



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 30 June 2009

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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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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 29, Bloomberg* – (International) **Shell shuts Nigeria Estuary Field after rebel attack.** Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Europe's biggest oil company, shut its Estuary oil field

in Nigeria's southern delta region after a militant attack. The strike targeted "two well clusters" in western Niger River delta, a company spokesman, said by phone from Lagos today. "We've shut in some production as a precautionary measure while further investigations are continuing." The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, the main rebel group in Nigeria's oil region, said it attacked the oil field, near Shell's Forcados oil export terminal, and set it ablaze. "A huge plume of smoke can be seen from several miles away," a spokesman for the group, also known as MEND, said in an e-mailed statement on June 29. Nigeria is Africa's leading oil producer and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. crude imports. Fighters encountered a military patrol in the latest attack, resulting "in the sinking of the gunboat with all the occupants numbering between 20-23 soldiers," MEND's spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aBIaU9WuQTjI>

See also:

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8669291.xml?sub=Oil&p=Oil/News&?undefined&undefined>

2. *June 27, Reuters* – (Texas) **Valero reports power failure at Texas City refinery.** A power failure at Valero Energy Corp's 199,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Texas City, Texas, caused an emissions event, according to a filing the company made with state regulators on June 27. In a filing with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, the company said the event began at 6:50 a.m. on June 27 and was expected to be over the morning of June 28. All emissions were routed to a control device where applicable, it said. A company spokesman was not immediately available for comment. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN2736383720090628>
3. *June 27, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Explosion damages CPS Energy power plant.** CPS Energy customers can expect to pay more to stay cool after an explosion damaged one of the energy provider's power plants the morning of June 26. Firefighters were called to the Spruce Power Plant near Calaveras Lake after receiving reports that an explosion had occurred at the plant. The explosion knocked one of the five energy generators off-line. CPS Energy does have reserves. But with temperatures in the 100's, customers' demands for energy are setting records. To keep up with that demand, CPS Energy will have to buy power on the open market. That means CPS Energy customers will likely see an increase in what is called a fuel adjustment charge. The power plant is expected to be off-line for 3 to 5 weeks. Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Explosion-damages-CPS-Energy-power-plant/nSHasVISrEO5gb8PvtJzA.csp>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 28, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Fire destroys Lumberton fertilizer plant.** A fertilizer plant was destroyed on June 28 after a fire broke out in the warehouse, the Lumberton Fire Department reported. Firefighters were called to the Southern State Plant around 10 a.m. The fire was contained in a few hours, but fire officials were instructed to let the facility burn to the ground. The fire chief deputy said

the water runoff mixed with fertilizer could become a hazard. No one was hurt in the fire, although two firefighters suffered from heat exhaustion. The cause of the fire is unknown and the investigation will begin when the structure cools.

Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/Articles/2009/06/29/913291>

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

5. *June 29, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Owners of Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant don't plan to release nuke information.** The owners of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant in Lacey Township, New Jersey, do not plan to release a report about what caused a leak of radioactive tritium. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said a report addresses groundwater contaminated with tritium, some of which may be entering a cooling canal flowing into Barnegat Bay in undetectable levels. The plant spokesman said the report is an internal company document meant only for engineers. But the NRC may include it in an inspection report it plans to release in about six weeks.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/owners\\_of\\_oyster\\_creek\\_nuclear.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/owners_of_oyster_creek_nuclear.html)

6. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **EPA says Monsanto mine violates law.** Federal regulators said June 25 an Idaho mine that Monsanto Co. depends on to make its Roundup weed killer has violated federal and state water quality laws almost since it opened, sending selenium and other heavy metals into the region's waterways. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said problems at the St. Louis-based company's South Rasmussen Mine near the Idaho-Wyoming border were first documented in April 2002. Recently, the mine has been unable to stop discharges of heavy metal-laden water from a waste dump, despite Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conclusions nearly a decade ago that precautions would not "allow selenium or other contaminants to migrate from the lease." Monsanto takes phosphate ore from the mine and turns it into elemental phosphorous, a key Roundup ingredient. Toxic selenium and other heavy metals are also exposed during open pit mining and dumped in waste rock piles, where they can concentrate and be carried away by runoff or natural springs. State scientists now say at least 15 streams in southeastern Idaho exceed selenium standards, up from six in 2002. Monsanto must satisfy the concerns of federal regulators — and eventually judges, in the event of lawsuits — that operations like Blackfoot Bridge will not exacerbate pollution.

Source: [http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2009/06/25/financial/f164935D17.DTL&type=business)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *June 27, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **16 engine companies called out to Tempe business fire.** A Tempe business is picking up the pieces after a fire tore through the building. Firefighters were called to Eagle Manufacturing near Kyrene and Warner

roads on June 27. The company makes springs for garage doors. According to fire officials, a scrubber vent got clogged and sent smoke pouring from the building. Because of the day's extreme temperatures, extra firefighters were called out to avoid heat exhaustion. Normally four engine companies would be called to deal with this kind of fire. On June 27, a total of 16 helped.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/homepagetopstory/stories/tempe-news-062709-business-fire.12cb1ce9.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

8. *June 29, Dayton Daily News* – (International) **GAO: Arms sales program still flawed.** In March 2008, the Department of Defense disclosed that it mistakenly transferred intercontinental ballistic missile parts to Taiwan through a U.S. program that sells pre-approved defense articles and services to foreign governments. In a new report, the U.S. Government Accountability Office says the departments of Defense, State and Homeland Security still have not corrected weaknesses that the GAO identified, as early as 2003, in the government's monitoring of articles shipped through the foreign military sales (FMS) program. The GAO, an investigative arm of Congress, told Congress in a report released last week that the inadvertent shipment of the missile parts to Taiwan raised "questions about whether previously identified weaknesses have been resolved." The FMS program remains an integral part of U.S. national security and foreign policy, the GAO said. The program, in which the Air Force, Army and Navy participate, sold more than \$36 billion in defense equipment and services to foreign governments during fiscal 2008, a 56 percent increase from fiscal 2007. According to the GAO, the State Department has not finalized its regulations to establish the Defense Department's duties in verifying whether the correct items are being shipped to foreign countries. Federal port customs officials lack information needed to verify that FMS shipments are properly authorized, and the Defense Department lacks data needed to effectively administer and oversee the program, the GAO said.  
Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/gao-arms-sales-program-still-flawed.html?col=1186032310810&wh=wh>
9. *June 29, WIRED* – (National) **High-tech brigade heads to Afghanistan, loaded with gadgets.** The soldiers of the 5th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division are shipping out to Afghanistan equipped with a controversial array of infantryman gadgets: electronic maps, GPS beacons, wearable computers, and digital radios. The troops are wondering just how useful the eight-pound, \$48,000-per-soldier "Land Warrior" gizmo collection will really be, and whether the benefit will really be worth the extra weight. It is not the first time G.I.s have expressed concerns about the Land Warrior system. Nor is it the first time the technology array has proven its value, despite its doubts. After 15 years and a half-billion dollars in development, the Army officially canceled the Land Warrior program in 2006. Seeing fellow troops on a digital map inside helmet-mounted monocle was nice; but it was not enough to justify all the bulk. Money had already been spent to equip a single Iraq-bound battalion with the gear, however. So, despite some pretty horrendous reviews from the troops, the Army told the 4/9th Infantry take Land Warrior

with them to war. To their surprise, many of the 4/9's troops found the gadgets to be pretty useful in combat. The soldiers stripped Land Warrior down from 16 pounds, made the gear more functional. It worked so well, the program was resurrected. The 5th Brigade is now taking 895 Land Warrior ensembles to Afghanistan.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2009/06/high-tech-brigade-heads-to-afghanistan-loaded-with-gagdets/>

10. *June 29, Associated Press* – (California) **AF tests missile in launch from Calif. coast.** The Air Force has successfully launched an unarmed Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile from the California coast to an area in the Pacific Ocean about 4,200 miles away. An Air Force Lieutenant says the ICBM was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 3:01 a.m. on June 29 and carried three unarmed re-entry vehicles to their targets near the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The missile, configured with a National Nuclear Security Administration Test Assembly, was launched under the direction of the 576th Flight Test Squadron. The Air Force says the launch was an operational test to check the weapon system's reliability and accuracy, and the data will be used by United States Strategic Command planners and Department of Energy laboratories.  
Source: [http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/ap\\_missiletest\\_062909/](http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2009/06/ap_missiletest_062909/)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *June 28, Wall Street Journal* – (California; Georgia; Minnesota) **Regulators close five more banks.** Federal and state regulators on June 26 closed five banks in California, Georgia and Minnesota, bringing the number of failures nationwide this year to 45. The California Department of Financial Institutions shut down two banks in the state, Los Angeles-based Mirae Bank and MetroPacific Bank of Irvine. On June 26, the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance shut down the Community Bank of West Georgia, based in Villa Rica, and the Neighborhood Community Bank of Newnan. Meanwhile, Minnesota suffered its first bank failure of the year, when Horizon Bank of Pine City was closed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which was named receiver of all five banks, estimated the failures would cost the agency's deposit insurance fund about \$264.2 million. All of Mirae Bank's deposits were purchased by Wilshire State Bank, also of Los Angeles. In addition, Wilshire will buy about \$449 million of the bank's assets, with the FDIC planning to dispose of the rest later. Mirae had total assets of \$456 million and deposits of \$362 million on May 29. MetroPacific Bank's deposits, except about \$6 million from brokers, were bought by Sunwest Bank of Tustin, California. As of June 8, MetroPacific had \$80 million in assets and \$73 million in deposits. Horizon Bank's deposits were bought by Stearns Bank of St. Cloud, Minnesota, which paid a premium 0.75 percent. Stearns also agreed to purchase about \$84.4 million of assets. Horizon Bank had total assets of \$87.6 million and deposits of \$69.4 million at the end of March. CharterBank, based in West Point, Georgia, will assume all the deposits of Neighborhood Community Bank, agreeing to purchase about \$209.6 million of assets. Neighborhood had total assets of \$221.6 million and total deposits of \$191.3 million as of March 31, and the FDIC will retain the

remaining assets for disposition at a later date.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124620810976765407.html>

12. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Madoff ordered to forfeit over \$170 billion.** A disgraced financier has been ordered to forfeit over \$170 billion, prosecutors said on June 26. A U.S. District Judge entered a preliminary order of forfeiture on June 26, according to an Acting U.S. Attorney. The order forces the financier to give up his interests in all property, including real estate, investments, cars and boats. According to earlier court documents, prosecutors reserved the right to pursue more than \$170 billion in criminal forfeiture. That represents the total amount of money that could be connected to the fraud, not the amount stolen or lost. The government also settled claims against the financier's wife, according to the June 26 order. Under the arrangement, the government obtained her interest in all property, including more than \$80 million of property to which she had claimed was hers, prosecutors said. The order makes it clear, though, that nothing precludes other departments or entities from seeking to recover additional funds. The agreements strip the couple of all their interest in properties belonging to them, including homes in Manhattan, Montauk, and Palm Beach, Florida, worth a total of nearly \$22 million.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iVRaRYcWFCQgMxBfNtbcfT98Zr4QD992OQU82>

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *June 28, E.W. Scripps Co.* – (Florida) **US Airways plane makes hard landing at Tampa International Airport.** A US Airways flight gave its passengers quite a scare after making a hard landing as it touched down at Tampa International Airport June 27. The Boeing 737 sat on Tampa International Airport's Bayside runway, near the airport entrance road, for most of the afternoon, after the plane's front tires blew on touchdown. The hard impact caused the front landing gear to collapse. The aircraft's nose sat inches from the tarmac as passengers were de-planed at the rear of the aircraft. "We heard a boom and we saw sparks shooting by the window and the whole plane just went, boom," said a passenger. A US Airways spokesperson says the flight was almost full with 138-people on-board, plus five crew members and passengers that were headed from Philadelphia to Tampa. None were hurt.

Source: <http://www.abcactionnews.com/content/news/breakingnews/story/US-Airways-plane-makes-hard-landing-at-Tampa/J4S8mFG6PEqaw5-jy4S08Q.csp>

14. *June 28, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Train jumps tracks in Whitfield.** A train carrying lumber and paper derailed in Whitfield County around 6:35 pm June 28. Dispatchers at the sheriff's office said there were no injuries and no hazardous materials involved in the 10 to 15 car derailment. Authorities say the accident happened near the intersection of Old Chattanooga Road and Rockyface Railroad Street, northwest of Dalton between Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 41. The dispatcher said the cause was not immediately known, but CSX, the company who owned the train would conduct an



investigation.

Source: <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2009/jun/28/train-jumps-tracks-whitfield/?breakingnews>

15. *June 28, Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Plane makes emergency landing at Lehigh Valley International Airport.** An Allegiant Air plane made an emergency landing shortly after takeoff June 27 at Lehigh Valley International Airport after a piece of one of the tires got sucked into an engine and caused it to fail and fire, airline officials said. None of the 149 passengers or five crew members on board was injured. Moments after the plane's 7:55 p.m. departure to Orlando, Florida, the crew reported vibrations and a banging noise, said a spokeswoman for Allegiant. She said a preliminary investigation found that the tire tread from the left wheel broke free and was sucked into the left engine's compressor, which caused it to fail. Emergency crews on the ground responded about 8 p.m. and saw flames shooting from the failed engine as it returned to the airport, said the assistant chief of Han-Le-Co Fire Company. The McDonnell Douglas MD-82 landed safely minutes later and the engine showed no flames once on the ground, he said. The Allegiant spokeswoman said the plane was designed to be able to fly with one engine and that its safety "was not in question." She said the pilot followed all of the airline's emergency landing procedures.

Source: [http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a9\\_5plane.6944290jun28,0,6577708.story](http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a9_5plane.6944290jun28,0,6577708.story)

16. *June 27, Aero-News Network* – (Massachusetts) **NTSB finds driver error led to Logan runway incursion.** The preliminary investigation into a runway incursion at Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) this month has found that the driver of a construction vehicle improperly crossed an active runway. A sign that would have told the driver the runway was closed was not in place at the time of the incident, and airport authorities say the construction crew had been told the runway was active. The preliminary report (subject to change and may contain errors) reads: A runway incursion occurred at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport involving a US Airways Airbus and a construction vehicle. The construction crew crossed runway 15R at taxiway M without approval as the Airbus was on departure roll. According to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the operator of a Ford Explorer was not in radio communication with BOS tower air traffic controllers and had not been cleared to cross runway 15R. The Airbus rotated approximately 500 feet from the intersection of runway 15R and taxiway M as the vehicle cleared the runway edge southbound on taxiway M. The FAA stated that it appeared the tower controller was aware of the vehicle operating on taxiway M but not its intention to cross. The ground radar alerted the controllers of the event. Taxiway M is currently under construction and runway 15R is occasionally closed due to the construction. The Airport Authority designates the runway closure with signage which was not in place during this event indicating that the runway was an active runway. The Airport Authority also indicated that all personnel were briefed that the runway was active. The driver of the vehicle indicated that he had not been briefed to that fact. The driver has been suspended from driving on the airport pending an investigation. The Airport Authority has ceased all construction upon completion of an investigation into the incident.

Source: <http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?ContentBlockID=a6dd7d22-d074-40d7->

17. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Unclear what happens to personal info with Clear.** More than a quarter million people are wondering what will happen to their fingerprints, Social Security numbers, home addresses and other personal information now that a company that sped them through airport security is out of business. The sudden shutdown of the Clear program, run by Verified Identity Pass Inc., this week has raised more concerns about who keeps our personal information, how well it is protected from theft and whether it could be sold to the highest bidder. If Verified files for bankruptcy protection or is taken over by another company, security experts say it is unlikely customers' private data would be handed over to creditors or new owners. But they — as well as some members of Congress — are starting to trace the data trail. Clear said it will secure the personal information it gathered, which it says it handled according to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) standards, and will “take appropriate steps to delete the information.” Clear only provided information to TSA when it was part of the agency's pilot program, Registered Traveler, which ended in July 2008. In a statement on its web site June 26, Verified Identity Pass said that all of its Clear airport kiosks have been wiped clean of data. Employees' laptops are in the process of being cleared. Although it was a private company, Clear had to follow TSA guidelines and report personal information to the TSA to get its members through special fast-lane security lines at about 20 airports. A spokesman said June 26 that the agency did not keep any data for passengers after July 2008, when Clear began operations as a fully private company. He said that the TSA is obligated to delete all information it collected during the pilot program by July 31. But security experts are still questioning the TSA's methods. Some say the TSA should manage passenger data better and not store so much of it for so long. The intimate information shared with the TSA by Clear could leave some people especially vulnerable if there were a security breach, the spokesman said.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iBSRGIDG0Xk3VNSrPzmwac6YLwuAD992JONO0>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

18. *June 29, WPMT 43 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Suspected pipe bomb in mailbox.** Pennsylvania State Police and the bomb squad were called to a home in the 2400 block of Valley Road in Shrewsbury Township shortly after 5 o'clock on June 29 for a possible pipe bomb in a mailbox. The sound of an explosion woke the homeowners. When they checked outside, they found what appeared to be a pipe bomb in their mailbox. After alerting police, several State Troopers responded to the scene. It took some two hours before the Bomb Squad determined the device was a homemade firework. State Police describe the device as having two fuses, wrapped in a cardboard like casing. No one was hurt but Valley Road was closed for over two hours. The Criminal Investigation unit is looking into who caused the prank.

Source: <http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-amnews-pipebomb,0,4855392.story>



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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *June 28, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Colorado firm expands recall of beef products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 contamination: class I recall.** JBS Swift Beef Company, a Greeley, Colorado establishment, is voluntarily expanding its June 24 recall to include approximately 380,000 pounds of assorted beef primal 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 28. Together with trace-back information and laboratory data, the recall is being expanded as a result of FSIS' cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in an ongoing investigation into 24 illnesses in multiple states, of which at least 18 appear to be associated. This investigation prompted the company to re-examine the effectiveness of their food safety system for the April 21 production of beef primals, and they are conducting this recall out of an abundance of caution as the safety of the products produced on a portion of that day could not be assured. The beef products were produced on April 21, 2009 and were distributed both nationally and internationally. The recalled products include intact cuts of beef, such as primals, sub-primals, or boxed beef typically used for steaks and roasts rather than ground beef. FSIS is aware that some of these products may have been further processed into ground products by other companies. The highest risk products for consumers are raw ground product, trim or other non-intact product made from the products subject to the recall.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_034\\_2009\\_Expanded/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_034_2009_Expanded/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

20. *June 29, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Illinois) **Wastewater treatment plant pays for chemical reporting violation.** U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 has settled an administrative case involving hazardous chemical inventory reporting violations at the municipal wastewater treatment plant in Lincoln, Illinois, operated by Environmental Management Corp. The company will pay a civil penalty of \$12,500 and purchase 10 direct-fired heaters for diesel school buses, valued at \$41,000, for two Logan County school districts. According to EPA, the plant was storing chlorine and diesel fuel over the minimum threshold level and failed to provide emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms to state and local authorities. The EPA Region 5's Superfund director said, "the company has since switched from chlorine to sodium hypochlorite, has cooperated fully with the investigation, and is now in compliance."
- Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2009/06/29/wastewater-treatment-plant-pays.aspx>

21. *June 29, Illinois Ag Connection* – (Illinois) **Rockford freight train derailment, Rock**

**River fish kill.** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 said on June 26 that cleanup at the site of a Canadian National (CN) freight train derailment in Rockford, Illinois, is well under way. The incident occurred on June 19, when 14 tanker cars containing a 95 percent ethanol/5 percent gasoline product derailed at South Mulford Road north of Sandy Hollow Road. Twelve of the tanker cars caught fire, resulting in one fatality. An estimated 55,000 to 75,000 gallons of the product was released from the derailed tank cars. Most of it burned up at the scene. An undetermined quantity of the product flowed into an unnamed creek that leads to the Rock River. This past week CN contractors have excavated about 750 tons of contaminated soil from the derailment site under EPA and Illinois EPA oversight. The material was sent to local landfills. Beginning June 20, a substantial fish kill was reported across a 50-mile swath of the Rock River, from two miles above Grand Detour to the Prophetstown, Illinois area. Thus far, a relationship has not been established between the two incidents. From June 21 to 25, once the fire-fighting activities at the derailment site ended, dozens of surface water samples from the Rock and Kishwaukee rivers and the affected creek were collected by Illinois EPA. All of these samples have failed to confirm the presence of ethanol or its constituent chemicals. The sampling effort has not ruled out the possibility that a now-diluted plume of ethanol was present prior to June 21. EPA and its public health and natural resource agency partners are continuing to evaluate a range of factors that may have contributed to the fish kill. Water analysis since the derailment shows that dissolved oxygen levels are within expected normal ranges. Low oxygen levels are a common contributor to fish kills.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-regional.php?tble=IL2009&ID=554>

22. *June 26, KRGV 5 Rio Grande Valley* – (Texas) **Chemical spill at Harlingen water plant.** A small chemical spill at the Harlingen water plant sent a woman and two of her coworkers to the hospital. Officials at the plant told KRGV around 10 a.m. a woman was working with nitric acid and spilled a small amount on her leg. Two other workers rushed to help her. All three were taken to Valley Baptist Hospital and are expected to be okay. The safety director at the plant says a crew has been called in to clean up the spill.  
Source: [http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Chemical-Spill-at-Harlingen-Water-Plant/5FLfqj5UOEK1kMKx2I2n\\_g.csp](http://www.krgv.com/news/local/story/Chemical-Spill-at-Harlingen-Water-Plant/5FLfqj5UOEK1kMKx2I2n_g.csp)
23. *June 26, Fort Morgan Times* – (Colorado) **Water storage a threat to MCQWD.** A source water protection team has identified water, ironically, as a potential contaminant of the Morgan County Quality Water District (MCQWD) well fields. During the team's monthly planning meeting on June 23, a MCQWD manager said there is currently a strong push to pump water underground for storage. The water would percolate through natural sands into an underground gravel pit, he said, where it would be pumped back to the surface when needed. If water from less pure sources such as the South Platte River were pumped into areas near the MCQWD well fields, he said, it could affect the quality of the cleaner water. "With poor quality water entering an aquifer, it doesn't take long for water to infiltrate through the soil profile," he said. "Any waters that are being infiltrated must be of equal or better quality than what is existing," he said. "That's the

anti-degradation I think we need to shoot for.” A group facilitator of the Colorado Rural Water Association said she will study the issue further and report back to the group. The areas the group is working to protect include the MCQWD’s Krause well field in Weld County, Weingardt well field in the Wiggins area and the Smart well field south of Brush. The district primarily uses 10 wells scattered among the three aquifers. In addition to underground water storage, the group identified a variety of other possible contaminants of all three well fields. Many of the areas could be affected by oil and gas wells, septic tanks and agricultural practices, she said. During the group’s next meeting, she said, members may want to identify each of these threats as either primary or secondary risks. The group will also begin considering regulatory and non-regulatory practices that can be implemented to protect each of the aquifers, she said.

Source: <http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/news/2009/jun/26/water-storage-threat-mcqwd/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *June 28, WWJ 950 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Feds seize Caraco products in ongoing quality probe.** Detroit-based Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd. announced late Thursday that United States Marshals seized drug products manufactured in its Michigan plants, as well as ingredients stored there. The company said the marshals arrived at the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The FDA’s most recent inspection of Caraco’s Detroit facility, completed in May 2009, found unresolved violations of industry “good manufacturing processes” requirements as previously disclosed in the company’s last filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K filed June 15. The company said it believes that corrective actions have been made and continual improvements are in process. The FDA has only seized products manufactured in its Michigan facilities. Products distributed by Caraco that are manufactured outside of these facilities are not impacted. Friday morning, Caraco issued an update, saying that the seized inventory was worth \$15 million to \$20 million.

Source: <http://www.wwj.com/Feds-Seize-Caraco-Products-In-Ongoing-Quality-Prob/4690677>

25. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Swine flu shot campaign could involve 600M doses.** A potential fall swine flu immunization campaign may involve an unprecedented 600 million doses of vaccine, though officials said Friday they have not figured out how to administer so many doses or accurately track side effects if a seasonal vaccine is given simultaneously. The swine flu campaign could far eclipse the roughly 115 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine distributed each year, officials said at a national vaccine advisory committee meeting. No final decision has been made about whether a swine flu vaccination campaign will take place or whether all Americans would get immunizations. Health officials said that a swine flu vaccination campaign could be only a few months away, and that as many as 60 million doses could be ready by September.

The timing depends on how fast a vaccine can be produced and tested. However, health officials are clearly getting ready for a massive vaccination effort, and worry that illnesses could continue or even accelerate in the fall or winter. Preparation discussions dominated a three-day meeting in Atlanta of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a panel that guides U.S. vaccination policy.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hjdCHrP82YTFser5vD6CzTK1az6wD992K3L01>

26. *June 27, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Homeland security bill omits funding for Kansas biosecurity lab.** Construction of a massive lab in Kansas for research on foot-and-mouth and other diseases could slow down following a House decision to withhold money to build the facility. The House passed a 2010 homeland security spending bill that did not include the first \$36 million to begin building the National Bio- and Agro-Defense lab in Manhattan, Kansas. Instead, the House provided \$5 million for an independent study on whether foot-and-mouth disease research can be done safely on the U.S. mainland. The House passed the bill on Wednesday. The research lab has faced other controversy. A Texas group that vied for the lab has sued Homeland Security, alleging that the agency ignored the high risk of tornadoes when it chose the Kansas site. Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/story/1293334.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *June 28, Spokane Spokesman Review* – (Washington) **Police say man at park threatened recruiters.** A man was arrested Saturday afternoon after police said he threatened to “blow up” the U.S. Army recruiting tent set up in Riverfront Park for Hoopfest. The 40 year-old suspect, was booked into Spokane County Jail on suspicion of felony harassment, a senior patrolman of the Spokane Police Department said. The suspect also made threats at a second Army recruiting station, the senior patrolman said. Though the suspect disappeared into the crowd, one of the recruiters had filmed him with his cell phone, enabling police to identify him in the crowd two hours later. Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2009/jun/28/police-say-man-at-park-threatened-recruiters/>
28. *June 26, Enterprise Security Today* – (Oregon) **Pro-Iranian regime hackers invade U.S. computers.** Hackers posted a caustic message telling the U.S. President to mind his own business and stop talking about the disputed Iranian election on a U.S. university home page on June 24. Attempts to access the Oregon University System’s Web site were automatically redirected to another page, where readers viewed a message said to be from Iran that asserted there was no cheating in the election. That message was up for 90 minutes before university system technicians intervened. The hackers apparently took advantage of third-party software that had not been properly updated on the university system, a spokeswoman said. Hackers frequently attack the system’s computers, but technicians usually beat back their efforts, she said. She said no one’s personal

computers were attacked. Also, no malicious software, which could give hackers remote access to computer hard drives, was introduced. There was no immediate indication why the hackers targeted the system, which oversees Oregon's seven public universities.

Source: [http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story\\_id=67383](http://www.enterprise-security-today.com/story.xhtml?story_id=67383)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

29. *June 28, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Columbus SWAT team adds paramedics to treat wounded officers immediately.** Columbus, Ohio, created a 24-member tactical EMS team late last year. Two members go out with the SWAT team as needed. Like Cleveland's tactical medic team, founded last year, the medics do not carry guns. "Now we can do immediate lifesaving interventions on the scene," a tactical paramedic with the Cleveland Fire Department said. Tactical medics, like those in war zones, learn how to better control bleeding and shock, said a member of the Columbus tactical EMS team. Over the past decade, police agencies across the nation have trained paramedics to work with SWAT and narcotics teams. Some carry guns. No one is sure how many tactical medic teams are in Ohio because no agency keeps track. Training and education also vary. The Ohio EMS board, which oversees training and education of emergency medical workers and firefighters, wants to make sure there are uniform rules for tactical teams. The board is considering an advanced-practice paramedic level that would include tactical teams, bomb squads, flight medics and dive teams. Creating this would require legislation.

Source:

[http://dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2009/06/28/TEMS.html?sid=101](http://dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2009/06/28/TEMS.html?sid=101)

30. *June 24, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Melbourne seeks grant to rebuild Eau Gallie fire station.** The city will seek more than \$1.1 million in federal stimulus funding to rebuild a fire station that has had everything from mechanical issues to rats. The Melbourne City Council approved a resolution on June 23 allowing the city to go after a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to rebuild Station 71, which sits on Eau Gallie Boulevard. Rebuilding the station is estimated to cost \$1.43 million. While the grant does not require it, Melbourne would contribute \$300,000 as a local match. The problems at the station have forced firefighters at that station to be moved into temporary housing. A 2006 study showed the station, built in the 1960s, was antiquated and needed renovations to continue being used as a fire station.

Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20090624/NEWS01/906240326/1006>

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## **Information Technology**

31. *June 26, PC World* – (International) **Security experts visualize botnets with an eye toward defense.** Not all botnets are organized in the same way. That is the conclusion

of a report from Damballa which seeks to categorize the dominate structures. It attempts to explain why certain types of blocking and filtering will work against some botnets, and not for others. “The ‘hybrid’ threat banner is often cast about,” says the vice president of Research, Damballa, an enterprise security company specializing in botnet mitigation, “But that label means nothing to teams tasked with defending the enterprise. By explaining the topologies (and their strengths and weaknesses) these teams can better visualize the threat.” The Star structure is the most basic and offers individual bots a direct communication with the Command and Control (CnC) server. It can be visualized in a star-like pattern. However, by providing direct communications with one CnC server the botnet creates a single point of failure. Take out the CnC server and the botnet expires. The vice president says the Zeus DIY botnet kit, out of the box, is a star pattern, but that botmasters often upgrade, making it multiserver. “In most cases, particular botnets can be classed as a member of just one CnC topology — but it is often down to the botnet master which one they choose.” Multi-Server is the logical extension of the Star structure using multiple CnC servers to feed instructions to the individual bots. This design, says the vice president, offers resiliency should any one CnC server go down. It also requires sophisticated planning in order to execute. Srizbi is a classic example of a multi-server CnC topology botnet.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/blogs/bizfeed/167492/security\\_experts\\_visualize\\_botnets\\_with\\_an\\_eye\\_toward\\_defense.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/blogs/bizfeed/167492/security_experts_visualize_botnets_with_an_eye_toward_defense.html)

32. *June 26, Baltimore Examiner* – (International) **Jackson, Fawcett spur Internet fraud.**

While most of the country mourns the deaths of two celebrities, fraudsters seek opportunity by tricking heartbroken followers. The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) issued an alert on June 26 warning of increased spam campaigns, phishing attacks and malicious code attacks surrounding the stars’ deaths. Some scams may result in identity theft. Fraudsters have taken advantage of other situations to swindle personal information and money following national and worldwide disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the Asian Tsunami. In addition to phishing and malicious code attacks, there were many charity scams. Charity and fan paraphernalia scams are expected to be associated with the celebrity’s names. Some of these scams will claim to collect donations from unsuspecting consumers for charitable causes supported by the late stars. Some scams may collect credit card and bank account information as payment for charitable donations or for the purchase of celebrity memorabilia. There will be no donations or souvenirs, the financial account information handed over will be used by the fraudsters to commit existing account fraud, a form of identity theft.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/x-9215-Identity-Theft-Examiner~y2009m6d26-Jackson-Fawcett-spur-internet-fraud>

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### **Internet Alert Dashboard**



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

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## **Communications Sector**

33. *June 26, IDG News Service* – (International) **China remains spam haven due to ‘bulletproof’ hosting.** An overwhelming majority of Web sites promoted through spam are hosted in China at service providers that many times choose to ignore complaints and allow illegal activity, according to research from the University of Alabama. The director of research in computer forensics in the university’s computer and information sciences department wrote on his blog that it is well past the time to declare a spam crisis in China. The university reviewed millions of spam messages seen throughout this year from its Spam Data Mine, which analyzes junk mail for threats. In those messages were links to hundreds of thousands of Web sites. A total of 69,117 unique domains hosted those Web sites. Seventy percent, or 48,552, hosted Web sites that ended in “.cn,” the country-code top level domain for China. Again, about 70 percent of Web sites were located on computers within China. “It is very normal that more than one-third of the domain names we see each day in spam messages come from China,” the director wrote. “When one also considers the many ‘.com’ and ‘.ru’ domain names which are also hosted in China, the problem is much worse.” Typically when suspicious Web sites are detected, security companies will send a complaint to a hosting company, which may also act as a registrar, or seller of domain names. The site is typically taken offline. However, some companies in China and elsewhere offer so-called “bulletproof” hosting, where Web sites are allowed to stay online or spam operations can continue unabated.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167452/china\\_remains\\_spam\\_haven\\_du\\_e\\_to\\_bulletproof\\_hosting.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/167452/china_remains_spam_haven_du_e_to_bulletproof_hosting.html)

34. *June 26, Honolulu Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Sandwich Isles Communications unveils new undersea cable.** Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC), a local telecommunications company that services Hawaiian Homestead communities statewide, has completed installation of its new, state-of-the-art, undersea fiber optic cable connecting the five major Hawaiian islands (Kaua’i, O’ahu, Maui, Moloka’i and the Big Island). “We are pleased to be fulfilling our commitment to provide state-of-the-art telecommunications services to our customers in Hawaiian Homestead communities,” said the SIC Chief Executive Officer. “We believe our new undersea network will change the face of telecommunications in Hawaii, allowing for much needed economic growth and high technology jobs in our state, particularly on the neighbor islands.” With 48 strands of pure glass fiber, SIC’s marine network is the largest in the state, with the bandwidth to carry 2.9 Terabits of data per second.

Source:

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20090626/GETPUBLISHED/906260370>

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

35. *June 29, KLIV 1590 Silicon Valley* – (California) **Great Mall evacuated following explosion.** Nearly 2,000 people were forced to evacuate the Great Mall in Milpitas, California the afternoon of June 28, after a nearby power transformer exploded. Officials are still investigating the cause of the explosion, which blew a metal gate off the ground that flew through the air along with some oil. Power was mostly restored to the mall by 6 p.m. Authorities suspect there may have been too much pressure on the transformer from too many people using a lot of power on a hot day.  
Source: <http://kliv.com/Great-Mall-evacuated-following-explosion/4697214>
36. *June 26, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Second Massachusetts teen pleads guilty to torching mall.** A Massachusetts teenager has been sentenced to two years in jail for setting a fire that destroyed a Northborough strip mall and for firebombing a teacher's car in March 2008. The teenager was sentenced on June 24 in Worcester Superior Court after pleading guilty to maliciously causing an explosion, willfully placing explosives, burning a building, breaking and entering, larceny and maliciously damaging a motor vehicle. Prosecutors say the young man and his accomplice, both 18, started a fire at the shopping center to cover up a burglary. The fire caused an estimated \$3 million in damage. The teens were also charged with firebombing a teacher's car that prosecutors say was in retaliation for poor grades given to the accomplice's girlfriend. The accomplice was convicted in January.  
Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/east/2009/06/26/101754.htm>
37. *June 26, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **'Suspicious package' triggers evacuation, turns out to be mosquito trap.** A mosquito trap kicked off a bomb scare at Peterson Air Force base on the morning of June 26 that led to the evacuation of the Base Exchange store. The incident started at 10:30 a.m. when a customer saw the trap and reported it as a "suspicious package." Base officials ordered the evacuation and closed Peterson's east gate as bomb-disposal airmen rushed to the scene. The scare was short-lived as bomb experts identified it as a machine for killing mosquitoes rather than people. The evacuation was lifted at 11 a.m. and the gate was reopened, the Air Force said.  
Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/evacuation-57396-peterson-base.html>
38. *June 26, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **FHP: Investigation into Watermelon Festival crash to be finished by Monday.** A spokesman for the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) said he expects the investigation into a crash that injured four on June 20 at the Watermelon Festival in Monticello to be concluded by June 29. The driver crashed into several vehicles just after the Watermelon Festival parade, injuring him and three others. The driver said the last thing he remembers was driving a Honda sedan with his four year-old sister. He said he does not know what street he was on but that he was going 15 mph. The FHP said the driver was traveling 60 mph as he approached the busy downtown district, where the Watermelon Festival parade had just wrapped. The speed limit is 25 mph. The FHP has already said no alcohol was involved in the crash. The

driver told the Tallahassee Democrat that he was not on any drugs or medication at the time and that he does not have a history of passing out. He said he has a doctor's appointment this week to see why he lost consciousness.

Source:

<http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20090626/BREAKINGNEWS/90626004/FHP++Investigation+into+Watermelon+Festival+crash+to+be+finished+by+Monday>

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

39. *June 29, Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **LSU researchers: Coastal restoration projects doomed to fail.** Even under best-case scenarios for building massive engineering projects to restore Louisiana's dying coastline, the Mississippi River can not possibly feed enough sediment into the marshes to prevent ongoing catastrophic land loss, two Louisiana State University (LSU) geologists conclude in a [scientific paper](#) being published on June 29 in the "Letters" section of Nature Geoscience magazine. The result: The state will lose another 4,054 to 5,212 square miles of coastline by 2100 — an area roughly the size of Connecticut. The reason: The Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers today carry only half the sediment they did a century ago — between 400 million and 500 million tons a year then, compared with just 205 million tons today. The rest is now captured by more than 40,000 dams and reservoirs that have been built on rivers and streams that flow into the main channels. Yet even if those dams were to be torn down and the river's full sediment load employed in restoration efforts — a politically impossible scenario — it would not be enough to turn back the tide of coastal erosion, write the authors, one a former LSU geologist now working for ExxonMobil Upstream Research Co. in Houston, and a LSU geology professor. "We conclude that significant drowning is inevitable, even if sediment loads are restored, because sea level is now rising at least three times faster than during delta-plain construction," according to the paper. Even the river's highest potential sediment load, which created south Louisiana's once-lush and fertile delta over centuries of seasonal flooding, can no longer compete with other natural and man-made forces pushing the Gulf ever farther inland, the researchers conclude. Increased rates of sea-level rise spurred by human-induced global warming, when combined with the state's rapid rate of subsidence, or the sinking of soft soils, will inundate vast swaths of wetlands over the next century, according to the study. If the researchers are right, such land loss can not be stopped, or even substantially slowed. The researchers do not, however, advocate giving up the fight to save the coast. They instead recommend that federal and state coastal restoration officials refocus their plans on larger river diversions that would deliver the remaining sediment into wetlands from locations mostly north of New Orleans. The corps has said

that, in response to that panel's recommendation, it is conducting its own study of the river's sediment load and its ability to rebuild wetlands.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/timespicayune\\_projects\\_on\\_coa.html](http://www.nola.com/news/index.ssf/2009/06/timespicayune_projects_on_coa.html)

40. *June 27, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Leaking dam went uninspected for more than decade.** A leaking dam in Letcher County that had not been inspected by state regulators for more than a decade points to a larger potential problem in eastern Kentucky, dam safety officials said. There are likely thousands of old sediment ponds at surface mines that the state dam inspection office does not know about, an environmental engineer with the state Dam Safety Section, told the Lexington Herald-Leader. Many are so small the agency would not inspect them even if it knew where they were, and they represent little danger. But others might pose a potential hazard to people and property. In Letcher County, some residents feared the leaking earthen dam could collapse and flood homes. The agency that oversees surface mining had released the dam from oversight, and the separate state agency that inspects dams did not know it existed. After recent heavy rains, a Letcher County judge-executive declared an imminent hazard at the pond in the Company Branch hollow, 3 or 4 miles from Whitesburg, the Lexington newspaper reported. Search and rescue team members went door to door recently in the area below the dam to conduct a voluntary evacuation, notifying more than 150 homeowners of the potential threat. The chief of staff in the state Energy and Environment Cabinet, said the pond in Letcher County was not large enough to qualify for regular inspections by the Division of Water (DOW), which includes the dam safety office. That means the Department for Natural Resources, which oversees surface mining, would not have notified DOW about the pond when the mining agency released it from oversight in 1998, nor would DOW have inspected it, the chief said.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/471/story/844748.html>

41. *June 26, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Broken floodgate drains water from lake.** The water level has been dropping on Broadway Lake in Anderson County, South Carolina, since a floodgate on the lake broke several months ago. Homeowners on the lake said the water level on the lake is down about 4 feet. An Anderson County councilmember said that construction of a new flood gate is under way. A spokesman for the construction company building the gate, Consolidated Southern, said that once the gate is installed, the water levels will improve. The new gate will cost about \$74,000. The spillway should be in place by the end of July.

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