



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 9 June 2011

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- Bloomberg reports that a large power company was seeking alternative energy sources because an Arizona wildfire threatened to destroy high-voltage lines that deliver power to 371,000 homes, a 1,700-square-mile army base, and an oil refinery. (See item [1](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a troubled small-town insurance agent in Louisiana shot two unarmed state fraud investigators to death at his office June 7, before killing himself. (See item [15](#))

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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 8, Bloomberg* – (Arizona; Texas; New Mexico) **Ariz. fire threatens 40% of El Paso's power.** El Paso Electric Co., supplier of power to an oil refinery and the U.S. Army's Fort Bliss, said it is seeking alternative power supplies should an Arizona wildfire cut electrical lines from Palo Verde, the nation's largest nuclear generating plant located in Wintersburg, Arizona. The Wallow Fire is on track to reach within 3 days high-voltage links that deliver 40 percent of the power used by 371,000 homes and businesses in western Texas and southeastern New Mexico, including the 1,700-

square-mile Fort Bliss base, a spokeswoman for the El Paso, Texas-based utility owner said June 8. The blaze, which started May 29, has scorched an area 21 times larger than Manhattan. The utility warned June 7 it would begin cutting power temporarily to parts of its service area as a “last resort” to avoid a wider blackout. Residents of Springerville, Arizona, near El Paso’s lines, have been urged to prepare for evacuation by the sheriff of Apache County, according to the Web site of the incident command for the fire. None of the fire is contained, the June 8 report said. Fire damage to the lines from Palo Verde in Arizona may knock out 633 megawatts of supply, the utility owner said June 7. That is enough for about a half million average U.S. homes, according to statistics from the Energy Department in Washington. The Wallow Fire has raged over 311,491 acres south and west of Alpine, Arizona. The fire has destroyed 10 structures and damaged one. The Apache County Sheriff’s Office has ordered evacuation of at least four towns. The fire has not yet interrupted the power grid, a spokeswoman for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council said June 8.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-08/arizona-fire-threatens-40-of-el-paso-electric-s-supply-as-lines-in-path.html>

2. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **CT passes bill in wake of explosion.** Connecticut lawmakers have given final legislative approval to a bill banning the use of flammable gas to clean piping at natural gas-fire power plants. The bill attempts to address safety issues that came to light following the 2010 explosion at Kleen Energy in Middletown. Six men were killed in the blast. The senate approved the bill unanimously June 7. Much of the bill codifies recommendations of a commission created last year by the former Connecticut governor. It puts into state law the governor’s executive order banning gas blows, the practice under way when the massive explosion occurred at the 620-megawatt plant that was under construction. The bill also requires power plant developers to provide at least one special inspector to help local fire marshals inspect such facilities.  
Source: <http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/connecticut/CT-passes-bill-in-wake-of-explosion>
3. *June 8, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Crews clean up 200 gallons of fuel that poured from tanker truck in Belle Glade.** Crews from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection were in Belle Glade, Florida, June 7 overseeing the clean up of 200 gallons of spilled fuel, a Palm Beach County Fire Rescue spokesman said. Several fire rescue crews were dispatched to NW 13th Street at W. Canal St. N at 4:36 a.m. where a plan to mix ethanol and diesel in a 2,000-gallon tanker truck went awry, the spokesman said. Investigators think the mix “was not right” and the ethanol ate through a seal and started a leak that released about 200 gallons. The mixture was foamed down.  
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/crews-clean-up-200-gallons-of-fuel-that-1525835.html>
4. *June 7, Bloomberg* – (International) **EPA faults State Department review of TransCanada pipeline.** The U.S. State Department failed to properly analyze potential environmental impacts of TransCanada Corp.’s planned pipeline to carry crude from

Canada to the Gulf Coast, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The department's review of the \$7 billion project lacks information the EPA needs to assess effects on groundwater or air pollution, according to a letter sent to the assistant secretary for economic, energy and business affairs. The State Department is reviewing the project because it crosses an international boundary. Environmental groups and some Democrats oppose the planned 700,000-barrel-a-day pipeline, which would carry crude from Canada's oil sands across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas to U.S. refineries. The EPA has said a decision will be issued by the end of this year. The agency raised concerns last year about the project after the State Department released a preliminary environmental review. It said more work was needed on potential greenhouse-gas emissions from the project, pipeline safety, and impacts on wetlands and migratory birds.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/06/07/bloomberg1376-LMFOUM0UQVI901-0PKOBAUPO4KJI5I8L0MIK4P8P3.DTL>

5. *June 7, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Tree fells power line in Calhoun County.** A tree knocked down a 46,000-volt power line that started a small grass fire and left more than 5,400 customers without electricity in Calhoun County, Michigan, June 7. The power line fell at the end of Tower Road in Emmett Township, scrambling the Beadle and Goguac substations. Officials blamed it on the hot weather, which likely caused lines to sag. The customers on the Goguac line were expected to have power back by 5:30 p.m., June 7. Residents in Battle Creek, Lakeview, Emmett Township, and Newton Township were affected.

Source:

[http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/kalamazoo\\_and\\_battle\\_creek/Downed-line-starts-fire-power-out](http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/kalamazoo_and_battle_creek/Downed-line-starts-fire-power-out)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *June 8, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Big-rig driver survives plunge from I-80 no-ramp.** A big-rig driver suffered only minor injuries after his semi hauling an approximately 40-ton load plunged 30 feet off of the West Grand Avenue I-80 on-ramp in Oakland, California, June 7 before crash landing on a grassy freeway shoulder below. The semi truck, which was reportedly hauling 80,000 pounds of waste material, landed without blocking freeway traffic about 1,000 yards east of the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza. An ambulance and fire units were called to the scene, as were California Highway Patrol. Crews were also helping with the related clean-up of hazardous materials from the big rig including 60 gallons of diesel fuel, 11 gallons of engine oil, and 67 gallons of hydraulic fluid.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/28165150/detail.html>

7. *June 7, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Firefighters douse chemical blaze in Marietta.** A two-alarm fire and a hazardous material call brought about 50 firefighters and 14 pieces of equipment June 7 to a burning chemical plant in Marietta, Georgia. The fire was reported shortly after 2 p.m. at Sinergy Elastomers Inc., a producer of waterproofing materials at 922 Mountain Industrial Drive NW near White Circle Drive. The building is in an industrial park at the base of Kennesaw Mountain. Ten engines, three ladder trucks, and a rescue unit responded. No one was injured, though a firefighter was taken to a hospital as a precaution for heat-related blood pressure issues, a spokesman said. The blaze began when hot waterproofing chemical spilled from a mixing barrel and ignited the propane tank of a nearby forklift.  
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/cobb/firefighters-douse-chemical-blaze-969984.html>
  
8. *June 7, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Yuma firefighters respond to chemical spill.** A special disposal team was called in from California to remove hazardous waste that was discovered and contained June 7 by Yuma, Arizona firefighters. While they were on scene of a different call, a spokeswoman said firefighters noticed an unknown substance leaking from a the trailer of a semi truck that was parked in the same parking lot. A Yuma Fire Department (YFD) engine company was called to the scene and found a 270-gallon tote container was leaking a unknown corrosive liquid. The YFD’s Hazardous Materials Team then responded and contacted CHEMTREC, a national chemical data base for emergency response procedures. The liquid was later identified as sodium potassium carbonate, which is a cleaning solution.  
Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/holiman-70547-team-yuma.html>

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

9. *June 8, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee; International) **Nuclear waste from Germany headed to Oak Ridge.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has approved licenses for EnergySolutions to bring up to 1,000 tons of Germany’s low-level radioactive waste to EnergySolutions’ Bear Creek processing plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for incineration. An NRC memo issued June 6 said imported wastes will mostly consist of paper, plastic, wood, textiles, glass, and metal that “have various levels of radioactive contamination.” The volume of the material will be reduced by incineration, and then hearth ash and “any non-incinerable and non-conforming materials” would be sent to two facilities in Germany, the memo said. An NRC spokesman said the licenses would be issued the week of June 6 or 13. The NRC rejected multiple requests for a public hearing on EnergySolutions’ applications, ruling it would not be in the public’s interest or help the panel make a decision. The U.S. State Department supported the applications, concluding the activities appeared consistent with guidelines of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and Radioactive Waste Management. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation emphasized the decision on whether or not to allow EnergySolutions to

bring German waste to Tennessee for treatment was up the NRC, not the state.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/jun/08/German-nuclear-waste-headed-to-oak-ridge/>

10. *June 7, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Smoke causes scare at nuclear plant.** Crews at Fort Calhoun Nuclear Generating Station near Blair, Nebraska said they saw enough smoke to set off the plant’s fire alarm system June 7. It was the first such alert in 19 years. The chief nuclear officer said a piece of electrical equipment overheated, causing smoke in one of the plant’s switcher rooms. Under strict guidelines, staff members had just 10 minutes to issue an alert. Although staff evacuated the area and the breaker was shut down, he called the threat isolated. Floodwaters added to the concern, with levees and sandbags temporarily changing the plant’s layout. “We have designated areas where people are supposed to go. Well, it’s not the normal route” to exit the plant, he said. The chief nuclear officer said the main concern was to determine the cause of the malfunction. The plant was already under a Level One notification due to flooding at the time of the June 7 incident.

Source: <http://www.ketv.com/news/28163138/detail.html>

11. *June 7, RTTNews* – (International) **Greenpeace activists delay Dutch nuclear waste train.** A train carrying nuclear waste from the Borssele nuclear power plant in Netherlands to a reprocessing facility in Normandy, France, was delayed by almost 3 hours June 7 after dozens of Dutch Greenpeace activists attempted to block the train by chaining themselves to the rail track. Police said the train resumed its journey and crossed over the border into Belgium after they arrested and removed some 33 activists attempting to block the train from leaving Borssele in the Dutch province of Zeeland. While most of the activists who had chained themselves to the tracks were removed by cutting the chains using saws, in some cases police were forced to use blow torches to free them. The activists were released from police custody after the train’s departure. They have been served with summons to appear in court and are expected to be charged later with disturbing public order or hindering a train. Although similar protests were planned at the Belgian border town of Essen also, the move was foiled by heavy security presence.

Source:

<http://www.rttnews.com/Content/MarketSensitiveNews.aspx?Id=1641218&SM=1>

12. *June 7, Reuters* – (Pennsylvania) **PPL sees Pa. Susquehanna reactors back in weeks.** PPL said June 7 both reactors at the 2,289-megawatt Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Salem Township, Pennsylvania would return to service from mid-June to early July following turbine blade replacements. In a release, PPL said an inspection of the main turbine in Unit 1 revealed blade damage similar to that found during an inspection of Unit 2’s main turbine. The main turbine for each unit consists of a high-pressure turbine and three low-pressure turbines. Cracks were discovered on the blades during inspections of the low-pressure turbines. Both reactors were shut, and there was no potential danger to the public, PPL said. The turbines are located in a separate building from the reactors. “We have completed the blade replacements on the Unit 2 low-pressure turbines, and have begun replacing blades on the Unit 1 turbines,”

PPL's chief nuclear officer said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/07/utilities-operations-ppl-susquehanna-idUSN0714703520110607>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

13. *June 8, Reuters* – (International) **Spyker's Saab faces fresh problems, output stopped.** Carmaker Saab halted production again June 8, just days after ending a 2-month stoppage caused by a cash shortage, and blamed a shortage of components for the disruption. Saab, owned by Dutch group Spyker, restarted production at its factory in Trollhattan, Sweden, May 27 after a deal with Chinese auto dealer Pangda to buy 30 million euros' worth of Saab cars. Pangda later signed up for a further 15 million euros. But the start-up at the Swedish marque ran into problems June 7 as it said a disruption in the flow of components had affected its just-in-time production system, and that had continued into June 8. "It is hard to make any sort of prediction right now," said a Saab spokeswoman when asked when output might start again. She said the company was taking things day by day, but had cut its output plan for the week. One possible problem was the component makers themselves having problems getting back to work after the 2-month shutdown, she said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/08/spyker-saab-idUSLDE75719N20110608>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

14. *June 3, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Boeing says under 'continuous' cyber attack.** U.S. aerospace giant Boeing is under "continuous" cyber attack but there has been no breach of its databases, the chief executive of Boeing Defense, Space and Security said June 3. "We, as are other global enterprises, are under a continuous state of cyber attack and cyber probing," he said. "We recognize the reality of global business today, is that cyber attacks are part of business and we've been prepared for that so this is not a surprising environment to us," he told a media briefing in Singapore. He did not want to mention how often the attacks took place or the people behind it but said Boeing's investment to protect its systems from hackers has paid off. "I can tell you that the defensive capabilities that we've built up are very effective, and give us confidence and our enterprise is secure because of that investment," he said.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110603/tc\\_afp/aviationboeinginternettechnologysecurity\\_20110603063716](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110603/tc_afp/aviationboeinginternettechnologysecurity_20110603063716)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La. state police: Insurance agent fatally shot 2 fraud investigators, then himself.** Authorities worked June 8 to figure out why a troubled small-town insurance agent shot two unarmed state investigators to death at his office in Ville Platte, Louisiana before killing himself. They believe the man killed two veteran insurance fraud investigators June 7 after they had come to collect information, said the Louisiana State Police superintendent. It was not clear what the investigators were looking for. The man barricaded himself in his office and a SWAT team and negotiators spent hours outside before bursting in to find him dead. Authorities said he had been in business for almost 40 years but had a history of troubles. The Louisiana Department of Insurance in 2009 had suspended his insurance license and fined him \$16,500, saying he provided fraudulent proof of vehicle insurance several times. In January, state police arrested the man and charged him with unfair trade practices.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/2-la-insurance-fraud-investigators-fatally-shot-man-barricades-himself-inside-business/2011/06/07/AGKGMSLH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/2-la-insurance-fraud-investigators-fatally-shot-man-barricades-himself-inside-business/2011/06/07/AGKGMSLH_story.html)

16. *June 8, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **S.F. cops hunting ‘Gen X bandit’ kill suspect.** A suspected bank robber shot and killed June 7 by San Francisco, California police may be the so-called “Gen X bandit” because of his distinctive attire while robbing two banks in Southern California, authorities said. The man was shot dead in the Lower Haight neighborhood June 7 after the suspect tried to run over officers with his vehicle, authorities said. A spokesman for the police department said officers responded to the unit block of Buena Vista Avenue East around 5:40 p.m. in an attempt to apprehend the robbery suspect. The FBI had tipped local police that the suspect, wanted in connection with two bank robberies in Irvine (Orange County), had fled to the city in a stolen BMW. The FBI said it tracked the vehicle using the car’s on-board GPS unit, a navigation computer system. The bank robbery suspect was dubbed the “Gen X bandit” by the FBI. He robbed a Chase Bank and Comerica Bank in Irvine within a half-hour May 17.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/08/BAS11JR97L.DTL>

17. *June 8, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Credit union robbery leads to man’s capture.** A Lansing, Michigan man who police said admitted to multiple bank robberies is behind bars after allegedly robbing a Clinton County credit union June 7, and leading police on a multi-county pursuit. The man was slated to be arraigned June 7 in district court in connection with the incident that started at about 9:05 a.m. 7 at Portland Federal Credit Union in Westphalia, and ended more than a half hour later outside Cooley Law School Stadium in Lansing. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash from the credit union, and an employee saw him leave in a vehicle, a county sheriff’s detective said. A DeWitt police command officer spotted the car shortly after 9:30 a.m. The suspect drove into Lansing when police attempted to stop him near Interstate 69, the detective said. He was arrested outside the Lansing Lugnuts

baseball stadium after bailing on foot, the detective said. Police said the man told Clinton County sheriff's detectives and FBI agents he robbed banks in Lansing, Fowler, and Middleton.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110608/NEWS01/106080317/Credit-union-robbery-leads-to-man-s-capture?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

18. *June 7, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **'Bad Hair Bandit' suspected in Moses Lake bank heist.** Detectives believe a serial bank robber called the "Bad Hair Bandit" hit a Moses Lake, Washington Sterling Servings Bank at 12 p.m. June 7. Bank workers said the woman handed the teller a piece of paper telling her to put her hands up. The suspect demanded cash and implied she had a weapon. Officers said she got away with an undisclosed amount of money. The robber matches the description of the "Bad Hair Bandit," a white woman about 35-years-old, 5-feet, 6-inches, and 220 pounds with a heavy build. She has hit banks in the Puget Sound area, as well as in Spokane, and Ellensburg.  
Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=123426849&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10222>
19. *June 7, Los Gatos Patch* – (California) **Man arrested for bomb threat and robbery.** A 28-year-old man was arrested and charged for robbery, attempted robbery, extortion, and making a bomb threat June 6, after a police investigation linked him to a series of bomb threats and attempted robberies at two banks, Los Gatos/Monte Sereno police reported. The investigation took place over the weekend of June 4 and 5, after the man was positively identified in connection with multiple bomb threats and attempted robberies at Chase Bank June 3 and Wells Fargo Bank June 4. Police later conducted a photo lineup where witnesses at Wells Fargo positively identified him as the suspect from the attempted Chase Bank robbery, and a previous robbery at the same Wells Fargo branch March 17. Police also determined the simulated explosive devices found at each location were nearly identical.  
Source: <http://losgatos.patch.com/articles/man-arrested-for-bomb-threat-robbery-and-attempted-robbery>
20. *June 6, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **FBI releases bank crime statistics for first quarter of 2011.** During the first quarter of 2011, there were 1,092 reported violations of the Federal Bank Robbery and Incidental Crimes Statue, a decrease from the 1,183 reported violations in the same quarter of 2010. According to statistics released June 6 by the FBI, there were 1,081 robberies, 9 burglaries, 2 larcenies, and 1 extortion of financial institutions reported between January 1, 2011 and March 31, 2011.  
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/news/pressrel/press-releases/fbi-releases-bank-crime-statistics-for-first-quarter-of-2011>

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## Transportation Sector

21. *June 8, Mid Hudson News Network* – (New York) **Woman charged with having loaded gun in checked baggage at Stewart.** A 63-year-old woman from Westtown, New York, was arrested at Stewart International Airport in Newburgh and New Windsor, New York after a Transportation Security Administration agent saw what appeared to be a handgun in a piece of checked in luggage. A search of the baggage June 7 resulted in the seizure of a loaded .25 caliber handgun, and an electric stun gun. The owner of the baggage was arrested in the terminal and charged with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon. Authorities also learned she possessed fraudulent identification documents. State police were assisted in the investigation by the FBI Goshen office.  
Source: [http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2011/June/08/Valentine\\_arr-08Jun11.html](http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2011/June/08/Valentine_arr-08Jun11.html)
22. *June 8, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Truck explodes on I-40 in Catawba.** A truck crash on Interstate 40, the second in less than 8 hours, closed all lanes of the highway June 8 in Catawba County, North Carolina, the North Carolina Highway Patrol said. The truck slammed into the median on westbound I-40 and caught fire, according to troopers and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. It happened near mile marker 135. At 8 a.m., authorities said they were closing lanes on both sides of I-40 in Catawba County so firefighters could put out the fire, and crews could clear the wreckage. Eastbound lanes were expected to reopen later the morning of June 8.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/06/08/2360643/truck-explodes-on-i-40-in-catawba.html>
23. *June 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Amtrak services disrupted in Neb., Iowa and Colo.** Flooding along the Missouri River in the Omaha, Nebraska area is forcing Amtrak to disrupt its California Zephyr passenger train, which travels between San Francisco, California, and Chicago, Illinois. Amtrak said June 7 that service will be temporarily suspended between Denver, Colorado, and Chicago for at least 6 days because of predicted flood crests and additional closures of Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks in the Omaha area. Amtrak said in a statement the suspension of service is effective with an eastbound train June 9 from Emeryville, California, and a westbound train June 10 from Chicago. The disruption is expected to continue through at least June 14.  
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Amtrak-services-disrupted-in-Neb-Iowa-and-Colo-1413852.php>
24. *June 7, PhillyBurbs.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Crash closes Route 413 in Wrightstown.** Durham Road (Route 413) between Route 232 and Pine Lane in Wrightstown, Pennsylvania was closed for hours June 7 after a tri-axle dump truck struck three utility poles and a transformer, Newtown Township police said. Police said a preliminary investigation shows a 75-year-old man was driving an empty dump truck south on Route 413 when he drifted to the right and crashed south of Pine Lane about

12:25 p.m. The truck came to rest on the transformer, creating a hazardous situation, police said. The driver did not suffer injuries but was taken to St. Mary Medical Center in Middletown. Fifteen PECO trucks responded. Crews worked to fix the poles and to restore power to five homes. A PECO environmental team cleaned up the transformer, and removed debris and hazardous materials.

Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier\\_times\\_news/crash-closes-route-in-wrightstown/article\\_b7339ce2-4e02-543d-a6a6-b9609d09464e.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/crash-closes-route-in-wrightstown/article_b7339ce2-4e02-543d-a6a6-b9609d09464e.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

25. *June 7, Bay City News* – (California) **Firework explodes in mailbox, bomb squad responds.** A small firework exploded in a mailbox in San Francisco, California’s Richmond District June 7, prompting a bomb squad response and street closures, a police sergeant said. The explosion was reported at about 1:25 p.m. in a blue U.S. Postal Service collection box at the corner of 24th Avenue and Clement Street, the sergeant said. The department’s bomb squad responded and police blocked off several streets. The exterior of the mailbox was not damaged, which suggested the explosive device was relatively small, he said. Investigators determined a firework had been lit and tossed into the mailbox. No evacuations were needed, and the San Francisco Municipal Railway service was not affected. No injuries were reported. San Francisco police and postal service police are continuing to investigate. The scene was cleared at about 2:25 p.m.

Source:

[http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san\\_francisco&id=8176572](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san_francisco&id=8176572)

26. *June 7, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Hazmat scare at federal building in Loop.** Chicago, Illinois police and fire officials investigated a report of a suspicious package possibly containing “bio hazard” contents at a Loop federal building, officials said. Police and fire officials were called at about 10:30 a.m. June 7 to 77 W. Jackson Boulevard after a package was delivered to a mailroom in the building, listed as the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, which houses a Social Security office. Fire officials said they are treating the incident as a hazardous materials incident, a spokesman indicated. Police said the package was sent to the building with the words “bio hazard” written on it. No injuries or evacuations were reported.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-haz-mat-response-called-for-federal-building-in-the-loop-20110607,0,2347025.story?track=rss>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

27. *June 8, Associated Press* – (International) **2 new E. coli deaths as EU holds emergency meeting.** Germany reported two more deaths and 300 more E. coli cases June 8, but its health minister insisted that new infections were dropping, giving some hope that the world's deadliest E. coli outbreak was abating. The European Union is getting concerned about Germany's handling of the crisis. The death toll has risen to 26 — 25 in Germany plus one in Sweden. Germany's national disease control center, the Robert Koch Institute, said the number of reported cases in Germany rose by more than 300 to 2,648. Nearly 700 of those affected are hospitalized with a serious complication that can cause kidney failure. Another 100 E. coli cases are in other European countries, and the United States. The Koch Institute said there was a declining trend in new cases, but added it is not clear yet whether that is because the outbreak is truly waning or whether it is because consumers are staying away from the raw vegetables believed to be the source of the E. coli. Weeks after the outbreak began May 2, German officials are still looking for its cause. Spanish cucumbers were initially blamed, then ruled out after tests showed they had a different strain of E. coli. Investigators June 5 pointed the finger at German sprouts, backtracking a day later when initial tests were negative. The German health minister reiterated that the source of the infection may never be found, a stance U.S. experts have called a cop-out. A warning against eating cucumbers, tomatoes, lettuce, and vegetable sprouts is still in place.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/health/articles/2011/06/08/germany\\_rise\\_in\\_reported\\_ecoli\\_cases/](http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/health/articles/2011/06/08/germany_rise_in_reported_ecoli_cases/)

28. *June 7, Washington Post* – (National) **Salmonella cases rise in United States, federal report shows.** Food poisoning cases caused by salmonella have increased by 10 percent in recent years, despite widespread campaigns to educate consumers and foodmakers about food preparation and handling, according to new federal statistics that detail the stubborn presence of salmonella in the U.S. food supply. The findings are part of an annual food safety report card released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which since 1996 has tracked the prevalence of the nine most common food-borne pathogens. About one in six Americans gets sick from food poisoning every year, and 3,000 die, the government said. The data, which are extrapolated nationally based on illnesses reported in 10 states, show a decline in illnesses from E. coli O157:H7, one of the most deadly food-borne bacteria in this country. From 1997 to 2010, the number of E. coli O157:H7 infections dropped by half, according to the CDC. Federal health officials credit more stringent federal regulation, better detection and investigation of E. coli O157:H7 outbreaks, and steps taken by the food industry, particularly beef processors, to prevent contamination at slaughterhouses. Officials also say food workers and consumers have become better educated about the safe handling and cooking of meat.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/salmonella-cases-rise-in-united-states-federal-report-shows/2011/06/07/AGxNbHLH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/salmonella-cases-rise-in-united-states-federal-report-shows/2011/06/07/AGxNbHLH_story.html)

29. *June 7, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Gas leak stopped, some businesses reopen in West Boca shopping plaza.** Firefighters stopped a gas leak June 6 and removed a rusted propane tank that sparked a fire and several small explosions at a

shopping plaza west of Boca Raton, Florida, over the weekend. Fuel leaked for years from the 500-gallon tank, saturating the ground and later the kitchen walls at Sweet Tomatoes restaurant in the Boca Del Mar Plaza, according to Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue. A fire broke out June 5 in the restaurant kitchen, followed by small explosions on the roof and other areas of the restaurant. The shopping plaza was shut down June 6, and 12 businesses were evacuated as firefighters searched for the fuel leak. By the evening, the tank was pulled from the ground and the leak stopped, a fire-rescue spokesman said. The plaza's propane tanks were left underground after it switched to natural gas about 10 years ago, the spokesman said. "It leaked and leaked and made its way into the walls of the kitchen," he said.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/fl-gas-leak-boca-folo-20110607,0,5678647.story>

30. *June 7, Coldwater Daily Reporter* – (Michigan) **Diesel explosion results in loss of structure, animals.** A diesel explosion and resulting fire at an Amish feed barn near Quincy, Michigan, killed a number of calves June 6, and destroyed most of the steel structure. The Quincy Fire Department requested mutual aid from Coldwater and Allen fire departments to fight the fire, which started just before 2 p.m. at the farm on Newton Road, just west of Ridge Road.

Source: [http://www.thedailyreporter.com/news/police\\_and\\_fire/x1595586367/Diesel-explosion-results-in-loss-of-structure-animals](http://www.thedailyreporter.com/news/police_and_fire/x1595586367/Diesel-explosion-results-in-loss-of-structure-animals)

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## Water Sector

31. *June 8, Clark County Columbian* – (Washington) **Chemical fire fouls Longview air.** A chemical fire in Longview, Washington's industrial area burned a water treatment facility June 7, blanketing the region in heavy, foul-smelling smoke as fire crews let the blaze burn out. The fire in a 150-by-100-foot facility on the Millennium Bulk Logistics property on Industrial Way was reported by Millennium workers at 6:36 p.m. No one was injured. The materials involved in the fire were plastics and insulation in the building. Firefighters from five agencies sprayed the smoke with water but did not attack the flames directly, the Longview fire chief said. A Vancouver hazardous materials team was called to determine what chemicals were involved, he said. Emergency officials issued an automated telephone message warning residents to stay inside and keep doors and windows closed if they smelled anything unusual but that there was no need to evacuate. The "seek shelter in place" recommendation was lifted at 10:05 p.m.

Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2011/jun/08/chemical-fire-fouls-longview-air/>

32. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Groundwater contamination found in Lincoln County wells.** Lincoln County, Wyoming public health officials have found three private water wells contaminated by high groundwater tables caused by prolonged flooding. A county emergency management spokesman said there have been no reports

of anyone becoming ill from drinking the water. He said town water wells have checked out OK so far. Elsewhere in Wyoming, flooding continues in Carbon County along the North Platte, Encampment, and Little Snake Rivers. However, officials said berms and sandbag dikes are holding firm. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department has closed campgrounds and parking areas on the North Platte River in the Saratoga area due to flooding.

Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article\\_58722928-913e-11e0-b4de-001cc4c002e0.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_58722928-913e-11e0-b4de-001cc4c002e0.html)

33. *June 7, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Crews working to stop spill’s spread to Rock River.** Cleanup crews were working June 6 to contain a truck stop spill that officials said dumped several hundred gallons of diesel fuel into a wetland that drains into Saunders Creek north of Edgerton, Wisconsin. A Wisconsin Department of Commerce official at the gas station June 6 said the agency still was investigating the spill, which caused diesel to pour into a storm runoff pipe that feeds into wetlands just west of the travel plaza parking lot along Highway 51 at 568 Haugen Road. Local authorities discovered the spill June 5, and began efforts to control and clean it. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continued to work June 6 to contain the spill at the wetland and prevent more of it from fanning west through a drainage area that empties into Saunders Creek. A half dozen environmental cleanup crews used a tank truck to suction about 3,500 gallons of water and diesel fuel from the wetland June 6, while crews in a boat laid out oil pads to soak up slicks.

Source: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2011/jun/07/crews-working-stop-spills-spread-rock-river/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

34. *June 7, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Dallas to pay \$2.47 million for healthcare law violations.** The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports June 7 the city of Dallas, Texas, has agreed to pay \$2.47 million to the state of Texas and U.S. government to settle allegations it violated healthcare fraud laws, according to the U.S. attorney’s office. The U.S. and Texas governments contend Dallas caused “upcoded” claims to be submitted to Medicare and Medicaid for city-dispatched 911 ambulance transports between 2006 and 2010, a news release from the U.S. attorney’s office said. Dallas fully cooperated with the investigation and by settling did not admit any wrongdoing or liability, the news release said. Ambulance services generally are coded either as basic life support level or advanced life support. Advanced life support transports are reimbursed at a higher rate by both Medicare and Medicaid. The federal and state governments initiated the investigation in response to an August 2009 whistleblower suit brought by a former employee of Dallas’ auditing department. He could receive up to 30 percent of the recovery under the settlement.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/06/07/3134209/dallas-to-pay-247-million-for.html>

35. *June 7, New Castle News Journal* – (Delaware) **Fire hits treatment center in Dover.** A fire in a residential drug treatment center disrupted traffic around the busy U.S. 13-U.S. 113 split near Court Street in Dover, Delaware, about 1 p.m. June 7, triggering multiple alarms, and drawing dozens of firefighters to the scene. All residents were reported to be accounted for shortly after emergency crews from Robbins Hose Company in Dover arrived. At least one person at the scene was reported to have received minor burns. Early accounts indicated the fire might have started outside the Serenity Place complex, and quickly spread to the interior. By about 1:30 p.m., emergency commanders ordered firefighters on the weakening areas of the building to evacuate the rooftop.  
Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20110607/NEWS/110607028/Fire-hits-treatment-center-Dover?odyssey=nav/head>
36. *June 7, Canton Journal* – (Massachusetts) **Canton firefighters knock down Mass. Hospital school fire.** Canton, Massachusetts firefighters knocked down a persistent small, smoldering fire in the power plant at Massachusetts Hospital School, in Canton, June 1. After receiving a fire alarm activation late May 31, crews investigated a heat detector activation and found the fire in an exterior portion of the duct work leading from the boilers to the chimney. The fire was contained inside the ductwork, and there was no threat of it extending further, a lieutenant said. Rather than opening up the ductwork and extinguishing the fire, it was decided to let the fire burn itself out, he said. This was decided in part because the fire was small and contained, and by introducing water in to the ductwork, there was a good chance that the school's boilers would be damaged. Power and gas service was shut down to the boilers, and a fire watch was put in place for the remainder of the night, he said. The morning of June 1, a thermal imaging camera was used to determine the fire was still smoldering. At 10 a.m., there was no improvement in the fire condition and firefighters decided to directly extinguish the fire.  
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/canton/topstories/x795258850/Canton-firefighters-knock-down-Mass-Hospital-school-fire#axzz1OgaXDwSz>
37. *June 7, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Hospital shuts off water after E. Coli found.** Tyler Memorial Hospital near Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania, is taking measures to protect its patients after E. Coli was discovered in the well that supplies the hospital with water. The discovery of E. Coli bacteria in its wells forced Tyler to operate very differently when it comes to using water. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection started routine testing of Tyler's well water in September 2010. In March, April and May, tests discovered unacceptable levels of E. Coli bacteria in some of the hospital's wells, forcing it to take action. A Tyler spokesperson said no one at the 60-bed hospital bathed in contaminated water. Every sink, shower, and even drinking fountains and coffee makers have been shut down.  
Source: <http://www.wnep.com/wnep-wyo-hospital-shuts-off-water-after-e-coli-found-20110607,0,1954532.story>

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## Government Facilities Sector

38. *June 8, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Two MIT dorms evacuated; bomb squad finds pipe devices harmless.** Two Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) dormitories were evacuated June 7 when contractors discovered what appeared to be pipe bombs. Officials later determined they were harmless objects that had the appearance of explosive devices. The New House dormitory at 471 Memorial Drive was evacuated around 7:30 a.m. when contractors found the objects in a common room on the third floor of the building, Cambridge police said. The adjacent Next House was evacuated a few hours later. The department summoned its bomb squad and eventually used a water cannon three times to “disrupt” the objects. By mid-afternoon, officials knew the devices were not a danger and reopened the dormitories. “An object that had the appearance and characteristic of a pipe bomb turned out to be, on further examination, to be a collection of harmless materials,” an MIT spokesman said. The deputy police chief said the object that drew the greatest concern was two pieces of pipe screwed together. Inside, bomb technicians discovered powder and ball bearings. The bomb squad was joined on the scene by agents from the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, officials said.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/06/08/two\\_mit\\_dorms\\_evacuated\\_bomb\\_squad\\_finds\\_pipe\\_devices\\_harmless/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/06/08/two_mit_dorms_evacuated_bomb_squad_finds_pipe_devices_harmless/)

39. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Fighter jet crash narrowly misses occupied home, 50 people evacuated.** The pilot of an F-16 fighter jet that crashed June 7 in central Wisconsin has been flying that type of plane for 20 years. A Wisconsin National Guard spokeswoman said the pilot also has flown several combat tours since the September 11 terrorist attacks, but she declined to elaborate. She said the pilot ejected before the plane went down and did not suffer any injuries. The Wisconsin Air National Guard jet took off from Volk Field and crashed into a vacant vacation home in New Chester. The spokeswoman said the house was destroyed and 10 acres burned. Between 15 and 50 people were evacuated from surrounding homes because of fire and smoke, but all were allowed to return home later that evening. U.S. Air Force investigators are probing the cause of the crash. The spokeswoman said it could be 3 months before the first findings are released.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/fd119cd864424493ace6115187192968/WI--Fighter-Crash/>

40. *June 8, Lewiston Sun Journal* – (Maine) **Students evacuated after fuel oil overflows.** About 40 gallons of fuel oil were cleaned up from a catch basin in the Mt. Blue Middle School courtyard in Farmington, Maine, the afternoon of June 7, a Maine Department of Environmental Protection spokesman said. An alarm failed when an oil tank was overfilled and fuel flowed from an overflow pipe, he said. Students at Mt. Blue were evacuated to the sports fields behind the school about 12:30 p.m. after Number 2 fuel oil gushed from a courtyard pipe as a local oil dealer made a delivery. About 350 students, their teachers, and school personnel left the building due to the

odor from the courtyard between the older and newer portions of the Middle Street school. The fuel tank is filled from the front of the school, but the tank and vent are in the back. The oil came out of the vent, sprayed the side of the building, lawn, and crushed rock, the spokesman said. Members of Farmington Fire and Rescue responded and called for the town to bring loads of sand, but the chief did not think it would be used. A portion of the brick wall on one side of the school gym was covered in fuel from the overflow as a C.N. Brown truck delivered about 1,500 gallons of fuel. Most of the oil went into the tank, the director of support services said. A crew from Environmental Projects Inc. came to clean up the fuel from the courtyard. The crushed rock will be removed and the area cleaned with detergent.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/franklin/story/1042473>

41. *June 8, CNN* – (North Carolina) **North Carolina terror plot.** A 22-year-old North Carolina man could face up to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty June 7 to a federal terrorism conspiracy charge, according to prosecutors. The guilty plea was entered in U.S. District Court in Raleigh, North Carolina, the U.S. attorney's office said in a statement. The man is one of eight defendants, including his father and brother, who were indicted in 2009 on charges of conspiring to provide money, transportation, training and other resources to jihadist recruits. According to the indictment, the suspects offered money and weapons training to aspiring terrorists, and were willing to die as martyrs. They also solicited donations, obtained assault weapons, and inculcated others in the belief committing acts of violence against perceived enemies of Islam is a requirement of their faith, the indictment says. The alleged co-conspirators also plotted to kill U.S. military personnel in a plan to attack the Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Virginia, court records indicated. Various law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the U.S. Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Raleigh and Durham police departments, and North Carolina's Alcohol Law Enforcement office took part in the investigation, the statement said.

Source: [http://www.wibw.com/nationalnews/headlines/North-Carolina-Terror-Plot\\_123459259.html](http://www.wibw.com/nationalnews/headlines/North-Carolina-Terror-Plot_123459259.html)

42. *June 7, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Man who threatened judge pleads guilty.** After threatening to come to court to shoot a judge in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a 23-year-old suspect pleaded guilty June 7 to a slew of charges, including intimidating a witness, and making threats by telephone. The suspect said he thought he had a court date August 30, 2010 and called in a threat to a Santa Fe judge. Online court records showed the suspect did have a hearing, but officials said that was a mistake and he actually did not. He was later caught hiding in the bushes outside his house in Chimayo. He also pled guilty to felony burglary. He faces up to 16 years in prison. The suspect only pleaded to a misdemeanor for intimidating the judge.

Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/politics/man-who-threatened-judge-pleads-guilty>

43. *June 7, Albany Democrat-Herald* – (Oregon) **Suspicious device brings bomb squad to Lebanon school.** Lebanon police and the Oregon State Police (OSP) bomb squad responded June 7 to Pioneer School after an adult found a suspicious device in the

parking lot. Students and staff were moved to another part of the building for a little over an hour while waiting for police to dispose of the device, the principal said. A letter was sent home to parents. According to a detective sergeant, the device turned out to be a handful of fireworks taped together with Brazil nuts to make a package roughly the size of a hot dog bun. It appeared someone tried to light the fireworks at one point, but nothing had exploded and the fuse had gone out. It was not clear how long the device had been in the parking lot. The principal said an adult volunteer helping to pick up trash found it shortly after 9 a.m., and not knowing what it was, brought it to the school office. Staff notified police as a precaution about 9:22 a.m. OSP bomb squad crews took the device apart. Students were back in class throughout the building by about 11 a.m.

Source: [http://www.democratherald.com/news/local/article\\_850aa282-915f-11e0-b159-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.democratherald.com/news/local/article_850aa282-915f-11e0-b159-001cc4c002e0.html)

44. *June 7, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **2 charged in copper thefts at Sugar Hill Elementary.** A 21-year-old man and a teenage juvenile were charged June 7 in connection with copper thefts at Sugar Hill Elementary School in Hall County, Georgia. The school was burglarized overnight June 6, with 11 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units damaged. Copper tubing was torn from the large rooftop units, causing between \$75,000 and \$100,000 in damage, the Hall County Sheriff's Office chief deputy said. The suspects were charged with felony theft by taking, felony criminal damage, and possession of tools of a crime. A patrol officer noticed an open gate leading to the school at 1:28 a.m. June 7, but investigators said they think the perpetrators had already left the scene. When the damage was discovered around 9:30 a.m. June 7, the school system offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. The suspects were charged within 24 hours of the reported damage. This is the second time in 2011 that copper wiring has been stolen from the school's air conditioning units.

Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/51509/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

45. *June 8, WTHR 13 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Cable cut affecting Shelby County emergency phone calls.** A mishap involving a severed phone cable has caused a 911 service disruption to at least one telephone exchange in Shelby County, Indiana. The director of Shelby County Emergency Management Agency, said a fiber optics line was accidentally cut in Rush County the afternoon of June 7. Since that accident, officials learned telephone numbers in the 763 exchange had lost ability to reach emergency dispatchers via a wireline-based 911 call. He said repairs were made and service restored just before 11 p.m. June 7.

Source: <http://www.wthr.com/story/14861732/cable-cut-affecting-sheby-county-emergency-phone-calls>

46. *June 8, CNN* – (California) **California prison remedy would send low-level offenders to counties.** California wants to shift low-level state offenders to county jails as a way to reduce overcrowding, as ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court, under an unfunded plan that would require legislative and voter approval, the state's top corrections official said June 7. State officials filed the plan, which would reduce the state's 143,000 inmate population by 33,000, with federal courts June 7. California voters in November would have to approve taxes to fund the plan, and state legislators also would have to approve money for the measure, officials said. The first year of the plan would cost \$460 million, a state corrections spokesman said. California officials are trying to avoid that possibility through the plan with county jails, a construction program, and an ongoing program sending 10,000 inmates to contracted out-of-state facilities.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/07/california.prison.overcrowding/index.html?hpt=usc2>
47. *June 8, CNN* – (International) **Greek police arrest suspected FBI hacker.** Greek police arrested an 18-year-old man suspected of having hacked into the electronic systems of the FBI and Interpol, they announced June 8. He reportedly also took over the computers of unsuspecting users, accessed their data and used it to obtain new credit cards in their names. A raid on his home turned up more than 120 credit cards and thousands of euros in cash, police said. He faces charges of computer fraud, forgery, illegal violation of privacy, and illegal weapons possession. The teen was arrested at his home in Athens, the Greek police electronic crime squad said. They seized computers and related equipment as well as flares, shotgun cartridges, and a homemade incendiary device. Greek police said they been seeking the youth for 2 years, after attacks that took place in February 2008 and February 2009. U.S. and French authorities cooperated with the investigation.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/06/08/greece.hacker.arrest/>
48. *June 7, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Cop accused of lying about citizenship to join FBI.** A Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas police officer who wanted to join the FBI has been charged with lying about his citizenship to get a job there. The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) opened a full-blown investigation last year of the 30-year-old, for his "aggressiveness" in wanting to join the FBI, and his e-mailed request to the agency seeking to attend weapons of mass destruction training being taught by the JTTF, according to a criminal complaint affidavit unsealed June 6. The Iranian-born officer, now a U.S. citizen, was taken to federal court in San Antonio June 3 on a charge of making false statements about his citizenship to get a job in law enforcement. He was released on \$50,000 unsecured bond following a hearing before a U.S. magistrate judge. If convicted, he could face up to 5 years in prison.  
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Cop-accused-of-lying-about-citizenship-to-join-FBI-1413462.php>
49. *June 7, Field Logix* – (International) **GPS tracking devices illegal US immigrants crossing border.** A human-rights activist, is supplying men and women in the business

of smuggling illegal immigrants across the United States and Mexico border with GPS tracking devices, hoping to prevent migrants from dying on the journey, according to a recent story in the Christian Science Monitor. As summer approaches, temperatures near the California, Arizona, and Texas borders are well above 100 degrees, and can be very dangerous. It is not uncommon for migrants to die while attempting to illegally cross the border. During the past decade, authorities have recovered over 2,000 bodies in the desert. The activist is donating the GPSs to smugglers, AKA coyotes, so they can alert search and rescue if trouble arises. The U.S. Border Patrol has a much different opinion on the unorthodox plan. According to a Border Patrol spokesman, “The best way to save lives is to discourage anyone from attempting the difficult trek in the first place.” To date, he has given five GPSs to the smugglers. Each GPS system costs about \$225. The man said he plans to distribute more than 100 devices, which he plans to buy with help from donations.

Source: <http://www.fieldtechnologies.com/gps-tracking-devices-given-to-illegal-immigrants-crossing-the-us-border/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

50. *June 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Java 6 update 26 fixes critical security issues.** Oracle has released update 26 for its Java SE 6 platform to address a number of 17 remotely exploitable vulnerabilities, many of which could result in arbitrary code execution. Of the included patches, 11 apply only to the Java SE client and 1 only to the server version. The rest affect both of the platform’s flavors. Nine vulnerabilities carry the maximum score of 10 on the CVSS scale. This means that they can be exploited remotely with ease and no authentication resulting in a complete confidentiality, integrity, and availability compromise. The scores were calculated under the presumption users have administrative privileges, typically on Windows, and are capable of running Java applets or Java Web Start applications that is default behavior. Three of the remaining vulnerabilities carry a CVSS base score of 7.6, four of 5.0, and one of 2.6. Java vulnerabilities are commonly exploited in drive-by download attacks to infect users with malware. In fact, according to statistics grabbed from live Web exploit kit installations, Java exploits are the most effective ones.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Java-6-Update-26-Fixes-Critical-Security-Issues-204840.shtml>
51. *June 8, IDG News Service* – (Arizona) **Intel investigating fire at Arizona plant.** Intel said June 8 it is investigating a fire at the company’s manufacturing facilities in Chandler, Arizona, that left 13 people injured. The fire June 7 was in a support building handling solvents outside the Fab 22 chip-manufacturing site, which is currently under construction. Reasons for the fire have not been determined and are under investigation, an Intel spokesman said. Five people were sent to hospital for evaluation, but the company declined to comment on the extent of their injuries or medical progress. Another manufacturing facility in the complex, Fab 32, was evacuated briefly as a precaution. There was no impact to chip production on the sites, and the factories

have now returned to normal operation, the spokesman said. The company produces millions of chips a year, and maintains major manufacturing operations in Chandler, where it has about 9,700 employees. Many chip facilities there are continuously upgraded to make smaller and faster chips for future laptops, desktops, and servers.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217425/Intel\\_investigating\\_fire\\_at\\_Arizona\\_plant](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217425/Intel_investigating_fire_at_Arizona_plant)

52. *June 8, Softpedia* – (International) **New MacShield variants spotted in the wild.** Three new variants of the MacShield scareware were identified June 8, suggesting that Apple’s efforts so far have not discouraged Mac malware development. “F-Secure Labs located three new samples today, and added detection for today’s in-the-wild versions of MacShield,” a security advisor at the Finnish antivirus vendor said. The volume of new Mac scareware has increased and so has the number of distribution vectors. At first, there were Google Images black hat search engine optimization campaigns. Then the malware distributors switched to Facebook. It is unclear if the new variants bypass Apple’s XProtect blacklist, but it is a very likely possibility given the technology works by comparing hashes. Users should use a full-featured security product that offers layered protection. For example, antivirus programs contain Web filters that block users from accessing scareware distribution sites in the first place. However, if a site is very new and the Web filter does not know about it, an antivirus product can still leverage heuristic signatures to identify new variants of a certain threat.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Mac-Scareware-Development-Continues-204986.shtml>

53. *June 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Chrome 12 brings many security fixes and enhancements.** Google released the first stable build of Chrome 12 that addresses many vulnerabilities and brings several new security enhancements. A total of 14 security flaws have been patched in the new Chrome 12.0.742.91 build, in addition to the ones fixed during the development cycle. Five of the vulnerabilities are rated with high severity. Aside from the vulnerability patches, Chrome 12 allows users to delete Flash cookies from the browser’s own interface. Flash Player’s local storage can be abused to respawn tracking cookies. Another security-related feature in Chrome 12 provides protection against malicious downloads by using data from Google’s Safe Browsing service.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chrome-12-Brings-Many-Security-Fixes-and-Enhancements-204796.shtml>

54. *June 7, The Register* – (International) **Hackers jailbreak iOS 5 in under 24 hours.** Hackers said they have jailbroken the latest version of Apple’s iOS so it will run applications not officially sanctioned by the company. iOS 5 was unveiled June 6, and a beta version was made available to a limited number of developers. Within hours, members of the iPhone Dev Team posted pictures that showed it had been jailbroken. They said the OS, which runs iPhones, iPod Touches, and iPads, had been unlocked using “limer1n,” a technique devised by serial jailbreaker “GeoHot.” The jailbreak is

of the tethered-boot variety, meaning jailbroken iDevices must be connected to a computer each time they reboot. There was no mention of an untethered jailbreak coming to the new OS.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/07/ios\\_five\\_jailbroken/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/07/ios_five_jailbroken/)

55. *June 6, Darkreading* – (International) **New malware can launch multiple types of advertising fraud.** A new coordinated malware attack can enable cybercriminals to launch multiple types of online advertising fraud, according to researchers. According to researchers at Adometry (formerly Click Forensics), the attack, called “ad hijacking,” uses similar malware and infection delivery methods to create a network of computers aimed at committing advertising fraud through different kinds of advertisements and channels. “In the past, advertising fraudsters have mainly set their sights on the search advertising industry,” the CEO of Adometry said. “This is the first attack we’ve seen that coordinates advertising fraud across many different online ad channels.” Rather than requiring a user to download malware via a fake antivirus program, Adometry said the ad-hijacking malware injects itself into the rootkit of a user’s computer through an advertisement on a popular Web site. Once it infects the computer, the malware receives instructions from a host to perform multiple kinds of advertising fraud, including search hijacking, display advertising impression inflation, and video advertising fraud.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/230200004/new-malware-can-launch-multiple-types-of-advertising-fraud.html>

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

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## Communications Sector

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Fire at New Carrollton, Md., apartment building injures 4 people, displaces about 120.** Authorities said an intense fire at an apartment building in New Carrollton, Maryland, has displaced more than 100 residents. A Prince George’s County fire department spokesman said firefighters were called to the blaze in the Southern Walk apartment complex on 85th Avenue about 8:30 p.m. June 7. The spokesman said firefighters used a ladder to rescue several people

from the upper floors, including an infant. He said the fire eventually extended into the roof and took about 40 minutes to bring under control. Nearly 100 firefighters battled the blaze. Four people were taken to a hospital with minor injuries, and another 10 were evaluated and treated at the scene. The spokesman said about 120 residents were displaced by the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fire-at-new-carrollton-md-apartment-building-injures-4-people-displaces-about-120/2011/06/08/AGDOWnLH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fire-at-new-carrollton-md-apartment-building-injures-4-people-displaces-about-120/2011/06/08/AGDOWnLH_story.html)

57. *June 8, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Large apartment fire leaves 200 without homes.** A large apartment fire in Marion, Indiana, June 7 left at least 200 people without homes. Officials said the fire broke out at around 2 a.m. Many of the 200 burned out families were put up at a nearby hotel. The Marion fire chief said an hour after firefighters arrived on the scene, the fire began to spread through the ceiling. Officials said a mother and her children had to be rescued from the apartments. The family was treated for minor smoke inhalation. No other injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/28157059/detail.html>
58. *June 7, WLUK 11 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **11 hurt in resort chemical spill.** Nearly a dozen people were taken to the hospital in Southern Wisconsin June 7 after a chemical spill at a water park. Lake Delton police said the incident happened just before 7 p.m. Authorities said during routine maintenance by a worker at the Mount Olympus water park, an excess amount of chlorine and sulfuric acid was released into a pool. The spill created a temporary irritating gas that affected about 15 people. Police said 11 were taken to the hospital, including at least three children. Officials said all the patients are being treated for respirator complaints. The Poseidon's Rage outdoor wave pool was closed after the incident, but the rest of the water park remained open.  
Source: <http://www.fox11online.com/dpp/news/Water-park-chemical-spill-injures-8>
59. *June 7, Trenton Patch* – (Michigan) **Police apprehend man sought in Trenton bomb threats.** The Trenton, Michigan, Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) have a person of interest in custody in connection to bomb threats made in April, the mayor of the Michigan town said June 7. The man is believed to have been involved with an April 28 bomb threat at Trenton High School, a suspicious device that was found at the high school, and an explosive device that was detonated at ACO Hardware. The man's home in Deerfield Estates in Flat Rock was being searched by federal agents from the ATF. Flat Rock police, and the Downriver SWAT Team are assisting in the investigation.  
Source: <http://trenton.patch.com/articles/atf-police-apprehend-man-sought-in-bomb-threats>
60. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **4-alarm fire prompts evacuation of eastern Pa. elderly high rise, 1 smoke inhalation injury.** Authorities said June 7 a four-alarm fire prompted evacuation of a high-rise for the elderly in eastern Pennsylvania, injuring one resident. A spokesman from the Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency said the fire on the 10th floor of the 13-story Mahanoy Elderly High Rise in Mahanoy City was reported at 2:10 p.m. June 7. He said

residents of the 124-unit complex were evacuated, and an emergency center set up at a nearby community center. The blaze was reported under control at 3:20 p.m. A fire department official told the Pottsville Republican-Herald that one resident was admitted to Saint Catherine Medical Center Fountain Springs for treatment of respiratory problems. A state police fire marshal said the blaze was accidentally sparked by improperly discarded smoking materials.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/1ccdbed44621408d95cd70b3b0a1e07b/PA--Elderly-High-Rise-Fire/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

61. *June 8, United Press International* – (Rhode Island) **Historic R.I. mill destroyed in fire.** A fire June 7 gutted a historic factory that once made World War II tanks and Keds sneakers in the manufacturing town of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The former Woonsocket Rubber mill had been closed for some time. Fire officials said the fire appeared to be a small one, but it spread quickly. The fire chief said he made the decision to allow the building to burn while trying to contain the fire. Firefighters from at least 10 departments in Rhode Island and Massachusetts assisted in the effort. One firefighter was reported injured. The mayor of Woonsocket said tanks made at the mill came ashore on the Normandy beaches on D-Day. The building dates back to 1857 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/06/08/Historic-RI-mill-destroyed-in-fire/UPI-67511307511928/?spt=hs&or=tn](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/06/08/Historic-RI-mill-destroyed-in-fire/UPI-67511307511928/?spt=hs&or=tn)

62. *June 8, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Wildfires burning in Las Animas, Bent counties.** Firefighters scrambled June 7 as at least six wind-driven wildfires ignited across Southeastern Colorado canyon lands. Fire officials said more than 300 lightning strikes were confirmed in the fire areas overnight June 6. Dry conditions and strong winds helped fuel the fires near the Otero and Las Animas County line, and the Baca and Bent County line. A spokesman for the La Junta Fire Department reported that two large fires burned north of Kim and one near Pritchett. Of the three, the largest and the only one named is being called the Shell Fire. East and west of Colorado 109 near Kim, the Shell Fire was estimated at 6,500 acres with zero containment and no loss of structures at 9:30 p.m. Residents from three homes were evacuated with another on standby, according to the La Junta fire chief, who is the incident commander of the Shell Fire. He said firefighting was planned to continue to 11 p.m. for the night with patrols to follow. Agencies from Crowley, Sugar City, Ordway, Fowler, La Junta, Manzanola, Rocky Ford, Otero County, Las Animas, Olney Springs, Sugar City, and a northern Colorado hand crew also are assisting Kim firefighters.

Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/wildfires-burning-in-las-animas-bent-counties/article\\_6eae4744-9193-11e0-b9fe-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/wildfires-burning-in-las-animas-bent-counties/article_6eae4744-9193-11e0-b9fe-001cc4c002e0.html)

63. *June 8, Wall Street Journal* – (Arizona) **Arizona fire continues to spread.** A forest fire continued to rage across eastern Arizona for the tenth day June 8, pushing more residents from their homes and sending thick smoke across several states. Almost 2,500 firefighters have struggled against hot, fast winds and rugged mountain terrain of the Apache National Forest to contain the so-called Wallow fire. The fire grew to 311,000 acres by the night of June 7, making it the second-largest in state history. Seven eastern Arizona communities were under evacuation orders June 8, and more resort towns and villages were threatened as the flames moved toward New Mexico. Fire officials warned that weather conditions would make controlling the fire tough. An estimated 343 homes and structures were threatened by flames, fire officials said, but the fire had not caused any deaths or serious injuries. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) satellite photos showed thick smoke from the fire hanging over New Mexico and Colorado and blowing over the Rocky Mountains and into Wyoming and Southwestern Nebraska. Health officials in New Mexico issued air-quality warnings around Albuquerque late June 7. Two more large fires burned in southern Arizona June 8—one just a mile away from the border with Mexico — but firefighters were making gains on those. Causes of all the Arizona fires were under investigation.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304259304576373532245771012.html>
64. *June 7, WCTI 12 New Bern* – (North Carolina) **12 fires could be connected by arson.** Officials with the state forest service in North Carolina said fighting fires during the regular fire season was difficult in Onslow County in 2010 because of drought, but now, arson cases are adding to the abnormal amount of fires in the area. The fire June 4 that threatened homes in Sneads Ferry appears to be the 12th arson since January. All of the fires have been set within several square miles of each other. The patterns of where and how the fires were set clearly indicate they are not accidental. “The natural progression of a woods arsonist, though, gets worse and worse,” a state forest service spokesman said. “They’ll start setting small fires and progressively get bigger and eventually move to structures.” Two abandoned structure fires in the span of a month and a half may also be related. The most recent fire would have required a vehicle with 4-wheel drive because of the sandy area where the fire was set. “It possibly could be two people,” he said, “one driving the motorcycle, ATV, or truck, or car and one to hurry up and get in while the motor is still running.”  
Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/28162582/detail.html>
65. *June 7, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **‘Slough’ fire under control; Experts warn of future fire danger.** Almost 100 residents of Moab, Utah, were allowed to return to their homes June 7 while firefighters gained control of the “Slough” wildfire. Firefighters said about 65 acres of nature preserve outside Moab was burned. They have gained control of most of the wildfire, which had charred nearly 150 acres. “Winds are the biggest factor with this fire. It’s being driven by 20-, 30-mile-an-hour gusts. We’re really worried about the homes in the area,” a Utah Department of Natural Resources spokesman said June 6. Firefighters put down a wet line around the perimeter June 6 to stop the fire from spreading, but the wind-fueled flames tore

through dozens of acres of protected habitat. Crews on the ground planned to put down as many containment lines as possible June 7. Authorities said the fire was man-made. They said three people were in the nature preserve when the fire started and that it was accidental.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/local/kstu-slough-fire-moabs-slough-wildfire-forces-home-evacuations-20110606,0,3279609.story>

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## **Dams Sector**

66. *June 8, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Corps leaves only 3 gates of Morganza Spillway open.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported water from the Mississippi River is flowing through only three bays of the Morganza Spillway in Louisiana June 8. The structure is still diverting about 40,000 cubic feet of water per second from the river. Officials have not said exactly when all of the floodgates of the Morganza will be closed. A total of 17 bays were open at one time during this flooding event. The 17th gate was opened May 18. Those 17 bays remained open until the corps began the process of closing them May 23. The first floodgate at Morganza was opened May 14. Later that same day, another was opened.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/14863769/corps-leaves-only-3-gates-of-morganza-spillway-open>

67. *June 8, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **7,000 South Dakotans wait as water tests levees.** Officials expressed hope June 7 that most houses in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota will be safe from Missouri River flooding, but homeowners in other nearby upstream neighborhoods might not be so fortunate. “We’ll still have houses that most likely will be flooded,” a policy adviser in the governor’s office said. “There are still people who will lose basically all their possessions.” The issue was of great concern June 7 as construction workers hauled in dirt to build earthen levees to stay ahead of the rising river. About 180 truck crews were at work dumping dirt at a rate of one load every 45 seconds. Missouri River flooding has forced about 7,000 South Dakotans from their homes. About half of them are in Dakota Dunes in the state’s southeast corner. June 7 was another day of residents, volunteers, and construction crews teaming to protect riverside lands in southeast and middle parts of the state. Dakota Dunes, Pierre, and Fort Pierre are the three cities most at risk, because of their low topography, as the Missouri moves through South Dakota swollen with snowmelt and spring rain from points northwest.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110608/NEWS/106080323/7-000-South-Dakotans-wait-water-tests-levees?odyssey=nav/head>

68. *June 7, Billings Gazette* – (Montana; North Dakota) **Fort Peck Dam releases to rise to 55,000 cfs Friday.** On June 7, the same day that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bumped the releases from Fort Peck Dam in Fort Peck, Montana up to a new historic

high of 50,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), the agency said it would add an extra 5,000 cfs by June 10. Continued high runoff into the reservoir, prompted the change. “Inflows into Fort Peck have been averaging above forecasted levels while inflows to the Garrison reservoir have been averaging a little below forecasted levels,” the chief of the Missouri River Water Management office said. Garrison in central North Dakota is the next dam downstream. “As a result, releases at Fort Peck will be increased to better balance the remaining storage between Fort Peck and Garrison.” Peak releases are expected to continue into August. It is not yet known what the additional increase will do to communities downstream of the dam.

Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article\\_c0df41b6-fdcd-5ee8-a084-a1c71ff54843.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_c0df41b6-fdcd-5ee8-a084-a1c71ff54843.html)

69. *June 7, North Country Now* – (New York) **Dam gate along Oswegatchie River fails, repairs underway.** A gate in a dam along the Oswegatchie River in New York has failed, and repairs are underway. “A water conveyance gate at Brookfield Renewable Power’s Heuvelton hydroelectric dam failed this morning,” said the Brookfield Renewable Power Chief Dam Safety Engineer. “The company is mobilizing to perform a temporary repair, which is expected to be completed by the end of the week,” he said. He said the gate failure is allowing water to drain from the pond at Heuvelton. “Once repairs are completed, Heuvelton pond will refill, but the public will notice lower elevations for at least several days,” he said. He is urging caution around the pond and at points downstream, but said that “the open gate should cause no public safety concerns.”

Source: <http://northcountrynow.com/news/dam-gate-along-oswegatchie-river-fails-repairs-underway-030295>

70. *June 7, El Universal* – (International) **Malpractice may have caused explosion in Guri dam.** An explosion June 5 at unit 12 of the engine room of Guri hydroelectric power plant and dam in the southern state of Bolívar, Venezuela which left two plant engineers with first and second degree burns, was due to “malpractice,” said an analyst and professor at the Economics and Energy Policies Graduate Studies, Metropolitan University. The expert highlighted that in operating such huge and complex equipment, workers are required to meet the protocols developed by the manufacturers of these hydroelectric turbines. “If these steps are not met, an accident will occur.” The member of the Committee on Energy and Environment, National Academy of Engineering and Housing, said that these events “do not happen often, because there are protocols that must be adhered to.”

Source: <http://english.eluniversal.com/2011/06/07/malpractice-may-have-caused-explosion-in-guri-dam.shtml>

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