



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 6 June 2011

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- The Union City Daily Messenger reports two firefighters were injured and 15 homes in Obion, Tennessee were evacuated when a farm truck carrying toxic ammonium nitrate caught fire. (See item [6](#))
- According to msnbc.com; a new report found that more than half of Texas is suffering from drought, and that farmers and ranchers' losses could top \$4 billion if it doesn't abate soon. (See item [20](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *June 3, NBC, msnbc.com and Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **S.C. storms cut power, destroy governor's SUV.** Severe thunderstorms June 2 swept across South Carolina leaving more than 50,000 residents without electricity, downing trees, and damaging the governor's mansion. South Carolina Electric & Gas reported on its Web site that more than 50,000 customers were without power early June 3. Most of the

outages were in Lexington and Richland counties.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43263808/ns/weather/>

2. *June 3, Bloomberg* – (International) **Chevron’s Pembroke refinery ‘fully operational’ after explosion.** Chevron Corp.’s Pembroke refinery in Wales, the England’s fifth biggest, is “fully operational” after an explosion in a storage tank killed four people June 2. The Pembroke refinery has a processing capacity of 210,000 barrels a day, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. It processes crude mainly from the North Sea into fuels including diesel, gasoline, and jet fuel. There will be no changes to worker shifts June 3, a Chevron spokesman said. Another worker was hospitalized for serious injuries after the explosion in the tank undergoing maintenance led to a fire, San Ramon, California-based Chevron said June 2. An adjacent storage tank was also damaged, authorities said in a separate statement. An investigation is under way. The refinery continued to operate after the fire was extinguished June 2, a spokesman said. The workers were contractors, the company said.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/06/03/bloomberg1376-LM6CRN6S972J01-6PI5DINAFNHCHNVU2HD7ITVFGU.DTL>
3. *June 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. bills respond to natural gas explosion.** Utility companies in California would have to install automatic or remotely controlled shut-off valves on natural gas pipelines under a bill approved by the state senate. The bill responds to the deadly September gas explosion in the San Francisco Bay area city of San Bruno that killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes. The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pipeline had only a manual shut-off valve. Introduced by a Democratic senator of San Francisco, SB216 would require new shut-off valves on pipelines that cross an active earthquake fault or populated area. The bill passed the senate unanimously June 2, and was sent to the state assembly.  
Source: [http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/03/business-us-pipeline-explosion-california\\_8498495.html](http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/03/business-us-pipeline-explosion-california_8498495.html)
4. *June 2, West Deptford Patch* – (New Jersey) **No injuries in 295 crash, fuel spill.** No one was seriously hurt when a truck carrying diesel fuel crashed over a guardrail and landed on its side just south of Mantua Grove Road on Route 295 June 1 in West Deptford Township, New Jersey. State police said a tire blowout caused the crash that left the truck half in the woods, completely over the guardrail near Mantua Creek. Despite initial reports that several thousand gallons of diesel spilled, police said there was a leak from the truck’s fuel tank, rather than the main cargo container. It was unclear how much fuel spilled. The crash shut Exit 19 to southbound Route 295 from Mantua Grove Road starting around 5:50 p.m., as crews with heavy towing equipment began the process of removing the wreck from the side of the highway.  
Source: <http://westdeptford.patch.com/articles/no-injuries-in-295-crash-fuel-spill>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 2, Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia) **Jacksonville driver hurt as tractor-trailer rigs crash on U.S. 1 in Georgia.** U.S. 1 south of Waycross, Georgia, reopened about 3 p.m. June 2 after authorities cleared the wreckage of two tractor-trailer rigs that crashed and burned about 4:30 a.m. in fog that mixed with smoke from the suddenly active Race Pond Fire. A hazardous materials team from Jacksonville, Florida, arrived at 7:30 a.m. because one of the trucks was hauling chlorine, propane, and acetone. Georgia State Patrol troopers are investigating the crash assisted by Ware County sheriff's deputies.  
Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2011-06-02/story/jacksonville-driver-hurt-tractor-trailer-rigs-crash-us-1-georgia>
  
6. *June 2, Union City Daily Messenger* – (Tennessee) **Chemical fire erupts in Glass community; 2 firefighters airlifted.** Two firefighters had to be airlifted to Memphis, Tennessee, and 15 houses in the Glass community west of Obion had to be evacuated June 1 when a farm truck pulling a spreader buggy filled with ammonium nitrate caught fire, spreading toxic fumes in the area. Two firefighters with the Obion Volunteer Fire Department were transported by helicopter to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis after they were overcome by fumes from the ammonium nitrate, according to the Obion fire chief. Ammonium nitrate is used as a nitrogen fertilizer, but is also highly combustible and very toxic. The man had pulled off into the field when it is suspected a mechanical fire broke out in the truck, causing the ammonium nitrate to catch fire, a spokesman said. A reported explosion at the scene is suspected to have been caused by the tires blowing up. Also on the scene in addition to seven firefighters from Obion were members of the Obion County Rescue Squad, Obion County Sheriff's Department, and Hornbeak Fire Department.  
Source: <http://www.nwtntoday.com/news.php?viewStory=56822>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *June 3, Perkiomen Valley Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **Another 'scam' at Limerick nuclear plant.** For the second time the week of May 30, one of the two reactors at the Limerick Generating Station in Pennsylvania experienced an unscheduled shutdown. Unit 1 experienced an automatic "scram" at about 10:15 a.m. June 3, according to a spokesperson for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). "There were no complications during the shutdown, safety systems responded as expected, and the cooldown of the reactor is proceeding safely," he said via e-mail. "Workers were performing testing on plant instrumentation when the Unit 1 turbine tripped offline, automatically shutting down the reactor," the senior manager of communications with Exelon Nuclear said. Both said the precise cause of the shutdown was still under investigation. Unit 2, which just returned to service June 2, was operating at 93 percent

power June 3, the company said in a press release. The company said that there is no risk to the public, and that there were no injuries associated with the shutdown.

Source: <http://perkiomenville.patch.com/articles/another-scam-at-limerick-nuclear-plant>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *June 2, Business & Heritage Clarksville* – (National) **Model helicopters, sewing machines, baby hats on recall listing.** Janome America Inc. of Mahwah, New Jersey is recalling Elna Sewing Machines sold nationwide from September 2010 to April 2011. The wires inside the sewing machine can short circuit, posing a risk of fire. This recall involves the Elna eXcellence 740 sewing machine. The machine is white and navy with a digital touch panel. “Elna” and “eXcellence 740” are printed on the front of the machine. Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the machine, and return it to the store where it was purchased for a free repair. For more information, contact Janome at (800) 631-0183 or visit the firms Web site at [www.elnausa.com](http://www.elnausa.com). Source: <http://businessclarksville.com/2011/06/02/model-helicopters-sewing-machines-baby-hats-on-recall-listing/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. *June 3, UK Guardian* – (International) **Watford bank siege: police arrest second man.** Detectives June 3 arrested a second man over a high street bank bomb alert which sparked a 3-hour standoff with armed police in Watford, England. The suspect was held on suspicion of conspiracy to steal in connection with the incident at the Co-operative bank June 2, Hertfordshire police said. Police confirmed another man farrested immediately after the standoff was a Co-operative bank employee. Officers are questioning him on suspicion of conspiracy to steal. Watford town center was brought to a standstill when a man walked into the bank on Market Street at about 10 a.m. June 2, claiming to be carrying a bomb and threatening to blow up the building. Armed police and military bomb disposal experts went to the scene before the man gave himself up. Tests revealed the man’s device was harmless. Police stressed there was no suggestion that the incident was linked to terrorist activity. Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jun/03/watford-bank-siege-second-arrest>

10. *June 2, Toms River Patch* – (New Jersey) **2 residents indicted for alleged roles in mortgage fraud scheme.** A Toms River, New Jersey man is among 12 people indicted by a Bergen County grand jury for allegedly engaging in a mortgage fraud scheme that resulted in \$3 million worth of loans in default, authorities said. The man faces multiple charges as part of a 25-count indictment handed up in connection with an alleged scheme at Paragon Federal Credit Union in Montvale, according to a release from the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office. Authorities claim the man, the owner of Lighthouse Appraisals LLC of Toms River, conspired with others to perform property appraisals with pre-determined values that Paragon then used to approve loans for customers who otherwise would have not met income and/or property value requirements. Independent appraisers later hired to do retroactive property reports found the suspect’s appraisals were “grossly inflated,” authorities said. He was charged with: one count of theft by deception; five counts of forgery; one count of conspiracy to commit theft by deception; one count of financial facilitation of criminal activity; and one count of misconduct by a corporate official.  
Source: <http://tomsriver.patch.com/articles/2-residents-indicted-for-alleged-roles-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme>
  
11. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Grocery chain executive guilty of bank fraud.** The former chief financial officer of grocery wholesale co-op Affiliated Foods Southwest in Little Rock, Arkansas, was convicted June 2 of bank fraud, in what prosecutors allege was a scheme to cover up the defunct company’s losses. The man was found guilty of three counts now faces up to 30 years in prison for each count, according to a spokeswoman. One count accused the man of conspiring to commit bank fraud, another of adding and abetting bank fraud by taking part in a check-kiting scheme, and the third with aiding and abetting a false statement to a financial institution. Affiliated Foods was a wholesale cooperative that supplied hundreds of member grocery stores throughout the South. It also owned 45 stores in Arkansas and Texas, according to court documents. Its bankruptcy wiped out about \$34 million in member investments. Filings in bankruptcy court showed that more than 60 investors lost at least \$100,000.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Grocery-chain-executive-guilty-of-bank-fraud-1407214.php>
  
12. *June 2, Bloomberg* – (International) **Former Xinhua Finance chief Loretta Fredy Bush pleads not guilty to fraud.** The former chief executive officer of Xinhua Finance Ltd., accused of taking part in a \$50 million insider-trading scheme, said June 2 she is not guilty of defrauding investors and lying to regulators. She pleaded not guilty June 2 in federal court in Washington D.C. to charges of conspiracy, mail fraud and making false statements. Two former Xinhua board members indicted with the woman pleaded not guilty in May. The three are accused of using entities to disguise the sale of shares in China-based Xinhua from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and investors, and engaging in insider trading, according to the indictment. They are also accused of manipulating the company’s balance sheet to avoid impairment charges.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-02/ex-xinhua-finance-chief-loretta-fredy-bush-pleads-not-guilty-to-fraud.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *June 6, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Train collision at Union Station causes injuries.** An Amtrak train bound for southern Illinois collided with a Metra commuter train arriving at Chicago’s Union Station June 3, causing at least five injuries, fire officials said. At least one of the trains derailed, but an Amtrak spokesman said he didn’t know which one. He also said it was unclear if the collision caused the derailment, or a train derailed and caused the collision. An Amtrak spokesman on the scene said both trains were running slowly when the accident happened around 8:15 a.m. because they were in the station. He said there were 117 passengers and four crew members aboard the Carbondale, Ill,-bound train; Metra officials did not immediately say how many people were on the commuter train, which was on its Burlington Northern line that originated in Aurora, a western suburb. Neither rail company could say immediately how many cars were on the trains. The Amtrak spokesman on scene said late the morning of June 3 that all service on all west, east and southbound Amtrak trains was being suspended until the incident was investigated. He said Amtrak serves 100,000 passengers a day from Union Station.  
Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/Train-collision-at-Union-Station-causes-injuries-1408198.php>
  
14. *June 3, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska; Iowa) **The latest on flooding.** Missouri River floodwaters forced closure of Amtrak lines in Nebraska and Iowa. Amtrak said June 2 it was busing passengers between Lincoln and Omaha in Nebraska, and Creston, Iowa, because the rail line it uses has been closed for levee work. BNSF Railway closed its line from Omaha to a point just north of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, so the City of Omaha can construct a flood levee on the track. A BNSF spokesman said cargo is still moving, on a different line into and out of Omaha. The closure does affect the passenger line, so the company is temporarily using charter buses. Because the bus route is more direct than the train route, which follows the Missouri River for several miles, passengers are able to remain on schedule, officials said.  
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110603/NEWS01/706039903/1007>
  
15. *June 2, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Train cars go off tracks near Minot; no injuries.** About half a dozen cars of a BNSF Railway freight train went off the tracks west of Minot, North Dakota June 2. The Ward County Sheriff told KCJB radio that no one was hurt and no hazardous materials were involved. He said the cars tipped shortly before 5 a.m. at a spot where the track had shifted. There was no immediate word on when the tracks might reopen.  
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/default/article/Train-cars-go-off-tracks-near-Minot-no-injuries-1406530.php>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *June 3, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Suspicious substance in governor’s mail being investigated.** Michigan State Police and the FBI are investigating an envelope containing a suspicious substance that was discovered June 2 in the governor’s mail. A employee in the constituent services division, which responds to the governor’s mail, suffered a burning sensation on his hand about 2:15 p.m. when he opened an envelope at the Romney Building in Lansing, said a spokesman for the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget. The employee quickly washed the granular substance from his hand, causing the burning sensation to gradually diminish. He said the employee suffered no apparent injury, but as a safety precaution, he and nine other employees were evacuated from the office, and a Lansing Fire Department hazardous materials team was dispatched to the scene to investigate. The spokesman said it is not clear to whom the envelope was addressed because it was quickly placed in a separate bag, per protocol. But he added that virtually all mail in the office is intended for the governor. The spokesman said authorities are not sure what the black and white substance was. He said state police are testing it and are not sure when their analysis will be completed.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110603/NEWS04/106030323/Suspicious-substance-governor-s-mail-being-investigated?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *June 3, Ocala Star-Banner* – (National) **Chemicals in farm runoff rattle states on the Mississippi.** As the surging waters of the Mississippi River pass downstream, they leave behind flooded towns and carry forward a brew of farm chemicals and waste that in 2011 — given record flooding — is expected to result in the largest dead zone ever in the Gulf of Mexico. Studies show the main culprits are nitrogen and phosphorous from crop fertilizers and animal manure in river runoff. They settle at the mouth of the gulf and fertilize algae, which prospers and eventually starves other living things of oxygen. Government studies have traced most of the chemicals in the runoff to nine farming states, and decades after the dead zones began forming, there is little political common ground on how to abate the problem. Scientists who study dead zones predict the affected area will increase significantly this year, breaking records for size and damage. For years, environmentalists and advocates for a cleaner gulf have been calling for federal regulation. Since 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency has been encouraging all states to place hard and fast numerical limits on the amount of chemicals allowed in local waterways. Yet of the nine key farm states that feed the dead zone, only two, Illinois and Indiana, have acted, and only to cover lakes, not the rivers or streams that merge into the Mississippi.

Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20110603/ZNYT02/106033009/-1/news?Title=Chemicals-in-Farm-Runoff-Rattle-States-on-the-Mississippi&tc=ar>

18. *June 2, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **2 Colorado deaths linked to Listeria infection.** Colorado health officials said June 2 that two deaths in Denver were linked to a Listeria infection since May 20. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment epidemiologists and Denver Public Health and Denver Environmental Health are investigating three reported cases. All three involved people of Hispanic/Latino heritage. A male in his 30s and a female in her 60s died from the infection. On average, Colorado has about 10 cases of listeriosis per year. The investigation is ongoing and the source of the current outbreak is unknown. Consumption of food contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes* can cause listeriosis, an uncommon but potentially fatal infection.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/education/28116292/detail.html>
19. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; National) **Okla. company recalls chicken, ham products.** Allison’s Gourmet Kitchens, a Moore, Oklahoma-based food company, recalled almost 23,000 pounds of chicken and ham products due to mislabeling. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the recall was made because the packaging does not list the ingredients potassium sorbate and/or sodium benzoate. The affected products were sold between April 15 and May 18. The chicken salad was sold in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. The ham salad was distributed in Texas. The use-by dates on the packages range from May 27, 2011 to June 29, 2011. The agency said the labeling problem was discovered during a routine review.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7592915.html>
20. *June 2, msnbc.com, Reuters and Associated Press* – (Texas; Oklahoma) **Half of Texas now under severe drought.** A drought tightened its grip on Texas over the last week with more than half the state now suffering the most extreme level of drought measured by climatologists. A report released June 2 from a consortium of national climate experts said over the last week, Texas saw the highest levels of drought — rated as “exceptional” — jump from 43.97 percent of the state to 50.65 percent of the state. Meanwhile, to the north in Oklahoma, another key farming and ranching state, about 30 percent of the state continued to suffer severe and exceptional drought levels. The drought conditions have ravaged the region, sparking thousands of wildfires, drying up grazing land needed for cattle, and ruining thousands of acres of wheat and other crops. Texas farmers and ranchers have already lost an estimated \$1.5 billion, and officials said if the drought continues into June, losses for the nation’s second largest agriculture producer will top \$4 billion, making it the costliest season on record.  
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43253865/ns/weather/t/half-texas-now-under-exceptional-drought/>
21. *June 1, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* – (International) **CDC statement on outbreak of STEC 0104:H4 infections in Germany.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is following a large outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* O104, or STEC O104, infections in Germany. As of May 31, the Robert Koch Institute, Germany’s disease control and prevention agency, confirmed 6 deaths and 373 patients with hemolytic uremic syndrome, or (HUS) (kidney failure), a life-

threatening complication of E. coli infections. To date, no confirmed cases of STEC O104 infections have been reported in U.S. travelers to Europe. Two cases of HUS in the United States have been reported in persons with recent travel to Hamburg, Germany. CDC is working with state health departments to learn more about these two cases and to identify others. The CDC has contacted German public health authorities. It also has alerted state health departments in the United States of the ongoing outbreak. The agency requested they report to CDC any cases where people have either HUS or Shiga toxin-positive diarrheal illness, with illness onset during or after travel to Germany since April 1, 2011. The strain of STEC causing illness is very rare. CDC is not aware of any cases of STEC O104 ever being reported in the United States. Any person with recent travel to Germany with signs or symptoms of STEC or HUS, should seek medical care and let their provider know about the outbreak of infections in Germany and the importance of being tested.

Source:

[http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/s0601\\_coligermany.html?s\\_cid=2011\\_s0601\\_coligermany](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2011/s0601_coligermany.html?s_cid=2011_s0601_coligermany)

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## **Water Sector**

22. *June 3, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **Oceano sewage spill was likely preventable.** A sewage spill in Oceano, California following heavy rain in December 2010 might have been prevented but for two errors at the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District, a sanitation district administrator said June 1. Because of a closed discharge valve, a pump was not able to push the raw sewage quickly enough through the plant. If it had, the probability of a sewage spill would have been very low, according to a report the district sent the week of May 30 to the California Water Resources Control Board. The district administrator said he believes the valve was inadvertently left closed after maintenance at the plant. District staff estimated that 384,000 gallons of sewage spilled after floodwater flowed into the wastewater treatment plant and caused an electrical short that shut down four influent pumps about 10:30 a.m. December 19.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/06/02/1626825/oceano-sewage-spill-was-likely.html>

23. *June 3, Greenville News* – (South Carolina) **Water advisory lifted in Pickens, Anderson.** A boil water advisory that affected parts of Pickens and Anderson counties in South Carolina June 2 was lifted June 3 after the Anderson Regional Joint Water System received results of water testing that show the water is safe to drink. The problem stemmed from a blown cap on a water line when it had been put back into service after routine maintenance. The waterlines were flushed and cleaned, however residents had been advised to boil water until test results came back to ensure there were no further problems. The advisory had included Sandy Springs, Clemson,

Clemson University, Pendleton, Central, Williamston, and the Big Creek Water District, and the Northlake Condominium and Middleton Shores subdivisions off U.S. 76 on Lake Hartwell.

Source: <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20110603/NEWS/306020020/Water-advisory-lifted-in-Pickens-Anderson>

24. *June 3, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Ban on drinking water lifted.** The ban on drinking tap water in Somerset, Massachusetts was lifted June 2 after testing showed it is not dangerous to consume. The superintendent of the water department said the ban was lifted after water sampled from six locations showed contaminants to be either very low or undetectable. There were no reports of sickness from the water. Town officials issued the ban May 31 after a landscaping company possibly tainted the water supply with hydro seeding material, including fertilizer, when tapping into a fire hydrant. The ban prompted many restaurants in town to shut down a run on bottled water. Police said charges against the hydro seeding company are likely.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/28120727/detail.html>

25. *June 3, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Piney Point water toxicity results still to come.** More than 20 million gallons of potentially dangerous water has been discharged into Tampa Bay to relieve pressure on a leaking reservoir at the former Piney Point phosphate plant in Florida, yet state officials said June 2 they will not know what is in the water in Manatee County until at least the middle of next week. The water being dumped into Bishop Harbor and Tampa Bay comes from a dredging operation at Port Manatee, located across U.S. 41 from the former phosphate plant. The water contains sand and potentially a host of dangerous chemicals associated with the operation of the port, including oil, heavy metals, and other industrial waste. The leak at the reservoir was first detected May 11; the dredge material continued to be pumped into the reservoir until May 20. Nine days later, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ordered the several hundred million gallons of dredge water be dumped into Tampa Bay to prevent a “catastrophic” collapse of the radioactive phosphogypsum stacks that serve as walls for the reservoirs. Initially, about 4 million gallons a day was being discharged into nearby waterways. That slowed to about 3.5 million gallons a day, a DEP spokesperson said. The leak was likely caused by equipment used in the dredging project, which should be complete in just over a month.

Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110602/ARTICLE/110609904/-1/sports?p=all&tc=pgall>

26. *June 2, CNET News* – (California) **SF utilities agency warns of potential breach.** The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) in California is warning its customers their personal data may have been exposed in a recent breach, a SFPUC spokesman said June 2. SFPUC noticed in mid-May that an unsecured server storing customer data had some viruses on it. It is unclear how the server got infected with the viruses, the spokesman said, adding “it looked like someone had found an open port on the server and dumped a bunch of viruses on it.” A file on the server contained customer names, account numbers, addresses, phone numbers, and some e-mail addresses for SFPUC’s 180,000 customers, but did not contain any financial data, he

said. “The server was open (to the Internet) and had an encoded file on there with all of our customer data.” The file was in plain text but the data was somewhat jumbled, making it difficult to correctly match data to specific customers, he added. “There was no indication that any information was taken.”

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080\\_3-20068386-245/sf-utilities-agency-warns-of-potential-breach/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20068386-245/sf-utilities-agency-warns-of-potential-breach/)

27. *June 2, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Sewer discs wash ashore in Matunuck.** Sewer discs that have appeared at northern New England beaches started to show up in Rhode Island June 2. Several of the discs washed ashore at East Matunuck state beach. A spokesman from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM), said 4 million discs were accidentally discharged from a sewage treatment facility in Hooksett, New Hampshire in March. They have already appeared at beaches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He said they could wash up on other local beaches too. DEM has crews out looking for more sewer discs during cleanup in the early mornings.

Source: <http://www2.turnto10.com/news/2011/jun/02/6/sewer-discs-found-e-matunuck-beach-ar-516302/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

28. *June 3, Birmingham News* – (Alabama) **4,500 patient records stolen from Trinity Medical Center.** A woman was charged June 2 with stealing 4,500 patients’ medical records from Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama, possibly with the intent of using them for identity theft. The 26-year-old woman was arrested June 2 by U.S. Postal inspectors, who said they found hundreds of pages with names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers at a house in Alabaster where she was staying. The files spanned several years, including before 2006, when Trinity was still Montclair Baptist Medical Center. Trinity officials said surgery schedules were stolen from a closed patient registration area. The woman was charged June 2 with violating the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and released on an unsecured bond of \$5,000. According to the charging document, she said she had taken the records from the hospital when visiting a patient there between March 22 and April 1. In addition to the patient data, the inspector said he found handwritten notes with some people’s personal information that could be used for identity theft, plus a sort of “to do” list for fraud.

Source: [http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2011/06/4500\\_patient\\_records\\_stolen\\_fr.html](http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2011/06/4500_patient_records_stolen_fr.html)

29. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Staph infection outbreak in newborn ICU at Alaska hospital.** Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska, is dealing with an outbreak of a drug-resistant staph infection in babies in its newborn intensive care unit, officials said. Since March, 14 babies at the hospital have contracted mild or moderate infections caused by Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. A state epidemiologist said 17 other infants have been found carrying the bacteria on their skin

or noses, but did not get sick. It is the first time such an outbreak has occurred in the Providence newborn intensive care unit, though such outbreaks have occurred in other newborn intensive care units around the country, Providence's director of infection control said. It has been several weeks since any new infections were discovered, and there are no active cases, the Anchorage Daily News reported June 2. Providence operates the only Level 3 neonatal intensive care unit — for the most fragile newborns, including those on ventilators — in Alaska.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/nation/5737778-418/staph-infection-outbreak-in-newborn-icu-at-alaska-hospital.html>

30. *June 2, City News Service* – (California) **Five San Diego County hospitals penalized for variety of public safety violations.** Five hospitals in San Diego County, California, were assessed penalties June 2 by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for failing to follow policies that ensure patient safety. They were among 12 medical centers around the state that were cited. Palomar Medical Center was fined \$75,000 for the 2010 death of a cancer patient who received a dose of morphine 33 times stronger than she was supposed to receive. Pomerado Hospital was fined \$75,000 because a confused and agitated patient was left unattended in 2010, and he got out of bed and fell, suffering skull fractures and bleeding within his brain. He died 4 days later. Scripps Encinitas Medical Center was fined \$50,000 for leaving a piece of medical equipment inside the abdomen of a 66-year-old woman who underwent surgery in 2010. Scripps Memorial Hospital was fined \$75,000 for leaving a 28-inch guide wire for a medical device inside an 82-year-old patient's right femoral artery for 29 days in 2009. Sharp Memorial Hospital was fined \$25,000 for the 2008 death of a heart attack patient given an overdose of a drug by a nurse the agency said was not competent to work in the intensive care unit. The facilities can appeal within 10 days. Otherwise, they have to submit plans to correct the problems to prevent future incidents.

Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/2011/06/02/five-san-diego-county-hospitals-penalized-for-variety-of-public-safety-violations/>

31. *June 1, iHealthBeat* – (Arizona) **Study: Faulty pharmacy alert systems missing risky drug interactions.** The computer systems used by pharmacies to flag potentially dangerous drug combinations before a prescription is filled often are flawed, according to a University of Arizona study published in the *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*, the *Arizona Republic* reports. From December 2008 to November 2009, the researchers tracked activities at 64 independent, chain-operated, and hospital pharmacies in Arizona. Researchers tested the pharmacy computer systems using a fictional patient who was taking a regimen of 18 drugs primarily for cardiovascular problems. Thirteen of the drugs the patient requested were considered “clinically significant” — meaning they likely are harmful when paired with another drug on the patient's regimen. The researchers used a “pass/fail” system to indicate whether the various pharmacy computer systems were able to identify the fictional patient's medication regimen as potentially harmful. Only 28 of the 64 pharmacies identified the dangerous drug interactions. According to the *Arizona Republic*, there are a number of potential theories explaining why more drug interactions are not flagged, including: outdated systems; pharmacies' turning off some alert settings to cut back on being

overwhelmed by alerts; and inconsistencies in the drug databases on which the systems rely to generate alerts.

Source: <http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2011/6/1/study-faulty-pharmacy-alert-systems-missing-risky-drug-interactions.aspx>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

32. *June 3, Columbia Patch* – (Maryland) **Transformer explosion knocks out UMBC power.** The University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) campus in Catonsville, Maryland was closed June 3 because of a power outage. A transformer explosion at UMBC knocked out power to the campus and threw a massive fireball into the sky June 2. Around 8:40 p.m., one of several transformers adjacent to the campus police headquarters exploded, causing several small grass fires nearby. The explosion occurred within minutes of the conclusion of the graduation ceremony of Lansdowne High School at the Retriever Activity Center, and heat could be felt all the way to the fine arts building. The grass fires were put out by campus police officers using fire extinguishers. Baltimore County Fire Department equipment responded. According to Breaking News Network, firefighters inspected several buildings on campus for the presence of smoke. The explosion spewed an oily substance over an area about 100-foot wide, including the side of the police station building, and two police cars parked out front.

Source: <http://columbia.patch.com/articles/transformer-explosion-knocks-umbc-power>

33. *June 2, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey school evacuated after gas released from refinery.** Officials emptied Paulsboro High School in New Jersey after a nearby oil refinery released sulfur dioxide into the air June 2. A Paulsboro police lieutenant said the gas made the school smell like rotten eggs. It is not unusual for a large release of the gas from the refinery, he said, but it is rare the school must be emptied and the fire department brought in. Hot weather is believed to be a factor. The school was emptied around 9 a.m., and students were expected back later in the morning. Sulfur dioxide is considered toxic in big amounts in unventilated areas. It can cause short-term breathing problems.

Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/ap/new\\_jersey/new-jersey-school-evacuated-after-gas-released-from-refinery/article\\_cd22c555-7aab-5379-89f7-d54e48901675.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/ap/new_jersey/new-jersey-school-evacuated-after-gas-released-from-refinery/article_cd22c555-7aab-5379-89f7-d54e48901675.html)

34. *June 2, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. teen charged in Facebook school board threats.** Police said a Bethlehem, Pennsylvania teen upset about education cutbacks threatened on Facebook to kill local school board members. The suspect was charged with 12 counts of terrorist threats. He was arrested May 31 at Liberty High School, where he is a senior. The Bethlehem superintendent said the threats were posted in an online discussion with other students about the effect of budget cuts. Police said the teen wrote about having weapons, killing the school board, and taking over the school. A teacher saw the posts and contacted administrators, who told police.

Police found no weapons at the suspect's house. He is jailed on \$200,000 bail.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/Global/story.asp?S=14831605>

35. *June 2, Oshkosh Northwestern* – (Wisconsin) **Oshkosh teen charged in connection with gun threat, school lockdowns.** Charges were filed June 2 against an Oshkosh, Wisconsin teen who prompted emergency lockdowns at six schools and a district office building when he threatened to bring guns to school and kill his ex-girlfriend earlier in the week. The 17-year-old West High School student was charged with physical abuse of a child, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and possession of marijuana following an investigation into the threats he made May 31. The charges carry a combined maximum penalty of 7.5 years in prison and fines of \$22,000. According to the criminal complaint: “(The student) on Tuesday morning called the mother of his ex-girlfriend, a 15-year-old West High student, on her business phone to say that we was bringing guns to the school to kill the ex-girlfriend before coming after the rest of the family. The mother notified the police liaison officer at West High of (the suspect's) threats. Emergency lock-down procedures were activated by noon at West, Lourdes High School, St. John Neumann Middle School, Perry Tipler Middle School, Franklin Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School, and the District Administration Building. The lockdown ended shortly after 12:20 when police arrested (the student) at his home.” The teen is being held in Winnebago County Jail on a \$5,000 cash bond.

Source:

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20110602/OSH0101/110602104/Update-Oshkosh-teen-charged-connection-gun-threat-school-lockdowns>

36. *June 2, WJHG 7 Panama City* – (Florida) **Suspicious package found at bomb school.** A 9-1-1 call went out just after noon June 2, reporting a suspicious package found at the Department of Defense's bomb school outside of Mossy Head on Eglin Air Force Base near Valparaiso, Florida. According to a report from WZEP, the caller was unsure if the package was a real bomb or a training aid. Emergency responders were dispatched, but called off when officials at the bomb school said they did not need any assistance taking care of the potential bomb. Students at the bomb school are trained in the identification and disposal of hazardous materials, such as terrorist improvised explosive devices.

Source:

[http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/Suspicious\\_package\\_found\\_at\\_bomb\\_school\\_123043488.html?ref=488](http://www.wjhg.com/news/headlines/Suspicious_package_found_at_bomb_school_123043488.html?ref=488)

37. *June 2, Marietta Daily Journal* – (Georgia) **Courthouse evacuated after bomb threat.** The Cobb County State Courthouse in Marietta, Georgia was evacuated and a small fire was found and extinguished after a bomb threat was called in June 2, according to the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. An unknown caller phoned 911 around 9 a.m. and said a bomb “had been placed” in the state court building on 12 East Park Square, the sheriff's office indicated. A Marietta Police spokeswoman said Marietta Police were called to help the sheriff's office block off the streets near the courthouse. East Park Square and Lawrence Street were both closed for several hours. The Cobb

County sheriff said the sheriff's office Explosive Detection K-9 Agency, along with Marietta Fire Department, searched the courthouse and found a small fire in the third-floor men's restroom. The fire was "quickly extinguished," and no one was injured. The sheriff's office is investigating who made the call to 911, and no arrests have been made. The courthouse was reopened around 11 a.m.

Source: [http://mdjonline.com/view/full\\_story/13524878/article-Courthouse-evacuated-after-bomb-threat?instance=secondary\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://mdjonline.com/view/full_story/13524878/article-Courthouse-evacuated-after-bomb-threat?instance=secondary_story_left_column)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *June 3, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Police: man shot by officers claims he had explosives.** The bomb squad wrapped up their investigation June 2 after a man shot by police in Kansas City, Missouri, claimed he had explosives inside his home. Kansas City police said the man drove his car over several trees in the parking lot of the Metro Patrol Station at 75th Street and Prospect Avenue at about 7:30 p.m. before fleeing and leading police on a car chase to the 1700 block of East 76th Street. Once the man got home, he fired shots at police from an upstairs window. Officers fired back, hitting the suspect in the shoulder, police said. The officers involved in the shooting were placed on administrative leave per routine procedure. The man shot by police is expected to recover. No one else was injured in the shooting, police said.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/r/28115426/detail.html>

39. *June 2, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Texas prison guard busted in undercover heroin sting.** A 21-year-old Texas prison guard was arrested on suspicion of planning to distribute heroin after he was snared in a sting operation June 1, federal officials said. The man is accused in a criminal complaint of conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute heroin, according to federal authorities. He is scheduled to appear in federal court June 3. Federal officials said investigators obtained information in May that the man, who is a guard at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Eastham Unit in Houston County, was giving contraband to inmates. Officials investigated and set up a sting to catch the suspect. Federal officials said an undercover officer was present when the guard picked up a duffle bag of heroin June 1 in the parking lot of a Target store in Huntsville. The man got out of his car and got into the cab of a truck that was part of the sting. He was allegedly given a purple duffle bag containing a kilogram of heroin, federal officials said. He was arrested when he got out of the truck with the bag. If convicted, the suspect could face between 5 years and 40 years in prison and a \$5 million fine.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/7592289.html>

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## Information Technology Sector

40. *June 3, Reuters* – (International) **Hackers attack another Sony network; post data on 1 million users.** Hackers broke into Sony Corp's computer networks and accessed the information of more than 1 million customers to show the vulnerability of the electronic giant's systems, the latest of several security breaches undermining confidence in the company. LulzSec, a group that claims attacks on PBS television and Fox.com, said it broke into servers that run Sony Pictures Entertainment Web sites. It published the names, birth dates, addresses, e-mails, phone numbers, and passwords of thousands of people who had entered contests promoted by Sony. The security breach is the latest cyber attack against high-profile firms, including defense contractor Lockheed Martin, and Google. LulzSec's claims came as Sony executives were trying to reassure U.S. lawmakers at a hearing on data security in Washington, D.C. about their efforts to safeguard the company's computer networks, which suffered the biggest security breach in history in April. Sony said it was investigating the breach claimed by LulzSec and declined to elaborate. Reuters confirmed the authenticity of the data on several contestants that LulzSec said it had published.

Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/international/2011/06/03/200964.htm>

41. *June 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Hotmail and Yahoo users also victims of targeted attacks.** Web mail users at Yahoo and Hotmail have been hit with the same kind of targeted attacks that were disclosed earlier the week of May 30 by Google, according to security software vendor Trend Micro. Trend Micro described two similar attacks against Yahoo Mail and Windows Live Hotmail in a blog post, published June 2. "It's an ongoing issue for more than just Gmail," a senior threat researcher with Trend Micro said. He believes Facebook accounts have also been used to spread similar attacks. Google made headlines June 1 after revealing several hundred Gmail users — including government officials, activists, and journalists — had been the victims of targeted spearphishing attacks. Google mentioned phishing on June 1, but the criminals have been using other attacks too. In March, Google said hackers were taking advantage of a flaw in Microsoft's Windows software to launch politically motivated hacks against activists. Corporate networks have been under attack for years, but hackers now see personal Web mail accounts as a way to get information that can help them sneak into computers that would otherwise be locked down.

Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/683451/hotmail-and-yahoo-users-also-victims-of-targeted-attacks>

42. *June 3, The Register* – (International) **Admin: Gmail phishers stalked victims for months.** Spear phishers who targeted the personal Gmail accounts of senior U.S. government officials painstakingly monitored incoming and outgoing e-mail for almost a year, a researcher who helped uncover the campaign said. In some cases, attackers sent victims e-mails designed to originate from friends or colleagues in hopes of getting responses detailing the targets' schedules, contacts, and job responsibilities, said a Washington, D.C.-based system administrator who does security research on the side. The attackers also employed Web-based scripts that caused earlier versions of Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser to divulge detailed data about the software used

by the compromised account holder. The ultimate goal, she speculated, was to assemble an arsenal of personal information that could be used in future social-engineering attacks against the targets, who also included undisclosed Chinese political activists, military personnel, and journalists. On June 1, Google said it disrupted the phishing campaign and credited the system administrator for help in uncovering the elaborate scheme. But based on her account, it appears the disruption came only after personally identifiable information from some victims had been secretly harvested for as long as 9 months.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/03/gmail\\_users\\_stalked\\_for\\_months/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/03/gmail_users_stalked_for_months/)

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## **Communications Sector**

43. *June 3, Dickinson Press* – (North Dakota) **Radio tower collapses as butte shifts.** Two local radio stations went off the air the evening of June 1 when their broadcasting tower northeast of Dickinson, North Dakota collapsed after the ground beneath it shifted, a Clear Channel Radio business manager said. KCAD and KZRZ will be back on the air when a temporary tower is in place, he said. The incident is believed to have been caused by saturated soil, the business manager noted. Parts of the tower landed on a nearby transmitter building, causing minor damage. The tower is not salvageable, since it broke into several parts on its way down, he said. A new communications tower is being erected amongst the others on the butte. The hope is that the new communications tower will be up by the end of June.

Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/48273/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

44. *June 3, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Gunman dead, one injured in shooting at Tulsa shopping center.** The gunman is dead after shooting a victim at a Tulsa Hills Shopping center hair salon June 2 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The suspect was found dead inside SportClips. A female victim was taken to an area hospital in serious condition. Police were called to the scene at about 3:30 p.m. after a report of shots fired. When they

arrived, they were able to speak with the victim, a 29-year-old female. The woman told police that the shooter came into the SportClips and shot her in the neck, then shot himself. The victim was taken by ambulance to a Tulsa hospital in serious condition. Court records show a protective order was filed against the suspect June 1. The female victim was listed in serious condition.

Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/14829449/shooting-reported-at-south-tulsa-fast-food-restaurant>

45. *June 2, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Body found in Timber Wolf Lodge fire.** Firefighters found a body after extinguishing a fire at the Timber Wolf Lodge in Babbit, Minnesota, June 2. The St. Louis County Sherriff’s Office said a 9-1-1 call was made around 2:30 p.m. reporting an explosion and fire at the campground lodge. Fire crews were able to get the fire under control. No one was believed to be staying at the lodge at the time, but an unidentified body was found dead in the living quarters. Several guests staying at the campground were not injured. An investigation is ongoing.  
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/925412/14/Body-found-in-Timber-Wolf-Lodge-Fire>
46. *June 2, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Denver hazmat team investigating noxious substance at southwest hotel.** A Denver, Colorado Fire Department hazardous materials team investigated reports of a noxious white powder at a southwest hotel June 2. The fire department was called to the In Town Suites-Denver West, 2900 West Hampden Avenue, at about 1 p.m., a fire department spokesman said. He said investigators entered a room at the hotel, but had not yet identified the substance. Five people were exposed to the substance. Details on the extent of their exposure or illness were not available. Firefighters evacuated the third-floor on the east side of the building.  
Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci\\_18192485](http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_18192485)
47. *June 2, KXRM 21 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Pioneers Museum evacuated after acid scare.** Officials evacuated the Pioneers Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado around 2 p.m. June 2 after a staff member found a potentially explosive acid in a 1930s medical kit. The small amount of Picric acid was found in a boy scout first aid kit in a box of donated items. The museum director called 911 as a precaution because a similar type of acid was found in a Denver museum the week of May 23. A haz-mat crew and bomb squad responded. A robot was sent into the museum around 3:30 p.m. to retrieve and dispose of the chemical. Police also shut down Tejon Street between Colorado Avenue and Vermijo Street while crews investigated. The street reopened when the “all-clear” was given just after 4 p.m.  
Source: <http://www.coloradoconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=625438>

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *June 3, Taos News* – (New Mexico) **Osha fire downgraded to 658 acres, forest service estimates total containment by mid June.** The Osha Canyon fire in New Mexico is 7 percent contained, Carson National Forest officials said late June 2, adding the fire may be completely contained by June 15. In a written update, June 3, the forest service said the fire had been downgraded to 658 acres “due to better mapping,” but it still threatens 35 residences and 3 commercial structures, and that the response effort has so far cost \$250,000. Caused by a power line downed by a fallen tree, the fire forced the evacuation of homes and a Buddhist monastery near Sipapu, but no other evacuations have been ordered. The fire was found to be on both sides of the highway shortly after 2:30 p.m. June 1, and authorities at the scene said that the flames were about 300-foot high. Every fire department from Latir to Dixon to Taos has been dispatched to help put out the blaze, and the statement said the air support that included four tankers and five helicopters was “essential” to the day’s successful establishment and maintenance of a fire line.

Source:

<http://taosnews.com/articles/2011/06/03/news/doc4de6ac1b4da39933116894.txt>

49. *June 2, CBS and Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona wildfires prompt evacuation orders.** Authorities have ordered issued a mandatory evacuation order for two communities in southeastern Arizona near the Horseshoe Two wildfire. The Cochise County Sheriff’s office issued the evacuation for the Paradise and East Whitetail Canyon June 2. Officials said winds pushed the fire over a northeast perimeter and across Rock Creek Canyon. The Chiricahua National Monument was closed June 2. The fire has burned about 135 square miles and containment has dropped down to 50 percent. About 800 firefighters were battling the 86,000-acre wildfire. The U.S. Forest Service said crews were working to contain the northeast perimeter of the fire, and protect structures in evacuated communities. Meanwhile, another wildfire threatened evacuations in Alpine, in the Apache National Forest. Residents were told to prepare to evacuate because of a wildfire southwest of the community. Residents and guests in cabins and ranches surrounding Alpine already have left, but fire officials did not know how many. The Wallow fire has burned 40,500 acres across dried out forest land in eastern Arizona, and is being fanned by strong winds. It was at zero containment. Fire officials said Alpine residents could be asked to leave within 12 to 24 hours. Alpine is home to about 250 people, though not all live there year-round.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/06/02/national/main20068548.shtml>

50. *June 2, Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia; Florida) **South Georgia fire nears line that could trigger evacuations.** Officials have established a so-called “management action point” about halfway between Georgia 177 and Swamp Road that could trigger evacuations should the Race Pond fire cross it. “There’s no secret about them,” an information officer said of the trigger points on planning maps. Should the fires reach those points, the multiagency team fighting the fires will inform the Ware County Sheriff’s Office, which has the authority and manpower to go door-to-door to evacuate residents. That line became more critical after the fire jumped another important line,

Georgia 177, June 1. The incident management team had wanted to keep the fire east of the road, which runs from U.S. 1 straight south to Okefenokee Swamp Park. The team has changed its goal to keep the fire from jumping Swamp Road about 4.5 miles west. An aerial surveillance estimate had the fire chewing through 1,000 more acres. But when the smoke lifted May 31, that estimate turned out to be extremely high, and the fire had burned only about 30 acres, an information officer said. The fire's estimated size June 2 was 9,200 acres. The incident management team said its containment of the fire had dropped from 60 percent to 30 percent.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2011-06-02/story/south-georgia-fire-nears-line-could-trigger-evacuations>

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## **Dams Sector**

51. *June 3, Associated Press* – (South Dakota; Montana) **S. Dakota residents evacuate ahead of dam releases.** Flood-threatened neighborhoods in Pierre, South Dakota, and its sister city Fort Pierre across the swollen Missouri River largely emptied June 2 as residents heeded calls to leave for higher ground ahead of the planned release of water from upstream dams. Most of the approximately 3,000 people living in low-lying areas of Pierre and Fort Pierre had left their homes. No one was ordered to leave home ahead of the planned June 3 dam releases, but it appeared few were willing to take their chances. Water releases from the Oahe Dam were expected to increase slightly starting early June 3 and gradually rise until June 7, when water levels were projected to crest 4 feet higher, or about 2 feet below the levee top. A similar release schedule was planned starting June 4 at Gavin's Point Dam upstream of Dakota Dunes, where the water level is expected to eventually rise another seven feet by June 14, again cresting about 2 feet below the tops of levees. In Montana, which has been dealing with widespread flooding from heavy rains in the past couple of weeks, federal officials started ramping up water releases June 2 from Fort Peck Dam. Officials warned dozens of residents downstream their homes could flood when the peak is released in the next 2 weeks.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/S-Dakota-residents-evacuate-ahead-of-dam-releases-1406130.php>

52. *June 3, Comox Valley Echo* – (International) **Last big water release from dam this weekend.** The last of the big releases of water for some time from Comox Dam in British Columbia, Canada started June 3 and will last through the weekend of June 4 and 5. Water will flow at about three times the usual rate until late June 5. For their safety, people are being advised to stay well away from the Puntledge River June 5. The releases are the culmination of a 6-week action plan by B.C. Hydro to ensure there is capacity in the dam to absorb melting snow on the mountains. Without the program, the reservoir would by now be overflowing and out of control, potentially threatening flooding in low-lying areas of Courtenay. Some water releases will continue over the next 6 weeks, but at nowhere near the current high rates, and they will be switched to midweek days.

Source:

<http://www.canada.com/Last+water+release+from+this+weekend/4884591/story.html>

53. *June 3, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Garrison Dam spillway use being reassessed.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials tested the Garrison Dam's emergency spillway in North Dakota again June 2, and they will decide whether it needs minor repairs. The spillway gates were opened June 1 for the first time in more than 50 years. But the spillway was later shut off because water flows caused some spraying at the spillway's edge. The Corps project manager said the spraying happened because the concrete surface was uneven at the base of the spillway. A Corps spokeswoman said some spillway gates were reopened June 2, and they are letting out 5,000 cubic feet of water per second. She said the gates stayed open all night, and things will be re-evaluated early June 3. The project manager said the glitch will not affect the dam's water release schedule.

Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/apArticle/id/D9NJVKDG1/>

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