

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## **Information Technology**

32. *June 24, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Military command is created for cyber security.** The U.S. Defense Secretary created a new military command dedicated to cyber security on June 23, reflecting the U.S. President’s plans to centralize and elevate computer security as a major national-security issue. In a memo to senior Pentagon

officials, the U.S. Defense Secretary said he intends to recommend that the director of the National Security Agency take on the additional role as commander of the Cyber Command with the rank of a four-star general. The U.S. Defense Secretary's budget envisions training more than 200 cyber-security officers annually. The decision follows the U.S. President's announcement last month that he will establish a new cyber-security office at the White House, whose chief will coordinate all government efforts to protect computer networks. The Pentagon initiative will reshape the military's efforts to protect networks from attacks by hackers, especially those from China and Russia. It also consolidates the largest concentration of cyber warriors and investigators in the government under one military command, exacerbating concerns of some experts who worry about military control of civilian computer systems.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124579956278644449.html>

33. *June 24, Washington Post* – (International) **Microsoft debuts free antivirus software beta.** Microsoft on June 23 released a beta version of its new free anti-virus offering, Microsoft Security Essentials (a.k.a “Morro”). MSE is basically the next generation of Microsoft's Windows Live OneCare anti-virus and anti-spyware service, but without all of the extras, such as a firewall, data backup solution and restore or PC performance tuning. After installation, MSE spends a couple of minutes downloading additional files, and then prompts the user to perform a “Quick Scan.” Anti-virus products are notorious for sucking up system resources, but it barely uses more than 4 MB of system memory for scans. The program includes real-time protection, which Microsoft says “alerts you when viruses, spyware and other potentially unwanted software attempts to install itself or run on your computer.” In addition, MSE monitors file and program activity on a user's computer, and automatically scans all downloaded files and attachments. If it finds something, it will ask a user what to do with the suspect file, and if the user takes no action after 10 minutes, Microsoft will decide what to do with the file(s) according to its default actions.

Source:

[http://voices.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2009/06/microsoft\\_debuts\\_free\\_antivirus.html?wpss=securityfix](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/securityfix/2009/06/microsoft_debuts_free_antivirus.html?wpss=securityfix)

34. *June 24, IDG News Service* – (International) **Adobe issues security update for Shockwave Player.** Adobe Systems has released a patch for its Shockwave Player to fix a critical vulnerability, the company wrote on its security blog on June 23. Adobe did not provide many details on the vulnerability but wrote that it is remotely exploitable, meaning a hacker could use it to infect a computer with malicious software over the Internet. Shockwave Player is used to display content created by Adobe's Director program, which offers advanced tools for creating interactive content, including Flash. The Director application can be used for creating 3D models, high-quality images and full-screen or long-form digital content and offers greater control over how those elements are displayed. The vulnerability affects Shockwave Player version 11.5.0.596 and earlier. Users should uninstall the old version and install version 11.5.0.600, which is available for download. The company was tipped off to the vulnerability by security vendor TippingPoint Technologies' Zero Day Initiative, which pays security researchers for vulnerability information that is responsibly disclosed.



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[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167258/adobe\\_issues\\_security\\_update\\_for\\_shockwave\\_player.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167258/adobe_issues_security_update_for_shockwave_player.html)

35. *June 24, MXLogic* – (International) **CISOs see insiders as greatest ‘human threat’ to data security.** The vast majority of chief information security officers surveyed at a CISO summit in June said that insiders are the greatest human threat to data security, while only 18 said they are concerned about threats from external sources such as cybercriminals and corporate spies. The survey by NetWitness Corporation and MIS Training Institute revealed that 80 percent of CISOs and CSOs feel insiders are the greatest human threat. A conference director at MIS Training Institute said the survey findings are “alarming,” in that there is a “misperception that traditional security approaches alone can protect against information leaks and that some CISOs were not sure what they need for data protection or were not planning to focus any money in that area this year.” Although CISOs are at least thinking about insider threats, another recent survey of business managers found that executives seemingly do not think about insider threats to data security from ex-employees. A Courion Corporation survey revealed that 93 percent of business managers are confident that terminated employees pose no risk to their network security, even though many have limited knowledge of the systems to which their employees have access.

Source: <http://www.mxlogic.com/securitynews/network-security/cisos-see-insiders-as-greatest-human-threat-to-data-security132.cfm>

36. *June 23, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cloudmark security suite addresses growing SMS spam.** As mobile users are more frequently pestered by SMS spam, one security vendor is applying its experience in stopping e-mail spam for mobile networks. Cloudmark released on June 23 a suite of services designed for operators to stop abuse on their networks, such as MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service) and SMS spam as well as malware aimed at mobile devices. The suite, called MobileAuthority, combines several features and services that Cloudmark had offered individually, but now make more sense to offer as a suite, said the head of technology services for Europe. The Sender Intelligence component of MobileAuthority allows operators to detect and then block mobile spam originating from either inside their network or from one of their partners. The filtering component looks for patterns in order to block spam, malware or phishing scams. Cloudmark has also set up a managed security service with a team that will monitor a mobile provider’s networks for abuse and make adjustments in filtering in order to stop further problems. As hackers and spammers see the potential for profit by hitting people with various scams over their mobiles, it is likely they will proliferate, the head of technology services said. Mobile users in North America and Europe have not been inundated with as much spam as people in Asia, but it is on the rise. “We haven’t seen that much, although it’s now starting to get reasonably pernicious in North America,” said Cloudmark’s CEO.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167200/cloudmark\\_security\\_suite\\_addresses\\_growing\\_sms\\_spam.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167200/cloudmark_security_suite_addresses_growing_sms_spam.html)

37. *June 23, Homeland Security Newswire* – (International) **Effective cybersecurity requires common language.** The former cybersecurity director at DHS had some sobering words last week about the battle for cybersecurity. “We lost,” the former director, now chief executive officer of NetWitness Corp., said at the Symantec Government Symposium in Washington. “We lost the cyber war over the last 15 years. Our computing environment is already compromised,” and things are likely to get worse going forward because we do not really understand security. “We lack any meaningful metrics or measures to say how secure a system is.” It no longer is true that the best minds are on the side of the hackers. The dark side of cyberspace has been co-opted by organized crime, entrepreneurs of questionable integrity and, possibly, terrorists. Much of the process of illegal hacking has been mechanized to the point that it involves automation, not innovation. Part of the problem was identified by the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team director. “We lack a common language for discussing many of the elements of security. We need to reinvent not only how we do incident response, but how we talk about events,” the director said at the symposium. Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/single.php?id=8200>

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *June 24, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Pregnant woman, 2 others injured in hotel explosion.** A pregnant woman and at least two others were injured on June 23 in an explosion at a motel in a suburb of Oklahoma City, authorities said. The woman, who is eight months pregnant, and a man were critically injured in the blast at the Guest Inn Motel in Yukon about 6 p.m., police spokeswoman said. Another person was treated at the scene, according to the emergency medical services authority. The police spokeswoman also said a couple other people may have suffered minor injuries. The cause of the blast has not been confirmed, but officials do not believe it was from a methamphetamine lab. “The walls were blown out and debris is across the parking lot,” the police spokesman said. At least eight of the motel’s units were damaged, the spokeswoman said. The pregnant woman, who is the motel’s manager, suffered burns to her hands, face, lips and ears. Emergency crews evacuated the motel, which had about 40 guests, and electric power was turned off, the spokeswoman added.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,528881,00.html>

39. *June 24, Oxford Press* – (Ohio) **Golf clubhouse fire rekindles.** Just as state and local officials were beginning to investigate a June 22 blaze that destroyed the clubhouse at Indian Ridge Golf Course in Hanover, Ohio, a fire rekindled at 10:35 a.m. on June 23, sending firefighters from surrounding areas back to the scene. A preliminary investigation indicates the rekindled fire started in a portion of a roof still standing above the pro shop area. By about 1 p.m., the second blaze in two days had been extinguished and state and local investigators went back to work looking for a cause. “It had been burning for a while,” the deputy chief said about the June 22 morning fire. Firefighters were in the 7,000-square-foot log building about 20 minutes on June 22 when a portion of the floor collapsed into the basement, which housed the banquet rooms, the deputy fire chief said. “It was unsafe then. We pulled everyone out,” he said. The firefighting mode was then defensive rather than working to save the building and contents. The public information officer for the state fire marshal’s office said the investigation could take a week to complete.

Source: <http://www.oxfordpress.com/news/oxford-news/golf-clubhouse-fire-rekindles-174235.html?showComments=true>

40. *June 22, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Elderly Virginia residents evacuated after fire.** Fairfax County fire fighters responded to a two-alarm fire in Falls Church, which was sparked by an underground explosion. Officials told 9 NEWS NOW approximately 200 elderly residents had to be evacuated after a gasoline fed fire broke out near an emergency underground generator vault in the 600 block of North Madison Street the morning of June 22. The incident forced the residents to evacuate the Lockwood and Elmwood House Apartments. The evacuees were taken to nearby Ashlawn Elementary School. The school was used as a staging area where residents were monitored and kept out of the sun. So far there have been no reported injuries.

Source: [http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Elderly-Virginia-Residents-Evacuated-after-Fire/46\\$64225](http://cms.firehouse.com/web/online/News/Elderly-Virginia-Residents-Evacuated-after-Fire/46$64225)

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

41. *June 24, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Water seeping through Howard Hanson Dam is picking up speed.** The speed at which water is seeping through a flank of the Howard Hanson Dam has, by one key measure, increased since January, and the people who operate the dam do not know why. Officials with the Army Corps of Engineers said in a news release June 23 that water is flowing through the 48-year-old dam’s right abutment “very fast” and may mean the earth-and-rock structure could erode if too much water is

stored behind the dam 32 miles upstream from Auburn. Nobody is saying there will be large-scale floods for the first time since the dam was built, but the weakness in the dam abutment — the side of the valley against which the dam was built — means the Corps of Engineers may have to severely restrict how much stormwater the dam can hold back for the next several winters. And that could mean more water flowing through the valley below, raising the risk of flooding for the cities of Kent, Renton, Tukwila, and Auburn. Seepage through the dam's right abutment has caused concerns for much of its life. Improvements were made in 1965 and again in 2002, but engineers are worried the problem may have worsened. The Corps of Engineers publicly acknowledged new concerns about the stability of the dam abutment in January, when staffers found several "anomalies" during a storm that dumped 15 inches of rain in 24 hours behind the dam. The Corps is, again, in the process of lowering the reservoir. The Corps said in its news release that the water will not be released fast enough to endanger swimmers, boaters and other people on the river. But in the past few days, results of a dye test came back with surprising results. A small amount of dye moved through the abutment into a drainage tunnel far faster than it had during a January test after the storm. More dye-test results will be done in the coming weeks, and contractors are currently drilling into the abutment to help engineers understand what's happening. By November the Corps will install a "grout curtain" to reduce seepage, and will drill more vertical and horizontal drains. The measures are expected to cost more than \$20 million. Planning will then begin on a permanent solution, which is likely several years away. Dam-safety experts from around the country are advising the Corps on those interim measures and possible long-term solutions.

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42. *June 23, National Public Radio* – (Florida) **Government moves to strengthen Florida levees.** Residents of the towns that line the southern rim of Florida's Lake Okeechobee know about the benefits and risks of living next to one of the nation's largest freshwater lakes. For the past three years, the corps has made sure the lake's water level reaches no higher than 15 feet, well below capacity. At the same time, the corps is working to strengthen the 80-year-old levee that 40,000 local residents depend on for safety. On a few sections of the dike, rehabilitation work is well under way. A key portion is on Lake Okeechobee's southeast rim, near Belle Glade, the town hit hardest by the 1928 flood. This area is still considered the highest risk, and the corps is working first to strengthen the levee. Huge shovels, trucks and other heavy equipment dig a deep trench 70 feet down through the center of the dike. They then fill the trench with a concrete mixture to create what is called a "cutoff wall." The massive project is expected to cost \$1 billion and take at least 20 years to complete. After a year of work, just about two-and-a-half miles have been strengthened. To ensure that the dike remains safe while the work is being carried out, a team of inspectors constantly monitors the dike, shoring up sections that it finds weakened by erosion.

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