



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 26 June 2009

### Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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### Top Stories

- The Associated Press reports that poison control centers in California could go dark this summer under the Governor's plan for closing the State's \$24.3 billion deficit, making California the only State without poison control assistance. Officials say the demise of the California program could have a domino effect throughout the country. (See item [20](#))
- According to the Detroit Free Press, six children are recovering after a chlorine accident at a high school pool in Clarkston, Michigan led to the evacuation of about 1,500 people on Wednesday. (See item [22](#))

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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 25, Bloomberg* – (International) **Nigerian militants say they attacked Shell pipeline.** The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), the main militant group in Nigeria's southern oil region, said it attacked a "major" crude oil pipeline supplying Royal Dutch Shell Plc's Bonny export terminal. Fighters from the

group, known as MEND, damaged the Bille- Krakrama pipeline overnight, cutting supplies from Shell's Cawthorne 1, 2 and 3 oil-pumping stations, a MEND spokesman said in an e-mailed statement on June 25. The militant group has stepped up a sabotage campaign against Nigeria's oil industry since a military offensive against its positions began last month in the Niger River delta that produces nearly all of the country's crude. Oil facilities run by Chevron Corp. and Eni SpA also have been damaged. A Shell spokeswoman in The Hague, confirmed an attack on a manifold on the Krakrama pipeline and said the Awoba oil-pumping station was shut because of the incident. Shell is sending an emergency response team to the location to help "limit damage to the environment" from spilled oil, a Shell Nigeria spokesman said by phone in Lagos. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=ah6hirLBQTac>

2. *June 25, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Valero Texas City refinery loses power, Galveston News says.** Valero Energy Corp.'s Texas City, Texas, oil refinery shut down two process units on June 24 after a power outage, the Galveston County Daily News said, citing a company official. Because of the electricity loss, the plant flared unidentified gases for five minutes, the newspaper said, citing a Valero spokesman. This was the second significant power loss at the refinery in as many weeks, the Daily News said. Source: [http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aAT\\_5PJgcdU0](http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aAT_5PJgcdU0)
3. *June 25, Cheraw Chronicle* – (South Carolina) **Transformer fire creates widespread problems.** The Cheraw Fire Department responded to a large transformer fire inside the substation on Covington Road in the early hours of June 20. The explosion and fire is responsible for a major power outage around and in the Cheraw area. The Cheraw Police Department and the Cheraw Rescue Squad were also taking precautions by patrolling and keeping watch on the town during the blackout. "There was nothing we could do until the experts from Progress Energy arrived," said the Cheraw fire chief. "In situations like this we must consider the risk verses the benefits, and with high voltage we depend on them for guidance," he continued. A Cheraw Fire Department captain said that the main thing was getting the power isolated in the different areas to put the fire out. According to the fire chief, some power was re-routed to a Wallace substation, which began to overheat under the load. "The Wallace Fire Department requested assistance from us to help cool that equipment with a tanker," he continued. The chief said that this was a significant event. He also said that Progress Energy personnel told him that they never have seen a transformer burn as hot and severe as this one did. Source: [http://www.thecherawchronicle.com/pages/full\\_story?page\\_label=home\\_top\\_stories\\_news&id=2794034-Transformer+fire+creates+widespread+problems&article-Transformer%20fire%20creates%20widespread%20problems%20=&widget=push&instance=home\\_news\\_lead&open=&](http://www.thecherawchronicle.com/pages/full_story?page_label=home_top_stories_news&id=2794034-Transformer+fire+creates+widespread+problems&article-Transformer%20fire%20creates%20widespread%20problems%20=&widget=push&instance=home_news_lead&open=&)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 25, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Chemical spill contained at DuPont.** A small chemical leak at DuPont's Fayetteville Works site on NC 87 on June 25 did not warrant any evacuations. A small amount of difluoroacetyl fluoride, a chemical used in the manufacturing of Nafion, leaked from an outside cylinder onto the ground. Nafion is a plastic material developed by DuPont, according to several Web sites. "It was a very small amount of chemical. So small they didn't have to notify any environmental regulatory agency," a DuPont spokesman said. "The county recommended evacuation to give them time to determine how significant the leak was," he said.  
Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/Articles/2009/06/24/912504>
5. *June 24, Temecula Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Two-vehicle crash fuels chemical spill in Temecula.** About 20 gallons of chemicals were spilled in a June 23 crash involving a pool service vehicle in Temecula, California, authorities said. The two-vehicle crash was reported about 1:30 p.m. near Rancho California Road and Calle Contento, a Cal-Fire/ Riverside County Fire Department news release said. The county hazardous materials team and environmental health officials were called to the scene to secure and clean up the spill but no evacuations were ordered. According to a spill report filed with the California Emergency Management Agency, muriatic acid, chlorine and pH balancer, all used for pool cleaning, were spilled. Most of the 20 gallons released were contained within the vehicle and no injuries resulted from the chemicals, the report said.  
Source: <http://blogs.pe.com/news/digest/2009/06/two-vehicle-crash-fuels-chemic.html>
6. *June 24, WYFF 4 Asheville* – (North Carolina; Tennessee) **Wreck, hazmat spill closes I-40.** An overturned tractor-trailer shut down Interstate-40 traffic in both directions on June 24 north of Asheville, North Carolina all the way to the Tennessee State line. The North Carolina Highway Patrol said one lane reopened late June 24, but both lanes from mile marker 20, west of Lake Junaluska, to the zero mile marker at the Tennessee State line will be closed intermittently throughout the day. Highway Patrol said the 18-wheeler jackknifed at the 4 mile marker on Interstate-40 around 4:40 a.m. Approximately 100 gallons of chemical spilled including toluene, polyethylene glycol, and polyethylene sorbitan which are all used in the production of truck bed linings. The hazmat team said the leaking chemical does not pose a danger to fire fighters or to the public. The process of cleaning up the accident site has been turned over to an environmental clean-up company and the trucking company.  
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/19842512/detail.html>

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

7. *June 24, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Vt. Yankee cuts power for repairs, search for leak.** Technicians at Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont powered down the reactor to 26 percent on Wednesday to replace a circuit card in one of the plant's recirculation pumps and to search for the source of a leak of river water into the plant's cooling system. At 26 percent, the plant's output is 123 megawatts

electric. Normally, the plant produces about 650 megawatts. Wednesday's power reduction followed a decrease in output to 95 percent on Monday after the plant's A recirculation pump motor-generator unexpectedly reduced power from 98.2 percent to 88.5 percent, stated a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in an e-mail to the Reformer. Plant technicians took advantage of the reduced power to look for a leak in the plant's condenser, said the NRC spokesman. Since June 8, plant technicians had been tracking a small increase in the chloride concentration in the reactor water, which indicated an on-going leak of river water into the plant's condenser. "Planning for the power reduction and repair (of the condenser) began several weeks ago," wrote a Yankee spokesman in a press release to the media. "The work will involve isolating a section of the condenser to locate the source of the leakage and implement repairs."

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/ci\\_12677599?source=most\\_email](http://www.reformer.com/ci_12677599?source=most_email)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *June 25, Reliable Plant* – (National) **GE, Boeing implement condition-based maintenance standard.** Boeing and GE Aviation have jointly developed a simpler method to implement condition-based maintenance systems on aircraft. It is called the Open System Architecture for Condition-Based Maintenance (OSA-CBM). This will become an industry standard with the signing of an agreement by the two companies to grant rights for its use to the Machinery Information Management Open Systems Alliance (MIMOSA) organization. "The Boeing and GE implementation provides a 10-fold increase in real time performance of the Open System Architecture for Condition Based Maintenance (OSA-CBM) standard, making it practical for embedded health monitoring of aircraft systems," said the president of Avionics for GE Aviation. "This technology demonstrates a major step forward in condition-based maintenance for an entire aircraft." The aim of condition-based maintenance (CBM) is to maintain the correct equipment at the right time. CBM is based on using real-time data to prioritize and optimize maintenance resources. Observing the state of the system is known as condition monitoring. Such a system will determine the equipment's health, and act only when maintenance is actually necessary.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=18448&pagetitle=GE%2c+Boeing+implement+condition-based+maintenance+standard>

9. *June 25, Reliable Plant* – (International) **New standard guides safety for gas turbine applications.** A newly published International Standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) provides guidelines for the major safety issues that should be considered in the design, packaging, and installation of gas turbine applications. ISO 21789:2009, Gas turbine applications – Safety, provides guidance for safety-related control and detection systems and essential auxiliaries for all types of open-cycle gas turbines where air is taken in from the atmosphere and discharged back into the atmosphere, cooling naturally after it exits the engine. The standard covers turbines used in both onshore and offshore applications, including floating production

platforms. Both risks to humans and risks to the environment are addressed in the standard, which details possible significant hazards associated with gas turbines and specifies the appropriate preventative measures for reducing or eliminating them. The standard can also be used by designers and manufacturers as a reference to facilitate compliance with relevant safety requirements set by key European directives for gas turbine applications related to machinery, atmospheric explosives (ATEX), and pressure equipment. Methods for compliance are also provided for certain safety requirements of European legislation related to the workplace, electromagnetic compatibility, pollution prevention, environmental noise, classification, and packaging and labeling of dangerous substances.

Source:

<http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=18455&pagetitle=New+standard+guides+safety+for+gas+turbine+applications>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *June 25, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Upgraded missile defense technology deployed on U.S. Navy cruiser.** A U.S. Navy cruiser has been fitted with the latest version of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System, manufacturer Lockheed Martin announced on June 23. The “Aegis BMD 4.0.1” system has a more sophisticated signal processor, which would allow for a greater capability to identify, track and destroy enemy missiles. The prototype’s host vessel, the USS Lake Erie, is scheduled to engage in a series of trials with the objective of having the upgraded Aegis missile shield ready for deployment by early 2011. Other Navy ships are adding the Aegis BMD 3.6.1, an already-certified system designed to increase capabilities against short-range missiles at the last stage of flight. As these ships continue to do field tests, technicians plan to tweak the system and improve its reliability. Aegis missile defense systems are installed on 91 active naval vessels from Australia, Japan, Norway, South Korea, Spain and the United States.

Source: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20090624\\_6469.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090624_6469.php)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *June 23, Orange County Register* – (California) **Man threatens to blow up bank, then tosses in his backpack.** A man clutching a backpack threatened to blow up a bank, then tossed the bag inside a Bank of America, authorities said. Bank employees and customers evacuated the building, but a subsequent search of the bag revealed there were not any explosive materials inside, said a Newport Beach police sergeant. The incident, however, caused authorities to clear the area for two hours while the Orange County Sheriff’s Department’s bomb squad inspected the bag, the sergeant said. Police were called to the bank, near the intersection of Westcliff Drive and Irvine Avenue, at 12:09 p.m. on June 22. Witnesses reported that the suspect walked into the bank holding the backpack. The suspect tossed the bag and walked out of the bank, but a bank

employee followed him out, the sergeant said. At 12:13 p.m., officers stopped the suspect and took him into custody. Inside the bag, authorities found several personal items, but none that posed danger to the public, the sergeant said.

Source: <http://www.oregister.com/articles/bank-sailor-bag-2472359-spain-authorities>

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## **Transportation Sector**

12. *June 25, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Probe finds Metro control ‘anomalies’: Investigators test electronics near the scene of fatal crash.** Federal investigators said Wednesday that they found “anomalies” in a key component of the electronic control system along the Metro track north of Fort Totten, suggesting that computers might have sent one Red Line train crashing into another. A senior Metro official knowledgeable about train operations said an internal report confirmed that the computer system appeared to have faltered. Investigators stopped short of saying that the equipment malfunctioned or that it caused the crash on June 22, which killed nine people and injured 80. But the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said investigators are looking closely at a 740-foot-long circuit near the crash site that malfunctioned during testing. “These circuits are vital,” she said. “It’s a signal system. It’s providing information, authorization and speed commands to the following train.” Investigators are continuing to run tests, trying to determine whether the circuit failed to detect the train that was idling on the tracks north of the station and was rear-ended by a southbound train shortly after 5 p.m. on June 22. She said investigators are also examining the actions of the novice operator of the striking train, who was among those killed in the wreck. The steel rails show evidence that the operator activated the emergency brakes 300 to 400 feet before the pileup, which occurred on a curved section of track between the Takoma and Fort Totten stations, an NTSB employee said. Wednesday night, investigators planned to run a train similar to the one involved in the crash to test the circuit. In coming days, another simulation will be conducted to determine whether the curve, or anything else, might have obstructed the train operator’s view of the idling train. The speed limit where the crash occurred is 59 mph, the top speed on the Metro system. If the track circuit failed to detect the idling train, computers onboard the operator’s train would have set her train’s speed at 59 mph, making it difficult for her to hit the emergency brakes in time to avoid a crash.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/24/AR2009062400815.html?hpid=topnews>

13. *June 24, Science Daily* – (International) **Study on keeping nuclear bombs from U.S. ports shows misplaced fear over cargo scanning costs.** A two-tiered scanning-protocol for inspecting all containers at international ports could be the most affordable approach to ensuring containers moving through the global transportation system are not carrying nuclear bombs, according to a paper being presented at a services special interest group meeting of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. The authors challenge the federal scheme now in place that relies on targeting only a small number of containers that U.S. authorities identify as “high-risk” for inspection. Based on detailed data, involving 900,000 containers, drawn from two of the



world's largest port terminal operations, they found that there is a serious risk of large bottlenecks in international shipping should a raised security alert or actual terrorist incident require that the current inspection protocol be ramped up. "We find that the current inspection regime being advanced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and widely supported by the international community can only handle a small percentage of the total load," the authors maintain. "An alternate inspection protocol that emphasizes screening (a rapid primary scan of all containers, followed by a more careful secondary scan of only a few containers that fail the primary test) holds promise as a feasible solution for meeting the 100 percent scanning requirement."

Source: <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/06/090624152828.htm>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

14. *June 25, Laconia Citizen* – (New Hampshire) **White powder found in mailbox shuts down road.** A town road was closed to traffic for about three hours on June 24 while authorities attempted to identify a mysterious white powder found inside a resident's mailbox. It was ultimately determined the powder was harmless. Barnstead police said in a press statement they were alerted to the situation about 10:40 a.m. Police, along with members of Barnstead Fire/Rescue responded to a report of an unknown white powder placed inside a mailbox in the area of Varney and Rogers roads. The caller also reported that she had inadvertently touched the powder. Barnstead and Gilmanton police officers arrived in the area and blocked non-essential vehicular traffic. Barnstead Fire/Rescue arrived and setup a command post, while Barnstead Police began an initial investigation. The U.S. Post Office in Barnstead was informed of the incident, at which time the U.S. Postal Inspection Service was contacted. Investigators from the Postal Inspection Service responded and inspected the powder. The powder was found not to be toxic or potentially hazardous to the residents.

Source:

<http://www.citizen.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090625/GJNEWS02/706259770/-1/CITNEWS>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

15. *June 24, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **2 men injured in explosion in grain elevator.** Two workers at a central Iowa cooperative have been injured in an explosion at a grain elevator. The explosion happened June 24 at the West Central Co-op in Gowrie, which is just south of Fort Dodge. The Gowrie fire chief says the employees are both men, but they have not yet been identified. They were treated for non-life threatening injuries at a local hospital. The fire chief also said the explosion was caused by grain dust.

Investigators were not immediately certain of the ignition source.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/wire/chi-ap-ia->

[iowagrainelevator,0,2344906.story](http://www.iowagrainelevator.com/0,2344906.story)

16. *June 24, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Colorado firm recalls beef products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination- Class I recall.** JBS Swift Beef Company, a Greeley, Colorado establishment is recalling approximately 41,280 pounds of beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced on June 24. These beef products were produced on April 21 and 22, 2009, and were shipped to distributors and retail establishments in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin. The problem was discovered through FSIS microbiological sampling and an investigation into the distribution of other products.  
Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_034\\_2009\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_034_2009_Release/index.asp)
17. *June 24, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Texas) **Texas firm recalls cervelat sausage product that may be undercooked- Class I recall.** Laxson Provision Company, a San Antonio, Texas, establishment, is recalling approximately 350 pounds of a cervelat sausage product that may be undercooked, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced June 24. Each case contains twelve (12) 3 - 3.5-pound chubs per box, which can be identified by the lot number "8952" and the item number "12053." The product was produced on June 8, 2009 and packaged on June 9, 2009. The product distribution is limited to small grocers in the San Antonio area. The problem was discovered by the company following a grocer complaint. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with consumption of this product.  
Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_035\\_2009\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_035_2009_Release/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

18. *June 25, Tampa Bay Online* – (Florida) **Pump problems bring firefighters to Tampa wastewater station.** Two wastewater pumps overheated Thursday morning, causing smoky conditions that required Tampa Fire Rescue to report to the scene. The malfunctioning pumps caused no overflow of wastewater or fire at the Branch Avenue pumping station, the wastewater department director said. When firefighters arrived, they saw smoke coming from the building, a captain said. A motor inside the building was sparking, and crews broke in and turned off power to the building, he said. A transformer blew on the outside of the building, forcing the pumps to shut down, the director said. Two of those pumps did not stop and overheated from being overworked, causing the smoke.  
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/jun/25/251011/tampa-firefighters-respond-sparks-wastewater-plant/news-breaking/>
19. *June 24, Sun-Times News Group* – (Illinois) **Lightning strike on water tower starts small fire.** A lightning strike at a Chicago West Side water tower started a small fire on



the afternoon of June 24. No one was injured, but city Building Department inspectors were called to assess the structural integrity of the tower. The lightning strike and fire happened just after 2 p.m. at a two-story building. The building is the home of Citation Box and Paper Co., which distributes corrugated boxes and packaging materials, according to an online directory. Firefighters needed only one line to extinguish the “small fire,” a fire media affairs spokesman said. Building inspectors were then called to inspect the tower.

Source: <http://www.wbbm780.com/Lightning-strike-on-water-tower-starts-small-fire/4668910>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

20. *June 25, Associated Press* – (California; National) **Poison control at risk in California, other States.** Poison control centers that have been a lifeline for millions of residents could go dark this summer under the California Governor’s plan for closing the State’s \$24.3 billion deficit. That would make the nation’s most populous State the only one without poison control assistance. The demise of the California program could have a domino effect throughout the country, officials say. Washington and Michigan centers already have been forced to downsize, and officials in Tennessee and Oregon also have proposed significant cutbacks. But in California, the entire program sits on the chopping block, with some lawmakers hoping to reach a compromise to keep some of the money available. Many States strapped for cash would like to see how California, which handles 10 percent of the nation’s poison calls, fares without a State-funded system, said the executive director of the American Association of Poison Control Centers. With cuts, the growing alternatives would be hospitals and emergency rooms. In California, the deficit situation is so dire that the Governor’s office says they have to make tough choices, even if it means targeting important programs like poison control. Poison control programs also provide data for health research. The poison control database allows officials and researchers to better understand trends and the magnitude of an event, said a Center for Disease Control epidemiologist in Atlanta. Closing California’s call centers — in Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno and San Diego — would save about \$5.9 million annually, but program officials say the State could end up paying much more than that in emergency room and other doctor visits. In the worst cases, they say, not having access to a poison control hot line could lead to deaths.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/06/25/AR2009062500797.html>

21. *June 22, Reuters* – (National) **Bad test results often not reported to U.S. patients.** Doctors in the United States fail to tell patients about abnormal test results 7 percent of the time, or a rate of about 1 out of every 14 tests, U.S. researchers said on June 22. They said electronic medical records — touted by the President and many experts as a way of reducing errors — did not reduce and, in some cases, slightly increased the chances for these kinds of mistakes, they said. “The electronic medical record does not magically fix the problem,” said a doctor of Weill Cornell Medical College in New

York, whose study appears in the Archives of Internal Medicine. Not telling patients about abnormal test results can delay treatment of cancers or heart disease, hurting the patient's chances of survival, and exposing doctors to malpractice lawsuits. "Failure to diagnose is one of the most common causes of malpractice suits," he said in a telephone interview. He and colleagues analyzed more than 5,000 patient records from 23 physician practices across the country, looking at screening tests for conditions such as high cholesterol, diabetes, blood tests for colon cancer, and mammograms. They found doctors failed to inform patients 7.1 percent of the time. Performance at individual practices varied widely. Some practices always informed patients, and some failed to inform patients 26 percent of the time. Physician offices that used a combination of paper and electronic records — a so-called partial electronic medical record — had the highest failure rates, while there was no significant difference between practices that only used electronic medical records or paper records.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20090622/hl\\_nm/us\\_tests\\_errors;\\_ylt=AuGdenBcaC9y\\_cPKkRdp.8wQ.3QA;\\_ylu=X3oDMTJtbjVraXNvBGFzc2V0A25tLzIwMDkwNjIyL3VzX3Rlc3RzX2Vycm9ycwRwb3MDMTEEc2VjA3luX3BhZ2luYXRlX3N1bW1hcnlfblGldzARzbGsDYmFkdGVzdHJlc3Vs](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20090622/hl_nm/us_tests_errors;_ylt=AuGdenBcaC9y_cPKkRdp.8wQ.3QA;_ylu=X3oDMTJtbjVraXNvBGFzc2V0A25tLzIwMDkwNjIyL3VzX3Rlc3RzX2Vycm9ycwRwb3MDMTEEc2VjA3luX3BhZ2luYXRlX3N1bW1hcnlfblGldzARzbGsDYmFkdGVzdHJlc3Vs)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

22. *June 25, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **6 kids recovering after Clarkston chlorine accident.** Six children are recovering Thursday after a chlorine accident at the Clarkston High School pool in Clarkston, Michigan led to the evacuation of about 1,500 people Wednesday. The school district spokeswoman said Thursday morning that all six children, who were part of the Sea Wolves swim club, have been released from the hospital. All were treated for respiratory issues, she said. The pool is scheduled to reopen July 6, she said, in order for the district to do some training of staff and view the report on the incident from firefighters. The pool was also scheduled to be closed next week — except for Sea Wolves practice. Investigators say they believe electrical blackouts may have caused the automatic chemical treatment system for the pool to malfunction at 6:42 p.m., dumping an excessive amount of chlorine and muriatic acid into the pool, the Independence Township fire chief said Thursday. The fire chief said rescuers evacuated 1,500 people attending a dance recital in an auditorium near the pool as a precaution.

Source:

<http://www.freep.com/article/20090625/NEWS03/90625026/6+kids+recovering+after+Clarkston+chlorine+accident>

23. *June 24, Bloomberg* – (Illinois) **FBI arrests blogger for allegedly threatening judges.** A New Jersey man described as an Internet radio talk show host and blogger was arrested for allegedly threatening to kill three U.S. Appeals Court judges in Chicago who earlier this month upheld a law banning handguns. The 47 year-old suspect, who is from North Bergen, was arrested by U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents at his home on June 24, according to a statement issued by the Chicago U.S. Attorney. In the

days after the judges' June 2 decision to uphold a lower court's dismissal of a National Rifle Association lawsuit challenging the ban, the suspect posted on his Web site their names, photographs, phone numbers and work addresses, together with a picture of the courthouse delineating stanchions he called "anti-truck bomb barriers," according to the U.S. Attorney. "Let me be the first to say this plainly: These judges deserve to be killed," the suspect allegedly said in one Web site posting, according to the Chicago U.S. Attorney. "We take threats to federal judges very seriously. Period," the prosecutor said. The judges who issued the ruling were from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=aOQs96169wJM>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

24. *June 25, TMC Net* – (Kentucky) **Technology a boost to 911 centers.** A well-known feature in automobiles is being used by local 911 dispatchers to speed up response times for users in distress. Technologies such as General Motors' OnStar are becoming more and more popular in today's automobiles, and manufacturers are finding more ways to make them effective. Back when OnStar first came into use, a call for help would go to an OnStar call center, whose operators would then relay the emergency call and user's location to the nearest 911 center. But as of June 1, the OnStar system automatically sends a user's location to Daviess County's (Kentucky) 911 system, connecting users to help and showing dispatchers immediately where help is needed. "Technology is changing every single day, and in the world of 911, it's more and more prevalent to have technology conducive to getting help quicker," said the Daviess County 911 director. Source: <http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2009/06/25/4244118.htm>

25. *June 24, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC man charged with making fake 911 calls.** Prosecutors say a 50-year-old man made at least 20 fake emergency calls in the past 4 months claiming New York City police officers had been shot or were being held hostage. The suspect pleaded not guilty at an arraignment on June 23 to charges of first-degree reckless endangerment and falsely reporting an incident. He faces up to 7 years in prison. The name of his lawyer was not immediately known. The Queens district attorney says the calls were made from pay phones around the city to 911, and an operator was told officers had been shot or injured. But the calls were all false. The district attorney says in one instance, officers speeding to the scene in bad weather were injured when the car crashed. Source: <http://www.wten.com/Global/story.asp?S=10590773>

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## **Information Technology**

26. *June 25, PC World* – (International) **Hacked high-profile Twitter accounts still spreading malicious links.** Phishing scams involving hijacked accounts continue to sweep through the popular microblogging site Twitter. In January, hackers commandeered the accounts of several high-profile members and distributed malicious

links and spam messages. On June 23, scammers used the profile of a former Apple Fellow, with over 100,000 followers, to post a link to a site that claimed to offer a non-existent sex tape. According to PC World, a University of Alabama at Birmingham computer forensic scientist believes that over 1,600 people have already followed the link to a fake porn site that links to a Trojan horse program. This software affects both Macs and PCs, and, if downloaded, essentially turns a users computer into a zombie that can be controlled from afar, enabling a hacker to extract valuable personal information. The scheme also leached off the compromised accounts of a political blogger, a rising musician, and a gay news site, some of which still have the malicious link available on their Twitter pages.

Source: <http://www.switched.com/2009/06/25/hacked-high-profile-twitter-accounts-still-spreading-malicious-l/>

27. *June 24, VNUNet.com* – (International) **Google clamps down on ‘malvertising.’**

Google has made several enhancements to its anti-malvertising site to help its ad network customers prevent attempts to distribute malware through advertising. The web giant launched an initial custom search engine at the beginning of the year, which is designed to allow ad networks to perform quick background checks on prospective advertisers to minimize the risk of malware. “It checks a variety of independent, third party sites that track possible attempts to distribute malware through advertising,” said a statement on the site. “Its search results should not be considered the last word on a prospective customer but one potential source of helpful information. If a party you’re researching comes up in a search result here, we recommend you take a closer look at the party in question before rendering judgment.” Now the Anti-Malvertising.com site has been enhanced with additional educational materials relevant to “all web publishers, ad operations teams and Internet users”, according to Google. Among the recommendations for publishers is that they always perform comprehensive QA on creatives and that they avoid ad networks without strong anti-malware measures in place. Also on the site are incident response tactics for small to medium sized publishers, including sample scripts for customer service and notifying ad networks and other third parties in the event of malware being discovered.

Source: [http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story\\_id=67304](http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story_id=67304)

28. *June 23, Red Condor* – (International) **Red Condor’s Spam Trip Wire detects new virus.** Red Condor’s Spam Trip Wire feature instantly detected and blocked a new email virus campaign designed to scare email users with bogus legal action for activities including illegal music downloads. The virus campaign detected on June 22 calls attention to users’ supposed recent activity at sites commonly used to share and download copyrighted movies, music and software. The email content threatens recipients with legal action and includes a link to a “log report” that is actually a virus executable. Red Condor created a filtering rule and distributed the added security to its security appliance and hosted service customers around the world.

Source: [http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story\\_id=67361](http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story_id=67361)

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## **Communications Sector**

29. *June 24, Dothan Eagle* – (Alabama) **Phone service restored in Houston County after earlier disruption of service.** Phone service has been restored in Houston County following an interruption of service that lasted several hours on June 24. Due to a damaged transmission line, the Dothan/Houston County area had been experiencing significant telephone disruptions. The disruption affected all phone lines in the Houston County Court System, Administrative Building and Sheriff's Offices. Residents throughout the county also experienced difficulty in reaching 911 services from land line telephones.

Source:

[http://www.dothaneagle.com/dea/news/local/article/phone\\_lines\\_out\\_at\\_houston\\_county\\_courthouse\\_admin\\_building/79410/](http://www.dothaneagle.com/dea/news/local/article/phone_lines_out_at_houston_county_courthouse_admin_building/79410/)

30. *June 23, IDG News Service* – (International) **Satellite launch will lead to wider AT&T coverage.** AT&T Mobility should achieve true nationwide coverage by the end of this year after it introduces a planned service that utilizes both satellite and cellular service. The carrier will resell satellite service and phones from TerreStar Networks, a startup that is set to have its first satellite launched on July 1. TerreStar is developing hybrid satellite/cellular handsets designed to be about the same size as a conventional smartphone. TerreStar's satellite will sit 22,000 miles above North America and provide service across the United States and Canada, including Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Using licensed 2GHz radio spectrum, it will provide voice service as well as data at approximately 64K bits per second, said the TerreStar chief technology officer. AT&T will resell that service in a hybrid offering, aimed initially at local, state and federal governments, he said. The carrier will also resell the handsets, though not initially in its retail stores. The handsets will switch between satellite and 3G coverage as users roam in and out of cellular coverage areas. TerreStar is still working on a resale deal with a Canadian carrier.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/article/167244/satellite\\_launch\\_will\\_lead\\_to\\_wider\\_atandt\\_coverage.html?tk=rss\\_news](http://www.pcworld.com/article/167244/satellite_launch_will_lead_to_wider_atandt_coverage.html?tk=rss_news)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

Nothing to report

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## National Monuments & Icons Sector

31. *June 25, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Man pleads guilty to setting wooden bathroom on fire.** A Grandin, Missouri man pleaded guilty to setting a wooden bathroom in a national park on fire. On June 24, the 19-year-old pleaded guilty to one felony count of setting fire to a building owned by the United States. He and another man set fire to a wooden bathroom at Float Camp in Ripley County on March 20, 2009. The building was destroyed. The man faces a maximum punishment of 25 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. His sentencing is set for September 11, 2009.  
Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/Global/story.asp?S=10590218>
32. *June 24, Record Searchlight* – (California) **Fire fighters continue to battle blaze in Klamath National Forest.** Fire crews achieved 20 percent containment of a 215 acre fire in the Klamath National Forest by the morning of June 24, Forest Service officials said. The blaze began around 2:20 p.m. on June 23 and quickly spread through the Sims Creek area located off U.S. Highway 96, a spokesperson said in a release. The cause of the fire is unknown. By the night of June 23 the blaze had spread across 175 acres but has grown substantially, the spokesperson said. Structures in the area are not threatened and crews are working to secure the fire's perimeter, she said. There are currently 10 firefighter crews, 19 engines, and six water tenders fighting the blaze. Four helicopters, one lead plane and two tankers were assigned to the fire on June 23, she said. Due to the threat of burning debris rolling onto the highway, motorists were urged to be cautious.  
Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2009/jun/24/fire-fighters-battle-blaze-klamath-national-forest/>
33. *June 24, Arizona Range News* – (Arizona) **Prescribed burn near Mt. Graham.** Smoke shown northeast of Willcox, Arizona, on Mt. Greasewood in the Pinalenos (near Stockton Pass) was the result of the Greasewood Prescribed Fire, which was started on June 20 and completed on June 24. The purpose of the fire was to reduce brush and open the area to improve wildlife habitat and range conditions.  
Source: <http://www.willcoxrangenews.com/articles/2009/06/24/news/news11.txt>

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## Dams Sector

34. *June 25, WATE 4 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Combination of factors caused TVA ash spill.** A combination of conditions that evolved over a long period of time caused the ash spill at Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Kingston Fossil Plant, officials [announced on June 25](#). Those conditions included: the existence of an unusual bottom layer of ash and silt, the high water content of the wet ash, the increasing height of ash and the construction of the sloping dikes over the wet ash. A geo-technical engineering firm called AECOM was retained by TVA in January to do the independent analysis on the cause of the spill on December 22, 2008. AECOM's report says the firm believes "the loose wet fly ash liquefied and flowed north into the sloughs and waterways at lower elevations" where it was stored. The failure of the ash containment likely "started



as a wedge block or translational mass that slid over the weak foundation slime layer at the north end of site.” After the first sudden failure, there was apparently a series of slides as the ash grew weaker. The entire failure took less than an hour and created a 45 foot high water wave at one point. AECOM took hundreds of soil borings and numerous core samples, and did lab testing on the samples. AECOM also did exploratory excavations; installed instrumentation; studied maps, photographs and surveys; analyzed relics from the coal ash release; reviewed design records and drawings; and interviewed TVA engineers and site operations personnel. The ash and sludge spewed across nearby homes and farmland in Roane County. Some of the debris also went into the Emory River. The EPA, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and TVA are all involved in the recovery effort. The cost of that effort is estimated to be between \$675 million and \$975 million.

Source: <http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=10589716>

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