



Homeland Security

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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. *July 2, United Press International* – (International) **Fifth explosion hits Canadian pipeline.** A Canadian natural gas pipeline in northern British Columbia has been damaged by an explosion for the fifth time since October, officials said on July 2. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police anti-terrorism unit was sent to the isolated area near Pouce Coupe in the northeastern part of the province after an EnCana employee

discovered the damaged wellhead, the Vancouver Sun reported. A company spokesman told the newspaper the blast apparently happened overnight on June 30. “This appears to have some similarities to the previous incidents, that’s why the RCMP have been called in,” he said. He said there had been no communication from anyone claiming responsibility for the attacks since the first blast last October. Just before the first explosion, a local newspaper received an anonymous letter calling for EnCana to stop flowing natural gas containing deadly hydrogen sulphide through the area. The most recent pipeline attack was January 4, the Sun said.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/07/02/Fifth-explosion-hits-Canadian-pipeline/UPI-16281246539074/

2. *July 2, Northwest Indiana and Illinois Times* – (Indiana) **Gas explosion in Hessville sends plume into air.** Emergency workers evacuated a section of Hammond’s Hessville neighborhood and a Hammond police officer suffered minor injuries after a downed power line sparked a natural gas fire on 164th Place the morning of July 1. Crews from the Hammond Fire Department and NIPSCO were on the scene for much of July 1 after a transformer exploded, downing a power line that ignited a natural gas main beneath the street just east of Kennedy Avenue, the Hammond police chief said. A 15-foot fiery orange plume shot up from the street until about 1:15 p.m. when crews were able to turn off the natural gas supply in the confined area, a NIPSCO spokesman said. Authorities also detected natural gas seeping into sewers on the west side of Kennedy Avenue and evacuated homes and businesses in the 2600 and 2700 blocks of 164th Place and Cleveland Street for about five hours. No evacuations were necessary on the east side of Kennedy. The police chief said one of the city’s police officers was treated for minor injuries. No residents were injured.

Source:

<http://www.nwi.com/articles/2009/07/02/news/lake/doc7e73d57929e7c492862575e6007e09f5.txt>

3. *July 1, Muscatine Journal* – (Iowa) **Train slips off tracks near MP&W station.** Crews should finish repairs July 1 to a damaged railroad spur at the Muscatine Power & Water generating station in Muscatine, Iowa, where 15 loaded coal cars derailed on June 26. The derailment happened at 2:45 p.m. as the Iowa, Chicago, and Eastern Railroad cars — each loaded with about 115 tons of coal — were being moved into the power-generating station. The rails are believed to have splayed apart where the track comes into the plant, the manager of power generation at MP&W said on June 30. “We believe the cars dropped down in the rails,” he said. “We haven’t gotten a report from the railroad.” The derailment caused at least \$100,000 in damage. No one was injured, and none of the cars toppled over in the accident or spilled any of the coal. Power generation at the plant was not interrupted. The derailed cars were all set back on the tracks by 3 a.m. on June 27 and rolled out of the way so the repairs could be completed. All but two of “the cars have already been unloaded and they’re in Davenport being fixed,” the manager said.

Source:

<http://www.muscatinejournal.com/articles/2009/07/01/news/doc4a4b83335e046478688655.txt>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *July 1, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **3 arrested in burglary at fertilizer plant.** Three people were arrested on July 1 after a burglary at a Warren County fertilizer plant. Sheriff's deputies responded to a burglar alarm around 12:45 a.m. at the Southwest Landmark fertilizer facility in Pleasant Plain, where they found a large gash cut into a security fence. Deputies found two men within the fenced area, along with a propane tank filled with anhydrous ammonia, which investigators said can be used to manufacture methamphetamine. The men were each charged with breaking and entering, theft, and possession of criminal tools.
Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/19920669/detail.html>
5. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Truck crash near Philadelphia draws hazmat crew.** An overturned tractor-trailer carrying containers of acid is tying up traffic in suburban Philadelphia and officials hope to have things back to normal before July 1. A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman says the truck overturned June 30 afternoon on a ramp connecting Interstate 476, also known as the Blue Route, to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The driver was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Several interchange ramps were closed down. A state police lieutenant says there is no danger to the public, but precautions are being taken because the truck was carrying a corrosive material. A hazardous materials crew had to cut through the roof of the trailer to get to the containers of acid inside.
Source:
http://www.philly.com/philly/wires/ap/news/state/pennsylvania/20090630_ap_truckcrashnearphiladrawshazmatcrew.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *July 1, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Potential chemical explosion averted at Oakley firm.** Firefighters responded to a factory in Oakley on July 1 for a chemical spill that could have easily turned into an explosion. Firefighters say two chemicals that are potentially explosive when mixed did indeed mix at the Cast Fab Company on Forrer Road. The heat created by the chemical mixing was a concern for responders. Firefighters kept the container with the chemicals cool by constantly spraying it with hoses. That prevented an explosion. The building was evacuated and the danger of an explosion is over.
Source: <http://www.wcpo.com/news/local/story/Potential-Chemical-Explosion-Averted->

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *July 2, Space.com* – (National) **U.S. Army tests blimps to shoot down enemy missiles.** An airship that the U.S. Army says is the largest lighter-than-air vehicle ever used in U.S. military operations will make its debut flight in August as part of an effort to field a system to detect, track and shoot down cruise missiles. Unlike ballistic missiles that typically fly a stable and predictable flight pattern, cruise missiles pose a particularly tough challenge because of their ability to fly low and slow and change directions. The weapon systems now available for cruise missile defense, such as the Patriot and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense systems, rely on ground-based tracking radars that cannot see over the horizon and can be negated by ground obstacles such as mountains. This led the Army to begin looking at the potential for radar-equipped aerostats — tethered balloons resembling blimps — to detect and track terrain-hugging cruise missiles. After a series of demonstrations to prove the concept, the Army in December 2004 launched a program called the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) with the award of a \$1.4 billion development contract to Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems. Raytheon is working to deliver two JLENS systems, each consisting of two 242-foot long helium-filled aerostats, a surveillance radar, a fire control radar, mobile mooring stations and communications packages. One of the aerostats hosts a surveillance radar, which provides 360 degree coverage, and the other carries a fire control radar, which receives the surveillance data and generates targeting data for Army weapon systems. The program in December completed its critical design review and is in the fabrication and integration phase. TCOM of Columbia, Maryland, is building the aerostats, the first of which will make its first flight in August up to about 2,952 feet above the ground at the company's Elizabeth City, North Carolina, manufacturing facility.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,529695,00.html>

8. *July 1, Associated Press* – (National) **Ex-Prof gets 4 years for passing secrets.** A federal judge sentenced a retired University of Tennessee professor to four years in prison Wednesday for passing sensitive information from a U.S. Air Force contract to two research assistants from China and Iran. The Plasma physics expert was found guilty in September on all 18 counts of conspiracy, fraud and violating the Arms Export Control Act. The case marked the first time the government used the export control act to crack down on the distribution of restricted data, not hardware, to foreigners in a university setting. Prosecutors said the convict allowed the two graduate students to see sensitive information while they researched a plasma-guidance system for unmanned aircraft. The convict, 71, testified at trial that he did not believe he broke the law because the research had yet to produce anything tangible. He said he received only about \$6,000 from the contract.

Source: <http://www.military.com/news/article/exprof-gets-4-years-for-passing-secrets.html?ESRC=topstories.RSS>

Banking and Finance Sector

9. *July 2, ABC News* – (International) **Fake plastic scam foiled, 23 arrests.** Twenty-three people have been arrested in Melbourne, Sydney and Spain over a huge credit card scam that police say has cost the Australian economy close to \$5 million. The federal police say the group was run out of Sydney and spent about \$6 million on 1,200 fake credit cards since March 2009. They say the group made and distributed more than 200 fake credit cards a week. After investigating since December, officers carried out 11 raids in Sydney and Melbourne on July 1 and allegedly uncovered credit card making facilities. Five men were arrested in Sydney, as well as a man and a woman in Melbourne. Among them was a 53-year-old from Homebush Bay, in western Sydney, who police say was running the syndicate. The ringleader allegedly obtained credit card numbers stolen from people in Spain, the United Kingdom, and Malaysia, using skimming machines at ATMs and online. Police say he then passed the details onto a 35-year-old in Potts Point, in inner Sydney, who made credit cards using fake names. Police say the ringleader handed the credit cards on to 11 people in Sydney and Melbourne, who were directed to buy about \$500,000 worth of goods per week, including gift cards, electronics, phone cards, stamps, cigarettes and alcohol. Officers say the goods were then sold overseas, and the shoppers were given a percentage of the value of the goods they bought.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/02/2614454.htm?section=justin>

10. *July 2, United Press International* – (New York) **Five SEC investigations missed Madoff.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission failed to uncover the largest Ponzi scheme in history on five occasions in 20 years, a source close to the agency said. The perpetrator of the Ponzi scheme was sentenced on June 29 to 150 years in prison after pleading guilty to 11 counts of fraud. The SEC is investigating how it may have missed detecting the massive fraud that may have lost as much as \$50 billion, the Washington Post reported on July 1. On one occasion in 2004, the SEC investigator in the Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations warned supervisors that the perpetrator's paperwork and electronic data were full of irregularities. She took her concerns to her supervisor, who was working under the assistant director of the department. The assistant director, who is no longer with the SEC, later married the perpetrator's niece. The investigator's claims turned out to be consistent with the case the Justice Department eventually brought against the perpetrator. When the investigator brought her concerns to her supervisor, however, he directed her to concentrate on an investigation of mutual funds, which was a pressing need at the time.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/2009/07/02/Five-SEC-investigations-missed-Madoff/UPI-51201246538744/

11. *July 2, New York Times* – (National) **FDIC to issue private equity deal rules.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) plans to issue new rules that could make it slightly easier for private equity firms to buy failed banks, the New York Times reported, citing people familiar with the agency's deliberations. Under a directive to be issued on July 1, the agency is expected to demand that investment firms like the Carlyle

Group or Kohlberg Kravis Roberts provide follow-up support to the banks they acquire if the banks get into more trouble and need additional capital. The new rules represent a difficult balancing act for the FDIC, which is responsible for protecting depositors from losses. On the one hand, government officials have been eager to recruit private investors and stretch out the limited money that Congress has approved for bailing out troubled financial institutions. On the other hand, bank regulators remain leery about letting comparatively high-risk investor groups take control of banks with billions of dollars in government-guaranteed deposits.

Source: <http://dealbook.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/02/fdic-to-issue-rules-for-private-equity-deals/>

12. *July 1, San Francisco Business Times* – (International) **Stanford Financial Group CFO to plead guilty.** Stanford Financial Group's chief financial officer will plead guilty to three criminal counts for his part in an alleged \$7 billion Ponzi scheme, according to news reports. Bloomberg reported that the CFO's attorney said in a statement that the CFO will continue to cooperate with the investigation and "assist the prosecution's attempts to find the billions that Stanford Financial Group's chairman sent to Switzerland and other banks in Europe." The CFO headed up the Memphis and Tupelo, Mississippi, offices for Stanford Financial Group's chairman. The Baldwin, Mississippi, native was a college friend of Stanford's chairman and had been with the company for more than 20 years. The Stanford Financial Group chairman's chief investment officer, also a native of Baldwin, worked from the Tupelo and Memphis offices and has pleaded not guilty. In April, the CFO agreed to cooperate with federal investigations, and was charged separately from the Houston company's chief executive officer who on June 30 was denied bail and will remain in jail until his trial, set for August 25.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2009/06/29/daily67.html>

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Transportation Sector

13. *July 2, Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **United computer glitch causing delays at O'Hare.** A computer issue is causing major delays for United Airlines passengers trying to fly out at O'Hare International Airport July 2. A ground stop has been put into effect for all United outbound flights because a glitch seems to have stopped ticket agents from printing boarding passes. A spokeswoman for United said in a statement the company is working to fix the outage, but that some flights are delayed and some may be canceled. Both inbound and outbound flights are delayed, officials from O'Hare International Airport said. Officials from United did not say what caused the computer problem, but are urging people to be patient.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=304295>

14. *July 2, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **City's Metro passes round of 'integrity tests.'** A Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) official said early July 1 that Baltimore's Metro subway had passed a round of tests of the reliability of its control and collision prevention system conducted in the aftermath of the fatal June 22 crash of two

Washington Metro trains. An MTA testing engineer said a third night of so-called “integrity tests” was completed about 3:30 a.m. and the examination had found “no anomalies whatsoever” in the speed controls on one of the two tracks from Johns Hopkins Hospital to Owings Mills. He said the other track was found to have no speed control problems the previous night, while a test of the Metro’s collision avoidance system the week of June 22 also uncovered no malfunctions.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/commuting/bal-md.cm.mta02jul02,0,1775477.story>

15. *July 1, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Jet fire at SFO unconnected to threat, feds say.** The blaze that burned a hole through the top of the fuselage of an ABX Air Boeing 767 on June 28, 2008 at San Francisco International Airport resulted from an electrical short and was not related to a threat the company received less than a week earlier, federal officials said July 1. The short circuit to an oxygen system heated a spring inside a plastic hose, the National Transportation Safety Board determined. Oxygen inside the hose helped fan the fire, the board said. ABX Air, an all-freight contractor for DHL, received a threat against an unspecified aircraft within a week before the fire, but the investigation ruled out sabotage as a factor, authorities said. The safety board said July 1 that other ABX planes did not include a separation between electrical wiring and oxygen-system tubing. The board also said that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had failed to require the installation of nonconductive hoses after the safety issue was initially identified by Boeing. Boeing had issued a service bulletin that instructed airlines to replace the hoses, but the FAA did not issue an airworthiness bulletin to make compliance with the bulletin mandatory, said the safety board.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/06/30/BAK418GCPL.DTL>

16. *July 1, Allegan County News* – (Michigan) **Storms wash out bridges, roads.** With more than \$3.4 million in damages from the June 19 storms, Allegan County, Michigan commissioners confirmed a state of emergency for the county and asked the governor to do the same from the state level. The county emergency management director said that two homes had been destroyed, seven had minor damage, and 54 were affected by a tornado, high winds and heavy rains that hit the area. As of June 25, the damage to private property was estimated at \$515,000 and the damage to public property was estimated at \$2.4 million. The Allegan County Road Commission executive director said there were a bridge washout, two road washouts, and five culvert washouts. The CSX railroad tracks were also washed out, but had already been repaired. A levee in Laketown Township was also damaged.

Source: http://www.allegannews.com/articles/2009/07/02/local_news/1.txt

17. *July 1, Associated Press* – (New York) **14 injured when Staten Island ferry hits pier.** Fire department officials say a New York City ferry boat has hit a pier while docking, injuring 14 people. The injuries are minor. The fire department says it appears the boat lost power before hitting the Staten Island dock the evening of July 1. There is no damage to the boat but some damage to the pier. The Staten Island Ferry has nine

vessels that carry commuters between Staten Island and lower Manhattan.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/31699269/ns/us_news-life/

18. *June 30, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Cars derail in train crash.** A pair of trains collided June 29 in Laclede County, leaving three locomotives and nine freight cars off the tracks. No one was hurt in the crash, although two crewmen were treated and released from a local hospital, according to a spokesman for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF). According to a report from the Missouri Highway Patrol, the two trains hit at 8:15 a.m. on parallel BNSF tracks near mile post 175, west of Sleeper in northern Laclede County. An eastbound train, 7,500 feet long and containing 130 freight cars, was pulling onto a side track to allow the westbound train, 6,230 feet and 100 freight cars long, to pass. There were no hazardous materials in any of the cars, the spokesman said. Derailed were the final four cars of the eastbound train, which contained railroad ties. Of the five cars derailed on the westbound train, one was empty. Among the others, which remained upright, one carried Abrams military tanks, and the other three were carrying beer.

Source: [http://www.news-](http://www.news-leader.com/article/20090630/NEWS01/906300350/1007/Cars-derail-in-train-crash)

[leader.com/article/20090630/NEWS01/906300350/1007/Cars-derail-in-train-crash](http://www.news-leader.com/article/20090630/NEWS01/906300350/1007/Cars-derail-in-train-crash)

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *July 1, Hampton Roads Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Suspicious powder mailed to CBN was bodybuilding protein.** On July 1, the Virginia Beach fire department's hazardous materials teams investigated report of an unidentified white powder mailed to the Christian Broadcasting Network. Mail room employees discovered the substance in a pre-addressed envelope mailed to the network's office on Centerville Turnpike, said the vice president of marketing for the network. Officials evacuated and closed the building as a precaution and sent a sample of the substance to a state lab in Richmond for analysis, the vice president said. Preliminary tests ruled out botulism, ricin and anthrax, and final results identified the powder as whey protein, a supplement used in bodybuilding, said a spokesman for the fire department. Four employees were exposed to the powder and reported rashes, but no other symptoms, the vice president said. The network's office remained closed that afternoon, but was likely to reopen Thursday morning, the vice president said.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2009/07/suspicious-powder-mailed-cbn-was-bodybuilding-protein>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *July 2, Winona Daily News* – (Minnesota) **Commissioners: Neighbors need faster notice of chemical, manure spills.** Some Winona County planning commissioners say

neighbors deserve to know soon after farms spill manure or chemicals that could taint drinking water. Winona County staff should play a more active role in notifying those living near sites where manure or chemicals are spilled, two planning commissioners said June 30. The proposal surfaced in a broader discussion of revisions to the county zoning ordinance that, if adopted in the coming months, would leave county feedlot laws largely unchanged. State agencies, including the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and other state officials typically oversee cleanup of large farm spills, and say they notify people who could be affected. But a commissioner said county law should require that neighbors be notified as soon as 24 hours after such spills. Planning commissioners also recommended language in the new zoning ordinance to create tiered building setbacks from feedlots, based on the size of the feedlot. County leaders in 2008 rejected more-sweeping changes to local feedlot laws, which would have allowed some feedlot owners to obtain expansion permits from a private review team, instead of through a public hearing.

Source: <http://www.winonadailynews.com/articles/2009/07/02/news/03spill.txt>

21. *July 1, Associated Press* – (National) **12 hospitalized in connection with E. coli in beef.** At least 12 people, two of them suffering kidney failure, have been hospitalized in connection with a possible E. coli outbreak in beef suspected of having sickened people in nine states, federal health officials said on July 1. The victims may have become ill after eating beef produced by JBS Swift Beef Co. of Greeley, Colorado, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported. The number of people reported ill so far is 23. The company recalled about 380,000 pounds of beef on June 28 after some illnesses were reported and a government investigation showed a possible connection to the company's product. That recall expanded a June 24 recall of just over 41,000 pounds. The CDC said health officials in several states investigating the strain of E. coli found that most ill persons had consumed ground beef, and many reported that it was undercooked. Ground beef with the strain of E. coli was obtained from the home of one person infected. "At least some of the illnesses appear to be associated with products subject to these recalls," the CDC said in a statement on its Web site. Wisconsin and Michigan appear to be the hardest hit by the outbreak so far, with six ill people in each state identified by the CDC. Other cases were reported in California, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico and New York.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iMC6NXcYwx69vXhgNTnA9JVceahQD995V5K00>

22. *July 1, Associated Press* – (National) **Boston supplier recalls fresh tuna steaks.** North Coast Seafood, a Boston-based seafood supplier, is recalling fresh tuna steaks distributed in New England because of high levels of histamine, a potentially harmful chemical that can develop naturally in poorly stored fish. North Coast Seafood said in a statement released on June 30 it was recalling the fish after three reports of illness. The recalled tuna steaks were sold at Shaw's, Star Market and Big Y Stores between June 20 and June 24. Customers may take the fish back to the store for a refund or replacement. The recall does not apply to other products.

Source:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/business/general/view.bg?articleid=1182433&srvc=business&position=recent>

23. *July 1, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Mississippi firm recalls pre-packaged meal products due to possible Salmonella contamination- Class I recall.** Traditions, a Pearl, Mississippi establishment is recalling an undetermined amount of various boxed pre-packaged meal kits. The boxes contain separate portions of instant nonfat dried milk, which was previously recalled, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced on July 1. Due to potential Salmonella contamination, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced a recall of the instant nonfat dried milk product on June 28, 2009. Although the nonfat dried milk product has already been recalled, as announced by FDA, the master boxes, which contain the various pre-packaged meal items, bear the USDA mark of inspection on the outside of the box. The products subject to recall include: boxes of "Traditions Meal Solutions" prepackaged meal kits and, boxes of "ILSmeals Home Meal Delivery Service" prepackaged meal kits. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses associated with the consumption of these products. The pre-packaged meals were distributed nationwide to various food distributors and regional nutrition service providers. These meals were not available for consumer purchase. The problem was first discovered when USDA found Salmonella in a dairy product and alerted FDA, resulting in the FDA investigation and subsequent recall of the nonfat dry milk product by Plainview Milk Products Cooperative.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_037_2009_Release/index.asp

24. *July 1, USAgNet* – (Illinois) **IDNR releases data on one of largest fish kills in State history.** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) released preliminary data on this month's Rock River fish kill. The kill is believed to have started on June 21 two miles north of Grand Detour and ended nearly 50 miles down stream near Prophetstown. IDNR fisheries biologists spent the next several days on the river counting, measuring and sorting affected fish into species. The investigation yielded a preliminary estimate of over 72,000 fish killed with an associated value of over \$272,000. Biologists estimate nearly 37,000 game fish were killed, including catfish, smallmouth bass and walleye. It is estimated that over 34,000 commercial fish including buffalo and carp also were killed. The IDNR considers these estimates to be very conservative. Extremely high temperatures contributed to the rapid decomposition of the fish, and flooding conditions along parts of the Rock River made it difficult to get a more accurate count. The IDNR has already begun the process of speeding the recovery of the Rock River by stocking more than 50,000 young smallmouth bass. More stocking and relocating of fish is planned in the future to replenish commercial and recreational fishing opportunities. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to pursue enforcement action.

Source: <http://usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=1398&yr=2009>

25. *June 30, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **New York firm recalls frozen meat and poultry products due to unapproved ingredient- Class II recall.** Buffalo SAV, Inc., a Buffalo, New York, establishment is recalling approximately

208,768 pounds of frozen meat and poultry products because they contain an unapproved ingredient, Amaranth Red #2, which is declared on the label, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced on June 30. The provisional listing and certification of FD&C Red #2 (Amaranth Red #2) was terminated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration. Amaranth Red #2 is not approved for use in products sold in the United States. There are no package or case codes. The frozen meat and poultry products were produced from June 1, 2008, through June 5, 2009, and were sent to distributors and retail establishments in California, Illinois, New York and Pennsylvania. One product, for example, is 16- and 32-ounce bags of "GRANDMA'S perogies, ПЕЛІМЕНІ СИБІРСЬКІЕ, SIBERIAN brand, PELMENI, PORK & BEEF DUMPLINGS." Each bag bears the establishment number "EST. 33814" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The problem was discovered by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets and reported to FSIS by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illness due to consumption of these products.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_036_2009_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

26. *July 1, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Damaged fence to sewage plant causes complaints.** The fence around a sewage treatment facility in Prairieville, Illinois blew away with Hurricane Gustav last September and almost a year later, it is still not fully protected and easy to break into. The head of the neighborhood's homeowner's association filed complaints with Ascension Parish and the Department of Health and Hospitals. According to the state sanitary code, the fence is the treatment facility owner's responsibility. In this case, that would be Wastewater Treatment Facilities out of Prairieville. The Ascension Parish ordinance says a six-foot solid fence should surround a community sewage treatment plant. A spokesperson from the company released a statement. "We are aware of this problem and we are going to get to work on it later this week," he said. Officials with the Department of Health and Hospitals say this is the first they have heard of the problem. They sent a violation letter to the owner, informing him he has seven days to install a new fence.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/Global/story.asp?S=10622905>

27. *July 1, WQAD 8 Orion* – (Illinois) **Pump house burns, shuts off water to neighborhood.** More than a dozen homes in Rock Island County, Illinois, were without water the morning of June 30 after a pumping station caught fire. It happened in the Hickory Hills addition near Taylor Ridge. Extra crews were called in to make sure chlorine did not leak into the water supply. Some residents say they could end up staying in a hotel for a few days until the water is deemed safe and turned back on.

Source: <http://www.wqad.com/news/wqad-pump-house-fire-well-water-070109,0,5723622.story>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *July 2, Associated Press* – (California) **1 dead, 4 hurt in SoCal dental office shooting.**

A gunman opened fire inside a busy dental office in an apparent domestic dispute Wednesday, killing one woman and critically wounding three others, police said. A fourth person was grazed by a bullet. The suspect barricaded himself inside the Family Dental Care office, a police sergeant said. He surrendered after a hostage negotiator coaxed him out about an hour after the shootings. Detectives did not release a motive or identify the suspect. But the Ventura County Star newspaper reported that a dental office worker said the gunman was married to the slain victim. In the minutes after the attack, police evacuated more than a dozen people from the dentist's office and a chiropractic office next door, including two children who witnessed the shooting.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jnCkxqcDL9Kd3LS7U3FPvhG3W6nQD9964KG00>

29. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **3 charged with getting TV anchor's medical records.** Prosecutors have charged three former hospital workers with illegally accessing the patient records of a Little Rock, Arkansas, television news anchorwoman brought to the hospital after being viciously attacked at her home. In documents filed Monday in U.S. District Court, prosecutors say the three former St. Vincent Infirmity Medical Center staff members improperly accessed the records of the KATV anchorwoman on October 20, the day she was brought in, or the day after. She died October 25, having never regained consciousness. The hospital said in November that it fired up to six people for looking at the records after a routine patient-privacy audit showed that as many as eight people gained access to them.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2009/06/30/crimesider/entry5126324.shtml>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *July 1, Ogden Standard Examiner* – (Utah) **Hill AFB reports small fire on base.** A small fire was reported the morning of June 27 in Building 5 at Hill Air Force Base. The building, which mainly houses offices, was evacuated for a short time, but employees later returned to work. The chief of media relations at Hill AFB said the fire is believed to have started due to an electrical malfunction of the de-icers located in one of the building's exterior rain gutters. Damage was isolated to the rain gutter with no further damage to the rest of the building. A more formal investigation will be conducted to determine the exact cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.standard.net/live/news/177412/>

31. *June 1, Duke University Chronicle* – (North Carolina) **Swine flu virus outbreak plagues campus.** As of June 26, seventeen confirmed cases and more than 20 suspected cases of the new H1N1 flu virus have been reported on campus, Duke University officials said. The cases of the H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu, emerged from seasonal camp employees and students participating in on-campus summer programs, including Duke's Talent Identification Program, the American Dance Festival and youth summer science and writing camps. All affected programs are located on East Campus and the virus has not yet spread to West Campus, said the executive director of Student Health. Duke is working closely with the Durham County Public Health Department and Duke's infectious disease specialist to discuss protocols on how to handle the situation. Students, faculty and staff have not been officially alerted of the swine flu outbreak on campus because the chances of contracting swine flu are low, unless someone comes in direct contact with an infected person, said the vice president for public affairs and government relations.

Source:

<http://media.www.dukechronicle.com/media/storage/paper884/news/2009/07/01/News/Swine.Flu.Virus.Outbreak.Plagues.Campus-3749958.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *July 1, WJZ 13 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Baltimore County 911 gets upgrade.** The 911 center in the Baltimore County, which is 20 years old and in need of an upgrade, will be going digital, thanks to federal funding. The new funding will not only buy digital equipment, it will help upgrade phones, computers and radios. The center will also be expanded. The total cost of the project is \$14 million which includes \$3 million federal funds and \$11 million from the county.

Source: <http://wjz.com/local/baltimore.county.upgrade.2.1067462.html>

33. *July 1, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Union refuses to leave firehouses unmanned.** The Boston Firefighters Union is standing its ground, refusing to leave firehouses that the city wants to close when staffing is short. Local news reported that the fire union held a rally Wednesday, criticizing the temporary closures that they say puts lives at risks. Boston's Fire Department chief said that the brownout plan is a safe alternative to layoffs. But firefighters joined with fire victims who were saved by firefighters to say the closures put lives at risk. The brownouts are temporary closures. The union has offered to volunteer workers at the stations where there are brownouts.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/19919983/detail.html>

34. *July 1, Chicago Sun Times* – (Illinois) **New robot to help DuPage County sheriff deputies disarm explosives.** A new \$150,000, stair-climbing robot will help DuPage County, Illinois, sheriff's deputies disarm explosives without endangering their own lives. The aluminum, camera-equipped machine can pick up suspicious packages with

its robotic arm or blast them open with its two water cannons — though it can also fire solid projectiles to blast apart harder objects like pipe bombs, authorities said. Most importantly, the sheriff said the F6A robot will do more of the dangerous work of examining and disabling explosive devices that previously had to be done by police officers. Purchased with state and federal grant money, the high-tech tool can do many of the tasks that human officers do — and some that they cannot. The robot can climb stairs or step over obstacles to reach a bomb or suspicious package, and then examine the object through four different cameras so its human operators can get the best possible views. Its grapple arm can lift 60 pounds, or drag as much as 300 pounds. But it also can operate in darkness — thanks to an infrared lighting system — and raise a camera as high as 10 feet in the air to see over fences.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/1648047,robot-explosives-dupage-county-sherrif-070109.article>

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Information Technology

35. *July 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Apple patching serious SMS vulnerability on iPhone.** Apple is working to fix an iPhone vulnerability that could allow an attacker to remotely install and run unsigned software code with root access to the phone. The attack in question exploits a weakness in the way iPhones handle text messages received via SMS (Short Message Service), said a security researcher, during a presentation at the SyScan conference in Singapore on July 2. He did not provide a detailed description of the SMS vulnerability, citing an agreement with Apple. The SMS vulnerability allows an attacker to run software code on the phone that is sent by SMS over a mobile operator's network. The malicious code could include commands to monitor the location of the phone using GPS, turn on the phone's microphone to eavesdrop on conversations, or make the phone join a distributed denial of service attack or a botnet, the researcher said. Apple is working to patch the vulnerability and expects to have a fix ready later this month, before the researcher discusses the attack in greater detail during a planned presentation at the Black Hat USA conference in Las Vegas.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/article/167758/apple_patching_serious_sms_vulnerability_on_iphone.html

36. *June 30, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Cyber command in urgent need of strategy, military leaders say.** Military leaders from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps expect the Defense Department's new unified Cyber Command to rationalize military cybersecurity efforts. However, at the same time, the increasing complexity of cyberspace and ongoing workforce issues remain pressing challenges, adding urgency, they said, for the new command to articulate its strategy soon. "We made conscious decision a year ago, knowing Cybercomm was coming, to [ensure the Army's] direction was in sync with expected plans — and wait for the guidance," said the Army's assistant deputy chief of staff. "Now that [the Cyber Command] is here, my sense is now is the right time to move forward," the assistant deputy added. But he cautioned it will be important to "get guidance from Cyber Command" soon, in terms of

“what are the definitions, what are the forces and the structure, and not get ahead of that and create more confusion.” The assistant deputy, speaking at a cybersecurity conference held in Washington by the D.C. chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association June 25, noted that cyberspace has become a complex operating environment that requires increasingly sophisticated skills. Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2009/06/30/military-leaders-cyber-command-strategy.aspx>

37. *June 30, DarkReading* – (International) **‘Mafiaboy’: cloud computing will cause Internet security meltdown.** A reformed black-hat hacker, better known as the 15-year-old “mafiaboy” who, in 2000, took down Websites CNN, Yahoo, E*Trade, Dell, Amazon, and eBay, says widespread adoption of cloud computing is going to make the Internet only more of a hacker haven. “It will be the fall of the Internet as we know it,” the hacker said on June 30 during a Lumension Security-sponsored Webcast event. “You’re basically putting everything in one little sandbox...it’s going to be a lot more easy to access,” he added, noting that cloud computing will be “extremely dangerous. This is not the last you’re going to hear of this,” he said. A security and forensics expert for Lumension says cloud computing, indeed, will open up new avenues of risk. “We haven’t even handled the fundamentals of [securing it] in our existing environments,” the expert said during an interview after the Webcast. “Now we’re going to push it up to the cloud?” “Aside from the fact that the fundamental protocols are easily manipulated...social networking and dumpster diving have been going on a long time and are still extremely effective. The scariest aspect for business owners is their own employees compromising [them],” the hacker said. “Dumpster diving, social networking, and internal corporate sabotage will be the No. 1 threat. It’s imperative that corporations take a closer look at their employees.” Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/securityservices/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=218102139>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

38. *July 1, The Register* – (International) **Torrentreactor breach serves potent exploit cocktail.** Torrentreactor has long been regarded as one of the top bit torrent search engines, and with the demise of The Pirate Bay, it is likely bigger than ever. Now, it has been breached and is serving a potent cocktail of exploits to people browsing the site,

Websense Security Labs says. Attackers have managed to inject an iframe into the site that scours Torrenreactor visitors' computers from a long list of vulnerable applications, including Adobe's Reader and Shockwave programs and Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Office Snapshot Viewer. When it finds one, it downloads and runs a malicious file. According to Websense, the malware has an extremely low detection rate, with just two of 32 anti-virus engines identifying the threat. Once executed, it installs a rootkit on victims' machines. This is not the first time that security researchers have reported Torrenreactor is foisting malware on its users. In March 2008, the site suffered a similar iframe attack. The malicious file in the latest compromise communicates with a server at 78.109.29.116, an IP address that Web searches suggest has ties to the Russian Business Network.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/07/01/torrenreactor_breach/

39. *July 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Satellite for U.S. cell phone service launched.** The world's largest commercial satellite was launched into space on June 30, with a mission to provide phone service to cellular "dead zones" in North America. The satellite, owned by TerreStar Corp. of Reston, Virginia, blasted off from Kourou in the South American territory of French Guiana shortly before 2 p.m. Eastern time, carried through pink clouds. Half an hour later, French satellite launcher Arianespace announced that the TerreStar-1 had separated successfully from the rocket, on its way to an orbit 22,000 miles above the Earth. There, the satellite is designed to unfurl an umbrella-like antenna of gold mesh 60 feet across, so it can pick up and relay signals from phones that are not much larger than regular cell phones. TerreStar has shown prototypes of the phones, which are similar to BlackBerrys, and like them, would have access to data and e-mail. The phones are not on sale yet. TerreStar plans to have the system running before the end of the year. To connect to the satellite, the handsets will need a clear view of the southern sky, just like a satellite dish. When that is not available, the sets will be able to connect to regular ground-based cellular networks. TerreStar has a roaming agreement with AT&T Inc. The TerreStar-1 satellite, built by Loral Space & Communications Ltd., was originally scheduled to launch in 2007, but was delayed several times because of manufacturing problems. The satellite is due to be followed by two similar, even larger ones from a competitor, SkyTerra Communications Inc., next year.

Source: <http://www.cellular-news.com/story/38314.php?source=rss>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *July 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **2 fires ignite in Mott Haven; 19 firefighters, 6 cops hurt.** Two separate fires started on July 2 in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx injuring 19 firefighters, six police officers, and four residents before each fire was brought under control. In the first blaze, crews were first called to a high-rise fire, at 360 East 137th Street, that injured 11 people, which includes six police officers, four residents and one firefighter. The blaze apparently began on the 16th floor. The second

blaze ignited at an apartment building at 507 138th Street. A total of 18 firefighters were injured while battling the flames, but only two of those injuries were said to be serious. Officials say the second fire began in the kitchen of a third floor apartment and that about 20 residents were left homeless due to the fire.

Source: <http://www.1010wins.com/Fire-Tears-Thru-Bronx-Building--18-Firefighters-In/4724600>

41. *July 2, Gaylord Herald Times* – (Michigan) **Pipe bomb found in suspect's motel room.** On June 30, deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Michigan, reportedly responded to a stolen check complaint at the Wood Land Motel in Grayling. The sheriff said during the course of the investigation the suspect returned to the motel and then fled on foot when confronted by officers. Troopers from the Michigan State Police (MSP) reportedly caught up with the suspect who was taken into custody. The suspect was returned to deputies and allegedly confessed to the stolen check complaint. During the course of the interview, deputies uncovered the fact there was a bomb in the suspect's room. The MSP bomb squad was summoned to remove the suspected bomb which was secured and destroyed without incident. The suspect is in custody while awaiting arraignment on check fraud and explosive charges.

Source:

http://www.gaylordheraldtimes.com/articles/2009/07/02/news/latest_news/doc4a4cac3e1bbc7221157196.txt

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

42. *July 1, Williams Grand Canyon News* – (Arizona) **Prescribed burn begins tomorrow.** Fire managers with the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona plan to ignite a prescribed burn on July 2, depending on conditions and Arizona Department of Environmental Quality approval. Unless the area receives measurable precipitation, personnel will burn approximately 2,200 acres on the Dutch Unit of the Twin Prescribed Burn Project, about nine miles southwest of Williams. The project is bounded by Forest Road 108 on the north and on the west, south and east by the 41 Loop Road. The burn will be an aerial ignition. Of the planned 2,200 acres almost 1,200 acres were burned lightly in 2008. Managers expect minimal smoke from the burn due to this second entry on the unit and the vegetation on the unit, which is mostly pinyon juniper. Smoke impacts should be light by the holiday weekend. Forest fire crews will patrol the area to monitor spread. Prescribed burns are used to reduce excess fuels on the forest floor and produce healthier habitats. These projects will help to ensure that future fires in the area remain at a lower level of intensity, providing protection for firefighters and communities, according to Forest Service officials.

Source:

<http://www.williamsnews.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&subsectionID=1&articleID=9085>

Dams Sector

43. *July 1, Houma Courier* – (Louisiana) **Dangerous pump vandalism continues around the parish.** Houma (the parish seat of Terrebonne Parish) officials are asking for the public's help to find out who has been stealing batteries that power pump stations around the parish, putting the communities they drain at serious risk of flooding. Parish officials say thieves have been vandalizing pump stations across Terrebonne, breaking fences, cutting locks and stealing all of the batteries that power pumps. Parish officials say the thefts are upping flood risks at one of the most dangerous times for residents: Hurricane season. Since April, 61 batteries have been from the Lashbrook, Boudreaux Canal, Industrial Boulevard, Concord, Ashland, Ashland North, and M and L stations. The M and L station near Buquet Distributing has been hit the most, officials said, losing 28 batteries during three different robberies. The batteries cost \$150 each, and the thefts have cost the parish \$9,150 so far. Though an attendant checks the stations each morning and replaces the batteries if necessary, the thieves are potentially putting thousands of homes at risk of flooding if there is a sudden heavy downpour. One parish councilman said he is also talking with the District Attorney's office about the possibility of holding pump station vandals up to stiffer penalties, such as charging them for criminal damage to all of the homes that are protected by the pump station they damage.

Source:

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20090701/HURBLOG/907019891?Title=Dangerous-pump-vandalism-continues-around-the-parish>

44. *July 1, Ukiah Daily Journal* – (California) **Power outage affects dam.** A power outage halted a generator about 9:38 p.m. on June 30 at Lake Mendocino, near Ukiah, California, cutting the release of water from the dam to about 20 percent of normal for about an hour. Attendants at the power plant were able to manually open the valve and restore flows to the Russian River, according to a spokesman for the Sonoma County Water Agency. When flows dropped from a rate of 115 cubic feet per second to 25 cubic feet per second, Sonoma County Water Agency stated that the river dropped 18 to 24 inches at Perkins Street about 11:45 p.m. The standing park manager at the lake said that water flows stayed within levels stipulated by regulations. Downstream from the lake, flows were not expected to take a noticeable drop until about nine to 12 hours later, according to the water agency. The manager of Ukiah's electrical department said that the power outage occurred in the city and left about 1,050 homes without electricity. The exact cause of the interruption in power service has yet to be determined, the manager said, but there was a cable failure in the area of Gobbi Street and Oak Street.

Source: http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/ci_12739252

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