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Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- FOX News reports that police in New York City are scrambling to locate the producers of a YouTube video that depicts a stolen replica of the Statue of Liberty blindfolded, beheaded, and smashed into pieces — a display that one terror expert says is intended to “instill fear” in Americans. (See item [49](#))

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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 10, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **10 workers injured at 2 Ky. mines; probe launched.** Kentucky State officials are investigating incidents at two Kentucky coal mines that injured a total of ten workers. Eight miners were hurt when a vehicle that

carries workers into underground mine shafts malfunctioned the afternoon of July 9, according to a statement from the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing. The miners, who work for KenAmerican Resources, were riding the vehicle at Paradise Mine in Muhlenberg County. A statement from KenAmerican said the most serious injury was a broken leg. Two other men were hurt the evening of July 9 when an unoccupied pickup truck apparently rolled down a road and hit two workers at a mine site in Floyd County. The men were airlifted to Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. The two men were contractors operating a drill for Cleveland-based Austin Powder Company when they were hurt, according to the statement from the state mining office.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/471/story/858479.html>

2. *July 10, Northwest Cable News* – (Oregon) **Crews to transfer gas from barge stranded in Columbia River.** A barge stuck in a large silt deposit at the confluence of the Hood and Columbia rivers in Oregon was to have its load “lightened” with an attempted mid-river gasoline transfer, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Attempts to free the grounded barge New Dawn with additional tug boats were unsuccessful on July 9, and the Coast Guard approved a plan for an empty fuel barge to be brought alongside the New Dawn to transfer gasoline in the middle of the river. The New Dawn carried 1 million gallons of gasoline and had been stuck in the river since about 4 a.m. on July 9, according to Tidewater Tugs, the company that owned and operated the vessel. The process, known as lightering, posed significant environmental risks but was necessary to free the New Dawn from the river bottom, a Coast Guard spokesman said. The transfer was to begin sometime the morning of July 10. A fuel boom was established around the New Dawn to prevent any leaking gasoline from escaping. Crews ensured the barge’s double hull had not been damaged and that no gas was seeping into the river. No gas sheen was visible from the river or from air on July 9, the Coast Guard spokesman said. Source: http://www.nwcn.com/topstories/stories/NW_071009ORN-hood-river-barge-LJ.287cc257.html
3. *July 9, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality* – (Oregon) **Cleanup from I-84 tanker truck crash continues.** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with other state agencies, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) responded to a tanker truck accident that occurred on I-84 east of Portland, near Cascade Locks, at 5:45 a.m. on July 8. The tanker truck was hauling 3,000 gallons of asphalt oil, along with a trailer carrying 5,000 gallons of asphalt oil, when it crashed into the bridge crossing McCord Creek, which drains to the Columbia River approximately one-half mile away. The majority of the asphalt oil contained in the truck spilled over the side of the bridge and an estimated 2,500 gallons of the oil entered McCord Creek. The asphalt oil solidified as it cooled on the bridge, underlying soil and immediately upon entering the creek. There was no sheen. None of the asphalt oil in the trailer spilled. Granite Northwest, Inc., the truck owner, hired a contractor, and company representatives were on scene to direct action to clean up the spill. They placed engineering controls including containment booms on the bridge to prevent more asphalt oil from entering the creek and to minimize the impact to surrounding environmentally sensitive areas. DEQ and EPA staff are providing

oversight of cleanup activities. The Oregon Department of Transportation and the Cascade Locks Fire Department were also at the scene.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/50410317.html>

4. *July 6, Wayne Independent* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas rig buckles; worker hurt.** A natural gas drilling rig in Oregon Township, Pennsylvania partially buckled July 3, sending one company employee for medical treatment. The uppermost part of the drilling rig bent over, creating an upside down “v” shape at the top, while it was operating on a property in the township. Local emergency responders were called out to the property since a company employee was working on the part of the rig that collapsed, said the Beach Lake fire chief. “The guy actually climbed down himself,” he said. Chesapeake Appalachia, of West Virginia, is drilling the property for natural gas. The employee had a safety belt on that prevented him from plummeting to the ground. The company’s director of corporate development said the incident poses no danger to its employees or the general public. “The upper part of the derrick buckled and an investigation is underway to determine the cause. No spills of any kind occurred. One employee was injured and transported to...(a) hospital where he was treated and released,” the director said. The fire chief also noted there were no spills or any accidental natural gas releases. The company brought cranes on site on July 6 to repair the rig and facilitate the investigation, said the director.

Source: <http://www.wayneindependent.com/news/x135741218/Gas-rig-buckles-worker-hurt>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *July 9, Colbert County Times Daily* – (Alabama) **Biosolid facility closes its doors.** A controversial facility outside Leighton, Alabama that transformed treated human waste into a fertilizer supplement has ceased operations, a company official said. For about two years, Texas-based Synagro’s Leighton facility processed sewage sludge, including human waste transported to the Shoals from New York City. A Colbert County Commissioner said it appears the facility on Crockett Lane in rural Colbert County has been closed for several days. “Since we haven’t been informed of anything, my position is that Synagro has suspended operations,” he said. He speculated that the company left the area for a variety of reasons, including a lawsuit filed against the company in Franklin County and bills approved by the state Legislature that would allow residents in Colbert, Franklin and Lawrence counties to vote on whether they wanted biosolids distributed in their counties. The Synagro executive vice president and general counsel said the company has always adhered to existing federal, state and local laws and regulations required for land application of biosolids in Alabama. “However, recent changes in local regulations, the uncertainty of pending state legislative changes and economic considerations in general have impacted the Alabama operation,” he said. “Therefore, for the time being, Synagro has ceased its operations in Leighton and is evaluating the facility for future use, but has no near-term plans to resume operations

there.” Residents who lived near the facility complained of foul odors, and those living near farmland where the biosolid material was distributed were concerned with the possibility of groundwater contamination.

Source:

<http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20090709/ARTICLES/907095034?Title=Biosolid-facility-closes-its-doors>

6. *July 9, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Officials clean chemical leak in Fayette County.** Crews were called in overnight to clean-up a chemical spill in Fayette County. Officials say some hydrogen ammonia residue began leaking from a Norfolk Southern railroad car around 11 p.m. on July 8 in Brownsville. Authorities report that some people had to be evacuated from a local consolidated coal loading dock. The cause of the leak is under investigation.

Source: <http://kdk.com/local/Fayette.County.chemical.2.1078305.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *July 10, Richmond Times Dispatch* – (Virginia) **NRC reports small fire at North Anna nuclear plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) says there was a small fire in late April at Dominion Virginia Power’s North Anna nuclear power station. The NRC released a report Thursday quoting the utility as saying the fire occurred April 22 at 5 a.m. in a circuit breaker at North Anna’s Unit 1. Six-inch-high flames were found in the circuit breaker and were quickly extinguished, the utility told the NRC. There were no injuries and the 903-megawatt reactor remained at full power, the utility told the NRC. The utility said the fire occurred in a circuit breaker that is not safety-related and not required for safe shutdown of the reactor, one of two at the power station roughly 45 miles northwest of Richmond. The fire occurred about two weeks after Unit 1 had been brought back up to full power after being shut down for about a month for refueling and other maintenance.

Source:

http://www.timesdispatch.com/rtd/business/energy/article/NUKEGAT10_20090710-072601/279206/

8. *July 9, Mid Columbia Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Nuclear plant operating at reduced capacity so workers can fix leak.** The Columbia Generating Station in Richland, Washington, is operating at about 55 percent capacity so workers can fix a leak in a pipe in the nuclear power plant’s condenser system. The leak caused a small fire during the week of June 28-July 2 that forced the power plant off-line for several days. The plant went back online July 1, but operators decided Thursday to reduce production to 55 percent capacity so the leak can be safely repaired. Energy Northwest’s corporate communications officer said the plant was taken up to or close to full power so the leak could be found. “It wasn’t something they could determine when the plant was offline,” she said of the leak’s location. The condenser system will be replaced during the plant’s next refueling outage, scheduled for 2011.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/945/story/641801.html>

9. *July 9, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Fuel rods to be checked at German nuclear plant.** Suspected faulty fuel rods at an aging German nuclear power station prompted its Swedish operator to announce further checks on July 9 only days after a short circuit forced an emergency shutdown. All 80,000 rods at the Kruemmel plant will be examined from July 10 because “it looks as if one or several of the rods in the reactor is defective,” said the head of operator Vattenfall’s nuclear arm. Kruemmel, one of the oldest of Germany’s 17 nuclear power stations, suffered an emergency shutdown on July 4 after a short circuit in one of its transformers, and Vattenfall expects it to be offline for at least nine months. It was the second such incident in several days at the plant near Hamburg, which had only re-opened around a week earlier after two years of repairs following a malfunction in a transformer that had caused a fire and a shutdown.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g40dquUK1IZ7hc1VFzHsBbK9Q30A>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *July 9, Safety.BLR.com* – (National) **Shipyard worker compliance.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) 2009 update of its guidance document for the shipyard industry includes new information on fire protection, employer payment for personal protective equipment (PPE), and contamination issues related to hexavalent chromium. The 275-page document contains all safety and health standards specific to the shipyard industry (29 CFR Part 1915) as of July 1, 2008, as well as general guidelines for workplace safety and health programs for the industry. OSHA notes that hazards not covered by the shipyard industry standards may be covered by the general industry standards at 29 CFR Part 1910. Where a hazard is covered by both the shipyard industry standards and the general industry standards, only the shipyard industry standard will be cited by OSHA inspectors. The standard’s subpart on fire protection in shipyard employment includes sections on implementing a fire safety plan, fire watches, and fire response. The payment for PPE section advises employers of their obligation to provide PPE for workers at no cost to them. Hexavalent chromium has been added to the list of air contaminants whose concentrations should not exceed stated exposure levels.
Source: <http://safety.blr.com/news.aspx?id=113637>
11. *July 9, Sparta Expositor* – (Tennessee) **Philips fire shuts down plant.** A fire at Philips Luminares on McMinnville Highway in Sparta, Tennessee at approximately 11:30 a.m. on July 7 caused company officials to evacuate the plant and send employees home for the rest of the day. According to a man with Doyle/Mt. Gilead Volunteer Fire Department, the fire was primarily contained in the paint dryer room, located on the roof of the plant. He stated the fire started near a conveyor belt, which passes by gas heaters to dry paint on parts used in the manufacturing process. Assisting the Doyle/Mt. Gilead VFD in the incident were Hickory Valley, Central View and Sparta fire departments. Also lending assistance were members from BonDeCroft and Cassville volunteer fire departments, as well as Sparta-White County Rescue Squad, Emergency Medical

Services and White County Sheriff Department. The plant reopened and employees returned to work on July 8.

Source:

<http://www.spartaexpositor.com/articles/2009/07/09/news/doc4a55ec19a3f83588144999.txt>

12. *July 9, MyCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Hazmat called to South Plainfield firm; 2 businesses evacuated by fumes.** A chemical reaction at a South Plainfield industrial firm touched off a potentially noxious cloud of fumes on July 9, forcing the evacuation of two businesses but causing no injuries, according to local authorities. The incident occurred at about noon at Ferro Electronic Material Systems. “At about 4:30 this (on July 9) morning, there was a problem with one of their pumping systems, and they had to take nitric acid out of the system and put it into containers,” the town mayor said. “They then worked on the system.” However, as that work proceeded a few hours later, it became clear to the workers that one of the temporary holding containers, which contained about 300 gallons of the acid, was in danger of losing its lid because of pressure building inside it. The workers moved that container, as well as three others — all of which held from 100 to 300 gallons of the acid — to a location outside and behind the building, where the initial container’s top finally blew off, sending a yellowish-brown cloud into the air, authorities said. None of the other three temporary holding containers experienced any problem. The reason for the chemical reaction inside the fourth is under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20090709/NEWS/90709040/South+Plainfield+business+evacuated+for+HazMat+situation>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *July 10, Washington Post* – (National) **Pentagon tests: F-22 has maintenance shortcomings.** The United States’ premier fighter jet, the Lockheed Martin F-22, has recently required more than 30 hours of maintenance for every hour in the skies, pushing its hourly cost of flying to more than \$44,000, a far higher figure than for the warplane it replaces, confidential Pentagon test results show. The aircraft’s radar-absorbing metallic skin is the principal cause of its maintenance troubles, with unexpected shortcomings — such as vulnerability to rain and other abrasion — challenging Air Force and contractor technicians since the mid-1990s, according to Pentagon officials, internal documents and a former engineer. While most aircraft fleets become easier and less costly to repair as they mature, key maintenance trends for the F-22 have been negative in recent years, and on average from October last year to this May, just 55 percent of the deployed F-22 fleet has been available to fulfill missions guarding U.S. airspace, the Defense Department acknowledged the week of July 6. The F-22s, which are assembled in Marietta by Lockheed Martin Corp, has never been flown over Iraq or Afghanistan. “It is a disgrace that you can fly a plane (an average of) only 1.7 hours before it gets a critical failure” that jeopardizes success of the aircraft’s mission, said a Defense Department critic of the plane who is not authorized to speak on the record. Other

skeptics inside the Pentagon note that the planes, designed 30 years ago to combat a Cold War adversary, have cost an average of \$350 million apiece and say they are not a priority in the age of small wars and terrorist threats. Its troubles have been detailed in dozens of Government Accountability Office reports and Pentagon audits. But a key designer in the 1970s and 1980s of the F-16 and A-10 warplanes said that from the beginning, the Air Force designed it to be “too big to fail, that is, to be cancellation-proof.” Skin problems — often requiring re-gluing small surfaces that can take more than a day to dry — helped force more frequent and time-consuming repairs, according to the confidential data drawn from tests conducted by the Pentagon’s independent Office of Operational Test and Evaluation between 2004 and 2008.

Source:

http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/cobb/stories/2009/07/10/F_22_maintenance_marietta.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *July 10, IDG News Service* – (National) **Text message scammers quietly prey on regional banks.** Law enforcement and security experts say that for more than a year now, scammers have been using scam text messages to prey on small regional banks and their customers. And according to a report set to be released on July 14 by Cisco Systems, the problem has only been getting worse in recent months. “It’s a serious problem,” said a security researcher with Cisco. Here is how the scam works. The criminals pick a bank, say a credit union in Medford, Oregon, then they bombard every phone in Medford’s 541 area code with a phishing message sent by SMS (Short Message Service) telling the victims to call a fake 800 number that looks like it is from a local credit union. Because they are targeting a bank in the region, the bad guys have a pretty good chance of hitting real customers who may not have heard about the scam. The scammers use the open-source asterisk software to set up a fake voice-operated system and steal information when people enter their account numbers, passwords and other sensitive information to authenticate themselves on the system. When the criminals use this information to transfer money overseas, the banks take the loss. By targeting regional banks, the scam has managed to stay somewhat under the radar and not attract a lot of attention, said a computer crimes specialist with the National White Collar Crime Center. Big banks have large security teams set up to tackle this type of fraud, but with a regional institution such as a credit union, “their entire IT team for the bank might be only five people,” he said. Another problem for the banks is that the scam subverts one of the main techniques that banks and security experts have been trying to drill into their customer’s heads for years now, the specialist said. “We always say, ‘If you have any questions, call your bank, or they’ll call you.’ Well SMS is pretty close to calling your bank. It gets to the point where it’s like, ‘What do we tell people to do now?’”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9135372/Text_message_scammers_quietly_pr

15. *July 10, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. SEC, CFTC to police OTC derivatives – document.** The U.S. Treasury Secretary is expected to propose on July 10 giving securities and futures regulators authority to police the largely unregulated over-the-counter derivatives market, according to a document obtained by Reuters. “Our plan will help prevent market manipulation, fraud and other abuses by providing full information to regulators about activity in the OTC derivative markets,” the Treasury Secretary said in the testimony to be delivered to Congress. The \$450 trillion privately-traded global derivatives market includes credit default swaps, the financial instrument that nearly toppled insurer American International Group. Later on July 10, the Treasury Secretary is due to testify before two key Congressional committees on the government’s plan to regulate derivatives. According to the document, all major dealers such as JPMorgan Chase and Goldman Sachs would be subject to “substantial supervision and regulations,” including conservative capital requirements and strong business conduct standards. The Securities and Exchange Commission, which oversees securities, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which supervises futures markets, would have authority to impose recordkeeping and reporting requirements on the derivatives. The SEC and the CFTC would also have clear authority for civil enforcement and regulation of fraud, market manipulation and other abuses, the document said.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSLA35987820090710>
16. *July 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **SEC says California IOUs are ‘securities’ under U.S. law.** As expected, the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 9 decided that California’s IOUs are “securities” under the agency’s definition. The SEC’s move will not have any effect on the state’s ability to issue the IOUs, because the agency has no jurisdiction over state governments. Rather, the decision is aimed at limiting the potential for recipients of the IOUs to be defrauded by individuals or companies that offer to buy the scrip, which cash-strapped California is issuing to pay certain of its bills. The state says the IOUs will accrue tax-free interest at a 3.75 percent annualized rate and will be redeemed for cash on October 2. “As securities, the IOUs are subject to the antifraud provisions of the securities laws,” the SEC said in a statement. “As a result, buyers and sellers will have certain rights and remedies for fraud, and the Commission will be able to take action against any person committing fraud in connection with the purchase or sale of an IOU.”
Source: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/money_co/2009/07/as-predicted-the-securities-and-exchange-commission-late-today-decided-that-californias-iou-are-securities-under-the-a.html
17. *July 8, Reuters* – (New York) **NY says 13 indicted in \$100 million mortgage fraud.** Thirteen people and an unspecified mortgage origination company are under indictment for a \$100 million mortgage fraud scheme, the Manhattan District Attorney’s office said on July 8. Another dozen defendants who also participated in the purported scheme have already waived indictment and pleaded guilty, the District Attorney’s office said. The defendants include lawyers, bankers, appraisers and mortgage brokers, according to his office.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSTRE56742A20090708>

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Transportation Sector

18. *July 10, Daily Times* – (International) **Gulf countries suspend flights to Peshawar.** Airlines of Gulf countries have suspended flights to Peshawar, Pakistan due to “security reasons,” a private TV channel quoted Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) officials as saying on July 9. The airlines are Qatar Airways, Gulf Airways, and Etihad Airways, the channel said. The Peshawar airport was closed for all air traffic on June 17 due to the volatile law and order situation in the province and all Peshawar-bound flights were re-routed to Islamabad.
Source: http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=2009\07\10\story_10-7-2009_pg7_2
19. *July 10, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Gulf MTA bans driver phones.** In the wake of fatal transit accidents across the nation, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has adopted a zero-tolerance policy under which any bus or train operator found using a cell phone or text-messaging device on the job will be fired, even for a first offense. The MTA took the action shortly after the Washington Metro system announced a similar change July 9 morning, scrapping a “three-strikes-and-you’re-out” policy and vowing to fire violators outright. Texting has been identified as a major factor in rail accidents — and 25 deaths — in California and Massachusetts during the past year. The Maryland and Washington systems, meanwhile, are investigating recent rail accidents that left a total of 11 people dead. An MTA spokeswoman said the agency will inform its operators’ union of the change but will not bargain over it. “There is no negotiation when it comes to public safety,” she said.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/commuting/bal-md.mta10jul10,0,6335361.story>
20. *July 10, Aviation Herald* – (California) **Northwest A332 near San Francisco on Jul 9th 2009, engine failure.** A Northwest Airlines Airbus A330-200, performing flight NW-27 from San Francisco, California to Tokyo Narita (Japan) with 194 people on board, suffered a compressor stall on the left hand engine while climbing towards FL230. The crew decided to return to San Francisco, where the airplane performed a safe automatic overweight landing on runway 28R with emergency services on standby about 25 minutes after the compressor stall and taxied directly to the apron.
Source: <http://avherald.com/h?article=41c6fd01&opt=4865>
21. *July 9, Associated Press* – (International) **Egypt arrests group it says plotted Suez attacks.** Egyptian authorities arrested 25 people on suspicion of plotting attacks on oil pipelines and ships in the Suez Canal, the interior ministry said in a statement on Thursday. The group, which Egypt said had links to al-Qaida, was made up of two dozen Egyptians — most of them engineers and technicians — and their Palestinian leader. They also had contacts with militants in the Gaza Strip, the ministry said. “They believe in takfiri and jihadi thought,” a ministry statement said, referring to the radical

Sunni Muslim ideology espoused by groups like al-Qaida. The group planned to use explosives rigged with mobile phone-activated detonators against shipping in the busy Suez Canal, and learned about explosives from al-Qaida militants on jihadi Web sites, the statement said. One of the suspects in the case announced on July 9 crossed into the Gaza Strip to meet up with the Palestinian Army of Islam group to receive instructions on attacking vital and important targets in Egypt, the ministry said. A group by that name did once operate in Gaza, but was later dismantled by the local Hamas rulers. Also July 9, a security official in northern Sinai said 1,550 pounds (700 kilograms) of TNT destined for Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip was found during a search of a storage area outside the city of el-Arish in the northern Sinai Peninsula. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media, said no arrests were made. In Lebanon, meanwhile, a military court convicted 12 Palestinians, also described as inspired by al-Qaida, of committing terrorist attacks. Five of them were sentenced in absentia and given life in prison. All the defendants, most of whom are Palestinians, were members of the militant Fatah Islam group, which battled Lebanese troops for three months in northern Lebanon in 2007. The 12 were found guilty of carrying out bomb attacks in the north and south of the country and establishing an armed gang with the aim of attacking people and weakening state authority.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i_GCwpmlQ9nMiAwKBHw3C16EwOUAD99B5ERO0

22. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Tampering suspected in 22-car Ind. derailment.** Authorities say dozens of rail cars barreled about four miles down a western Indiana rail line without anyone in control, with 22 cars derailing after crashing into a barrier at the end of the line. No one was injured by the derailment on July 8 in Sullivan, and officials suspect someone tampered with the cars that had been parked in long-term storage at a former Sullivan County coal mine. State police say the cars were carrying potash, a mineral used in the production of agricultural fertilizer. Authorities do not believe it poses any threat to the rural area about 25 miles south of Terre Haute. An Indiana Rail Road Co. spokesman says the clean up is expected to cost nearly \$1 million. The company is offering a \$20,000 reward for information about the tampering.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-in-storagecarsderail,0,565960.story>

23. *July 8, Times of Trenton* – (New Jersey) **Amtrak bridge stirs concern in Hamilton.** The integrity of an aging railroad bridge that crosses Nottingham Way is under scrutiny because concrete structures at its base have gaping holes and cracks. The Amtrak-owned span and its underpinnings were the focus of an engineering study that Hamilton Township commissioned three years ago, records show. Although that study concluded that the integrity of the bridge was not in jeopardy as a result of the crumbling concrete at its base, one Robbinsville woman recently flagged what she describes as worsening deterioration in the concrete. The area beneath the bridge has flooded often during the years and alleged that many large trucks have gotten stuck under the overpass after miscalculating its 12-foot-6-inch clearance. Although the Maser report concluded that

the bridge does not pose a public hazard, it recommended replacement as soon as possible of the sidewalks on either side of the underpass, the concrete retaining walls along Nottingham Way and the metal railing bordering the elevated sidewalks. Despite those recommendations three years ago, no work has occurred in that time to improve the conditions at the railroad bridge.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/times/regional/index.ssf?/base/news-17/1247025932250910.xml&coll=5>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

24. *July 9, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Vandals blow up mailboxes, garbage cans.** Police are looking for vandals responsible for blowing up mailboxes and garbage cans overnight in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood. One plastic garbage can was blown into pieces after some kind of explosive was placed inside. Mailboxes in the area were also targeted, and one at Northwest 95th Street was blown off its post. Residents reported hearing explosions between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Thursday. Gunpowder marks could be seen on some of the damaged trash cans.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/20004055/detail.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

25. *July 10, Philadelphia Enquirer* – (New Jersey) **FDA monitors chocolate factory after death.** One day after a worker at a Camden factory fell to his death in a vat of chocolate, federal authorities were at the facility on July 9 to make sure the company did not ship chocolate that had come into contact with the victim. The company, Lyons & Sons, had not shipped the chocolate the victim fell into, and will allow Food and Drug Administration officials to monitor its destruction, said an FDA spokeswoman. On July 8, a man fell from a nine-foot platform as he tossed blocks of cocoa extract into a 120-degree tank that was mixing and melting the material into Hershey's chocolate, authorities said. Inside the vat, he was hit with a mechanical paddle, and rescue attempts were unsuccessful. The Camden County Prosecutor's Office believes the death was accidental; the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is continuing to investigate. Questions remained about whether Moorestown-based Lyons and its subsidiary Cocoa Services were legally allowed to operate the factory.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/nj/20090710_FDA_monitors_chocolate_factory_after_death.html

26. *July 9, PNTOnline.com* – (Texas) **Egg plant in Parmer County on fire.** Four buildings with laying hens were destroyed by fire on July 9 at the Cal-Maine egg plant near U.S. Highway 60 and Farm to Market Road 3333 in Parmer County. The fire started about 6

p.m. when Cal-Maine's employees were heading home for the day, the Parmer County sheriff said. The cause of the fire was not known by the night of July 9, but the sheriff said he believes it was accidental. He would not estimate how many chickens were killed, but Cal-Maine officials said during construction in 2007 they expected the plant to house about 1.5 million laying hens in nine laying houses. Those chickens were expected to produce more than 1 million eggs per day. It took firefighters more than three hours to contain the blaze, which could be seen from Clovis, more than 20 miles away. The sheriff said it consumed four buildings and damaged several others.

Source: <http://www.pntonline.com/news/fire-17891-mdt-scene.html>

27. *July 9, United Press International* – (National) **Salmonella concerns prompt sprouts recall.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the recall of Kowalke Family Sprouts-brand alfalfa products because of possible contamination. The FDA said Mike's Produce Inc. of Los Angeles initiated the voluntary recall because the product might be contaminated with salmonella bacteria, which can cause life-threatening illness. The recall involves all Kowalke Family Sprouts-brand alfalfa products with sell-by dates of June 18-30. The problem was identified when a sample taken at a retail location with a June 21 sell-by date tested positive for salmonella. Kowalke alfalfa products are sold in 4-ounce, 8-ounce, 1-pound and 5-pound clear plastic, clam shell packages. Two other Kowalke products also contain alfalfa sprouts — dinner salad in a 6-ounce package and an onion/alfalfa mix in a 4-ounce package.

Source: <http://www.timesoftheinternet.com/90646.html>

28. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Police arrest last 4 protesters blocking logging.** The last of the protesters suspended in trees and homemade structures to block a timber sale on the Elliott State Forest were arrested on July 9. The Oregon Department of Forestry said logging could resume as early as July 10 on the Umpcoos Ridge No. 2 timber sale. Twenty-seven people were arrested over two days and sent to jail in Roseburg, where they were to face charges of interfering with an agricultural operation, the state police lieutenant said. Activists said they hoped to protect native forest that serves as fish and wildlife habitat, and prevent the release of carbon that would contribute to global warming. About 50 activists took up positions blocking a road leading to the logging operation on July 6, culminating an annual gathering of Earth First and Cascadia Rising Tide activists. About half of them left when warned that arrests would begin. A Department of Forestry spokesman said trenches dug in the logging road as part of the blockade had to be repaired and a safety check done of the logging site before loggers could return to work.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/sharedcontent/APStories/stories/D99B5S1O3.html>

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Water Sector

29. *July 10, Kenosha News* – (Wisconsin) **Water utility officials call for more security.** Kenosha Water Utility officials are calling for increased security at their Simmons

Island production plant, but some aldermen are hoping access to the lakefront can be retained despite those measures. Kenosha Water Utility officials have looked at various options for improving security at the O. Fred Nelson Production Plant, on 51st Place at the eastern end of Simmons Island. On July 6, a plan to place a gate and fence on Simmons Island, just east of the Kenosha History Center, was presented to the city's Board of Water Commissioners. "It would limit the access down to the water plant," the general manager for the Kenosha Water Utility said. "The parking lot at the history center would be the end of the road, when the gate was closed. But the gate would not be closed all the time, mostly at night. And pedestrians can always go there; it's the vehicles that are our biggest concern." The chairman of the Board of Water Commissioners said he would like to see security improved and lakefront access maintained, but he thinks security should be the priority. The gate was estimated to cost about \$35,000, but other options could cost up to \$500,000.

Source:

http://www.kenoshanews.com/news/water_utility_officials_call_for_more_security_5752804.html

30. *July 9, WDBJ 7Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Hazmat crews work chlorine leak at water treatment facility.** Hazmat crews have cleared the scene of a chlorine leak at the Falling Creek Water Treatment Facility in Bedford County, Virginia. The gas leak posed no danger, because the facility is about a mile away from homes in the area. Water at that treatment plant comes from Falling Creek and Beaver Dam, where it is then treated and sent to residents of Southeast Roanoke City, a spokesperson said. The treatment plant was off line at the time of the leak. It has been closed all week while repairs to the dam are made.

Source: <http://www.wdbj7.com/Global/story.asp?S=10669779>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *July 10, BBC News* – (International) **Concern over Ebola virus in pigs.** A form of Ebola virus has been detected in pigs for the first time, raising concerns it could mutate and pose a new risk to humans. Ebola-Reston virus (REBOV) has only previously been seen in monkeys and humans — and has not caused illness. But researchers are concerned that pigs might provide a melting point where the virus could mutate into something more menacing for humans. The new discovery — in the Philippines — is featured in the journal *Science*. However, the researchers, from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, stress that the virus at present appears to pose no risk to humans. It has been detected in farm workers who tend the infected pigs, and they have shown no signs of illness. However, writing in *Science*, the researchers said: "REBOV infection in domestic swine raises concern about the potential for emerging disease in humans and a wider range of livestock."

Source: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/8143823.stm>

32. *July 10, Reuters* – (National) **Medtronic recalls some Paradigm sets used by diabetics.** Medtronic Inc said it was recalling specific lots of its Paradigm Quick Set

infusion sets that are used with Minimed Paradigm insulin pumps because they may not work properly. The company said on Friday it recently discovered that about 60,000, or 2 percent of the infusion sets of “lot 8”, may not allow the insulin pump to vent air pressure properly. Medtronic said it was working with the Food and Drug Administration to resolve the issue and would replace the recalled infusion sets.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssHealthcareNews/idUSN1037100820090710>

33. *July 10, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **UC Irvine hospital uses faulty narcotics pumps, nurses union alleges.** The California Nurses Association filed a complaint with state regulators Thursday alleging that UC Irvine Medical Center has been using faulty pain control pumps that have caused at least five patients to receive an accidental overdose of narcotics. According to the complaint to the state Department of Public Health, which was made available to the Times, a nurse told supervisors in February that a patient had overdosed because of a malfunction with a Curlin infusion pump; the pumps allow patients to push a button to control how much painkiller they receive while recuperating from surgery. In that case, the error caused the device to release a dangerous overdose of narcotics all at once. In none of the cases did patients die or suffer lasting injuries. The hospital confirmed several of the overdoses but disputed the nurses union’s allegation that the facility is still using the problematic pumps. According to the complaint, the hospital knew of the potential dangers.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-uci-pain-pumps10-2009jul10,0,845179.story>

34. *July 9, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. plans for autumn swine flu vaccination campaign.** The United States is planning for a vaccination campaign against the new H1N1 flu that could move into schools and community centers, the Health and Human Services Secretary said on Thursday. She led off a “summit” of state and territorial officials to tell them what the federal government plans to do if the new swine flu virus continues its spread. It has killed at least 429 people globally and caused the first 21st century pandemic. U.S. officials say at least 1 million people in the United States have been infected, most with a mild to moderate case. Although federal health officials lead an annual seasonal influenza vaccination campaign, this one is likely to be different, she said. The new flu appears to hit older children and young adults harder, in contrast to seasonal viruses that disproportionately afflict the old. “We are likely to have a different target population,” she said. “We will be seeking partnerships with schools potentially and other vaccination sites.”

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE5683ZJ20090709?sp=true>

35. *July 9, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Forty-two defendants indicted in \$4.6 million Medi-Cal fraud case.** Federal and state authorities Thursday arrested 20 defendants accused of being part of ring that defrauded Medi-Cal out of nearly \$4.6 million by using unlicensed individuals to provide in-home care to scores of disabled patients, many of them children with cerebral palsy or developmental disabilities. The 20 defendants arrested this morning are among 42 defendants named in a 41-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on June 25. The indictment is part of an investigation called Operation License Integrity, a two-year investigation

conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, and the Office of the California Attorney General-Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse. The indictment alleges that the 42 defendants and two others, one of whom has already pleaded guilty to health care fraud charges, conspired to bill Medi-Cal nearly \$4.6 million for in-home licensed nursing services that were actually provided by unlicensed individuals.

Source: <http://losangeles.fbi.gov/dojpressrel/pressrel09/la070909.htm>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **84 sick cadets isolated at Air Force Academy.**

The Air Force Academy says 84 cadets with flu-like symptoms have been isolated and are being tested for swine flu. An Academy spokeswoman told the Gazette in Colorado Springs Thursday that most of the cadets are members of the incoming freshman class who began training June 25. She said the cadets under isolation in a dormitory began coughing and showing other upper respiratory symptoms over the past two days. The academy has contacted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Air Force Surgeon General's office. The spokeswoman says tests have been sent to a laboratory in San Antonio for analysis, and results are expected within 24 hours.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gp1gViXUMPLBjbAhs3EOHOJtbExgD99B8KDG0>

37. *July 8, Air Force Space Command* – (Wyoming) **Warren hosts national-level exercise.**

A simulated terrorist attack on a 90th Missile Wing ICBM launch facility provided the exercise scenario for Nuclear Weapon Accident/Incident Exercise 2009. This national-level exercise involving 11 federal agencies and 1,300 personnel was the largest and most complex exercise ever conducted at a missile base. Accident response and associated consequent management procedures are routinely practiced by local responders and the 90th Missile Wing; however, this exercise was made far more complex by the criminal aspect associated with terrorist activities. Close and careful coordination with a number of federal agencies, particularly the FBI, was essential to gather information swiftly to identify and capture the terrorists responsible for the attack. In addition to the FBI, major exercise players included the Department of Energy providing weapon system technical expertise, Homeland Security and FEMA for consequence management, U.S. Northern Command for operational command of the IRF/RTF, the State of Wyoming and the Wyoming Guard for initial response and logistical support, and Air Force Space Command for filling key RTF leadership positions.

Source: <http://www.afspc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123157807>

38. *July 7, Navy Times* – (Georgia) **High winds damage sub base in Georgia.** A violent blast of high wind during a June 22 thunderstorm did more than \$1 million worth of

damage at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Georgia, the East Coast homeport for ballistic missile submarines. None of the nuclear weapon systems was affected during the early evening microburst, said the base spokesman. “There was no damage to the submarines and no injuries,” he said. “There was no danger to the weapon systems or the boats.” The storm, however, did damage other facilities, including a pier where nuclear weapons are handled. “The wind damaged our cranes, buildings, government and personal vehicles, light poles and multiple fences,” he said. Also, a 60-foot section of roof was torn from a building at Explosives Handling Pier 2. The spokesman did not have a cost estimate of the damage but it was listed as a Class A mishap, which requires \$1 million in damage or loss of life. Microbursts are characterized by high wind downdrafts lasting a short duration during thunderstorms.

Source: http://www.navytimes.com/news/2009/07/navy_kingsbay_070709w/

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *July 8, Clarion News* – (Pennsylvania) **Two men charged with arson at Strattanville fire station.** Less than 24 hours after a Strattanville volunteer firefighter died at the scene of a rubbish fire, two 21-year-old men have been charged with arson after they allegedly attempted to set fire to the Strattanville, Pennsylvania, fire hall. According to court documents, the Strattanville Volunteer Fire Department was alerted to a roof fire at its own station at 12:55 a.m. July 7. The fire chief arrived at the scene and observed a small fire on the roof at the rear of the building. He quickly used a fire hook to pull what turned out to be burning clothing from the roof. The fire was extinguished with water. Court documents stated the fire caused more than \$500 in damage to the building’s fascia, drip edge and shingles.

Source: http://www2.theclarionnews.com/General_News/79655.shtml

40. *July 7, U.S. Government Accountability Office* – (National) **Coast Guard: Observations on the fiscal year 2010 budget and related performance and management challenges.** The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) on July 7 released a report, *Observations on the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and Related Performance and Management Challenges*. The U.S. Coast Guard conducts 11 statutory missions that range from marine safety to defense readiness. To enhance mission performance, the Coast Guard is implementing a modernization program to update its command structure, support systems, and business practices, while continuing the Deepwater program — the acquisition program to replace or upgrade its fleet of vessels and aircraft. This testimony discusses the Coast Guard’s (1) fiscal year 2010 budget, (2) mission performance in fiscal year 2008, the most recent year for which statistics are available; and (3) challenges in managing its modernization and acquisition programs and workforce planning. This testimony is based on GAO products issued in 2009 (including GAO-09-530R and GAO-09-620T) and other GAO products issued over the past 11 years — with selected updates in June 2009 — and ongoing GAO work regarding the Coast Guard’s newest vessel, the National Security Cutter. Also, GAO

analyzed budget and mission-performance documents and interviewed Coast Guard officials.

Source: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-09-810T>

41. *July 7, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Federal funds sought to fix fire stations.** Revamping San Francisco firehouses — and in some cases making sure they can withstand the next major earthquake — could be propped up by an infusion of federal funds. City fire officials have identified \$178 million in needed repairs and improvements to firehouses and other department-owned assets. They hope to raise that money through a \$580 million public safety bond that is expected to be placed on a June ballot next year. The funding shortfall is so dire that a fire engine can no longer be parked inside a firehouse on the eastern waterfront because its weight could collapse the pier upon which the station was built. To help address some of the department's most critical capital needs, officials plan to submit requests the week of July 6 for some of the \$210 million in federally borrowed funds that will be doled out to fire departments by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under the U.S. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Federal-funds-sought-to-fix-fire-stations-50092887.html>

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Information Technology

42. *July 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Twitter suspends accounts of users with infected computers.** Twitter is suspending the accounts of some users whose computers have fallen victim to a well-known piece of malicious software that has targeted other sites such as Facebook and MySpace. The malware, Koobface, is designed to spread itself by checking to see if person is logged into a social network. It will then post fraudulent messages on the person's Twitter account trying to entice friends to click the link, which then leads to a malicious Web site that tries to infect the PC. The popular microblogging service has had a strong impact as a new communication platform. But it is also being targeted by fraudsters and hackers, who are using it as a way to infect people's PCs with malicious software. Twitter is the latest site to be targeted by a Koobface variant, said a senior security advisor for Trend Micro. Other sites have included Bebo, Hi5, Friendster and LiveJournal, according to the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/168201/twitter_suspends_accounts_of_users_with_infected_computers.html

43. *July 10, Bloomberg* – (International) **South Korea blocks sites to help end cyber attacks.** South Korea blocked five Internet addresses to help end the cyber attacks that sought to cripple dozens of Web sites in the nation and the U.S. recently. Web sites based in the U.S., South Korea, Germany, Austria and Georgia may have spread malicious code, the Korea Communications Commission said on July 10. The software, whose targets included Korea's presidential office and the U.S. State Department, may

begin self-destructing from July 10 by erasing the hard drives of infected computers, according to Seoul-based Ahnlab Inc., the nation's largest maker of anti-virus software. South Korean and U.S. authorities are seeking to trace the attackers after they infected an estimated 20,000 computers using a tactic called "distributed denial of service" to crash Web sites by flooding them with data. While the scheme itself is common, the targeting of government sites and the coordinated nature of the assaults the week of July 6 was unusual, according to some security-industry officials. "I believe they want to warn the government," said a technical support director at Internet security firm Trend Micro Inc. in Taipei. "Most DDoS attacks are for a specific purpose — mostly it's them wanting to make money — but this time the purpose was to attack the Korean government and the U.S. government."

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=newsarchive&sid=aOuT0TQyU9lw>
See also: [Korea DDOS virus mission shifts to destroying, erasing data](#) and [S. Korea says attackers used IP addresses in 5 nations](#)

44. *July 9, Computer Associates & CNET News* – (International) **Users upset after CA anti-virus detects Windows system file as virus.** Users of Computer Associates anti-virus software were complaining on July 9 after the company's anti-virus software mistakenly identified a Windows XP systems file as a virus. Some customers were concerned that the Windows Service Pack 3 and files from the commercial Cygwin application files deleted when they could not find them. However, CA said the files were intact but quarantined and the file extensions were modified. CA said it learned on July 8 that its software had detected the file "Win32/AMalum.ZZQIA" as a false positive and was urging customers to update Signature 6606 to address the situation. Through its customer support CA also is offering a tool to search for the affected files and restore them to the original extension.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-10283199-83.html?part=rss&tag=feed&subj=News-Security

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

45. *July 10, Albuquerque Express* – (National) **"Space Internet" to link planets by 2011.** NASA missions are planning to adopt the Disruption Tolerant Networking (DTN) system, or "Space Internet," which has the potential to link planets, by the year 2011. According to a report in National Geographic News, the DTN system, which has entered another phase of testing, will allow astronauts to Google from the moon or tweet their observations from space. But DTN provides far more than a connection to check email. It is also essential for simplifying space command and control functions-such as power

production or life-support systems-crucial for future space initiatives. “You need an automated communications technology to sustain planetary exploration on the scale that NASA and others want to perform over the next decade,” said a senior research associate at BioServe Space Technologies at the University of Colorado, Boulder. “DTN enables the transition from a simple point-to-point network, like a walkie-talkie, to a true multimode network like the Internet,” he added. After a decade of development, DTN has advanced quickly over the past year, and NASA missions are planning to adopt the network by 2011.

Source:

<http://story.albuquerqueexpress.com/index.php/ct/9/cid/89d96798a39564bd/id/517325/cs/1/>

46. *July 9, Waco Tribune-Herald* – (Texas) **Grande restores Waco cable service after limited disruption.** About 20 percent of Grande Communications’ cable customers in Waco lost service on July 9 when a fiber accidentally was cut near the Grande headquarters at 7200 Imperial Drive. They lost cable service about 1:45 p.m., and did not get it restored until three hours later, said the general manager of Grande operations locally. The general manager said Grande’s Internet and telephone services were not affected. He said another company digging near Grande cut the main fiber, forcing Grande to find alternate fiber routes to restore service. He said crews probably will work all night restoring the main fiber.

Source: http://www.wacotrib.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/communities/breakingnews/entries/2009/07/09/grande_restores_waco_cable_ser.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **4-alarm fire in St. Johnsbury, Vt.** Firefighters battled a four-alarm fire in St. Johnsbury, Vermont that has displaced at least nine families. The fire was believed to have started late Thursday in a convenience store on Main Street, where the roof caved in. The fire spread to three buildings. There are apartments located above the store. The building is near the Fairbanks Museum. The town manager says there have been no injuries.
Source: http://www.fox44.net/Global/story.asp?S=10704662&nav=menu660_1
48. *July 8, Alva Review-Courier* – (Kansas) **One block on north side of Anthony, Kan., Main Street gutted in fire.** A fire gutted and devastated one city block on the north side of Main Street in downtown Anthony, Kansas, Wednesday. A gas explosion around 12:30 p.m. is believed to have sparked the blaze involving a trash truck and injuring a city employee, who was reportedly “seriously injured” in the explosion. Locals told the Newsgram that some businesses were lost or damaged in the 100 block of west Main St.: Video Max, the Wellness Center, Mueller Brothers (which has been there for decades), and the Learning Center. KWCH News reported eight or nine buildings were damaged. One of those buildings dates back to about 1883. Two blocks of Main Street were evacuated due to smoke. A Harper County dispatcher said at 9:20 p.m.,

Wednesday that four or five firefighters were treated for heat inhalation. Parts of Anthony lost electricity. The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to the dispatcher.

Source:

http://news.mywebpal.com/news_tool_v2.cfm?pnPID=348&NewsID=963619&CategoryID=7227&show=localnews&om=1

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

49. *July 9, FOX News* – (New York) **NYPD probes beheading of Statue of Liberty replica seen on YouTube video.** Police in New York City are scrambling to locate the producers of a YouTube video that depicts a stolen replica of the Statue of Liberty blindfolded, beheaded and smashed into pieces — a display that one terror expert says is intended to “instill fear” in everyday Americans. The 59-second video shows the 8-foot, 200-pound replica statue, which was stolen from a Brooklyn coffee shop last month, being decapitated and pulverized — accompanied by the words “We don’t want your freedom” and “Death to America.” A NYPD detective told FOXNews.com that investigators are searching for whoever stole the statue. That individual or individuals could face charges of criminal possession of stolen property and grand larceny or petit larceny. Computer experts are also trying to determine who posted the video, the detective said. The video, which was dated July 4, was sent anonymously to the New York Daily News and to the owner of Vox Pop, a coffee shop known for left-wing-leaning political debate. The clip had been viewed at least 2,500 times as of midday Thursday. A \$250 reward has been offered for the statue’s return, the Post reported. Calls to the FBI in New York were not immediately returned.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,531062,00.html?test=latestnews>

50. *July 8, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Yosemite seeks ideas about crowd control.** Nine years after creating a plan to limit crowds in Yosemite Valley, National Park Service officials are starting over again. Fresno will be the first stop in a tour of cities from Sacramento to Pasadena where officials will seek public comment about protecting wildlife and banks of the Merced River from crowds. The Fresno meeting will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday. A federal judge ordered the new plan two years ago, agreeing with environmentalists that the National Park Service needs to put a firm limit on how many people can visit the Merced and adjoining areas. Environmental activists say the limit is needed because millions of people each year pass through Yosemite Valley, where the Merced is the main waterway. The plan also will help shape future road and construction projects in the valley.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/local/story/1523979.html>

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Dams Sector

51. *July 10, Lewiston Sun Journal* – (Maine) **Canton dam fix may be permanent.** Work on

the temporary dam on Whitney Brook in Canton, Maine, is holding well and the dam might be classified as permanent, the Board of Selectmen chairman told fellow board members on July 9. Permits would be required, he said. The chairman of the Dam Core Committee studying remedies for the failed dam, said taking out the rocks and boulders used to fix the dam breach would cause environmental damage downstream. The town took ownership of the dam last summer after the state ruled it a danger and the private owner failed to make repairs. The structure regulates the water level in Lake Anasagunticook.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/content/rumcantse10710-0>

52. *July 10, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Dam dirt might have blocked road culverts.**

The failure of a drain system dam in Laketown Township, Michigan might have contributed to the collapse of 32nd Street on the Ottawa-Allegan line during last month's heavy rains. And now the township faces spending about \$25,000 in repairs to the dam, the township Manager said July 8 — repairs that must be complete before the roads can be rebuilt. In the June 19 storms that dumped up to 7 inches of rain in the Holland area, an earthen section of the dam gave way. Material from the dam washed down to 147th Avenue and 32nd Street, blocking the culverts, he said. Both roads collapsed and are impassible. The drain board wants to replace the damaged dam with concrete instead of earth for \$50,000. Laketown will pay about \$25,000 and the rest will be paid for by Allegan County, Ottawa County, Park Township, and Holland. The dam needs to be complete first to prevent further downstream damage if more heavy rains occur. Both Allegan County and Ottawa County officials have requested that the governor declare their counties in a state of emergency.

Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x135747343/Dam-dirt-might-have-blocked-road-culverts>

53. *July 9, Houma Today* – (Louisiana) **Terrebonne Parish bolsters security at its pump stations.** Residents have become more active at watching for and reporting suspicious activity after Terrebonne officials publicized a rash of battery thefts at drainage pump stations across the parish, officials said on July 8. Since the parish released information about the thefts, no batteries have been taken, which can be attributed to residents' calling in to report suspicious cars and people around stations, the Public Works director told the Parish Council. In Terrebonne, local government controls 70 pump stations that drain about 80 percent of the parish's populated areas. The lack of a battery, necessary to start the pumps, puts the communities they drain at risk of flooding during heavy rain or storms, said a councilman. "We do in fact have a plan," he told the council. "A lot of it I prefer to keep private." A few of the planned measures: Red lights on the outside of stations will turn on when a battery is missing; the lights will alert station attendants and residents, who can call the drainage department; welded metal straps now hold the batteries in place; other interior and exterior, non-visible security measures; marking batteries with a brand only known by parish officials; Houma Police and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office; random checks by station attendants so potential thieves will not know when they could be caught; and continued Sheriff's Office and Houma Police patrols of stations. Another councilman said the changes will help both the parish and the public be more involved in protecting pump stations.

Source:

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20090709/ARTICLES/907099915/1211/NEWS01?Title=Terrebonne-Parish-bolsters-security-at-its-pump-stations>

54. *July 8, Muskogee Phoenix* – (Oklahoma) **Webbers Falls annexes Army Corps property.** The town of Webbers Falls has annexed the Webbers Falls Lock and Dam without notification to or permission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “That could end up in federal court,” said a spokesman for the Corps’ Tulsa office. He said the Corps had heard nothing about the annexation until the Phoenix made inquiry. “Any such annexation would require the permission of the Corps and would first go to the project manager — and he hasn’t heard anything,” he said later. A Muskogee County assessor said the property is in the name of the United States of America.
Source: http://www.muskogee phoenix.com/local/local_story_189222453.html

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